

Note

Genesis 5 – Part 1

Era	Characters	Chapters
In the beginning	God create world	Gen 1
Before 4000 BC	Adam Eve	Gen 1~5 ?
Before 3000 BC	Cain Abel Seth	Gen 4~5 ?
Before 2500 BC	Noah	Gen 5~10 ?

Summary

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Listing of the generations since Adam shows God remembers all. Enoch sent to warn about God’s impending judgement for man’s pervasive sin.

Transcript

Genesis 5 – Part 1 of 1

Genesis chapter 5 begins with a genealogy. There are about 10 genealogies in Genesis. Names upon names, sometimes you wonder why there are so many names. God wants you to know that he remembers every name. And we were made in His image so we should remember names. Because we build relationships with people and people are identified by names. Many believers don't bother to learn people's names. How do you pray for them? How do you feel for someone you don't even know the name? God not only knows their names, he knows their ages - you've seen in Genesis chapter 5. He knows every detail. Most of us don't even know the names of our grandparents, let alone their ages, but God remembers all these things.

What is the lesson here? The lesson is God remembers, and that is a comfort to us if we are His children, so we can be sure our labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Many times we serve God and say, "nobody appreciates me". Don't worry about that. Your labour is not in vain. God remembers everything you do in His name.

Then we go on to see a character in Genesis chapter 6, I believe a person called Enoch. Enoch is mentioned several times in the New Testament. He was a prophet. He prophesied judgment on

his generation. See, so much evil had come in. And God sent His man, Enoch, who prophesied that judgment would soon come.

So we're going to see the preparation for the judgment called the flood. And Enoch was sent as a prophet before God sends judgment. God sends prophets to warn. That is God's way you will see throughout the Bible. And our job as God's servants is basically to warn people of God's holiness and God's judgment. So he did this. And of course, people hated him, everybody was polygamous and corruption was everywhere, and there was every kind of immorality. And then comes this man to spoil their fun and the Bible says something about Enoch. He walked with God, and then he was not. It's very interesting to see this in Genesis chapter 6. In other words, he was raptured. One of two people, Elijah in the Bible and Enoch who was raptured. Why did God take him up? I think people wanted to kill him. I mean people hate someone who spoil their fun, who warns them of judgment.

Now after we see Enoch, we see another name which is quite well known to many people in even in the secular realm - Methuselah. Methuselah is well known to many people as the man who lived the longest. Methuselah lived 969 years, nobody broke that record ever. I said "900 years?" That's crazy. At that time, even Adam lived 930 years people live very long. I don't know why. But I believe that God allowed them.

And as violence came up and wickedness came up, God had to put a limit on people's age. Otherwise you will have so many wives if you live so long, you have so many murders, you name it. Because of the evil, God put a limit that's number one, that God diminish man's life. Some people tried to explain it by science and say the early days there was this canopy before the flood that

prevented the radiation from the sun that causes all kinds of mutations that cause death, etc. You can try to prove it any way you like, I'm not even going to prove it or not prove it. But the point is this that they lived a long time. Methuselah was the longest. Why? Because he had a very strange name. His name Methuselah means when he dies, it will come. What does it mean? His name was a prophecy that when he died the flood would come.

So why did God prolong his life? God wanted to give people more time. God didn't want to bring the judgment. God has to judge, but God wants to have mercy. God is a merciful God. So you see this long life and finally the flood comes when he dies. Methuselah is the grandfather of Noah. When finally he dies, Noah had already built the ark and the flood came.

Now there's another interesting thing in Genesis chapter 6. It speaks of the sons of God who saw the daughters of men and they had children who became giants in the land. Now, this chapter has baffled Christians, baffled Bible scholars, and nobody knows exactly who these giants were? The word actually translated giants comes from a Hebrew word Nephilim. Nephilim, nobody knows the meaning. Does it mean a super powerful guy does it mean a half Angel? Some people say the sons of God in Genesis chapter 6, speaks of angels who then saw women and had relationships with women and produce this strange breed half Angel, half man who was super, super powerful. And it was called Nephilim. Some says, No, the sons of God were those powerful guys, you know, people like who were apparently like the heroes of the day, and they had simply their children, offspring that became very powerful. So nobody knows. All right, whatever it is. There's no need to figure that out too much. Anyway, it tells us in Genesis chapter 6, this terrible thing.

Violence, immorality and evil became rampant. And it says in Genesis 6:6, “wickedness of man was great in the earth and every imagination of the thoughts of men was only evil continuously”. In other words, sin up to this point of time had been sporadic, had been more and more frequent until now in Genesis chapter 6, it becomes continuous, it's a global pandemic. Just everywhere. One of the saddest statements in the Bible - God regretted that he had made man, in the King James - God repented that He made man. That sounds very odd, and it's not probably the right translation. But God regretted that he had made man. You know, a father if he loves his kid no matter how bad he is, but it's just disappointment. The father just says ‘why did I ever have this son?’

And shortly after this, the flood came. Why the flood? Evil was so bad. God had to clean up the world and reboot it again.