

Genesis 5; May 5, 2025 -Men's Monday Morning Bible Study

Review and Intro: Last week we looked at the story of Cain killing Abel and the continuation of the promise of the snake killer.

Today's passage is the first genealogy that we get in the OT. As a general principle, whenever you see a genealogy in the Bible, it is an indicator that the story is changing or something significant is about to happen.

Here, the point seems to be about the introduction to Noah.

Chapter 4 has six generations plus the sons of Lamech. Chapter 5 has nine generations plus the three sons of Noah.

There are a few noteworthy things about the genealogy, such as Enoch (walking with God and was no more..." and Methuselah, the oldest guy ever at 969 years.

Hebrews 11 mentions both Enoch and Noah. No other passage of scripture that has two names in the same passage mentioned in the "hall of faith."

Why did they live so long? What happened to Enoch?

Text:

V1 Image of God preserved and the personal nature of God.

V21-24 Enoch

Two Enochs. The first one was the descendant of Cain (4:17-18). Seventh from Adam contrasted with Lamech, the seventh from Cain. Lamech is different from Noah's father (v30). He was the completeness of Cain's rebellion and sin. He multiplied his ungodliness. God's judgement is coming to this antediluvian world of sin and corruption.

1Chronicles 1:3

Luke 3:37

Jude 14-15 "But Enoch, *in the seventh generation* from Adam, also prophesied about these men, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, ¹⁵ to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds

which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

“ungodly” four times in Jude passage.

Parallel with modern times.

Judgement is coming, like it was for them.

Amos 5:18-19: Woe, you who are longing for the day of Yahweh,
For what purpose *will* the day of Yahweh *be* to you?

It *will be* darkness and not light;

¹⁹ As when a man flees from a lion

And a bear meets him;

Or he goes home, leans his hand against the wall,

And a snake bites him.

Matthew 24:37-39: ³⁷ For just as the days of Noah were, so the coming of the Son of Man will be. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Enoch “walked with God.”¹ What does that mean? Consider 4 things:

1 Faith

-2Cor 5:7 “walk by faith not by sight”; Heb 11:5-6 “By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; and he was not found because God took him up; for prior to being taken up, he was approved as being pleasing to God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who draws near to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”

2 Holiness

1John 1:5-7 And this is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not do the truth;

¹ Boice, James Montgomery, Genesis; p287-288

⁷ but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Col 1:10 so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and multiplying in the full knowledge of God;

Eph 4:1 Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, exhort you to walk worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

3 Agreement on direction

Amos 3 :3 “Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so”

Is 40:31 “But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”

Work of the Spirit

Gal 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh

Rom 8:4 so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

4 Sometimes the walk can be a run

Heb 12:1-3 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us **run** with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

1 Corinthians 9:24

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

Psalms 119:32

“I run in the path of your commands, for you have broadened my understanding.”

Philippians 2:16

“As you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.”

Jeremiah 12:5

“If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses?”

Acts 20:24

“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me.”

2 Timothy 4:7

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

Conclusion & Application:

Preservation of the godly remnant.

God knows people by their names : Exodus 33 :17 ; Isaiah 45:3 (Cyrus)

Heb 11 Enoch and Noah in the hall of faith.

Malachi 3 :16 People’s names written in the scroll.

Rev 20 :11-15 Names written in the Lamb’s book of life.

Walk, run, in a manner worthy of the gospel.

Closing Prayer:

Father, thank You for Your provision of Jesus who covers our sin. Thank you for giving us the ability to walk with you in holiness. Give us strength to run in our time. Find us faithful men who do not let sin reign but instead, may Christ reign in and through us, we pray in Jesus’ name, Amen.