

## Genesis 5

Verses 1-2

**This is the book of the generations of Adam. On the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. <sup>2</sup> He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them “mankind” on the day when they were created.**

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This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> section of the 10 sections of the Book of Genesis. The first section was in Genesis 2:4.

God wanted mankind to know the history of the world and this list of the descendants of Adam are crucial to man's understanding of when creation and other major events in world history took place. The bible is more than a book about religion; it is also a book of history. From Genesis to Nehemiah we have a progressive account of the events that took place from creation until the Jews returned to Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity. This was a period of about 5,000 years. Just as a reminder, this is about 1,365 more years than what “creationists” commonly suggest. This will be explained at the end of this chapter.

Verses 3 – 5

**<sup>3</sup> When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth. <sup>4</sup> Then the days of Adam after he fathered Seth were eight hundred years, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters. <sup>5</sup> So all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.**

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Adam, Abel and Seth were all believers in the Lord. This chapter is a list of sons that were believers.

One important thing to notice is how long Adam and his “sons” were living at this time. The word for “sons” here is in the biblical sense which means consecutive generations of Adam. We would use the terms son, grandson, great-grandson etc.

Verses 6 – 32

<sup>6</sup> Now Seth lived 105 years, and fathered Enosh. <sup>7</sup> Then Seth lived 807 years after he fathered Enosh, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters. <sup>8</sup> So all the days of Seth were 912 years, and he died.

<sup>9</sup> Now Enosh lived ninety years, and fathered Kenan. <sup>10</sup> Then Enosh lived 815 years after he fathered Kenan, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters. <sup>11</sup> So all the days of Enosh were 905 years, and he died.

<sup>12</sup> Now Kenan lived seventy years, and fathered Mahalalel. <sup>13</sup> Then Kenan lived 840 years after he fathered Mahalalel, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters. <sup>14</sup> So all the days of Kenan were 910 years, and he died.

<sup>15</sup> Now Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and fathered Jared. <sup>16</sup> Then Mahalalel lived 830 years after he fathered Jared, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters. <sup>17</sup> So all the days of Mahalalel were 895 years, and he died.

<sup>18</sup> Now Jared lived 162 years, and fathered Enoch. <sup>19</sup> Then Jared lived eight hundred years after he fathered Enoch, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters. <sup>20</sup> So all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died.

<sup>21</sup> Now Enoch lived sixty-five years, and fathered Methuselah. <sup>22</sup> Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he fathered Methuselah, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters. <sup>23</sup> So all the days of Enoch were 365 years.

<sup>24</sup> Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

<sup>25</sup> Now Methuselah lived 187 years, and fathered Lamech. <sup>26</sup> Then Methuselah lived 782 years after he fathered Lamech, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters. <sup>27</sup> So all the days of Methuselah were 969 years, and he died.

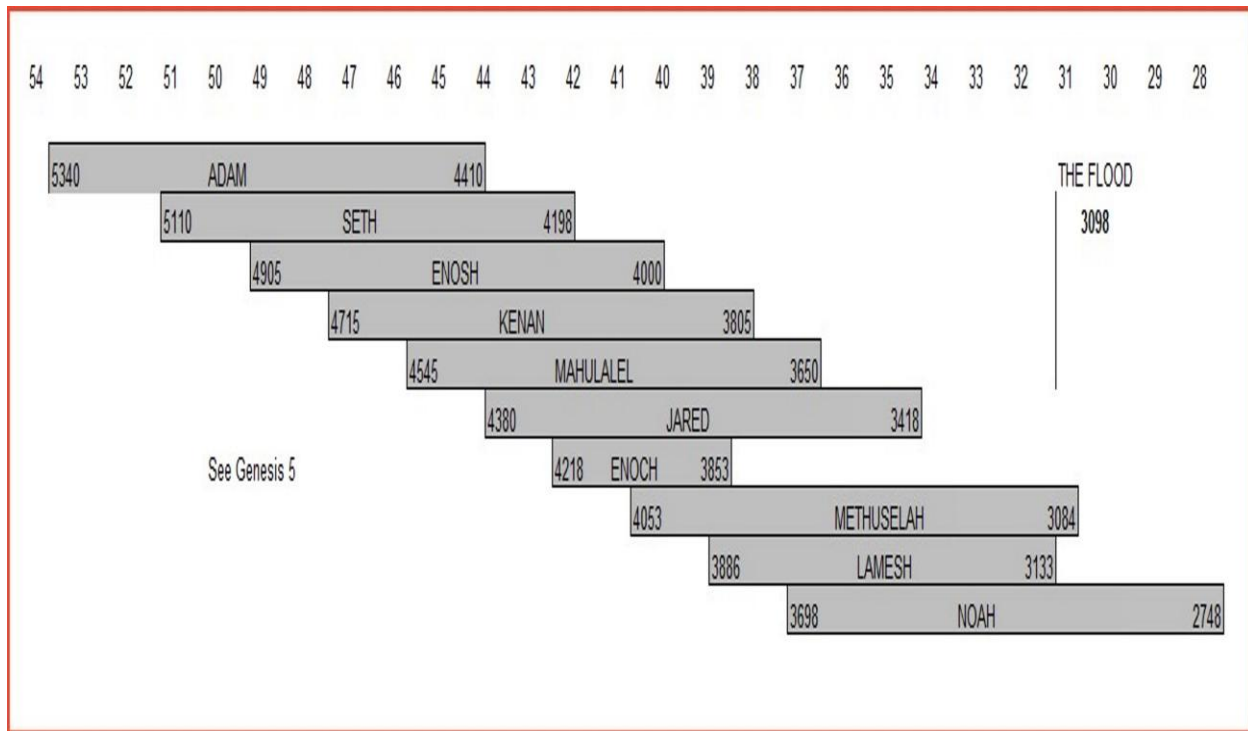
<sup>28</sup> Now Lamech lived 182 years, and fathered a son. <sup>29</sup> And he named him Noah, saying, “This one will give us comfort from our work and from the hard labor of our hands *caused* by the ground which the Lord has cursed.” <sup>30</sup> Then Lamech lived 595 years after he fathered Noah, and he fathered *other* sons and daughters.

