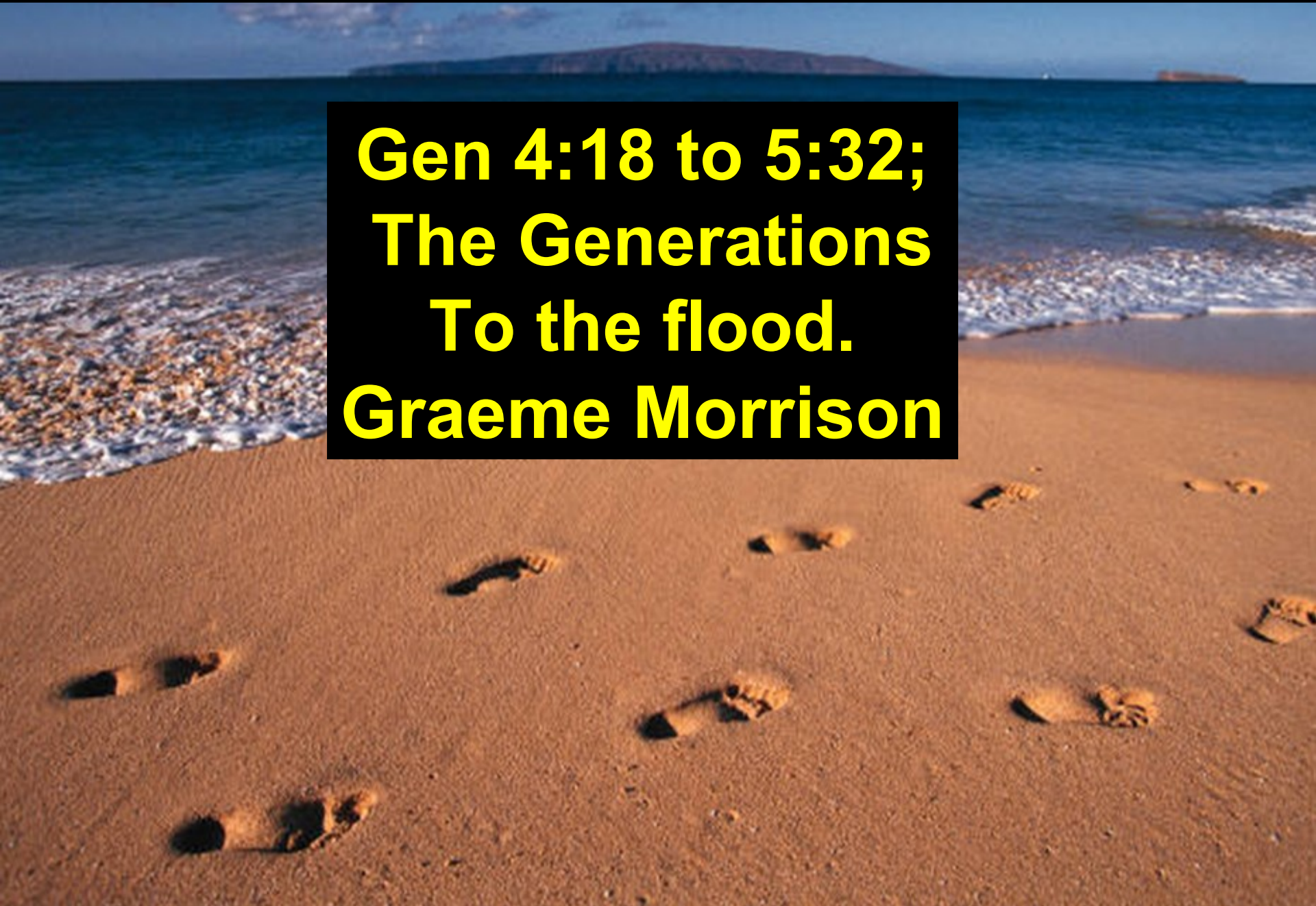


Patriarchal Age- before the flood.

**Gen 4:18 to 5:32;
The Generations
To the flood.
Graeme Morrison**



“These are the generations...”

Hebrew: tAdl.At hL,ae - Elleh toledoth

Ten sets

These are the things that followed:-

Adam

Genesis 2:4–11:26;

*5 Toledoth from
Adam to Abraham*

Abraham

Jacob

Genesis 11:27– 50:26;

*5 Toledoth from
Abraham to Israel*

BEFORE THE FLOOD. (Antediluvian History.)

**Gen 4:16; After the murder of Abel, Cain
“went out from the presence of the Lord.”**

Developments in the line of Cain. Gen 4:17-24;

17 the city of Enoch.

19 polygamy— Lamech.

20 livestock— Jabal.

21 music & the arts— Jubal.

22 metallurgy-- Tubal-cain.

23-24 Attitude of Lamech.

BEFORE THE FLOOD. (Antediluvian History.)

**The line of Seth is unremarkable
except for two comments:-**

4:26; “Then men began

to call upon the name of the Lord.”

5:22; “Then Enoch walked with God. . .”

Two humanities are described:-

One is rich in materialistic,
cultural and technological progress.

The other is materially unremarkable.

Which has had greater impact?

The Patriarchal Age- before the flood.

Generations:- Adam to Noah.

Genesis 2:4; - 6:1;

Adam

___Seth

_____Enosh

_____Kenan

_____Mahalalel

_____Jared

_____Enoch

_____Methusaleh

_____Lamech

_____Noah

Generations:- Adam to Noah.

Genesis 2:4; - 6:1;

Cain's descendants

follow the ways of men. (4:19-24;)

Seth's descendants

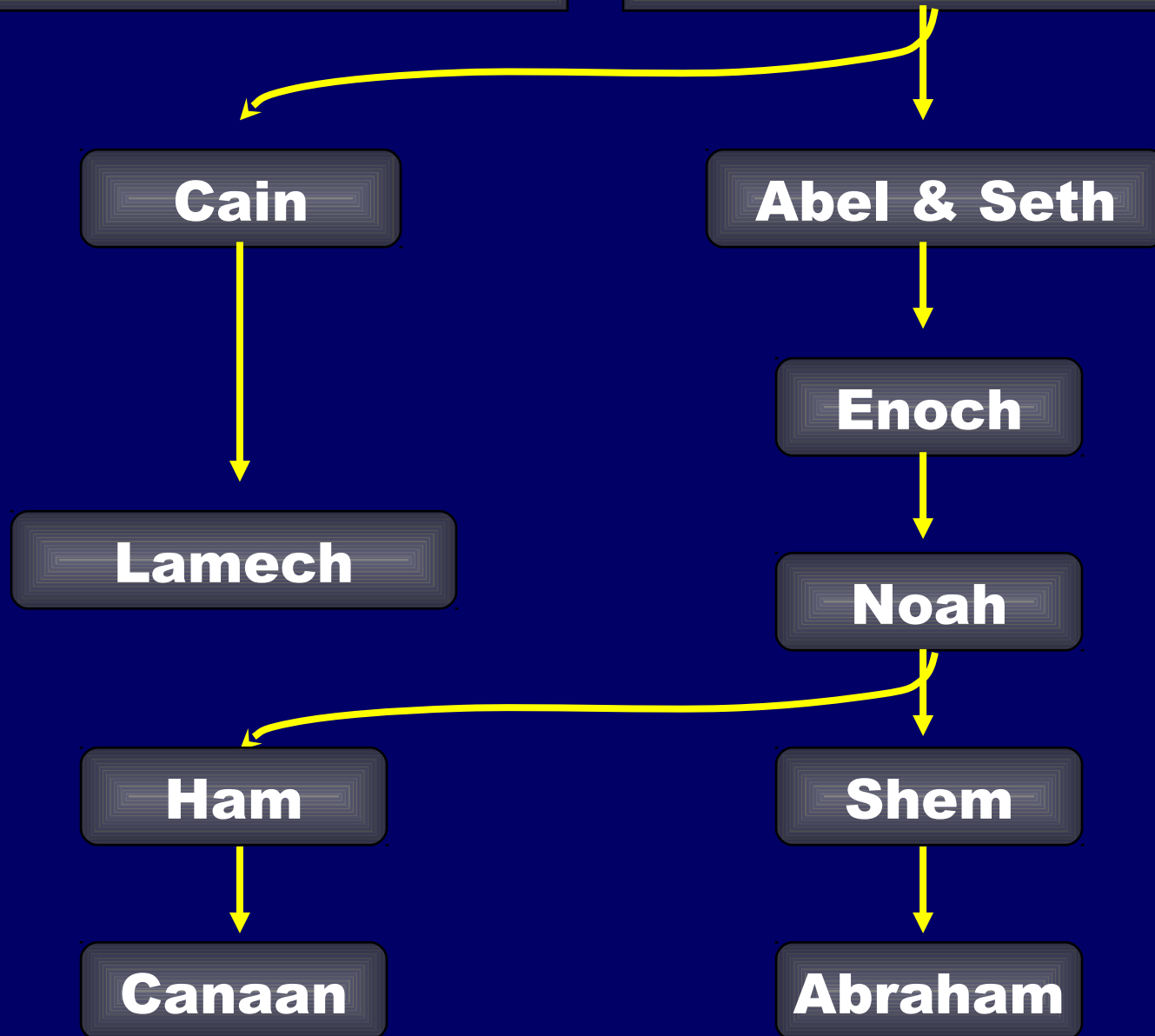
follow the ways of God. (4:26;)

