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"The generations of Adam" - the genealogy which flows from Adam.

"This is the book of the generations of Adam" - this is the written account of Adam's lineage.

Perhaps the word "book" indicates that Moses had a written source that he used in composing this family lineage.

Or he may have received these details directly from God and uses the term "book" or written account in reference to this Genesis account.

Biblical genealogies are important for several reasons:

1. Biblical genealogies show the line from Adam to Christ and validate Jesus as the Messiah (Luke 3:23-38).

2. Genealogies show the unity of the races, demonstrating how all races flowed out of the one race (the human race) from Adam. There is therefore no room for racial prejudice or arrogant racial supremacy.

3. Bible genealogies show us the age of the earth. If one traces the records back to Adam, you find that Christ was born roughly around 4,000 years after the creation of Adam, making the earth approximately 6,000 years old to date.

   "If there are no gaps in this chronology, then 1,656 years elapsed between creation and the flood." (Ryrie, note)

4. Bible genealogies show God's interest in people. People matter to God!

   "People are important to Him as individuals, not just as races or nations" (Life Application Bible, note).

   God knows each individual and cares for each. You are not just a nameless number with God!

v. 2
"Called their name Adam" - Male and female would bear the name: "Adam"

[Some translations translate the word as "man" or "mankind," but the Hebrew word is "*Adam"* just as the name of the first man who was made out of the ground - *"Adamah."*

Husband and wife were given the name "Adam."

1. This implies the unity of marriage (the two becoming one flesh)

2. This implies the headship of the man in the marriage

> Just as Eve bore her husband's name, "Mrs. Adam", so today in most societies, the man's name is adopted by the wife.

Event he children carry on the name of the father, demonstrating their seminal link to him. This is why the male lineage is given in this chapter. The "seed" linkage from one generation to the next is shown, connecting the generations from Adam.

"Male and female. . . in the day [singular] **they** [plural] **were created" -** God created Adam and Eve on the same day - Day six of the Creation week.

v. 3
"Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son" - This mention of time helps us establish a time-line from one generation to the next.

This mention of "time" does not imply that Adam didn't also have other children in between Cain and Seth. Special attention is given to Seth, however, because his family lineage to Noah is going to be established in this chapter.

"In his own likeness, after his image" - It is interesting that this same terminology is used of Adam being created in God's "image and likeness" (1:26). But now a shift is made: no longer would the descendents of Adam be in the perfect, sinless image and likeness of God, but they would bear the depraved and fallen image and likeness of Adam.

The birth of children is not a new creative work of God (the creation process ended after day six). Now children would be conceived by "procreation," through the natural means God established.

God is not the author of sin, and He couldn't created a "sinner." Man's sin nature, therefore, is not recreated by God every time a child is conceived in the womb; rather, the sin nature is passed on by the seed (sperm) of the man. Genetically, a child's blood type and nature is passed on by the seed of the man. (Note: Christ avoided the connection with sin by being virgin born.)

A major theme in Genesis 5 involves that of death (as a result of the curse). The phrase **"and he died"** occurs over and over.

However, notice the longevity of life: The average life span in this chapter is 912 years - almost a millenium.

--Adam - 930 years (Gen. 5:5)
--Seth - 912 years (5:8)
--Methuselah - 969 years (5:27)
--Noah - 950 years (9:29)
(He was 600 when the flood came - Gen. 7:6)

Compare these life spans with . . .

--Abraham - 175 years (25:7)

--Moses - 120 years (Dt. 34:7)
--Since Moses' day until now - 70 years (Ps. 90:10)

Why did people live so long in those days?

1. God sovereignly allowed the longevity of life so that mankind could replenish the earth (Note the repeated phrase: "begat sons and daughters throughout chapter 5).

2. It took some time for the effects of sin to shorten man's life span.

   "The human race was more genetically pure in this early time period, so there was less disease to shorten life spans" (Life Application Bible, note)

3. The life span dramatically drops after the Flood, perhaps indicating that the canopy of waters which surrounded the earth (1:7) [which was not broken up until the Flood] filtered out the damaging ultra-violet rays from the sun (which cause aging), thus allowing man to live longer.

Another theme in chapter 5 involves that of hope.

Whereas Genesis 4 detailed the "corrupt seed" of the line of Cain, Genesis 5 details the "favored seed" of the line of Seth.

v. 25

SEE: Gen. 4:25

The name **"Seth"** means "the appointed one"; the name comes from the word translated "appointed." It has the idea of "to place." Seth would take the place of the last righteous son Adam and Eve had - Abel.

Seth's lineage would survive via Noah and Cain's would perish in the flood. Out of Seth would come everyone of the human race alive today.

v. 26
"Then began men to call upon the name of the LORD" - In contrast to the worldly, secular line of Cain (4:16-24 - none of whom are noted for Godliness), the line of Seth would include some of the most Godly people in history, men who trusted God and called out to Him on a continual basis. Men like Enoch, who walked with God, and like Noah, who worked for God.

v. 29
"Noah" - His name carries the idea of "rest" or "comfort."

After the flood, and the beginning of the water cycle as we know it, perhaps the ground would be easier to work with (due to the water cycle's interchange of water via rain, etc.)

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What God wrote in the O.T. (the lives, examples, etc.) is for our benefit (Rom. 15:4).

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"Enoch walked with God" - i.e. He lived his life on earth with the awareness (consciousness) of God's presence. Your "walk" refers to your conduct of life.

"Enoch walked with God" - A common experience; a shared reality.

Enoch was not only next to God, but God was next to him.

