

Genesis 5.1-32

Life and Death

COME TO BORING PART OF THE BIBLE – what many commonly say

How many have really read these lists of names and seriously considered them?

MORE INTERESTING READING – Stock Market Index, Liner Notes on CD’s
Box Scores of Sporting Matches, World Weather Forecasts, Daily Horoscopes

FOCUS on what GOD CARES about MOST: PEOPLE, Most Interesting to Him

“*All Scripture* is God-breathed and is *useful* for teaching” 2 Timothy 3.16

LET US CONSIDER WHAT GOD HAS FOR US EVEN IN THIS PASSAGE

End of Genesis 4 – Two Lines of People / Sons of Cain & Sons of Seth

TWO DIRECTIONS OF HUMANITY – Away from God & Toward God

4.26 “men began to call on the name of the Lord” / Ch 5 – CONTINUES this Group

1. God’s Book

a. Significance 5.1 “the book of Adam” / PARADIGM SHIFT NEEDED

Influence of EVOLUTION: Most think Early man Very PRIMITIVE, illiterate

MOSES: In Earliest years of Human Kind – THERE IS “written account”

EVENTS in Genesis – OCCURRED Long before Moses, the Author, was Born

Where did he get his information? This verse may give us an Answer

Thru Genesis phrase occurs 10X’s – “the written account of,” or “the book of”

HEBREW Word – TOLEDOTH = GENERATIONS / Record of their LINE

These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth Genesis 2.9 ESV

These are the generations of Noah. Genesis 6.9 ESV

these are the generations of the sons of Noah Genesis 10.1 ESV

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| These are the generations of Shem. | Genesis 11.10 ESV |
| these are the generations of Terah. | Genesis 11.27 ESV |
| these are the generations of Ishmael | Genesis 25.12 ESV |
| these are the generations of Isaac | Genesis 25.19 ESV |
| these are the generations of Esau (that is, Edom) | Genesis 36.1 ESV |
| these are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites | Genesis 36.9 ESV |
| These are the generations of Jacob. | Genesis 37.2 ESV |

Perhaps MOSES CHECKED THESE 10 BOOKS OUT OF LIBRARY of Pharaoh
(2.4, 6.9, 10.1, 11.10, 11.27, 25.12, 25.19, 36.1, 36.9, 37.2)

UNDER INSPIRATION OF HOLY SPIRIT – Moses was both Author AND Editor

Not sure about the Process / Hold in our Hands the Divine Product

ANOTHER SHIFT IN OUR THINKING – about the purpose and flow of history

MANY SEE NO PURPOSE OR PLAN – world spins in aimless Circles

WORLD GUIDED BY FATALISM – blind, impersonal, chance is in CONTROL

BIBLE DECLARES – World Guided by Almighty God – Personal and Powerful

HISTORY has a Beginning and an End / Purpose, Order, Predictability

PEOPLE ARE NOT JUST DOTS ON GOD’S LANDSCAPE

Every man, woman, boy, girl – Eternally Significant – MADE IN GOD’S IMAGE

EACH ACTION is Unique and Unrepeatable / Each Person is Important Individual

Mordecai told his NIECE ESTHER about her Unique Opportunity

“who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?”

Esther 4.14

b. Soberness – Bell tolls thru Text – MARCH of Humanity: he lived / he died

“in Adam all die” 1 Corinthians 15.22 / No Escaping / No Exemptions / No Exceptions

“sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned” Romans 5.12

Lived....Died Lived....Died Lived....Died Lived....Died Lived....Died

HONEST PERSON READS THIS WITH FEAR AND UNCERTAINTY

“I am not afraid of death, I just don’t want to be there when it happens”Woody Allen

c. Salvation – Hope for the Dying / Grace is Remedy for the Sin Sick

The Lord said to Moses “I know you by name” Exodus 33.17

God called Cyrus, King of Persia “So that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name” Isaiah 45.3

Ch 5 - God knows These people / 2 Names Recorded among Faith Heroes / Hebrews 11

SMALL NUMBER OF NAMES / Earth’s population was already in the Millions

NOT EVEN ALL MEMBERS OF EACH FAMILY / had other sons & daughters

MINORITY of FAITH // You today? Alone? In Family? School? Work? City?

