

~~Plan A~~

PLAN B:
THE BLOODLINE OF
REDEMPTION

A composite image featuring a pair of hands holding the Earth against a starry space background with clouds at the bottom. The hands are positioned as if cradling the planet, with a bright light source behind the Earth creating a lens flare effect. The background is a deep blue space filled with numerous white stars. At the bottom of the image, there are white, fluffy clouds.

Critical Truths from Genesis

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Interesting details from Genesis 4...

- This chapter is unique because it contains a rare description of the fallen world prior to the flood.
- Mankind was cursed, and thrown out of paradise (*Gan Eden*). Chapter 4 has our first look at life (and human nature) outside of paradise (not pretty!!)
- Man's nature **continues on the path of corruption**. Didn't take long!
- The ugly flesh is seen immediately in the story of Cain and Abel's offerings to God.



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- Many have wondered why God did not accept Cain's offering. It was half-hearted, not the best for God first. Abel's offering was a firstborn lamb – a type for another firstborn Lamb of God to come.

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- The key to this is something we need to understand. It is in verses 6 and 7 after Cain was angry at God's rejection. Elohim Himself spoke to Cain: "So the LORD said to Cain, *"Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."*
- The answer is the same for us – **if we do well, we will be accepted. Otherwise sin "lies at the door."** And we are to *rule over the flesh that desires sin.* Some very key truths are here that we often miss.

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- There are **two big questions** usually raised in this story: 1) *Where did Cain's wife come from?* and 2) *How did Cain and Abel know what God expected?*
- The first answer is quite simple but usually overlooked. He married his sister. Adam and Eve had other children, including daughters. He married one of them. The gene pool at this point is relatively pristine. That doesn't last long, though.



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- The second answer is more mysterious. No one really knows how they knew, but we have evidence that God spoke directly to both Adam, and to Cain. They heard Him somehow. There are not in His presence, but He is still there by His Spirit.
- Also, how did the early inhabitants of the earth know about God and His expectations? Remember that God created the stars and we are told that He also named them. This gets us into the subject of something Job calls the “Mazzaroth.”

Critical Truths from GENESIS

- The Mazzaroth is essentially the constellations, which God designed to tell a story. This was the visible, orally transmitted Word of God in the stars.
- **Psalm 19** tells us the stars declare His glory (*and it's not just His handiwork!*)



The heavens declare the glory of God. The expanse shows his handiwork.² Day after day they pour out speech, and night after night they display knowledge.

³ There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. ⁴ Their voice has gone out through all the earth, their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun, ⁵ which is as a bridegroom coming out of his room, like a strong man rejoicing to run his course.

(Psalm 19:1-5, WEB)

Critical Truths from GENESIS

- The passage in Job referenced is in chapter 38, when God finally answers the clueless Job and his friends: This is verses 31-33: *“Can you bind the cluster of the Pleiades, Or loose the belt of Orion? Can you bring out Mazzaroth in its season? Or can you guide the Great Bear with its cubs? Do you know the ordinances of the heavens? Can you set their dominion over the earth?”*
- This word **Mazzaroth** is thought to literally mean “constellations.” God named all the stars. If you study the ancient star charts you will find the names can actually be used to tell the story of God’s plan of redemption *(in their original Hebrew names)*.

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HUGE CAUTION!

- The Mazzaroth, which most likely depicts the 12 “panels” of the redemptive plan of God through the constellations, is essentially what today we know as the **Zodiac**. The Zodiac is completely corrupted now through Egyptian and Babylonian influences – and even earlier at Bab-el.
- God’s story may still be there, but the corruption has made this early Word completely ineffective today. We can know ABOUT it, but never rely upon it or consult it to give us answers.

