

Genesis 5

Purpose of genealogies in the Bible? – To trace the ancestry of Jesus Christ/to see how his background was according to the prophecies and messages of the Old Testament prophets

Genesis 5.1-5

V 1-5 – Adam – 930 years

-**Why were the lives so long back in these days?** Because the effects of sin on genetics had not fully taken hold

Genesis 5.6-8

V 6-8 – Seth – 912 years

Genesis 5.9-11

V 9-11 – Enosh – 905 years

Genesis 5.12-14

V 12-14 – Kenan – 910 years

Genesis 5.15-17

V 15-17 – Mahalalel – 895 years

Genesis 5.18-20

V 18-20 – Jared – 962 years

Genesis 5.21-24

V 21-24 – Enoch – 365 years (no death)

-**Lesson from Enoch?** The only escape from death is walking with God

-Enoch did not walk ahead of God (as did Abraham and Sarah concerning a son)

-And he did not walk behind God (as with Moses making excuses why he could not lead the Children of Israel out of Egypt)

-**How do we walk with God today?**

Genesis 5.25-27

V 25-27 – Methuselah – 969 years

- According to the statistics given here, Methuselah died the year of the great flood
- It looks as if he did not believe in the preaching of his own son Noah and was lost in the flood
- We have examples today in most congregations of fathers who are not Christians, even though their sons are

Read Matt. 12.52-54

Genesis 5.28-31

V 28-31 – Lamech – 727 years

Genesis 5.32

V 32 – Noah – 950 years

Themes for Genesis 5:

1. Genealogy of Jesus (great theme of the Bible) - All genealogies in the Bible point toward Jesus Christ
2. Humans give birth to humans (apes don't give birth to humans)
3. All humans die (unless they are alive at the second coming of Christ)
 - This chapter reminds us that we too will die someday and need to make preparations for that day
 - It is good to attend a funeral occasionally – it reminds us that we will all die and that we should be prepared for it
4. As sin began to take its toll on the human race, we find that the life spans of people got shorter and shorter – **Read Psalm 90.10** – approximate life spans today (70-80 years)

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