This is the lineage of Christ.

**In chapter 11 we will deal with a problem
in the text of some of our modern Bibles
regarding
the ages of some of the descendants.**

Seed of the Serpent

Seed of the Woman



Gen 4:17; “Then Cain's wife became pregnant and gave birth to a son,
and they named him Enoch.

When Cain founded a city, he named it Enoch after his son.

According to Aalders, this should be translated
“He was building a city.” There is no record
of his having completed the city mentioned here.

In Genesis 4:3; there is an expression **“in the
process of time”** that moves this episode
to **a point long after the events of the preceding chapter.**

One of the things we need to understand is that God
is not telling us **all that happened to everybody**, we have
a compression of time and **events are being selected**
that God wants us to understand are helpful to us
In seeing the BIG picture.

There were evidently many people on earth at that time,
placing this event **centuries**, perhaps,
after the expulsion from Eden.

**Gen 4:17; “Then Cain's wife became pregnant and gave birth to a son,
and they named him Enoch.**

When Cain founded a city, he named it Enoch after his son.

**A city in that day was a stronghold,
a fort, built on high ground, and walled.**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Significance of Name</i>
Enoch	“Gracious” or “Dedicated”
Irada	From the word for “city.” It describes a city dweller, a “citizen.”
Mehujael	“Smitten of God.”
Methushael	“Who is a man of God?”
Lamech	Meaning uncertain; possibly “to my own.”

**There are so many Mary’s in the Bible
that sometimes it is difficult
to determine who is meant!**

**Gen 4:18; “Enoch was the father of Irad. Irad was the father of Mehujael.
Mehujael was the father of Methushael.
Methushael was the father of Lamech.**

**We find that many names are similar because people
are fond of repeating names of important ancestors.”**

**Abraham had a brother and a grandfather named Nahor;
There were two Judas' among the Twelve,
two Simons among the Twelve;**

**In the genealogy of Christ we find such names as Amos,
Nahum, Judas, Jesus, two Matthias, Eleazer,
and a number of others that may easily be identified
with persons outside of Jesus' ancestry.**

**There are so many Mary's
In the Bible **that sometimes it is difficult
to determine who is meant!****

Gen 4:19; “And Lamech took to himself two wives:
the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other, Zillah.”

Lamech marks the **culmination** of the line of Cain.
If Cain shows an expansion and a development
of the sin of Adam and Eve, then Lamech shows
an expansion and a development of the sin of Cain.

Lamech's legacy begins with polygamy.
He takes for himself two wives.

This was contrary to the creation design.
God had not created Adam, Eve and Gertrude.
Though there was no law against polygamy,
neither was it authorized or condoned.

Later **The Mosaic law** would warn the future kings
of Israel against the multiplications of wives.
(Deuteronomy 17:17;)

Gen 4:19; “And Lamech took to himself two wives:
the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other, Zillah.”

We are not told that the polygamy of Lamech led to any specific problems, but we shall see in the next paragraph that his attitude toward others was not that of a godly man.

**There is a lesson here for parents.
It is that your children may take and develop
the legacy you have given them.**

**We ought therefore to consider the legacy
we are leaving and to be intentional
about how we shape that legacy.**

Gen 4:19; “And Lamech took to himself two wives:
the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other, Zillah.”

For now, we are given **an overview of Lamech,
his children and of their accomplishments.**

Name	Meaning	Significance
Jabal	To bring or carry along	He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock.
Jubal	Ram's horn	He was involved in music (from which we get our English word “Jubilee”).
Tubal-cain	Metal smith	<p>The eastern Masoretic understood this to mean <i>Tubal the metal worker</i>.</p> <p>Iron (<i>Barzel</i>), on the other hand, is a more recent discovery. Iron beads have been found in Egyptian jewellery as early as 3400 B.C. and is thought by many to have been used even earlier. But it was not until 1400 that the Hittites developed a closely guarded monopoly of smelting the iron ore which they mined from the mountains of eastern Anatolia.</p>
Naanah	Beautiful	We can assume the attributes of physical beauty.

Gen 4:20; “And Adah gave birth to Jabel;
he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock.”

What is visible here is the **development of a tent-dwelling population, Jabel** being **the leader** of this. The word **“cattle”** is also different from **“flocks,”** visible earlier, perhaps indicating the increase of the number and kinds of domesticated animals.

Adah is also the name of a wife of Esau, and she was a Hittite, indicating that some of the names were beyond tribal connections.

Gen 4:21; "His brother's name was Jubal,
the first musician - the inventor of the harp and flute."

What is visible in these verses is **the technical progress of the human race** accompanied by a **deteriorating morality**.

This has been the characteristic of "**civilization**" throughout the course of Adam's race.

The **enthronement of sin** in the cities of the world begins also to appear in these early records of human development.

This was the attitude the Chaldeans that God raised to power to punish His sinful people. (Jer 50:29;). Such individuals **put their trust in their strength**. These men are not only filled with pride but **pride is their god**. (Hab 1:11;)

Gen 4:22; “To Lamech's other wife, Zillah, was born Tubal-cain. He was the first to work with metal, forging instruments of bronze and iron. Tubal-cain had a sister named Naamah.”

Tubal - Cain was the forger of implements of bronze and iron. Bronze (Nechosheth) is an alloy of copper mixed with about 10% tin which increases its strength (the greater the ratio of tin, the lower the melting point).

Examples of **copper implements** date back as early as **6000 B.C.**

while **bronze artefacts** have been dated at **3700 B.C.**



Their Sister

Picture of Afghan woman
from the National Geographic

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Naamah was certainly not the first female born on earth. Two women besides Eve, Adah and Zillah, are mentioned in verse 19, one of which was the mother of Naamah.