God promises: "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you" (James 4:8) (cp. Hezekiah - II Ki. 18:6, 7 - "For he clave to the LORD, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses. And the LORD was with him; and he prospered whithersoever he went forth:").

Amos asked the rhetorical question, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3)

The answer is No.

Therefore, in order for man to walk with God, he must agree with God.

He must walk "worthy" of God (Col. 1:10 - "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." I Thes. 2:12 - "That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto His kingdom and glory.")

There must be a sharing in common (fellowship) with God: a sharing of moral virtues and characteristics.

--God is Truth (Jn. 14:6; 17:17) . . . therefore, to walk with Him, you must walk in His truth (Ps. 26:3; 86:11 - "Teach me Thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name." Rom. 13:13); and believe His truth (Ro. 4:12; II Cor. 5:7 - "For we walk by faith, not by sight")

--God is Light (I Jn. 5)...you must walk in the Light (I Jn. 1:7) not in darkness (v.6). If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not

the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. (I John 1:6-7)

--God is righteous (Rom. 3:26) . . . you must walk righteously (Rom. 6:4 - "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."), not like the world (Eph. 4:17 - "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind."), but like children of God (Eph. 5:8)

--God is Spirit . . . You must walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16, 25), not after the flesh (Rom. 8:1, 4)
Gal. 5:16 -This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

--God is Love . . . You must walk in love (Eph. 5:2 - "And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.") to please God (I Th. 4:1 - "Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.")

Enoch could walk with God because he was going in the same direction as God, and had his mind on the same wavelength as God and enjoyed the continual fellowship of God.

For someone to walk with God, God must be more than a doctrine or theology to them, but a personal Friend.

II. The TIME of Enoch's Walk With God (Gen. 5:21-24; 6:5)

A. Enoch walked with God "after" his son was born (v. 22)

Apparently, Enoch lived 65 years (v. 21) before he finally walked with God.

The birth of Methuselah was perhaps an incentive for Enoch to walk with God. Often, the first child in the home awakens parents to the need to live Godly and set a right example. [SEE poem - "To Any Daddy"]

Enoch's walking with God at the age of 65 teaches us that it is never too late to begin walking with God. You can begin today!

B. Enoch walked with God for 300 years (v. 23-24)

Once Enoch began his walk with God, he never stopped.

Perhaps the reason for his son living so long (the longest life ever recorded - 969 years old) was due to a Godly example on the part of his father, which Methuselah followed.

C. Enoch walked with God in a wicked world (6:5)

SEE Genesis 6:5

Enoch, who lived during the seventh generation from Adam, lived at the same time as the culmination of Cain's recorded line, during the generation of wicked Lamech (4:23-24).

"In a deteriorating age, Enoch gave a remarkable demonstration of commendable piety. In thought, work, deed, and attitude, he was in accord with the divine will, and he brought joy to the heart of his Maker" (Wycliffe Bible Commentary, p. 11).

When someone walked with God in the Bible, they always walked alone.

EX: the isolated examples of men and women of God sprinkled throughout the Bible who lived in pagan societies (Noah, Abram, Lot, Joseph, Moses, Elijah, Jeremiah, Daniel, John the Baptist, etc.).

Those who walk with God are always in the minority.

NOTE: The only other reference to someone walking with God was to Enoch's great grandson, Noah (Gen. 6:9). God rewarded Noah by delivering him from the flood.

Your walk with God is very often alone but it is not lonely.

III. The OCCUPATION of Enoch's Walk With God (Jude 14-15)

Jude 1:14-15
*And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, **prophesied** of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,*
To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

*Enoch walked with God and preached judgment

Enoch, being a preacher who walked with God was bold in his preaching against ungodliness. He was not afraid to preach against sin and the coming judgment (wrath) of God.

Perhaps the reason why so many so-called preachers today do not preach hard against sin is because so few are walking with God.

IV. The INCENTIVE of Enoch's Walk With God (Heb. 11:5)

Heb 11:5
"By faith Enoch …"

*Enoch walked with God because he believed God

What you believe determines how you walk (live) (faith determines works - Ja. 2:18-26)

EX: Atheistic evolution breeds debauchery and sinful living. After all (to the evolutionist), we are just amoral "animals" - not accountable to a Creator God.

V. The REWARDS of Enoch's Walk With God (Heb. 11:5b; cp. Gen. 5:24)

Heb.11:5 - *"By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God".*

A. Enoch's walk with God gained him a powerful testimony (11:5b)

The phrase: "He pleased God" is actually a quote of the LXX (Septuagint - Gen. 5:22, 24). The phrase "Enoch walked with God" was translated in the LXX as "Enoch was well-pleasing to God."

B. Enoch's walk with God gained him deliverance from death (11:5; Gen. 5:24)

1) Enoch's faith caused him to walk pleasing to God

2) His pleasing walk gave him a powerful testimony

3) And to validate his testimony, God rewarded (v. 6) Enoch by receiving him to heaven without going through the experience of dying.

Enoch is an exception to the dismal refrain "and he died" in Genesis 5 (cp. v. 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 27, 31).

Enoch walked with God right into the glorious presence of God.

"A beautiful and meaningful miracle was wrought so that the one man who had learned to love God and walk with Him might continue in that fellowship without interruption" (Wycliffe, p. 11).

Only two men ascended to heaven without dying -

1) Enoch (Gen. 5:24; Heb. 11:5)
2) Elijah (II Ki. 2:11)

The only other time this phenomenon will happen again is at the Rapture (I Thes. 4:17).

Enoch and Elijah are perhaps the most obvious guess at who the "two witnesses" are in Rev. 11:3-12). (Elijah is sure to return - Malachi 4:5).

CONCLUSION: