

LESSON THIS WEEK..... GEN 5:1 – 8:14

INTRODUCTION / COMMENTS / QUESTIONS

- If God was going to be vague about anything, this would be the place – Genealogy, Man’s Longevity, Global Flood
- HOWEVER, God is very explicit with details – giving credence to the historical accuracy of His word

Passage	Comments
5:1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Again, it is repeated for the 4th time that Man (male and female) were created in God’s image.
5:3	Adam & Eve were 130 years old when Seth was born
5:4-5	Adam died at 930 yrs of age and had many kids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eve & her daughters potentially gave birth to more than 200 babies each during their 900 yr life spans
5:6-27	Genealogy from Adam down to Methuselah (969 yrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv21-27 Enoch (365 yrs old) was the father of the oldest living man, Methuselah (969 yrs old) • v24 Enoch walked with God in a special way for God to take him miraculously • Why such long lives? Can we trust such numbers? • Remember, God may be a God who “hides” himself (Is 45:15), but He also reveals hidden things (Dan 2:28) so our faith rests on evidence of things not seen
Why would God be so specific with an unbroken lineage of 23 men for nearly 2300 yrs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God provided ages for every individual from Adam down to Jacob/Israel – making tabulation easy • We know very little about these Ancient Ones except the age they gave birth to a son and the age they died • Sole purpose of this was to leave us a solid trail • If one or more ages were missed then determining the years from Adam would be very subjective • By giving us specific ages, God wants us to KNOW: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The historical reliability of Adam & the Bible 2. The age of creation so we can “see” a truer picture & the urgency of the Gospel because time is short • If men did not live 900 literal years as stated then we need many more names in the listed genealogies to give the same credibility to God’s word
	5:28-32 Birth of Noah

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6:1-4	Sons of God – Who were they? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angels? – Jesus tells us in the Resurrection we will be like the Angels – who are not made for marriage. By implication, they cannot procreate..... Mt 22:30 Worst case, perverted Angels possessed men to procreate with women – but the children would be 100% human, and not human/angelic half-breeds • Judges/Rulers? – Possible interpretation • Sons of Seth (see 4:26)? – Possible interpretation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sons of Seth (Godly lineage) took their nieces as wives - whomever they chose (unequally yoked?) 2. Mighty men, ancient ones were renown/infamous <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leaders often produce leaders (e.g., British royalty, Bush clan and Kennedy’s) ▪ God makes strong ones stronger..... Dan 2:21b • Man’s years limited to 120 or 120 yrs to the Flood • Nephilim → Giants (probably as big as Goliath)
6:5-7	Sin increases & wrecks havoc on the whole creation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those truly doomed for Hell don’t repent even if they get to live more than 900 yrs – They just go from worse to worse..... 2Tim 3:13
Note: Whenever a nation polluted themselves with sexual perversion, the only remedy God used was annihilation	
6:8-22 *17 *18 *21	Ark construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We put a value on life, but God has a different value system based on His Glory, so has no qualms about wiping out His creation to preserve His Name.....Ez 36
7:1-24	Water prevailed upon the earth 150 days v6, 22, 24
8:1-14	Rescinding of the water – 150 days

	How Long were they in the Ark?	Days
7:12	Rain fell for forty days	40
7:24	For another 110 days the waters rose, “prevailing” for 150 days	110
8:4,5	The waters took 74 days “going and decreasing,” from the 17th of the seventh month to the 1st day of the tenth month. With 30 days to a month, the number of days were 13 plus 30 plus 30 plus 1	74
8:6,7	Forty days elapsed before sending the raven	40
8:8-10	Seven days elapsed before Noah sent out the dove for the first time. This is implied in the phrase “another seven days”	7
8:10	Seven days passed before sending out the dove for the second time	7
8:12	Seven days more passed before the third sending of the dove	7
8:13	To this point 285 days are accounted for, but the next episode is dated the 1st of the first month in the 601st year. From the date in 7:11 to this point in 8:13 is a period of 314 days; therefore an interval of 29 days elapses	29
8:14	From the removal of the ark’s covering to the end of the experience was a further 57 days	57
	Total	371

Longevity Highlights from the Chart

1. Shem was alive when his Granddad, Lamech, and his Great-Granddad Methusaleh were living – and they probably knew Adam and conversed with him since their years overlapped
2. Abraham lived during Noah’s lifetime and possibly conversed with him to hear 1st hand accounts of the flood
3. Abraham died before Shem passed away
4. Isaac, and Jacob were alive while Shem was still living
5. Moses was several generations removed from Jacob. Writing was around, so Moses heard and probably had written accounts of the creation from close and collaborating sources Plus, Moses would have gotten direct confirmation from God what to include or not include in Genesis
6. The “Ancient Ones” told their stories for 100s of years
 - Collaboration among 1st hand eye witnesses = accuracy

CONCLUSION

- Since God is omnipotent, He could’ve used evolution and billions of years, or He could have put Noah through a small local flood, or He could have let men live only 100 years instead of nearly 1000. **But we believe not what God could have done; but what He said He did.**

