

“Adam’s Children & the 2nd Adam” Genesis 5:1-32

THE BOOK OF THE GENERATIONS OF ADAM. v.1-3

1. A new section of Genesis begins. v.1a

- “generations” = ‘births’ or ‘begettings’
- Ref. Gen. 6:9: the “generations” of Noah; 10:1 (sons of Noah); 25:12 (Ishmael); 25:19 (Isaac), etc.

2. The line of Seth is introduced laying the foundation for God’s plan of redemption. v.1b-3

- Seth’s birth is linked with the original creation account. v.1b-2
- God created man in His likeness, male and female → Gen. 1:27-28
- God blessed them and named them → Gen. 1:28-30
- Adam had a son in his likeness and image, and named him Seth. v.3

3. The generations of Adam also demonstrate the passing of original sin to every generation.

- Gen. 1:26: God made man in His image → likeness.
- Gen. 5:3: Adam fathered a son in his likeness → image.

→ This ‘reversal of elements’ from the creation account is intentional in the Hebrew text.

FROM SETH TO NOAH. v. 4-32

→ Is this an accurate account? Could these people have truly lived 900+ years? The answer is: YES.

1. The record of Genesis 5 fits with other genealogies in both the OT and the NT.

- 1 Chronicles 1:1-4 (1000 years after Moses wrote Genesis) is identical. So is Luke 3:23-28 (1500 yrs later).

→ All of these genealogies are given for a reason: They ultimately show the line to the Messiah, the seed of the woman who would crush the serpent’s head (prophesied in Genesis 3:15).

2. The record of Genesis 5 shows the curse and consequence due to sin was in effect. “and he died” 8 X’s

- Romans 5:17: ...because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man...
- 1 Corinthians 15:22: ...in Adam all die...

3. The record of Genesis 5 also gives the hope of life with God here and in heaven. v.21-24

- The typical formula for Adam’s generations (repeated 8 times) is broken in v.21-24.
- *Enoch walked with God and he was not, for God took him.*
 - 1) Enoch walked with God (twice). = to commune with; a habit, a manner of life.
 - 2) ...and he was not, for God took him.
- Heb. 11:5: By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; and he was not found because God took him up; for before he was taken up, he was attested to have been pleasing to God.

→ In this variation, God is demonstrating the reality that life continues beyond this world

4. The record of Genesis 5 connects the “ancient” world to Abraham, the 2nd Adam—and to us.

- It is the only authentic historical record from Creation to the Flood. Adam → Flood = 1656 years
- The creation of the heavens and earth, and Adam all happened in the same week. Gen. 1:1-31
- It records the line from Adam to the flood → 1656 years.
- Adam overlapped Methuselah – by 200 years. Methuselah could have met Adam.
- Methuselah overlapped Noah by 600 years. 1 man bridges Adam to Noah!
Noah overlapped Shem for 400 years. ...Abraham died before Shem!

→ Only need 4 people to span Creation to time of Abraham.

For Abraham, the Creation account would be like hearing the accounts of his great-grandfather!

Applications:

1. To which line do you belong? The seed of the woman (by faith) or the seed of the serpent?

- Cain’s line continued in rebellion against God → disobedient, godless, boastful, and violent.
- LOOK at 7th generation of Cain (Lamech) and 7th generation in Seth’s line (Enoch).

→ 1 Corinthians 15:22: As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

NOT universalism—But... all born into Adam will die, but all born into Jesus Christ will be made alive!

2. The example and calling of Enoch... who walked with God.