

## **Genesis Chapter 5 - Commentary By Mike Wells**

### **Chapter 5 Overview:**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Genesis lists the first genealogy in the Bible. Genealogy is important to show the godly lines and ungodly lines. The Jews understand the old testament and the prophecies that show the blood line that Jesus would come from. God inspired Moses to make sure that this was included so that Jesus could be traced all the way back in the godly line as prophecy would show. Chapter 5 tracks the godly line from Seth after the death of Cain. This line is the lineage of Christ as noted in Luke Chapter 3. The lineage of God's people through Christ to this day starts here with Seth. As we will see in Chapter 6 there is a parallel lineage that is developing as well that is lineage of corruption.

**Genesis 5 : 1** – *This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;*

- A brief summary of creation of Adam is mentioned
- It tells us right away that this is a genealogy chapter by the opening verse “This is the book of the generations of Adam”
- This lineage mentioned will start with Adam and jump over Cain and directly to Seth as its purpose is to show a godly line
- Note that it is mentioned once again that Adam was made in the likeness of God.

**Genesis 5 : 2** - *Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.*

- As previously noted in Genesis 1:28 – God blessed Adam and Eve in their creation
- Although Adam literally means Man, it is worth noting that both Adam and Eve are included in the name Adam
- Eve was created from the man who was made first

**Genesis 5 : 3** - *And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, and after his image; and called his name Seth:*

- Adam had other children and other sons previously but the purpose of this chapter is to outline the godly lineage of Seth so God made clear the age of Adam when he had his son Seth
- Seth is recorded as being in the very likeness and image of his father Adam
- Adam was recorded in Genesis 1:28 as being in the likeness of God
- By deduction then, Seth was in the likeness of God as well
- Most believe that Seth was specifically raised and trained in the ways of God by Adam and Eve

- Remember they had experienced sin themselves and had also seen how sin had corrupted their son Cain and his lineage
- They were most likely determined to train Seth in the right ways which they had learned through sin's hard lessons.

**Genesis 5 : 4 - 5 - *4And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters: 5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died***

- No number is mentioned of the total offspring of Adam and Eve
- Over 930 years I am sure it was quite a few though
- It makes no mention of how long Eve lived
- Notice that Adam had only one wife, Eve.
- They most likely lived the better part of 930 years together
- This makes a strong case of the permanency of marriage that God intended
- 900+ years with the same person and 51% of us in the church can't survive one short lifetime together with one person.
- Do you think we have abandoned what God intended in marriage?
- Many believe that folks lived so long because of the firmament which filtered out harmful cosmic and solar radiation which sped up the aging process
- Obviously this firmament broke during the flood and ages were significantly shorter from the flood on.
- Either way, notice that he did die
- The wages of sin are death, the promised consequence of sin
- What God said "you will surely die" had come true
- The Devil meanwhile was proved a liar, "Ye shall not surely die" (Genesis 3:4)

**Genesis 5 : 6-8 - *6And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos: 7And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters: 8And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.***

- The lineage of Seth is noted
- Seth most likely had other children prior to the birth of Enos at age 105
- However the son of note which may have been his first born is Enos
- It is through Enos that the godly line and the lineage of Christ is traced
- He also begat many other sons and daughters before dying at 912 years of age

**Genesis 5 : 9-11 - *9And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan: 10And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters: 11And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.***

- The lineage of Enos is noted
- Enos lived 905 years, and begat many sons and daughters
- His son of note through which the godly line is traced was Cainan

- Don't confuse this Cainan with future son of Ham named Canaan

**Genesis 5 : 12-14 - *12And Cainan lived seventy years and begat Mahalaleel: 13And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters: 14And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.***

- The lineage of Cainan is noted.
- He lived 910 years
- His contribution to the godly line was Mahalaleel
- He as his predecessors "begat sons and daughters"

**Genesis 5 : 15-17 - *15And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared: 16And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters: 17And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.***

- Mahalaleel begat Jared which continued the godly line
- Mahalaleel died at age 895
- He "begat sons and daughters"

**Genesis 5 : 18-20 - *18And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch: 19And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: 20And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.***

- Jared lived 962 years
- His contribution to the godly line was Enoch
- He "begat sons and daughters"

**Genesis 5 : 21-23 - *21And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: 22And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: 23And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:***

- Enoch's life span was 365 years
- He begat Methuselah who continued the godly lineage to Christ
- He also "begat sons and daughters"

**Genesis 5 : 24 - *24And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.***

- Enoch did not die, God took him
- Hebrews 11:5 notes that he was "translated that he should not see death"
- There are lots of theological theories on why Enoch did not die
- Some believe that he had such close fellowship with God that God just took him to heaven
- I don't buy that because God had great fellowship with others as well like David, Daniel, and Paul but they weren't translated

- Enoch was still a sinner and the wages of sin are death – scripture doesn't lie
- Others believe that God was showing us a picture of how the church will be raptured and spared the tribulation
- Enoch was spared the judgment of the flood like the church will be spared the tribulation
- I believe that was possible, but I also believe like many that God had special plans for Enoch
- It is believed by many scholars that Enoch will be one of the two witnesses in Revelation 11 who will eventually be killed by the antichrist.
- He and Elijah are the only two men in history that did not face death....yet.

**Genesis 5 : 25-27 - 25And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech. 26And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters: 27And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.**

- Methuselah begat Lamech to carry on the godly line
- Don't confuse this Lamech with the descendant of Cain named Lamech in Genesis 4
- He also "begat sons and daughters"
- Methuselah was the oldest man to ever live – 969 years old when he died.

**Genesis 5 : 28-31 - 28And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son: 29And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed. 30And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters: 31And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.**

- Lamech's godly son, carrying on the lineage of Christ, was NOAH
- He also like his predecessors "begat sons and daughters"
- Before dying at age 777, Lamech made a prophecy of Noah saying "This same shall comfort us concerning the work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed"
- The prophecy is a reference to how Noah would continue the human carrying the godly seed that would eventually lead to Christ.
- Indeed Noah became a preacher of righteousness in a godless world who "became a heir of the righteousness which is by faith" – (Hebrews 11:7)

**Genesis 5 : 32 - 32And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.**

- Prior to the flood, Noah begat three sons "Shem, Ham, and Japheth"
- He had these sons when he was 500 years old.
- Most theologians believe Noah had no children during this first 500 years
- The bible isn't clear on this
- Either way only Noah and his immediate family survived from the godly lineage.

### **Summary of Chronology:**

- Lamech was born 874 years after the creation of Adam
- Noah was born 1056 years after the creation of Adam
- This means that Adam died about 126 years prior to Noah's birth
- Seth was born in the year 130 from creation and lived 912 years.
- Seth died only fourteen years before the death of Noah
- Enos was still living when Noah was born
- The flood came 1656 years after creation
- Shem was 98 years old the year of the flood