But why she is mentioned here when the sisters of other men are not, is a question I can't answer.

Perhaps she was famous in her time for her beauty as were the daughters of Job.



The logo of the International Order of Job's Daughters

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Job 42:13-15; (The logo is of the International Order of Job's Daughters.)

“**The first daughter** he named Jemimah, the **second Keziah** and the **third Keren-Happuch**.

Nowhere in all the land were there found women as beautiful as Job's daughters, and their father granted them an inheritance along with their brothers.

And **Zelophehad's daughters** are named because they got **tribal allotments** since their father had no sons. (Joshua 17:3-4;)

Gen 4:23; “One day Lamech said to Adah and Zillah, “Listen to me,
my wives. I have killed a youth who attacked and wounded me.”
Perhaps the reason for **this genealogy** is that we might have
A snapshot of the characteristics of the descendants of Cain.

They were **a civilized** and **a cultured people**
and perhaps even a religious people,
but they were without the Lord.

*23 And Lamech said to his wives,
“Adah and Zillah,
Listen to my voice,
You wives of Lamech,
Give heed to my speech,
For I have killed a man for wounding me;
And a boy for striking me;*

*24 “If Cain is avenged sevenfold,
Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.”
(Genesis 4:23-24).*

Gen 4:23; “One day Lamech said to Adah and Zillah, “Listen to me, my wives. I have killed a youth who attacked and wounded me.”

This is one of the first recorded songs in history.

It is the song of a boastful man.

While Cain had committed murder,

Lamech had done much more.

**He had killed a man and he had also
written a song to commemorate his deed.**

We need to compare these two men.

Cain	Lamech
Murdered his own brother	Killed a man for wounding him
God promised to protect Cain.	Lamech promises to protect himself.

Lamech's song points out his world view. He is a humanist. He places **his own well-being** as supremely important. His humanism does not give him a high view of his fellow man.

He presents a very low view of man. **He sees his fellow man as having no worth and no value.**

Humanism

The universe is self-existing and not created.

Man is a part of nature and that he has emerged as a result of a continuous process.

The nature of the universe depicted by modern science makes unacceptable any supernatural or cosmic guarantees of human values.

Christianity

The universe was created by God and exists by His hand.

Man is created in the image of God and therefore has value as he exhibits that image.

Because He is the Creator, the Lord has the right and authority to establish the concepts of right and wrong which give us a basis for human values.

An Important Concept.



Gen 4:25; “Adam slept with his wife again, and she gave birth to another son. She named him Seth, for she said, “God has granted me another son in place of Abel, the one Cain killed.” Since **man had caused the Fall** and sin’s curse, **God must enter history as a man to redeem fallen man.** (1 Corinthians 15:21;)

God has always used men and women to accomplish His plan **to save all those who obey Him.**

On the other hand, **He allowed Satan to use men and women to Try to accomplish his plan to destroy mankind.**

Cain was not the last person used by Satan to try to eliminate the Seed of the woman. **God gave Eve another Seed to carry on the Line of Promise.**

The “Seed” Line Continues.



Gen 4:25; “Adam slept with his wife again, and she gave birth to another son. She named him Seth, for she said, “God has granted me another son in place of Abel, the one Cain killed.”

Now our **perspective shifts back to Adam and Eve.**

They had given birth to Cain and Abel
and we have traced the careers of both men.

It was a tragedy. One son was killed
and the other became a murderer.

Now we see the birth of another son.
This son brings a hope of good things to come.

The phrase “slept with his wife”
has **led some to believe** that the only
purpose of **sexual intercourse is for procreation.**

I think **the phrase simply indicates**
that at some time after the death of Abel,
Eve became pregnant again and had another son.

Seth: His name means “appointed” and he is given this name because God had appointed another offspring to replace the murdered Abel. It is through Seth that the Messiah shall come.

There is a sense in which Seth can be seen as a type of Christ. He is appointed by God to take the place of Abel who has been put to death.

In the same way, Christ was appointed to take our place and was even put to death in place of us.

The narrative is not written in the true chronological order of events. Incidentally, Genesis 5:4; explains how Cain got his wife.

“After the birth of Seth, Adam lived another 800 years, and he had other sons and daughters.”

Gen 4:26; “When Seth grew up, he had a son and named him Enosh. It was during his lifetime that people first began to worship the Lord.”

Enosh: This is the normal word for “**mortal man**” and is **regularly found** in **Job** and **Psalms** “What is man, that you are mindful of him?” - Psalm 8:4;

It could be that we are to **see this name** in **contrast** with Lamech who had pointed to **his own strength and self sufficiency**.

While Lamech boasted of his strength,
Seth points to his weakness.

It is only **when we come to terms**
with our own weakness
that we will be ready
to call upon the name of the Lord.

Gen 4:26; “When Seth grew up, he had a son and named him Enosh. It was during his lifetime that people first began to worship the Lord.”

It is now that we read that men began to call upon the name of the LORD.

This suggests that, even in the midst of the growing corruption of the descendants of Cain, there was a remnant who sought to follow the Lord.

The idea of calling upon the name of the Lord is a concept that we will trace throughout the rest of Genesis.

We will be able to gauge the spiritual temperature of Abraham and his descendants by how we see them call upon the name of the Lord.

The Name Yahweh Was Unknown to Patriarchs.

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Gen 4:26; “When Seth grew up, he had a son and named him Enosh. It was during his lifetime that people first began to worship the Lord.”

I think some interpreters have tried to make this verse say, **"Then men began to call themselves by the name of Yahweh,"** in order to explain who the **sons of God are** in Genesis 6.

The text does not bear out this translation. **Yahweh** did not reveal this name to anyone until He revealed it to Moses at the burning bush. (Exodus 6:2-3;)

FROM ADAM TO NOAH. Genesis 5:1-32;

“For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. For as **in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, they were marrying and giving in marriage,** until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so shall the coming of the Son of Man be. (Matt 24:37-39;)

Jesus said that, if you want to know what the earth will be like at the time of His return, then study the days of Noah in the time before the coming of the flood.

The conditions will be of a similar nature.

There will be eating and drinking.

There will be marrying and giving in marriage.

In other words, it will be **business as usual.**

The coming of Christ for many will be as unexpected as was the coming of the flood.

FROM ADAM TO NOAH. Genesis 5:1-32;

Everything we know about the days
before the flood are given to us in Genesis 4-6;

These **three chapters** form a subset of
the larger narrative in which they are found. **They**
give us the condition of the world prior to the flood.

Genesis 4	Genesis 5	Genesis 6
The descendants of Cain	The descendants of Seth	The intermarriage of sons of God and daughters of men
A picture of those Following in the way of Cain	A picture of those Descended through Seth	A picture of moral wickedness

FROM ADAM TO NOAH. Genesis 5:1-32;

The Biblical picture of life prior to the flood as seen in these three chapters is one of a growing apostasy

It is pictured in the descendants of Cain, or a believing remnant as seen in the persons of Enoch and Noah and a polluting influence that is pictured in the intermarriage described in the first several verses of chapter 6.

In particular, there is a contrast that is set up between the two genealogies in Genesis 4 and 5.

