

## Pre-Flood Ancestry - Part 2

### Genesis 5

**Introduction:** We have a snapshot of life before the flood in chapter four, now we come to a macro look at life during this time with a litany of names that guide us from Adam to Noah.

**Genealogies:** Genealogies in Genesis take on two forms, what we might call 'horizontal' and 'vertical'. Genesis 5 is primarily a vertical genealogy.

Review - Genesis 5:1-2 - We learn the beginning of humanity again in these opening verses with highlights on the most important things; Everything we know about humankind began with a creature called Adam, a man made in the 'likeness of God'; presented in two genders, 'male and 'female', named 'Man[kind]' (adam).

Adam (930 yrs) - Genesis 5:3-5

Enosh - Genesis 5:9-11-24 - Enoch

Noah (950) - Genesis 5:32-9:28

Seth - Genesis 5:6-8 - Luke 2:23-38

Lamech - Genesis 5:28-31

Adam is the father of all and led us into sin  
Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord and brought hope for a moment  
Abraham walked by faith and points us to faith in the promises of God  
Joseph reminds us that forgiveness is vital to our future hope

**Summary:** Enoch and Noah point to life after death with two important pieces of hope; first, life after death is something that God alone controls; second, life after death is better than any kind of rescue that might take place in this life.

**Conclusion:** "And he died" occurs eight times in this chapter. What I tend to notice is the exception to that rule, Enoch and Noah. Up to this point in Genesis we have been gravely disappointed with Adam who led his race into sin, but Enoch stands out and points us to hope for a promising future as we follow and walk with the Lord.

The genealogies of Genesis usually present a man's name, his son and so forth. Three times this changed; first, Genesis 4:25; second, Genesis 6:10; and third, Genesis 11:26. God chose Seth's family, then Shem's family, and Abram's family. (Ephesians 1:3-4; 1 Peter 2:9-10) We are God's chosen people!

Is the fact that this is a list of men and not women, prescriptive or descriptive? The generational leaders were men; God intends for men to lead their families. That means that God holds men, accountable for their families in a number of ways, and this text seems to lean towards spiritual accountability.

This is the history of mankind under the minimum of constraints and the minimum of promise. We live with the maximum amount of constraints and a minimum amount of self-control and God will not be patient forever.