

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

- 1) 03 Dec 2023 ..... Genesis 01 ..... The First Week
- 2) 10 Dec ..... Genesis 02 ..... The First Couple
- 3) 17 Dec ..... Genesis 03 ..... The First Sin
- 4) 24 Dec ..... Luke 02:1-15 ..... The First Christmas
- 5) 31 Dec ..... **Genesis 04-05** ..... **The First Murder**
- 6) 07 Jan 2024 ..... Genesis 06-07 ..... Judgment
- 7) 14 Jan ..... Genesis 08 ..... Land!
- 8) 21 Jan ..... Genesis 09-10 ..... Protect
- 9) 28 Jan ..... Genesis 11 ..... Stalled
- 10) 04 Feb ..... Genesis 12-14 ..... Promised
- 11) 11 Feb ..... Genesis 15-16 ..... Impatience
- 12) 18 Feb ..... Genesis 17 ..... Established
- 13) 25 Feb ..... Genesis 18-20 ..... Purged

**INTRODUCTION**

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

Passage	Comments
4:1-26	<p><b>Children enter the Family</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cain and Abel are born, and right away we have sibling rivalry beginning with who can please God</li> <li>• vv6-7. God conveys to Cain that his disobedience is the cause of his attitude problem (fallen countenance)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ If Cain (or any of us) were to be obedient to God's commands, then we would not have attitude problems</li> <li>♦ God expects us to "master" this obedience thing</li> <li>♦ We are not robots, but have a free will to choose God</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v14. Cain complains to God that '<b>whoever</b> finds me will kill me.' Some believe these others were "soul-less" humanoids such as Neanderthals                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The best explanation since Cain and Able were adults by this time is these were other unnamed progeny of Adam &amp; Eve and possibly of Cain &amp; Abel &amp; their wives</li> <li>- Since there was no command not to marry a close relative at this time, Cain's wife would've/could've been his sister or possibly his niece if Abel had a chance to marry a sister and have kids before he was killed</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Conservative population statistics</b> show that 2.8M could've been alive by the time Adam died at 930, and over 3B people could've drowned in the Great Flood</p>
5:1-32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v1. We have a written genealogical record from Adam down to Methuselah (969 years)</li> <li>• Again, it is repeated for the 4th time, poetically, that Man (male and female) were created in God's image.</li> <li>• v2. Adam &amp; Eve were 130 years old when Seth was born</li> <li>• v5. Adam died at 930 years of age and had many kids</li> <li>• Eve &amp; her daughters potentially gave birth to more than 200 babies each during their 900+ year life spans</li> <li>• vv21-27. Enoch (365 years old) was the father of the oldest living man, Methuselah (969 years old)</li> <li>• v24. Enoch walked with God in a special way for God to take him so miraculously and at such a young age.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Why isn't this going on today?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• What caused such longevity? <input type="checkbox"/> Was it environmental? <input type="checkbox"/> Genetic? <input type="checkbox"/> Diet? <input type="checkbox"/> All the aforementioned?</li> <li>• Can we trust such numbers? Some will live to nearly 1,000 years in the millennial ..... <a href="#">Isaiah 65:20-22</a></li> <li>• Remember, God may be a God who "hides" himself (<a href="#">Isaiah 45:15</a>), but He also reveals hidden things (<a href="#">Daniel 2:28</a>) so our faith rests on evidence of things not seen (<a href="#">Hebrews 11:1</a>)</li> </ul>

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Why would Gob be so specific with an unbroken lineage of 23 men for nearly 2300 yrs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God provided ages for every individual from Adam down to Jacob/Israel – making tabulation easy</li> <li>• We know very little about these Ancient Ones except the age they gave birth to a son and the age they died</li> <li>• Sole purpose of this was to leave us a solid and reliable paper trail</li> <li>• If one or more ages were missed, then determining the years from Adam would be very subjective and speculative</li> <li>• By giving us specific ages, God wants us to KNOW:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ The historical reliability of Adam &amp; the Bible</li> <li>♦ The age of creation so we can "see" a truer picture &amp; the urgency of the Gospel because time is short</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>

Highlights from the Longevity Chart
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Shem was alive when his Granddad, Lamech, and his Great-Granddad Methuselah were living – and they probably knew Adam and conversed with him since their years overlapped</li> <li>2. Abraham lived during Noah's lifetime and possibly conversed with him to hear 1<sup>st</sup> hand accounts of the flood</li> <li>3. Abraham died before Shem passed away</li> <li>4. Isaac, and Jacob were alive while Shem was still living</li> <li>5. Moses was several generations removed from Jacob, BUT Moses heard and had written accounts of the creation from close and collaborating sources. Written accounts included genealogical records from Adam's day (<a href="#">Gen 5:1</a>). Plus, he would have gotten direct confirmation from God what to include or not include in Genesis</li> <li>6. The "Ancient Ones" told their stories for 100s of years                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaboration among 1<sup>st</sup> hand eyewitnesses = accuracy</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

**CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS**

- Though we may not be able to clearly articulate all the implications found in these 3 chapters, it is crystal clear from Scripture that Christ, through the wooden cross, becomes our tree of life
- Also, 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 1,000. **But we believe not what God could have done; but what He said He did.**

**NEXT WEEK:**

- Genesis 6-7.**  
 Who are the Sons of God who married the daughters of men? Can the Sons of God still marry the daughters of men? And how long was Noah in the Ark?
- 40 days
  - 140 days
  - 240 days or
  - 371 days?



