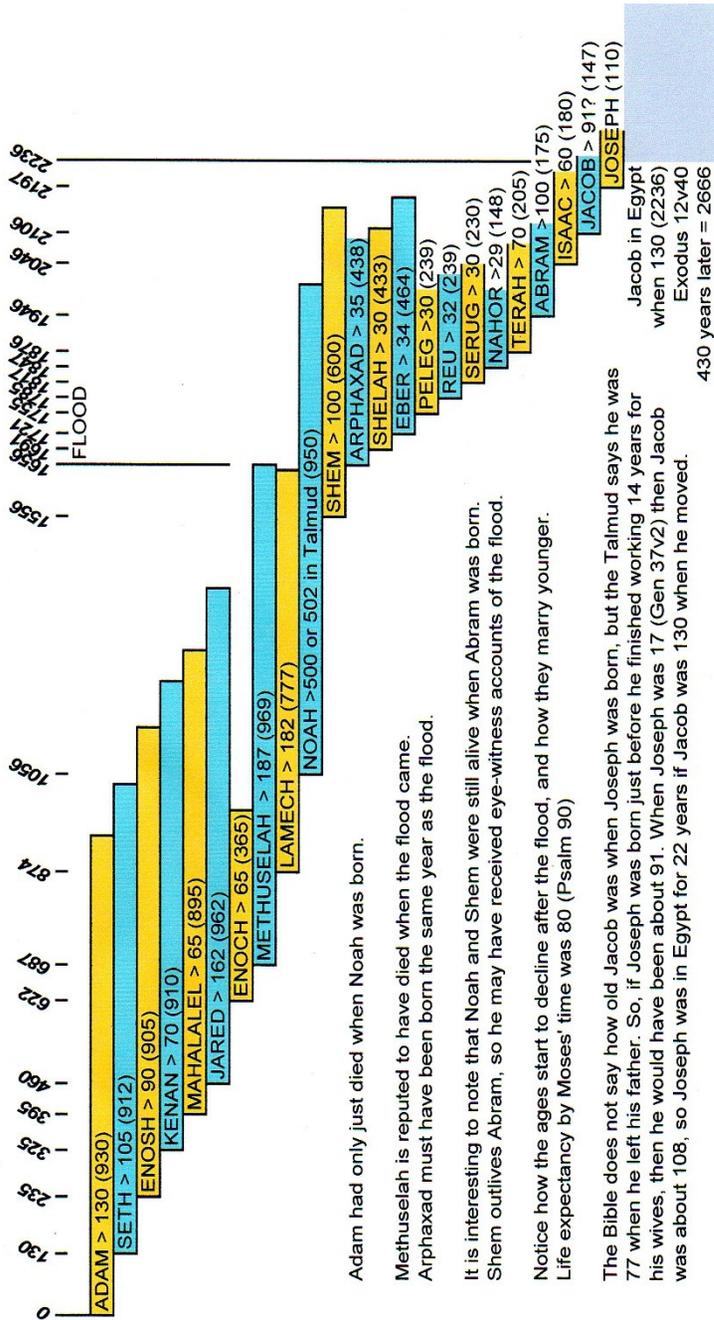


GENESIS TIME SCALE BY AGES



GENESIS CHAPTER 5

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Tablet 2 ends in 5:1 - Signed by Adam
Tablet 3 ends in 6:9 - Signed by Noah?

This chapter records the bloodline of the Messiah from Adam to Noah's son, Shem. The document was written before the Flood of Noah because there is no reference to it, and who would have omitted recording something so overwhelming?

(1) This is the written account of Adam's family line. When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God.

- Writing existed. Critics claim that writing had not been invented at this point.

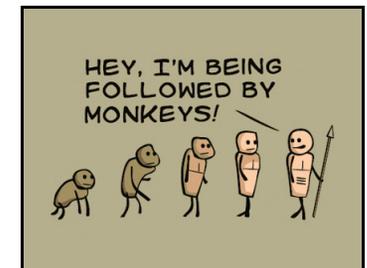
(2) He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them "Mankind" when they were created.

- Tablet 1 of Genesis existed and the writer refers to what it records in 1:27.

- God's permanent dealings with mankind have made their way to written form. Even back here in the earliest days of the race, written documents were important. This was not folklore that was eventually recorded, but written in the same era that it happened, probably by Noah.

- Noah must have taken these documents into the ark in order to preserve them for later use. There is no other way they could have survived the great flood.

- It is clear - man was created and did not evolve. Further, he was in some ways like the



- His prophecy promised God's punishment on the ungodly. They certainly existed in Enoch's day.
- It says that Enoch **walked faithfully with God**. Walking is not starting a race and quitting, it is maintaining a steady pace until the end. 300 years is along walk.
- Enoch was spared the aches and pains of old age. He was taken in the prime of life at 365 years.