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- There are many who get caught up into astrology, essentially by definition *“the study of the movements and relative positions of celestial bodies interpreted as having an influence on human affairs and the natural world.”*
- That includes the constellations, and the 12 signs of the Zodiac. **THIS BEHAVIOR IS FORBIDDEN BY SCRIPTURE!!!** (*Deuteronomy 4:19, 18:10-14: Isaiah 47:13-14*) *DON'T BE DECEIVED...THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS “CHRISTIAN ASTROLOGY!” All/any consulting of the stars is a sin.*

Critical Truths from GENESIS

- The Mazzaroth does answer the question about how God revealed His redemptive plan, the need for sacrifice and atonement, etc. but it is not for our use today. Today we have the written inspired Word, and **we have the living Word Himself – Yeshua.**
- **God knew Cain's heart**, and knew his offering was less than the best. Cain kept the best for himself. That is pride. Elohim even gave Cain an opportunity to repent and receive forgiveness. His pride kept him from that, but even still, God was merciful to Cain. He was punished, but he was also protected.

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- We see how wickedness has taken hold of man's heart, and **witness the first murder.**
- Cain is sent away. He married and had a son named Enoch. Cain built a city named after Enoch. We also see Enoch's sons.
- We eventually come to Lamech and see **the first polygamist.**



Critical Truths from GENESIS

- Lamech fathered apparently **three famous sons**:
- Jabal, the “father” or first of all those who dwelled or lived in tents, coverings, not out in the open.
- Jubal was musically inclined and most likely developed musical instruments (*string and wind*).
- Tubal-cain introduced the forging of tools from bronze an iron.

Even the early dwellers of the earth were quite creative. They weren't club-carrying cavemen as we often depict them!



Critical Truths from GENESIS

- In this chapter we also see the second recorded death in human history, as Lamech recounts the story of killing someone for striking him (revenge?)
- After this account the sorry legacy of Cain comes to an abrupt end.
- God granted Adam and Eve (*Chavah*) another son, **Seth**. Seth is the son through which the Hebrew people and eventually the Messiah will come.
- Despite this chapter continuing the dismal start for mankind, there is a ray of hope as ***another son is born to carry out God's plan and His will.***

God has given me another offspring in place of Abel because Cain killed him.



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- At the very end of chapter 4 we hear at this time, about a thousand years after creation, mankind started ***“to call upon the name of YHVH.”*** (Genesis 4:26) *What exactly does this mean?*
- Some have taken this as a very good thing, that mankind is finally starting to get its act together and relying upon God, calling on His name and worshipping Him together.
- However, in light of what we know is coming in chapter 6 of this first book, ***that might seem unlikely.*** *It seems even more unlikely in view of mankind’s continued downward spiral into sin and evil.*

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And indeed, to Hebrew interpreters, it **takes on a FAR different meaning**. Consider this commentary:

“The Jews give a very different sense of these words; the Targum of Onkelos is, “then in his days the children of men ceased from praying in the name of the Lord;” and the Targum of Jonathan is, “this was the age, in the days of which they began to err, and they made themselves idols, and surnamed their idols by the name of the Word of the Lord;” with which agrees the note of Jarchi, “then they began to call the names of men, and the names of herbs, by the name of the blessed God, to make idols of them...”
(from “The Expositor’s Bible” first printed in late 1880’s)

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- In other words, they may have **used God's name in vain, assigning His name to idols, plants, and other things they would worship.**
- This strange little note at the end of chapter 4 could indicate that at this time mankind really departed from worship of Yahweh into worship of the creation, and idols.

**This may have been the beginning of
POLYTHEISM, IDOLATRY and PAGANISM.**

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- Truth is, we **just don't know exactly what this means**. It could mean mankind knows of Yahweh early and worships Him, finally. Or, as some say, it could mean that they turned against Him, and started the practice of idolatry.
- The latter seems more probable, considering what we see in Genesis 6, and what we know so far of the spreading wickedness of mankind.
- Sin is becoming a nasty, festering disease among God's creation....*and this may include the heavenly hosts as well (!)* We'll save that for Genesis 6.

Critical Truths from GENESIS

Genesis 5
holds an
unexpected
surprise....but
you have to
DIG for it!



Critical Truths from GENESIS

- Genesis 5 is one of those chapters most westerners just skip over because they can't pronounce the names of all those early earth inhabitants.
- This chapter contains lots of numbers, names and life spans, and doesn't seem to be of particular interest. It's just genealogy.
- **First of all, genealogy is incredibly important** in the Bible because it ties God's word to a secular timeline where certain events can be verified.
- Genealogy is also important to trace the priests (tribe of Levi) and the kings (tribe of Judah) of Israel, but most especially the Messiah.

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But that's not the treasure to be found here. If we do a little more digging here's what we can find...

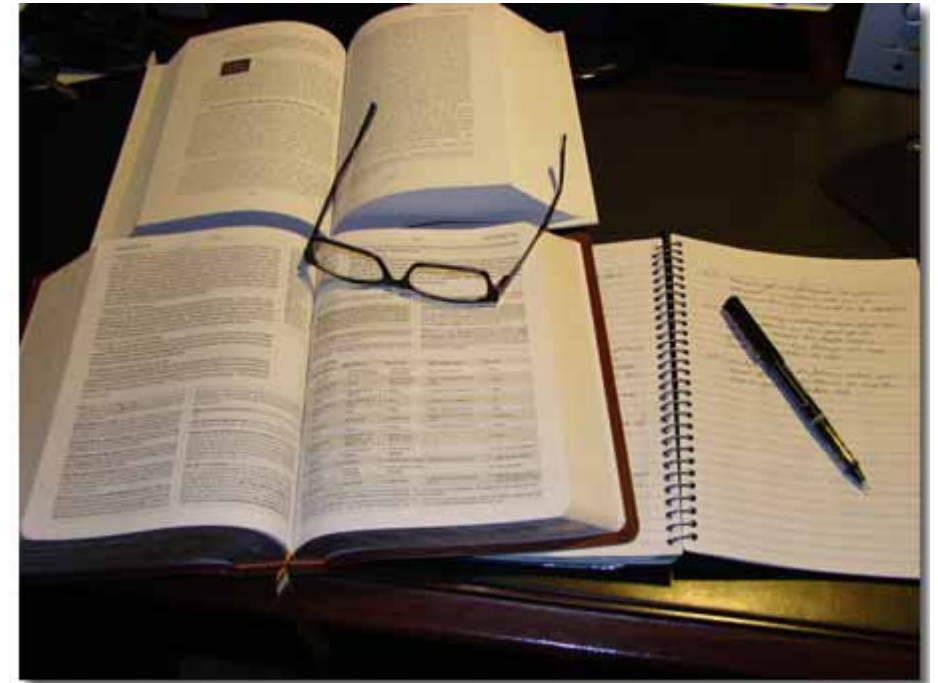
- When we read our English Bibles, the proper names of people are not translated, they are left in their **“transliterated”** form, meaning their sounds are written the best way we can in English.
- Quite often in scripture we can gain deeper understanding when we actually translate the names to what they meant in Hebrew. It is sometimes difficult to do this, as direct translations are not easy to come by.

Critical Truths from GENESIS

- If we go back to the original root words, however, we can get some interesting information.
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- There seems to be a very early and distinct message from God in a chapter that appears only be a somewhat dry and boring genealogical listing of names and ages.
- The root words of these names can provide us an amazing insight into God's plan, right from the beginning. There are 10 generations from Adam, the first man created, to Noah, the one who built the ark and was saved from the flood with his family. Here's what we know of their names:

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*This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. ...³ And **Adam** ...begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him **Seth**...⁶ Seth ...begot **Enosh**...⁹ Enosh ...begot **Cainan**....¹² Cainan ...begot **Mahalalel**.¹⁵ Mahalalel ... begot **Jared**.¹⁸ Jared ...begot **Enoch**.²¹ Enoch ...begot **Methuselah**.²⁵ Methuselah ...begot **Lamech**.²⁸ Lamech ...had a son.²⁹ And he called his name **Noah**, saying, “This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the YHVH has cursed.” (Genesis 5, selected passages)*

Critical Truths from GENESIS

- Just a quick note...In addition to the names in this chapter, we also see two other notable points:

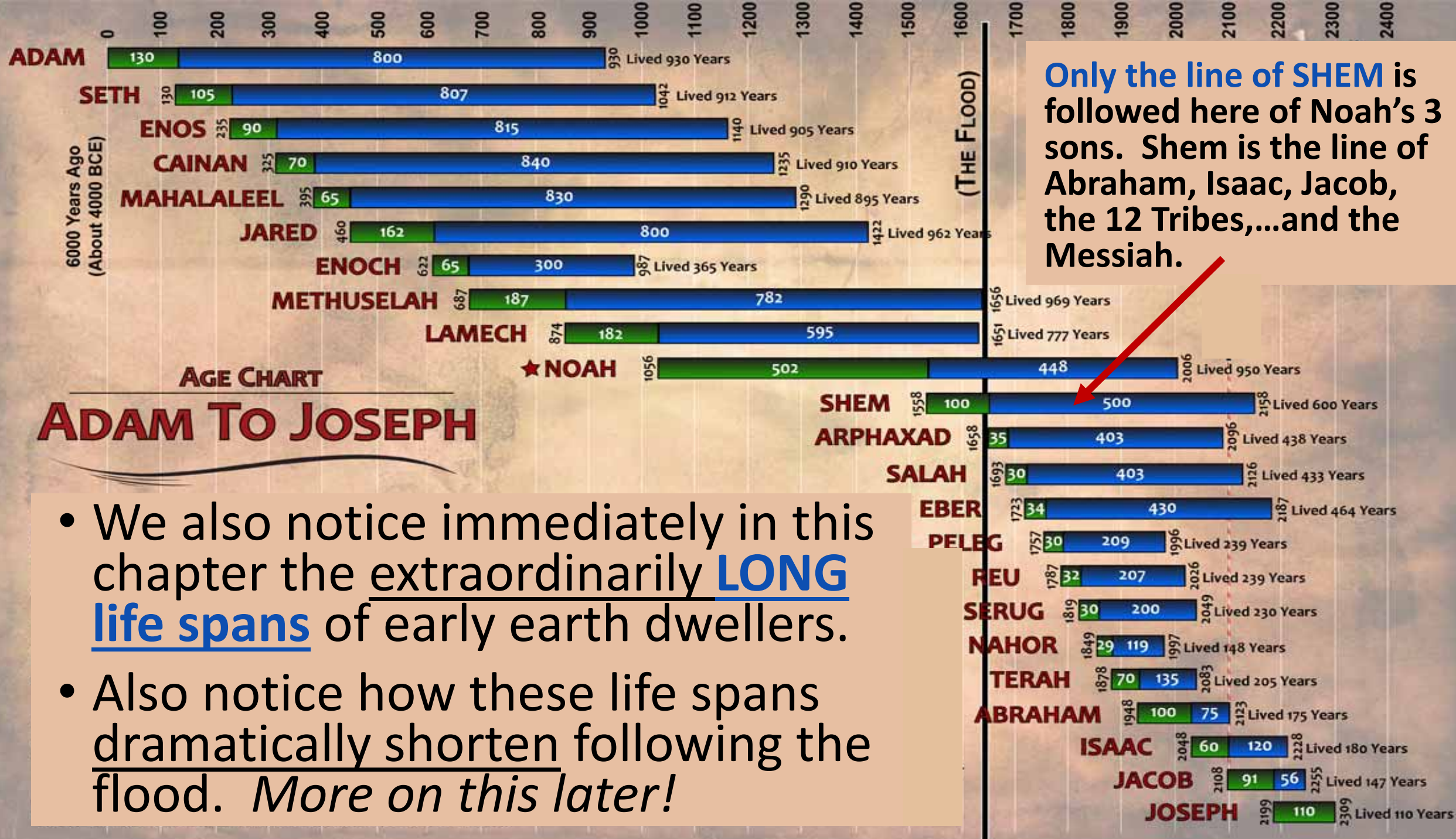
First, we are told something very interesting. Enoch apparently did not die. He was “taken by God.”

“²² After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. ²³ So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. ²⁴ And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.”

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- The word for “took” here is the Hebrew *lâqach*, which literally means **“seized” or snatched**.
- Essentially, it is the same word as the Greek *harpazo* (*New Testament*) and also the Latin(Vulgate) *rapturo*. Which, of course, we have translated into **raptured!**
- Enoch is apparently the first to be “caught up” to God! He won't be the last. We hear of this again, later, even before the catching up (snatching!) of the saints.





Only the line of SHEM is followed here of Noah's 3 sons. Shem is the line of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the 12 Tribes,...and the Messiah.