JESUS “Do not be afraid, little flock, your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom” Luke 12.32

Little Flock forms GREAT MULTITUDE – NO MAN COULD NUMBER THEM
from every tongue, tribe and nation

d. Security THESE PEOPLE STAND WITH CONFIDENCE BEFORE GOD

Sons of Cain – Great in the Eyes of the World – BUT NOT IN GOD’S SIGHT

“A scroll of remembrance was written in (God’s) presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name” Malachi 3.16

JESUS TO DISCIPLES “rejoice that your names are written in heaven” Luke 10.20

MORE YOU MEAN TO GOD, THE LESS YOU WILL MEAN TO THE WORLD

PAUL “God’s solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: ‘The Lord knows those who are his’” 2 Timothy 2.19

God’s Book: Assurance of Significance, Soberness, Salvation & Security

2. God’s Enoch

v. 24 “Enoch walked with God” // “Enoch, the seventh from Adam” Jude 14

DEVIL’S Enoch: Adam’s Grandson // GOD’S ENOCH – 7 generations from Adam

SAME SIN TAINTED BLOOD FLOWED THROUGH BOTH THEIR VEINS

DEVIL’S E – “went out from the presence of the Lord //

GOD’S E “walked with God”

DEVIL’S E hope in city of this world – had his name “Enoch” - “New Beginnings”

GOD’S E “longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God was not ashamed to be called his God, for he has prepared a city for him” Hebrews 11.16

DEVIL has his People // GOD has his People

DEVIL has his Doctors // GOD has his Doctors

DEVIL has his Prisoners // GOD has his Prisoners

DEVIL has his Policemen // GOD has his Policemen

DEVIL has his Gov’t Leaders // GOD has his Gov’t Leaders

DEVIL has his Church Members // GOD has his Church Members

DEVIL has his Preachers // GOD has his Preachers

CONTRAST - One REASON for CONTINUING EXISTENCE of EVIL in World

Who is for God? Who is Against? / Who lives for self? Who for Glory of God?

HOW CAN WE BE GOD'S ENOCH – God's Man, Woman, Boy, or Girl??

Walk with God and Speak for God

a. Walking with God

v. 22 “Enoch walked with God” v. 24 “Enoch walked with God”

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WALK WITH GOD?

1) Walk by Faith – ENOCH LISTED AS HERO of FAITH

“by faith Enoch” Hebrews 11.5

PAUL “we walk by faith, not by sight” 2 Corinthians 5.7

HOW – FOLLOW Words of SCRIPTURE / NOT STANDARDS OF WORLD

BELIEVING & OBEYING GOD – WHAT to Do – WHEN to Do – HOW to Do

“If you believe what you like in the gospel, and reject what you don't like; it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.” Augustine

BEGINNING POINT OF ENOCH'S WALK –

vs. 21,22 When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. And after he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters.

METHSELAH – Ancient Names DIFFERENT POSSIBLE TRANSLATIONS

“Man of the weapon/javelin” OR “when he is dead, it shall come” – PREFERRED

MEANING – Revelation given to Enoch / While Son Lived – Flood be held Back

HISTORY OF THE PERIOD BEARS OUT THE MEANING OF THE NAME

GRACE OF GOD – Methuselah lived longer than Anyone / Longsuffering of God

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3.9

JUSTICE of God last 100 years of M's life Noah builds Ark: Preaching / Warning

“The Lord is not slow in keeping promise” FINAL DAY CAME & WILL Come AGAIN

May God move you to Faith in Jesus Christ: Ark of Saving Grace – Only Refuge

2) Walk in Holiness God is Holy – We must be Holy to Walk with Him

“If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin” 1 John 1.7

ENOCH walked in God's Holy Light – Set Apart from Sin for God

SOME INVENT INTELLECTUAL REASONS TO WALK IN DARKNESS

“I had motives for not wanting the world to have meaning, and was able without any difficulty to find satisfying reasons for this assumption...The philosophy was essentially an instrument of liberation - sexual and political.”

Aldous Huxley, *Ends and Means*, 1938

“NO God” HUXLEY > FREEDOM – Sexual, Political > No Control, No Judgment

We can SMASH Security Cameras of Man > Still SEEN by OMNISCIENT GOD

3) Walk of Endurance v. 22 “Enoch walked with God 300 years”

Are you TIRED of God, Weary of Church, Bored with the Bible?! I HOPE NOT!

Jesus to church in Thyatira “I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.”