FROM ADAM TO NOAH. Genesis 5:1-32;

**These two genealogies,
Presented as they are in parallel,
are meant to be seen in contrast to one another.**

The Line of Cain	The Line of Seth
We can theorize that Eve named Cain as she says, "I have gotten a man child with the help of the LORD" (4:1;)	We are told that Adam called his name Seth. (5:3;)
Cain murdered his brother Abel (4:8;)	Seth was appointed to take Abel's place (4:25).
Cain's son was named Enoch "Dedicated." (4:17;)	Seth's son was named Enosh "Mortal." (5:6;)
Lamech in the text was the seventh from Adam through Cain; he killed a young man.	Enoch in the text was the seventh from Adam through Seth; he walked with God and did not die.

FROM ADAM TO NOAH. Genesis 5:1-32;

**As we come to Genesis 5, our focus shifts
From the line of Cain and the rebellious attitudes
to the line of Seth and the godly remnant
that was preserved amidst the growing apostasy.**

**Each reference to a patriarch
follows a specific pattern.**

His name.

His age at the birth of his first son.

**The length of his remaining life (along with a
statement that he had other sons and daughters).**

His age at his death.

**There are only three variations from this formula.
They take place when we speak of three of the patriarchs:
Adam (5:3;) Enoch (5:22-24;) and Lamech (5:28-29;)**

This Part of Bible History is Also World History.



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As previously mentioned, the Hebrew word for man, meaning human being, is adam.

So the genealogies given in the first eleven chapters of Genesis are the genealogies of mankind since all humans came from the first man whose personal name was also “Man,” or “Adam” in Hebrew.

The Bible as history gains more credibility as historians learn more about the peoples and times mentioned therein.

The Pre-Flood Population.

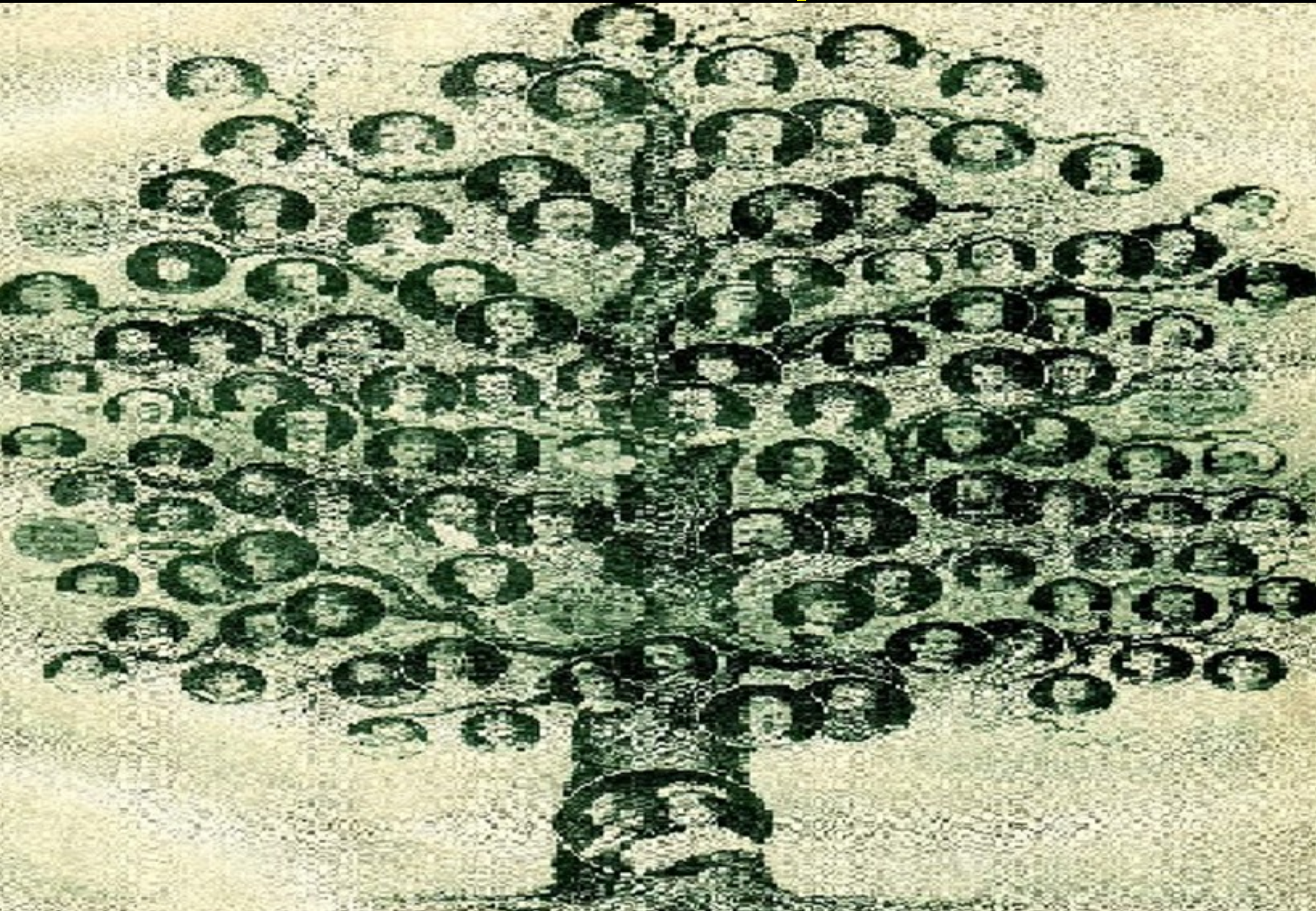
The **average age** at which the first child was born to the patriarchs **listed in chapter five** is **155.6 years**.

Taking into account God's command to "**multiply and fill the earth**," and the much **greater longevity** of the people of that time,
the **pre-Flood families** must have been **much larger in comparison to today's families**.

The **child-bearing years** of the mothers must have also been **much longer than today**.

Therefore the **human population** of the **pre-Flood earth** could have numbered **several millions**.

The Pre-Flood Population.



THE GENEALOGY OF ADAM. Genesis 5:1-32;

“This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created.

“When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, named him Seth.”

“Then the days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years, and he had other sons and daughters.”

“So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.” (Genesis 5:1-5;)

FROM ADAM TO NOAH. Genesis 5:1-32;

We have already seen in **Genesis 2:4**;
The introduction of that section described
as **the generations of the heavens and the earth.**

This time we are introduced to
the BOOK of the generations of Adam.

This suggests that these records had long since
been reduced to writing and passed from father
to son until they came into the hands of Moses.

While these might have **originally** been made up
of **oral traditions**, they were **now known as a book.**

The generations of Adam.



Gen 5:1; “This is the written account of Adam's line.

When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.”

Just as the **generations of the heavens and earth** were given in chapters 2-4. So now we read of the **generations of Adam**. These will be the “**histories**” of Adam and what came as a result of his legacy.

When we read through the creations narratives of both Genesis 1 and 2, we get the sense that creation took place with an appearance of age.

Plants were created yielding seed and fruit trees bearing fruit. In a similar manner, Adam himself seems to be fully formed as an adult rather than as a baby.

This would indicate that he was **created** in such a way **as to appear** as though he had gone through the natural maturing process.

Gen 5:1; “This is the written account of Adam's line.
When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.”

Adam and Eve were apparently in the garden only a short time prior to the temptation and fall.

After their expulsion from the garden,
Eve gives birth to both Cain and Abel and perhaps a number of daughters, one of which will ultimately become Cain's wife.

It is only after the murder of Abel and the departure of Cain that we read of Adam and Eve having **a son to replace the fallen Abel.**

Thus by the time Adam was 130 years old (marking time from his creation), his first two sons had already grown to adulthood, the murder of one had taken place and **Cain had been banished to the land of Nod where he was engaged in building a city.**

Gen 5:3; “When Adam was 130 years old, his son Seth was born,
and Seth was the very image of his father.”

