

The first family

or the family of Adam

Introduction:

- a. In Genesis 5, we read of 10 generations - beginning with Adam, and ending with the sons of Noah
- b. In Genesis 11, we also find 10 generations, beginning with Shem and ending with Abraham
- c. These generations are also found in the genealogy of Jesus - Luke 3
- d. These genealogies say very little of these men expect that they lived, bore children, and died
- e. Death had entered the world with the sin of Adam
- f. Victory over death would come through the descendent of these men
- g. In this lesson, we will consider some of the notable persons in the family of Adam

I. Seth

Genesis 4:25,26

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And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

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And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

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GENESIS 5:6-8

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And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos:

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And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters:

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And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

A. Seth was the son of Adam and Eve.

B. The name Seth means "set", or "appoint." Adam named him Seth because God had appointed seed from him instead of Abel, who was murdered by Cain.

C. Seth named his son Enos, which means "frailty."

D. It says that in the days of Seth, "men began to call on the name of the Lord" - Genesis 4:26. It has been suggested that Seth named his son Enos (frailty) because he recognized the frailty of man and their need for God. Therefore they began to call on the name of the Lord

II. Enoch

Genesis 5:21-24

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And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:

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And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

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And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

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And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

A. Enoch walked with God. He had close communion with God and

directed his life IN ACCORDANCE with God's will.

B. Enoch "was not, for God took him.":

1. This expression means that Enoch did not die like those who preceded him. Instead, God translated him.

2. This is the same expression used concerning Elijah

II Kings 2:3-5

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And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day?

And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

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And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

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C. "By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, and

was not found, because God had taken him; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God" - Hebrews 11:5

D. Jude called Enoch a prophet - *Jude 14 - And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints* - This prophecy deals with the judgment of God upon the ungodly

III. Methuselah

Genesis 5:25-27

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And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech:

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And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters:

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And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

a. The only notable thing about Methuselah was that of all those mentioned in the Bible, he lived the longest, 969 years

IV. Noah

Genesis 5:29

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And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.

A. The name Noah means "rest"

B. Lamech, Noah's father, gave him this name because, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord has cursed" - *Genesis 5:29*

V. Terah

GENESIS 11:27,31

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Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot.

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And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.

A. Terah was the father of Abraham.

B. Terah traveled with Abraham when Abraham left the Ur of the

Chaldees as God instructed him. After Terah's death in Haran,

Abraham continued on to Canaan - Acts 7:4 - *Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.*

C. Terah was the grandfather of Lot, Abraham's nephew

CONCLUSION:

A. The consequences of Adam's sin, physical death, continued through his offspring

B. Men should call on the name of the Lord - Acts 22:16 - *And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord*

C. One can "please God" by "walking with Him."

D. No matter how long one lives, he will eventually die - Hebrews 9:27 - *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment*