

Genesis 5 - Lesson 14

Adam to Noah

1. 4:25-26 - God's Faithfulness

- a. *"knew...again"* - There could've been other children before Seth - 5:3
- b. Seth is a substitute for Abel, how? Abel was a dead prophet. Cain was cursed.
- c. *"appointed me another seed"* - God's purpose in choosing Seth - Gen 3:15, Rom 9:11
- d. *"call upon the name of the Lord"* Gen 12:8, 26:25; 1Ki 18:24; Ps 116; Isa 12:4, Joel 2:32
- e. Enos represents the godly remnant, not because of his parents, but by faith

2. 5:1-3 - In Adam's Image

- a. Dispensationally the time of promise under reign of death - Rom 5:14, Heb 11:13
- b. Books, writing, reading was around in Adam's day, either he wrote or a prophet.
- c. *"book of the generation"* Only twice: Adam & Jesus - Mat 1:1, Jo 11:26, 1Cor 15:22,45
- d. *"called their name Adam"* - what of Eve? She is mankind. They had no last names.
- e. *"likeness of God"* - in the beginning, but now Seth made in Adam's *"own likeness"*
- f. In Adam we inherit a depraved dead corrupt sinful likeness - Eph 4:17-21
- g. Christ is the image of God, salvation is in Christ - Col 1:15, Phil 2:7, Rom 8:3, 8:29
- h. The original sin brought death, the obedience of one brings life - Rom 5:12-19

3. 5:4-20 - Genealogy and Old Age

- a. 930 years! Adam knew Noah's father. Noah knew Abraham's father - Psa 90:4
- b. It can't be months or tens or symbolic - Seth would be 8, or 10, or confusion.
- c. Old age could be from atmosphere, lack of sickness, genetics, health, and diet.
- d. Genealogies serve important functions, although largely neglected in study
- e. Chronologists like Ussher presumed the Bible to be accurate in all details.
- f. Cain's line advanced in earthly things, but Seth's were waiting in hope Heb 11:13

4. 5:21-24 - Enoch's Translation

- a. Man is destined to die Heb 9:27, but Enoch does not see death - Heb 11:5
- b. Enoch and Elijah did not die, they were not found; neither was Moses (De 34:6)
- c. Some think Enoch was a type of the "rapture", but then it would not be mystery
- d. He walked with God after his son - 5:22 - he was a prophet - Jude 14
- e. God told him to name his son as he did Isaac, Loammi, Mahershalalhashbaz

5. 5:25-32 - Methuselah, Lamech, Noah

- a. Methuselah was a prophet of the flood, he died the year the flood came.
- b. He was the oldest man who ever lived. A sign of long suffering? 2 Pet 3:9
- c. Lamech knew before Noah that his son would bring comfort/rest - Gen 8:21
- d. Noah was alone on the ark because these men were dead.
- e. These men represent the preachers of righteousness in an ungodly world before the flood - 2 Pet 2:5

Importance of Genealogies

Genealogies and chronologies in the Bible can be dry and tedious reading, but they serve important functions in the study of God's word. This is why throughout history men of faith have devoted years to studying these records including the esteemed James Ussher (the "leviathan of learning") and Isaac Newton.

1. They show divine inspiration
2. They aid in identifying the preserved text of the Bible through history
3. Multiple chronologies and their form guard against corruption
4. They authenticate the Bible/Israel/people as true history not myth or fable
5. They connect Israel with the history of other people/nations
6. They connect the last Adam (Christ) to the first Adam
7. They bridge gaps in Biblical narratives
8. They give information about our origins
9. The chronologies can be used for dating/times for events/people
10. They legitimize rulers, priests, tribes in Israel by their heritage
11. They show connections and influences upon families from their fathers (Cain Gen 4)
12. They identify the patriarchs of Israel
13. They describe primeval life and culture (through names and notes)
14. They are used prophetically in identifying the Messiah
15. They are used to identify God's covenant people
16. They emphasize the importance of some people
17. They show God's continual involvement through history
18. They catalog God's people through history (the remnant, the seed, etc.)

There are no genealogies in the church since there is neither Jew nor Gentile in Christ.

Chronology from Adam to Noah

1. Adam: 130 years Seth - died at 930 years
2. Seth: 105 years Enos - died at 912 years
3. Enos: 90 years Cainan - died at 905
4. Cainan: 70 years Mahaleel - died at 910 years
5. Mahaleel: 65 years Jared - died at 895 years
6. Jared: 162 years Enoch - died at 962 years
7. Enoch: 65 years Methusaleh - translated at 365 years
8. Methusaleh: 187 years Lamech - died at 969 years
9. Lamech: 182 years Noah - died at 777 years
10. Noah: 500 years Japheth - (Gen 7:6) flood at 600 years

Total years from creation of Adam to the flood = 1656 years