Adam had been created after the image and likeness of God.

We do not read here that **his sons** were born in the image and likeness of God, although we understand from other passages of Scripture that **this relationship continues today.**

Instead we are told that they were born in the likeness and image of Adam. Is this significant?

What is involved in being in the likeness and according to the image of Adam?

Gen 5:3; “When Adam was 130 years old, his son Seth was born, and Seth was the very image of his father.”

We have already noted the context of Genesis 1:26-27; points in the following verse to the aspect of ruler ship.

Man was created to exercise dominion over the animal and the plant kingdom.

He served as the representative of God to the rest of creation. There is a sense in which this same pattern continues in Adam’s descendants.

At the same time, we must admit there **may be additional aspects** to being in the likeness and **image of both Adam** and in **the likeness and image of God.**

Gen 5:3; “When Adam was 130 years old, his son Seth was born,
and Seth was the very image of his father.”

We are in God's likeness and His image as:-

We are **thinking** and **rational** beings.

We are **self aware**.

We have **a sense** of that
which is **beyond the physical**;
we are **spiritual** beings.

We have **an immortal aspect** to us
that **shall transcend this mortal body**.

James 3:9; speaks about how men in general
have been made in the likeness of God.

This is seen again in **Genesis 9:6**;
where **capital punishment** is mandated for murder
because human life is in the image of God.

Gen 5:3; “When Adam was 130 years old, his son Seth was born,
and Seth was the very image of his father.”

**Christ came, not only to restore us
to the previous image, but more specifically,
to conform us to His own image.**

**Romans 8:29; describes how we have been
predestined by God to become
CONFORMED to the IMAGE of HIS SON.**

**God envisioned a time when all those
who wanted to be followers of Jesus
would also want to be like Him.**

Gen 5:4-5; “After the birth of Seth, Adam lived another 800 years, and he had other sons and daughters. He died at the age of 930.”

**This chapter records
some extraordinarily long life spans.**

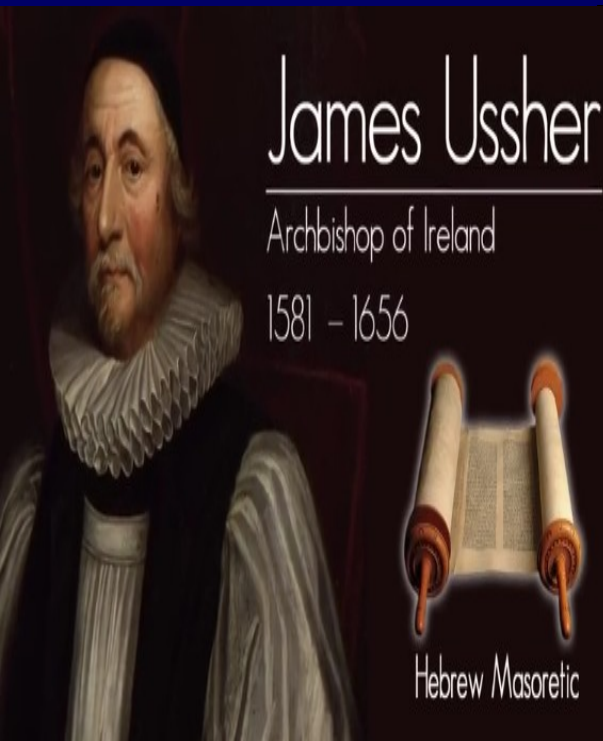
**If we take this report at face value (and it is difficult
to take it any other way), then this would suggest
that both Adam and Eve and their descendants
were able to have a great many children,
leading to an extensive population explosion.**

**What are we to make of this list of names?
It brings up a number of questions and poses
a number of problems for the Bible student.**

Gen 5:4-5; “After the birth of Seth, Adam lived another 800 years, and he had other sons and daughters. He died at the age of 930.”

1. The Age of Humanity.

If we **treat this genealogy as a strict history** by which we are to derive the dates of our ancestors, then **we could count backwards from Abraham** (around 2000 B.C.) to arrive at a date for the creation of around **4000 B.C.**



It was by the use of such methods that James Ussher (1581 1656), Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland, and Vice Chancellor of Trinity College in Dublin published his chronology **establishing the first day of creation as Sunday, October 23, 4004 BC.**

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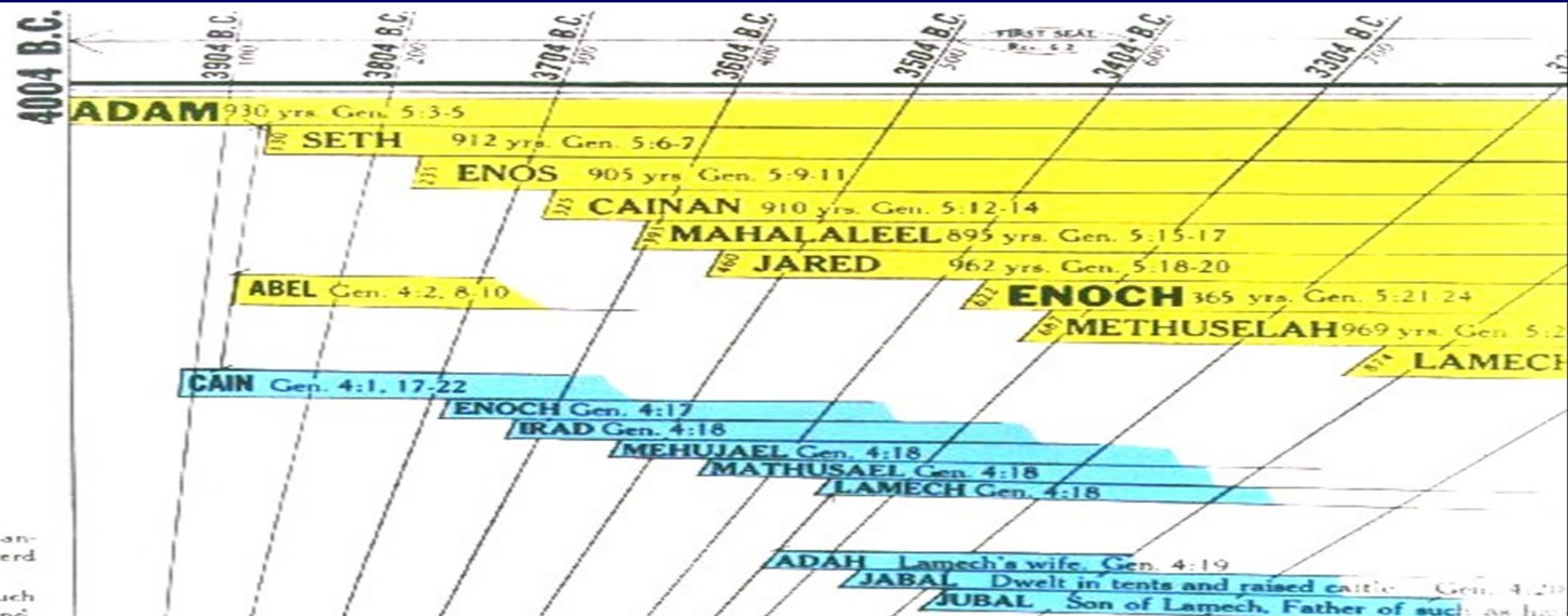
Usher arrived at his date assuming there were no gaps in the genealogies.

The problem with such a chronology is that it is **contradicted** by **archaeological** finds, not to mention those of **geologists** and **biologists**.
As well as Biblical facts.

I will deal in greater detail as to how this dating problem arose and why we can have confidence in the biblical text later in dealing with the genealogy of Genesis Chapter 11;

Bishop Usher's wrong Biblical Chronology.
Sadly it is quite common to see **charts** with,
and **read references** to,
Usher's wrong biblical chronology

This **can** and **does** often **undermine**
peoples confidence in the biblical message
and **those who bring that message**



Gen 5:4-5; “After the birth of Seth, Adam lived another 800 years, and he had other sons and daughters. He died at the age of 930.”

Fortunately, **the Scriptures** themselves **bear testimony** that such **genealogies** **are understood to be stylized** so that **they contain deliberate omissions.**

This is seen for example in the genealogy of Matthew 1 where a number of kings are omitted.

In Matthew 1:8; the names of Ahaziah, Athaliah, Jehoash and Amaziah are left out between the kings Joram and Uzziah.

Gen 5:4-5; “After the birth of Seth, Adam lived another 800 years, and he had other sons and daughters. He died at the age of 930.”

This deliberate manipulation of the text to achieve 14 names in each of the three sections of this chapter is done because the Hebrew language used letters as numerical equivalents beginning with the Hebrew a (1), b (2), g (3), etc.

The name “David” in Hebrew consists of only three letters: dwd. Jesus is being shown to be the son of David.

The Holy Spirit through Mathew is using a play on words and a stylized genealogy to bring about a certain conclusion that helps us to see God at work in His Son over time.

Gen 5:4-5; “After the birth of Seth, Adam lived another 800 years, and he had other sons and daughters. He died at the age of 930.”

There is also a stylized genealogy
seen as we compare **Genesis 5**, and **Genesis 11**;

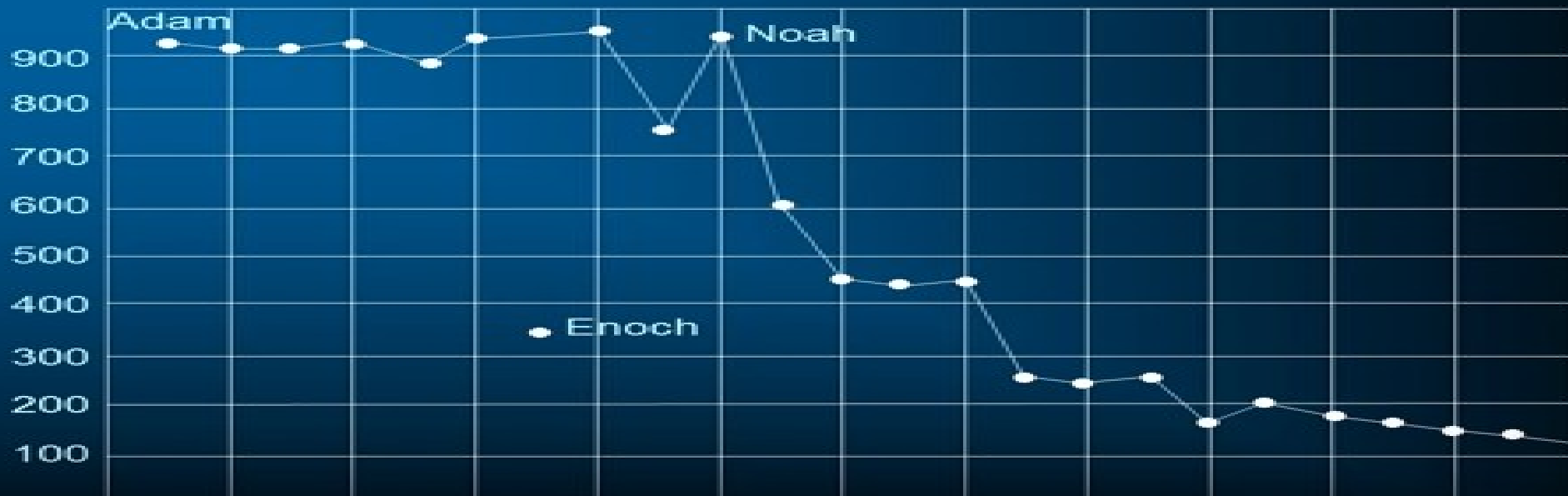


We go ten generations from Adam to Noah
then we have three sons.

Then we go ten generations from Noah to Terah
then we have three sons.

When we see these **in parallel** we see **ten generations** in both
it may mean **that there were ten generation** or **perhaps not**
but **ten is very important:- ten commandments, ten plaques.**

Notice something about the ages of the people before the flood and after the flood.



This chart is from the book the Genesis flood.

Notice the average age from Adam to Noah
It is up in the nine hundreds years.

Notice after Noah we have a drastic lowering
of the life span down into
the lower hundreds rather than 900's

Gen 5:4-5; “After the birth of Seth, Adam lived another 800 years, and he had other sons and daughters. He died at the age of 930.”

A Repetitious Requiem.

One of the striking things about these series of names is the repeating refrain with which each account closes: **“And he died.”**
It is a droning drumbeat of death.

It is a reminder that the effects of sin and the consequent loss of access to the tree of life continued to be felt throughout history.

A great fall had taken place and death is now seen to be reigning throughout these genealogies.

Gen 5:4-5; “After the birth of Seth, Adam lived another 800 years, and he had other sons and daughters. He died at the age of 930.”

“and he died” Eight times these ominous words appear in this chapter, **emphasizing the reign of death** of Adam's fallen race. **What a brutal liar of Satan proved to be!**

The big thing in the chapter, however, is the revelation that in spite of the universal reign of death, the sons of God, that is, **people who responded to God's love and honoured him**, were continued in the posterity of Seth.

Apparently, **Eve** was the first to recognize **the special significance of this patriarch**, through whom **the Chosen People would descend**, and through whom, at last, **the Messiah would be born**.

It is quite obvious that **the Cainite descendants of Adam were sons following the evil of the devil**, and that **the Sethites were the sons of God**.

Gen 5:4-5; “After the birth of Seth, Adam lived another 800 years, and he had other sons and daughters. He died at the age of 930.”

“He had other” in Gen 5:4,7,10,13,15,19,22,26,30;
regarding all ten on the list (except Noah)
indicates the stripped down nature of the genealogy.

The **naming of any individual** was for
the **special purpose of establishing the line of Noah**
back to Adam. **Most of the sons**
and all of the daughters were omitted.

Note also that the total number of children born
to any in the list is not even mentioned. How many children
did each have? The number could have been truly fantastic.

No doubt there were many children born to each of these
patriarchs prior to the particular son who was designated.

Only those who were destined to appear in
the Messianic lines were singled out for identification.

Gen 5:4-5; “After the birth of Seth, Adam lived another 800 years, and he had other sons and daughters. He died at the age of 930.”

A Listing of a Godly Line.

You might be the only one in your family who believes. You can be the beginning of such a godly line in your family.

Determine today that every generation coming from you will be a part of a godly line. Make this your life's priority.

This genealogy lists only the Godly line of Seth. We do not read here of any that followed in the way of Cain or Lamech.

These are the men who stood for God in the midst of a generation that was so bad that God would rather remove them from the earth than to allow them to remain.

Gen 5:4-5; “After the birth of Seth, Adam lived another 800 years, and he had other sons and daughters. He died at the age of 930.”

It is a listing of faithful men.

The people in this line were a minority.