Revelation 2.19

LOVE > the Greatest Virtue

FAITH > Complete Trust in Christ Alone

SERVICE > What the MASTER EXPECTS to See in Our Lives

PERSEVERANCE > Steady PROGRESS in Grace and Godliness

GREATEST TRIBUTE > “you are now doing more than you did at first”



1973 Horse ‘Secretariat’ > won Triple Crown: Kent. Derby – Preakness – Belmont
 In Belmont Stakes RAN EACH ¼ mile FASTER than the PREVIOUS ¼ mile
 Finished the Race 31 Lengths AHEAD of all other Challengers

How we should RUN the RACE of Faith in Christ > Get Better and Better

How do you MEASURE YOUR PACE? Compared to last month? Year? Decade?

Been going Back & Forth from Mission work to Church in USA Since 1980

Each VISIT Home to America - CHURCH CAPTIVATED by Fads and Fashions

Eager Search > Magic Success Formula > SILVER BULLET to SAVE World

Signs/Wonders – Seeker Friendly – Purpose Drive – Explored/Explained – Tweet!

Church People EASILY BORED – Too Many EXCITING Sports, Cinemas, Shops!

“Our church is not using the Singapore model anymore, now Columbian model”

FRIEND RESPONDED “How about the Jesus model – abiding in Him – John 15?”

THERE IS NO SILVER BULLET / Ancient Formula – The Word and the Spirit

“This is what the Lord says, stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls”
 Jeremiah 6.16

1st AMERICAN MISSIONARY –, Baptist who went to Burma

“The motto of every missionary, whether preacher, printer, or schoolmaster ought to be, ‘Devoted for Life’”
Adoniram Judson

WILLIAM CAREY – over 40 years in India / never went home to England again

“I can plod; I can persevere in any definite pursuit. To this I owe everything”

Jesus “he who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is not fit for the kingdom of God” Luke 9.62

ALEXANDER MacKAY – in first Missionary group to Uganda / Farewell Service:

“I want to remind the committee that within six months they will probably hear that one of us is dead. But...when that news comes, do not cast down, but send someone else immediately to take their vacant place” Alexander MacKay

WITHIN A FEW YEARS, ALL THE TEAM WAS DEAD

HOW CAN WE ENDURE?

“He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint”
Isaiah 40.29-31

Christian Life is NOT a SPRINT – It’s MARATHON // Run Stronger as we Age

GOD was STRENGTH OF ENOCH – HE IS THE STRENGTH OF HIS PEOPLE

b. Speak for God – Enoch was also a Preacher / Silent Witness is not Enough

MESSAGE OF ENOCH RECORDED BY JUDE – 2 main themes.....

1) Judgment

“Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied...See the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones.”
Jude 14

ENOCH belonged to FINAL GENERATION: Lived right before Judgment / Flood
 EVE looked for Coming of a Savior / 3.15 “crush the head of the serpent”

COMING of the LORD IN SALVATION / Instead, He was Coming in Judgment

“Woe to you who long for the day of the Lord! Why do you long for the day of the Lord? That day will be darkness, not light. It will be as though a man fled from a lion – only to meet a bear; as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall – only to have a snake bite him”
 Amos 5.18

ENOCH – FINAL GENERATION BEFORE A GLOBAL FLOOD

JUDGMENT of GOD on ALL HUMANITY – only Noah and his family SPARED

NEXT WILL BE GLOBAL FIRE / “Who can endure the day of his coming?”

2) Second theme of Enoch’s preaching – UNGODLY

Spoke what God thinks of the World of his Day

WAS WORLD OF – Sexual Promiscuity, Materialism, Demonism, Pride, Violence

“The Lord saw how great man’s wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time” Genesis 6.5

TRUE PREACHING – Comfort the Disturbed and Disturb the Comfortable

What is the word most spoken by preachers today? Do a Survey?

“love?” “peace?” “happiness?” fulfillment?” ME – “UHH?”