(25) When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he became the father of Lamech. (26) After he became the father of Lamech, Methuselah lived 782 years and had other sons and daughters. (27) Altogether, Methuselah lived a total of 969 years, and then he died.

- Methuselah outlived all others. He died the same year as the Flood.
- Following the Flood of Noah, man's life expectancy decreased to near present levels.

(28) When Lamech had lived 182 years, he had a son. (29) He named him Noah and said, "He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the LORD has cursed."

- This is another reference to an earlier tablet of Genesis (3:17) showing the document was available to Lamech. The curse was mentioned there.

(30) After Noah was born, Lamech lived 595 years and had other sons and daughters. (31) Altogether, Lamech lived a total of 777 years, and then he died.

. . . even if these three men--Noah, Daniel and Job--were in it, they could save only themselves by their righteousness, declares the Sovereign LORD. (Ezekiel 14:14)

immortality to light through the gospel. (2 Timothy 1:9-10)

(3) When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. (4) After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. (5) Altogether, Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died.

- Fathers like having a son that looks like them. It is such an honor.
- While physical death comes to all of us, the writer may be reminding his readers of God's warning to Adam, **"You will certainly die."** **Eight sentences** in the chapter end with the words *he died*. This is the same Hebrew word as in Genesis 2:17. God's words are vindicated.
- Paul speaks of this very event in Romans:

Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come. But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! (Romans 5:14-15)

- An exception to this rule of death was Enoch in verse 24. He was removed from the earthly scene by the God he served. Another case was Elijah in 2 Kings 2:1-11.

(6) When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father of Enosh. (7) After he became the father of Enosh, Seth lived 807 years and had other sons and daughters. (8) Altogether, Seth lived a total of 912 years, and then he died.



God who created him, not in appearance, but in the ability to make moral judgments.

- God also blessed mankind, although some of that blessing was withdrawn because his sinful behavior.
- God Himself had naming rights over man, even though he had granted man the right to name the animals.
- While not all Hebrew genealogies are intended to be used as chronologies, this one includes years, pointing to that added use. See reference note on page 7.
- It should be pointed out that the genealogy of Cain is listed, but not dated like that of Seth. God had a plan underway! See Genesis 4:16 and following.
- Luke used this information to trace from Adam to Shem when he was writing the genealogy of Jesus. Luke 3:36-38:

“the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.”

This genealogy in Luke is widely believed to be that of Mary and not that of Joseph. We have been reading in Genesis that the help God will send is coming through the seed of the woman. Genesis 3:15.

- The plan was now underway and we can see a clue here in Genesis.

He has saved us and called us to a holy life - not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the **beginning of time**, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and

(32) After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham and Japheth.

Note:

The sticky question of whether there are gaps in the chronology has caused a great deal of research. It is summed up very well in a paper by Dr. Rick Freeman at the *Baptist College of Florida* and mounted on the Internet at: <http://goo.gl/ei75ij>

Dr. Freeman gives every point of view and selects the one that seems best to him. He concludes that THIS genealogy is also a chronology.

This lesson available for printing at: <http://goo.gl/rlpzUY>

- We were originally designed to live without death, but Adam's sin changed that and Adam and Eve were driven from having access to the Tree of Life. But these people were living a long time, although consulting the Genealogy Chart will show that the time span became shorter and shorter.

(9) When Enosh had lived 90 years, he became the father of Kenan. (10) After he became the father of Kenan, Enosh lived 815 years and had other sons and daughters. (11) Altogether, Enosh lived a total of 905 years, and then he died.

(12) When Kenan had lived 70 years, he became the father of Mahalalel. (13) After he became the father of Mahalalel, Kenan lived 840 years and had other sons and daughters. (14) Altogether, Kenan lived a total of 910 years, and then he died.

- Mahala is a female American name. It may have been derived from Mahalalel.

(15) When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he became the father of Jared. (16) After he became the father of Jared, Mahalalel lived 830 years and had other sons and daughters. (17) Altogether, Mahalalel lived a total of 895 years, and then he died.

(18) When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of Enoch. (19) After he became the father of Enoch, Jared lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. (20) Altogether, Jared lived a total of 962 years, and then he died.

- The Enoch listed here is not the same as Enoch of the one in 4:17,18.
- This Enoch is mentioned in Hebrews.

(21) When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. (22) After he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. (23) Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years. (24) Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

- The birth of Methuselah may have done something for his relationship with God.
- Enoch became a man of faith.

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. (Hebrews 11:5)

- The Greek version of Genesis (LXX) says,
And Enoch was well-pleasing to God, and was not found, because God translated him. (Genesis 5:24 Brenton to English)
- This opens the door to a large number of statements in the New Testament about pleasing God. This is a basic part of Christian living.
- Enoch prophesied.

Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him." (Jude 1:14-15)