They stood up against the people of the day and they held to their faith. They are a reminder that you need not be discouraged when you are alone.

The marvellous thing is that these men are listed by name. God has the names of His faithful recorded in a book.

“Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD gave attention and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who esteem His name. “And they will be Mine,” says the LORD of hosts, “on the day that I prepare My own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.” (Malachi 3:16-17;)

Gen 5:4-5; “After the birth of Seth, Adam lived another 800 years, and he had other sons and daughters. He died at the age of 930.”

That this chapter is particularly concerned
with **tracing the line of the sons of God.**

This is evident in the very names that were given:-

SETH means appointed or seedling;

ENOSH means inquire of the Lord;

MAHALALEL means praise of God;

JARED means descent;

ENOCK means dedicated;

NOAH means rest.

Gen 5:4-5; “After the birth of Seth, Adam lived another 800 years, and he had other sons and daughters. He died at the age of 930.”

**Have you ever met a VIP
who called you by your name?**

It would be a man who meets hundreds
and thousands of people each day,
but **who knows you by name.**

**The God that we worship is greater
than any VIP and yet He knows your name
and He tells you to call Him “Father.”**

Lands of the Bible



Genesis 5:6-8;

**“When Seth was 105 years old,
his son Enosh was born.**

**After the birth of Enosh, Seth lived another 807
years, and he had other sons and daughters.
He died at the age of 912.”**

Genesis 5:6-7;

**“When Enosh was 90 years old,
his son Kenan was born.**

**After the birth of Kenan, Enosh lived another
815 years, and he had other sons and daughters.
He died at the age of 905.”**



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Genesis 5:12-14;

**“When Kenan was 70 years old,
his son Mahalalel was born.**

**After the birth of Mahalalel, Kenan lived another
840 years, and he had other sons and daughters.
He died at the age of 910.”**

Genesis 5:15-17;

**“When Mahalalel was 65 years old,
his son Jared was born.**

**After the birth of Jared, Mahalalel lived 830 years,
and he had other sons and daughters.
He died at the age of 895.”**



Genesis 5:18-20;

**“When Jared was 162 years old,
his son Enoch was born.**

**After the birth of Enoch, Jared lived another
800 years, and he had other sons and daughters.
He died at the age of 962.”**

**Let's Talk about Enoch
The man who walked
with God!**



Gen 5:21; “When Enoch was 65 years old, his son Methuselah was born.”

ENOCH

Just as Genesis 4 spotlights
The **rebellious nature** of **the seventh** from Adam
Through the **line of Cain** in the person of Lamech.

So now Genesis 5 spotlights **the seventh**
from Adam through the **line of Seth**
by focusing on the person of Enoch.

Lamech	Enoch
Seventh from Adam through Cain	Seventh from Adam through Seth
He killed a man and wrote a boastful song of his deed.	He walked with God and did not die.


Gen 5:21; “When Enoch was 65 years old, his son Methuselah was born.”

These two men stand in contrast to one another they are **an example of the two lines of mankind** that were living upon the earth in the days before the flood.

Enoch Walked with God.

22 Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters.

23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty five years. **24** And **Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.** (Genesis 5:22-24;)



The man who walks with God
Always
reaches his destination!

- John Hagee

Gen 5:24; “And Enoch walked with God;
and he was not, for God took him.”

Enoch was a jewel among those of his genealogy.
Enoch, the man who did NOT die.

**Enoch was taken during the strongest years
of his life.** Compared to the other men who lived
when he did, **Enoch was in reality, quite young.**

His father Jared lived 962 yrs. Gen 5:20;
His son Methuselah lived 969 years. Gen 5:27;
Enoch only lived 365 years. Gen 5:23;

It is said that **every day Enoch and God
walked and talked together,**
each day getting further from Enoch's house.
**One day they walked so far God said
you might as well come home with me.**

Gen 5:24; “And Enoch walked with God;
and he was not, for God took him.”

We can learn many things from Enoch.

One of those many things would include
the fact that before God takes us with him:-

We have to have a good reputation.

It doesn't matter where we live or who we live with.
We can walk with God the way Enoch did,
only if we want to:-

Galatians 5:16;

“So I advise you to **live according to your new life
in the Holy Spirit.** Then you won't be doing
what your sinful nature craves.”

Gen 5:24; “And Enoch walked with God;
and he was not, for God took him.”

Galatians 5:24-25;

**“All who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified self
with all its passions and its desires.
If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”**

Ephesians 4:1;

**“I beg you- I, a prisoner here in jail for serving
the Lord-to live and act in a way worthy
of those who have been chosen
for such wonderful blessings as these.”**

**Enoch gave testimony that he loved God
and walked with him. “TO WALK” means
in the context. Walking, doing, to practice.**

Gen 5:24; “And Enoch walked with God;
and he was not, for God took him.”

We all want to be taken by God but before we want
that to happen we have to have good testimony.

But, **How do we obtain a good testimony?**

Hebrews 11:5; BY PLEASING GOD.

“**By faith** **Enoch** was taken away
so that he did not see death,
“and was not found,
because God had taken him;”
for **before** he was taken he had
this **testimony**, that he **pleased God**.

Enoch



Gen 5:24; “And Enoch walked with God;
and he was not, for God took him.”

John 14:15;

“If you love me, you will obey my commandments.”

Revelation 22:12;

“Look, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me,
to repay everyone as their deeds deserve.”

**I don't think Enoch would
have complained** about
the length of his earthly life
in view of where
he was taken by God.





Gen 5:24; “And Enoch walked with God;
and he was not, for God took him.”

What happened to Enoch was like a Resurrection:-

Enoch did not die but his physical body must have been changed into the same kind of spiritual bodies those who are living on earth when Jesus returns will get. **(Philippians 3:21;)**

“He will take these weak mortal bodies of ours and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same mighty power that he will use to conquer everything, everywhere.”

I say that because his body was not left on earth.

Gen 5:24; “And Enoch walked with God;
and he was not, for God took him.”

Why did God take Enoch.

Was that man so good, that at such an early age,
God took him so that he wouldn't have to see death?

**What did God say about his son Enoch? it wasn't
worth having a diamond like Enoch here on Earth!**

We can agree on the fact, that **this is
the type of man that we need here on Earth so that
other men can realize that they are living in sin.**

Jonah 1:1; Genesis 6:3,5,7; Genesis 19:12-15;
2 Peter 2:6-8; Genesis 12:1-3;
Ruth 1:16; Malachi 2:17;

Gen 5:24; “And Enoch walked with God;
and he was not, for God took him.”

Did Enoch expect to be taken up into heaven at any moment? **PROBABLY NOT**, but he did always live as if he would be taken up at any time.

Hebrews 9:27; tell us it is **appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment**, but this is a **general principle** and has some notable exceptions.

Up until this time, no one had been taken up into heaven, so, **Enoch** did not know about this experience, but the moment did come.

Instead of reading, “And he died,” we read that he was not.
We understand this to mean that Enoch did not die and that he was taken in a manner that did not involve death.

Gen 5:24; “And Enoch walked with God;
and he was not, for God took him.”

This is **not** a **unique** circumstance, for the New
Testament teaches that we shall not all sleep.
(1 Corinthians 15:51;)

“Those who are alive when the Lord returns
shall not die. Instead they shall be changed
and shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air.”
(1 Thessalonians 4:17;)

Gen 5:24; “And Enoch walked with God;
and he was not, for God took him.”

The Enoch narrative reminds us of two things.
First, it reminds us that death is an enemy.