SLICE OF ENOCH’S SERMON – “God is coming to judge everyone, and to convict all the *ungodly* of all the *ungodly* acts they have done in the *ungodly* way, and of all the harsh words *ungodly* sinners have spoken against him” Jude 15

DOMINANT WORD in ENOCH’S SERMON – “ungodly”

SERMON LIKE THAT WOULD BE Out of Place – Modern Age / Enlightened

JESUS CHALLENGES THAT ASSUMPTION “As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man”
Matthew 24.37-39

Today Ancient Sins: Sexual Promiscuity, Materialism, Demonism, Pride, Violence
AND MODERN ONES Substance Abuse, Pornography, Abortion, Homosexuality
SO ENLIGHTENED – NEW VOCABULARY FOR THOSE OLD WORDS

Was – SIN // Now – FAILURE, Existential Estrangement

Was – PRIDE // Now – SELF-ESTEEM, FULFILLMENT

Was – LUST // Now – A NATURAL INSTINCT

Was – CHEATING // Now – PROTECTING OUR OWN INTERESTS

Was - ADULTERY // Now – ATTEMPTING TO SAVE OUR MARRIAGE

Was – MURDER OF UNBORN // Now – THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE

SHAKESPEARE “a rose by any other name would smell as sweet”

SIN BY ANY OTHER NAME IS JUST AS PUTRID

IF ENOCH PREACHED to MODERN MAN, HE would USE ANCIENT WORD

“ungodly” “ungodly” “ungodly” “ungodly”

Result of Walking with God and Speaking for God?

v. 24 “Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away”

ONE DAY ENOCH ON LONG WALK WITH GOD / HAVING GREAT TIME

ENOCH “Wow, it is late! I am a long way from home. I better get back”

GOD “My house is closer than yours’, why don’t you just come home with me?”

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, *he was commended as one who pleased God.* Hebrews 11.5

“not be found” Perhaps search organized // Followers of Elijah after his ascent

Perhaps wondered if righteous man was murdered like his forefather Abel

BUT GOD TOOK HIM – GOD WAS PLEASED WITH HIM

ENOCH PLEASED GOD --- BUT DID NOT PLEASE MOST OF HIS FAMILY

Who were these ungodly, ungodly, ungodly People? – HIS OWN RELATIVES!

His Elders, his Siblings, his Cousins, perhaps some of his own Children

“Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God” Romans 8.8

BEST When – LIKE JESUS – CAN “grow in favor with God and man” Luke 2.52

EVEN JESUS / End of His Life “Everyone deserted him and fled” Mark 14.50

LAST LETTER OF APOSTLE PAUL / written from Roman prison cell

“You know that everyone in the province of Asia has deserted me” 2 Timothy 1.15

WALK with GOD – LIFE of LONG DISTANCE Faithfulness / PLEASING GOD

“Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him”

Hebrews 11.6

ENOCH TASTED THAT REWARD

HOPE OF ENOCH IS OUR HOPE / WE FOLLOW THE GOD OF ENOCH

THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST – who said

Jesus: "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; *he has crossed over from death to life.*"

John 5.24

Genesis 5

1. This is the written account of Adam's line. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. 2. He created them male and female and blessed them. And when they were created, he called them "man. " 3. When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. 4. After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. 5. Altogether, Adam lived 930 years, and then he died. 6. When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father of Enosh. 7. And after he became the father of Enosh, Seth lived 807 years and had other sons and daughters. 8. Altogether, Seth lived 912 years, and then he died. 9. When Enosh had lived 90 years, he became the father of Kenan. 10. And after he became the father of Kenan, Enosh lived 815 years and had other sons and daughters. 11. Altogether, Enosh lived 905 years, and then he died. 12. When Kenan had lived 70 years, he became the father of Mahalalel. 13. And after he became the father of Mahalalel, Kenan lived 840 years and had other sons and daughters. 14. Altogether, Kenan lived 910 years, and then he died. 15. When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he became the father of Jared. 16. And after he became the father of Jared, Mahalalel lived 830 years and had other sons and daughters. 17. Altogether, Mahalalel lived 895 years, and then he died. 18. When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of Enoch. 19. And after he became the father of Enoch, Jared lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. 20. Altogether, Jared lived 962 years, and then he died. 21. When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. 22. And after he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. 23. Altogether, Enoch lived 365 years. 24. Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away. 25. When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he became the father of Lamech. 26. And after he became the father of Lamech, Methuselah lived 782 years and had other sons and daughters. 27. Altogether, Methuselah lived 969 years, and then he died. 28. When Lamech had lived 182 years, he had a son. 29. He named him Noah and said, "He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the LORD has cursed." 30. After Noah was born, Lamech lived 595 years and had other sons and daughters. 31. Altogether, Lamech lived 777 years, and then he died. 32. After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham and Japheth.