- We also notice immediately in this chapter the extraordinarily LONG life spans of early earth dwellers.
- Also notice how these life spans dramatically shorten following the flood. *More on this later!*

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Hebrew Name	Meaning, Root Words	Understanding
1. ADAM (Adam) אָדָם	<i>ruddy, that is, a human being</i> (an individual or the species, <i>mankind</i> , etc.)	Mankind
2. SETH (Sheth) שֵׁת	<i>from shîyth to place, - apply,</i> appointed	Appointed, placed
3. ENOSH (Enosh) אֲנוֹשׁ	<i>mortal; a man in general.</i> From 'ânash to <i>be frail, feeble,</i> or <i>melancholy: - desperate (-ly</i> wicked), incurable, sick, frail, woeful.	Frail, incurable, wicked, sick, woeful (<i>mortal</i>)

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4. KENAN (Keinan, Qeynan, Cainan) קֵינָן	from qên, a <i>nest</i> , figuratively a <i>chamber</i> or <i>dwelling</i> : - nest, room. Can also mean "sorrow," dirge," or "elegy." <i>(precise meaning is elusive)</i>	Sorrow (<i>perhaps combined with dwelling place</i>)
5. MAHALALEEL (Mahalal'el) מְהַלְלֵאֵל	<i>Praise/bless God, strength/fame of God</i>	Praise God, Powerful God, Blessed God

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6. JARED (Yered) יָרֵד	<i>a descent; from yârad, to descend (literally to go downwards)</i>	Come down
7. ENOCH (Chanoch, Chanok) חֲנוּךְ	<i>from chânak, figuratively to initiate or discipline: - dedicate, train up (teach). (Enoch was a “preacher”)</i>	Train up, teach

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Hebrew Name	Meaning, Root Words	Understanding
<p>8. METHUSELAH (Methushelach) מתושלח</p>	<p>Flood wasn't a surprise. Enoch given prophecy when son died, flood would come. Named son this way. Used 2 root words that can mean "his death will bring." <u>mûth</u>, to <i>die; to kill; death</i>; <u>shâlach</u>, to <i>send away, for, or out</i> (in a great variety of applications) - to bring</p>	<p>His death will bring</p>

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9. LAMECH (Lemek) לַמֶּכֶךְ	Perhaps from a primitive root lâ'âh; to <i>tire</i> ; to <i>be</i> (or <i>make</i>) <i>disgusted</i> : - faint, grieve, loathe, (be, make) weary (selves). Also lament.	Faint, weary, despairing
10. NOAH (Noach) נֹחַ	<i>quiet</i> : - rest (-ed, -ing place). primitive root; to <i>rest</i> , that is, <i>settle down</i> ; (to <i> dwell, stay, let fall, place, give comfort, etc.</i>): - cause to be at peace.	Comfort, rest, a dwelling place of rest

Critical Truths from GENESIS


Hebrew Name	Understanding
Adam	Mankind
Seth	Appointed
Enosh	Mortal, frail, wicked, sick
Kenan (<i>Cainan</i>)	Sorrow (in dwelling place)
Mahalal'el	Powerful/Blessed God
Jared	Come down
Enoch	Train up, teach
Methuselah	His death shall bring
Lamech	Faint, weary, despairing
Noah	Comfort, rest (a dwelling of rest)

Critical Truths from GENESIS

THE MESSAGE:

Mankind is appointed to be mortal, frail, wicked and sick, sorrowful in his dwelling place. The praised, powerful and blessed God will come down to teach and train up. His death will bring the faint, weary and despairing comfort, and a dwelling place of rest.

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From the very beginning, God's redemptive plan can be seen in the scriptures. Here in Genesis chapter 5 it is summarized beautifully in the names given to the first humans.

All mankind has had the opportunity to know it, and accept it...or not. The choice is ours.

Critical Truths from GENESIS

The redemptive plan of God can even be more specifically seen IN HIS NAME!

The “Name” of God first appears in Genesis 2:1...

“This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens...”

The Name (HaShem) of God is written as YHVH Elohim. His “name” is **YHVH**, the unpronounceable name that is never spoken by orthodox Jews.

Before others,

time of Moses (Proto Canaanite)

Paleo Hebrew



Aramaic



Modern Hebrew



HAY VAV HAY YOD



BEHOLD NAIL BEHOLD HAND