<sup>31</sup> So all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died.

<sup>32</sup> Now after Noah was five hundred years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

This pattern of giving the age of a patriarch when one of his sons was born and the total number of years the patriarch lived is of great importance. Since the generations overlap we can construct a history of mankind.

See Chart 505



Since there is overlap between each person we can be sure that there are no missing years in this chronology. Because of this:

1. We know the age of the world and the universe.
2. We know when the global flood occurred.
3. And it establishes the dates of other major events in the bible.

There is no doubt there were many other children born to each of these patriarchs since they were living for 900 plus years before the flood. But only those who were believers and heads of the family line are recorded. They were not perfect but they stood above their fellow brothers in faith and character.

Verse 24

**Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.**

This phrase takes us back to the Garden of Eden when Adam & Eve had not sinned yet and their relationship with God was of unbroken fellowship. This is not meant to say that Enoch was without sin but to emphasis the close relationship he had with God.

We know that Enoch did not experience physical death.

See Hebrews 11:5

**<sup>5</sup> 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.**

This was an early indication that God had power over death, that God can forgive sins, and that this life on earth is not the end of life for mankind.

Verse 29

**And he named him Noah, saying, “This one will give us comfort from our work and from the hard labor of our hands *caused* by the ground which the Lord has cursed.”**

The cursing of the ground in Genesis 3 made life more difficult for all of mankind but how did Noah comfort mankind in his work?

We know the world of that time (the pre-flood world) went through a great cleansing by water and that many new layers of dirt were formed during the flood. Could it be that the productivity of the land today, while not perfect, is much better than it was prior to the flood?

Verse 32

**<sup>32</sup> Now after Noah was five hundred years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.**

Shem stands ahead of his brothers in this list, but he was not the oldest. He received this honor because he was a believer. In Genesis 11 we find out that Shem was 100 years old, two years after the flood.

See Genesis 11:10

**These are *the records of the generations of Shem. Shem was a hundred years old when he fathered Arpachshad, two years after the flood;***

So Shem must have been 97 at the beginning of the flood and 98 at the end of the flood.

## Concerning the dates in my charts

The dates that I use from Adam to Nahor **do not match** those that most creationists use. This is because I use the dates given in the Septuagint while they use the dates given in the Masoretic text. The following videos do a good job of explaining this issue.

1. The Septuagint 1 5:26 min

<http://www.levickfamily.com/8.61.html>

2. The Septuagint 2 15:24 min

<http://www.levickfamily.com/8.62.html>

3. Genesis 11 Genealogy 14:36 min

<http://www.levickfamily.com/8.63.html>

This may come as a surprise to many people, but I believe that we should always seek the truth and be willing to share it with others even when it goes against the norm.

The dates used by creationists' vs those in the Septuagint.

Adam to Joseph											
Masoretic text 1000 AD						Greek Septuagint 250 BC					
A difference of 1336 years											
	Father	born	son	died	age		Father	born	son	died	age
1	ADAM	4004	130	3074	930	1	ADAM	5340	230	4410	930
2	SETH	3874	105	2962	912	2	SETH	5110	205	4198	912
3	ENOSH	3769	90	2864	905	3	ENOSH	4905	190	4000	905
4	KENAN	3679	70	2769	910	4	CAINAN	4715	170	3805	910
5	MAHALALEL	3609	65	2714	895	5	MAHALALEL	4545	165	3650	895
6	JARED	3544	162	2582	962	6	JARED	4380	162	3418	962
7	ENOSH	3382	65	3017	365	7	ENOSH	4218	165	3853	365
8	METHUSELAH	3317	187	2348	969	8	METHUSELAH	4053	167	3084	969
9	LAMESH	3130	182	2353	777	9	LAMESH	3886	188	3133	753
10	NOAH	2948	502	1998	950	10	NOAH	3698	502	2748	950
11	SHEM	2446	100	1846	600	11	SHEM	3196	100	2596	600
	Flood	2348					Flood	3098			
12	ARPHAXAD	2346	35	1908	438	12	ARPHAXAD	3096	135	2561	535
13	SHELAH	2311	30	1878	433	13	SHELAH	2961	130	2501	460
14	EBER	2281	34	1817	464	14	EBER	2831	134	2427	404
15	PELEG	2246	30	2008	239	15	PELEG	2697	130	2358	339
16	REU	2217	32	1978	239	16	REU	2567	132	2228	339
17	SERUG	2185	30	1955	230	17	SERUG	2435	130	2105	330
18	NAHOR	2155	29	2007	148	18	NAHOR	2305	179	2001	304
19	TERAH	2126	130	1921	205	19	TERAH	2126	130	1921	205
20	ABRAM	1996	100	1821	175	20	ABRAM	1996	100	1821	175
21	ISACC	1896	60	1716	180	21	ISACC	1896	60	1716	180
22	JACOB	1836	91	1689	147	22	JACOB	1836	91	1689	147
23	JOSEPH	1745		1635	110	23	JOSEPH	1745		1635	110

From Adam to Enoch the only difference between the two accounts is the age when they had their son. However, from Arphaxad to Nahor there is an additional difference in the number of years that they lived.