There are some who maintain that **death is merely a natural part of existence** and that it is nothing more than the end of life and that **it is to be embraced and cherished.**

This is not true. Death is unnatural.
We look at death and something within us tells us, “That is not the way it is supposed to be.” Death is an enemy.

Gen 5:24; “And Enoch walked with God;
and he was not, for God took him.”

The **Enoch narrative** also reminds us
that **death is an enemy**
that shall be destroyed.

There is One who has overcome death and
there is coming a day when **the experience**
of Enoch will be shared by all who are alive
and remain at the Lord's coming.

As Christians, we know that that moment
will come, as the bible has declared it
in **Matthew 25:13;**

Gen 5:24; “And Enoch walked with God;
and he was not, for God took him.”

Christ is coming.

Are we walking in the way that he wants us to?

**Did Enoch know this? Of course he did!
We know how WE are doing spiritually
better than anyone else can know us.**

**So this is the way in which all of us who are mature
should be thinking, and if we are
still thinking differently in any way,
then we need to waken up to reality.**

Philippians 3:15-16;

**“Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained,
let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.”**

Gen 5:24; “And Enoch walked with God;
and he was not, for God took him.”

Enoch knew that he was not of this Earth.

That’s why he lived as if at any moment
he would be taken away.

Paul talks to us, the Christians. Phil 3:20-21;

“But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord
Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly
waiting for him to return as our Saviour.”

“He will take these weak mortal bodies of ours
and change them into glorious bodies like his own,
using the same mighty power that he will use
to conquer everything, everywhere.”

Gen 5:24; “And Enoch walked with God;
and he was not, for God took him.”

Colossians 3:1-3; Tells us to:-
look for what Enoch was looking for.

“Since you have been raised to new life with Christ,
set your sights on the realities of heaven,
where Christ sits at God's right hand
in the place of honour and power.”

“Let heaven fill your thoughts. Do not think
only about things down here on earth.”

“For you died when Christ died, and
your real life is hidden with Christ in God.”

Like Enoch, we should have **hope** for when Christ comes again. **Titus 2:11-15:**

“For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures.”

We should live in this evil world with self-control, right conduct, and devotion to God, while we look forward to that wonderful event when the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, will be revealed.”

He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing what is right.

“You must teach these things and encourage your people to do them, correcting them when necessary. You have the authority to do this, so don't let anyone ignore you or disregard what you say.”

**Gen 5:24; “And Enoch walked with God;
and he was not, for God took him.”**

**The Last reference about Enoch is found in Jude.
Jude 14-15; “Now Enoch the seventh from Adam,
prophesied about these men also, saying:-**

**“Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousand
of his saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict
all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly
deeds which they have committed in an ungodly
way, and all of the harsh things which ungodly
sinners have spoken against Him.”**

Gen 5:24; “And Enoch walked with God;
and he was not, for God took him.”

This **isolated reference to Enoch** seems
to be derived from the apocryphal book of Enoch.

That does not mean we must take everything
in the book of Enoch to be authoritative,
for the New Testament even quotes
Pagan philosophers on occasion
and even **a stopped clock can be right twice a day.**

**This passage contains a prophecy
of the second coming of Christ.**

Enoch was evidently given this prophecy in his day
and he preached it to the people of his generation.

Already at this early date in history, **mankind
was being warned of God's coming judgment.**



Methuselah

Gen 5:25-27; “When Methuselah was 187 years old, his son Lamech was born. After the birth of Lamech, Methuselah lived another 782 years, and he had other sons and daughters. He died at the age of 969.”

Scholars have wrestled with
the meaning of the name Methuselah.
Several suggestions have been presented.

“Man of the weapon” – from math (“man”) and shelah, (“weapon”).

“He shall be send” – from math; (“man”) and shalah. (“to send”).

“Sending forth of death” – from methe (“death”) and shalah' (“to send”).

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**Methuselah was the longest-lived man in history.
969 years is just 31 years short of a Thousand.**

Two thousand years have passed since Jesus' birth.
Methuselah lived almost half as long
as that period of time.

**Some people are annoyed
at the Bibles claim
for some of the ages of these men.**

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What is really remarkable about the ages of the patriarchs given here is that they are so dramatically different from the fantastic ages accredited to ancient men in various mythologies dealing with the same period.

For example, the ages of great heroes up to and including the Flood, according to **Babylonian myth**, varied between **18,000 and over 64,000 years each**, thus giving a total of some 432,000 years for the consecutive reigns of those ten kings.

There are certainly a lot fewer problems with the Genesis account!

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Genesis 5:28-30;

**“When Lamech was 182 years old,
his son Noah was born.**

**Lamech named his son Noah, for he said,
‘He will bring us relief from the painful labour
of farming this ground that the Lord has cursed.’
After the birth of Noah, Lamech lived 595 years,
and he had other sons and daughters.
He died at the age of 777.”**

Gen 5:28; "Lamech named his son Noah, for he said,
"He will bring us relief from the painful labour of farming this ground
that the Lord has cursed."

We have already seen that **Enoch was a prophet**
Now we learn that **Enoch's grandson,**
Lamech, also was a prophet.
His prophecy regards his own son, Noah.

The name **Noah means "rest."** He was given
this name because "this one shall **give us rest**
from our work and from the toil of our hands arising
from the ground which the LORD has cursed."

To what sort of rest did this refer? It was a promise
to the restlessness of the soul that had been **seen in Cain**
and which was **passed down to Lamech** and which
was **now making itself known to an entire generation.**

Gen 5:28; “Lamech named his son Noah, for he said,
“He will bring us relief from the painful labour of farming this ground
that the Lord has cursed.”

“Noah” means rest or comfort.

He is a type of Him in Whom we have
rest and comfort. **(Matthew 11:28-30;)**



“Come to Me; I will give you rest.” - Jesus

Gen 5:28; "Lamech named his son Noah, for he said,
"He will bring us relief from the painful labour of farming this ground
that the Lord has cursed."

I think the **comfort Noah** brought to the world
was to **get rid of all the rampant evil in that
old world and give the world a new beginning.**

Think of **the violent horrors** men must have wreaked
upon each other **to make God want to drown all
of them and start over with Noah and his family.**

“He Will Comfort Us”



Gen 5:30; “After Noah was born,
Lamech lived 595 years and had other sons and daughters.”

This brings us to the end
of the **ten stylized generations**
from **Adam to Noah’s second son, Shem.**

The **behaviour of human beings,**
especially those **who did not worship the true God**
must have changed drastically
for the worse since the creation.



Conclusion

A lot of things have happened in the world since the creation. **Sin has entered** the world and **corrupted man** and the universe.

The **first children** have been born and the **first murder** has been committed.

Cain and his wife have children and **Cain builds a city.**

One of Cain's descendants probably became **the first polygamist.**





**The first occupations or crafts
besides farming and herding cattle and sheep
are begun by descendants of Cain.**

**Adam and Eve have a son to replace Abel
in the Seed line from Eve to the Messiah.**

**The genealogy of Cain is given,
then he and his line are lost from history.**

**Seth's descendants revive
the worship of God.
Seth's genealogy will be continued
beyond the Great Flood of Noah,
who was a descendant of Seth.**

In just five short chapters, we have covered many years of world history.

Many other things were done in this period but are not recorded because they have nothing to do with God's scheme of redemption.

The spade of the archaeologist has uncovered some of the record left in the artefacts of the period.

They are finding more every year. But the dating of many of them may always be controversial.



The Patriarchal Age- before the flood.

Summary Genesis 1-5;

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Adam and Eve Gen. 2

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