

Adam-Noah Timeline (The Bible Is Truth)

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 a total of 930 years, and then he died.

6 When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father of Enosh.

7 After he became the father of Enosh, Seth lived 807 years and had other sons and daughters.

8 Altogether, Seth lived a total of 912 years, and then he died.

9 When Enosh had lived 90 years, he became the father of Kenan.

10 After he became the father of Kenan, Enosh lived 815 years and had other sons and daughters.

11 Altogether, Enosh lived a total of 905 years, and then he died

12 When Kenan had lived 70 years, he became the father of Mahalalel.

13 After he became the father of Mahalalel, Kenan lived 840 years and had other sons and daughters.

14 Altogether, Kenan lived a total of 910 years, and then he died.

15 When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he became the father of Jared.

16 After he became the father of Jared, Mahalalel lived 830 years and had other sons and daughters.

17 Altogether, Mahalalel lived a total of 895 years, and then he died.

18 When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of Enoch.

19 After he became the father of Enoch, Jared lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters.

20 Altogether, Jared lived a total of 962 years, and then he died.

21 When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah.

22 After he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters.

23 Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years.

24 Enoch walked faithfully 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 After he became the father of Lamech, Methuselah lived 782 years and had other sons and daughters.

27 Altogether, Methuselah lived a total of 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 a total of 777 years, and then he died.

Genesis 5:3-31

The Basic Bible Truth

The Bible does not just contain the words of God, it is the Word of God. It does not just contain truths; it is Truth. It is without error and can be trusted implicitly. To throw out any part of scripture and label it as fable or legend is a very dangerous position to take. One cannot accept just the parts of the Bible that

they happen to agree with at the time. We must accept it in its entirety. It has never been proven wrong—EVER! And that trust of the Word, for the Christian, must stretch all the way to the beginning. God included the passage in Genesis 5 for a reason. It is not just taking up space in His Book. As it is written, there is no room for redefining what the term “years” means in the passage. It refers to literal passage of time as we define it today. And some very simple math shows some interesting results. The Earth is not billions of years old. Its age must be counted in thousands, not millions or billions of years. Could God have created a world with the appearance of age? Absolutely! No one would say that God created Adam as a little baby. He was created as a man, with the appearance of age. Just consider, at one year of age, he stood as a fully grown man, not an infant just learning to walk. Could God not have done the same with the earth and heavens as well? To accept the current world view of the age of the earth requires that this passage be ignored or excluded from consideration. I am not willing to do that.

The Object

A Chart Showing The Information Found in Genesis 5

NAME	YEAR BORN	YEARS TO SON	TOTAL AGE	YEAR OF DEATH
Adam	0	130	930	930
Seth	130	105	912	1042
Enosh	235	90	905	1140
Kenan	325	70	910	1235
Mahalalel	395	65	895	1290
Jared	460	162	962	1422
Enoch	622	65	365	987
Methuselah	687	187	969	1656
Lamech	874	182	777	1651
Noah	1056	500+	950	2006
Shem	1559			

The information in this chart is calculated using simple mathematics. This lesson is intended to impress the idea that Gods Word can be taken literally and without doubt of its truth.

The Lesson

I begin this lesson with an introduction of its content. I will usually have drawn out a chart on a large white board before class and use class time and audience participation to fill in all of the blanks. In this day and age, most people carry a phone with a calculator app on it. I use that to my advantage to get more people involved with the discussion. After filling in the entire chart, it is a good practice to go back and highlight a couple of key things.

Take note of the year that Adam died. Notice that Noah was born shortly after Adam passed away. But Noah's father could have known Adam personally and talked with him.

Enoch was taken at a relatively “young” age. The Bible tells us here that he walked with God. That is said of no one else in scripture. What a remarkable man he must have been. Other passages tell us that he was a preacher of the message of God. One would imagine him to have been a wonderful example of a godly man in every respect. His son would have witnessed his father's life first hand, and no doubt, respected it. Remind yourself at this point of the commandment to “Honor your father and mother”, and note that it came with a promise of an extended lifespan. Methuselah is on record as the man to have lived the longest. Is that just coincidence?

The great flood came in the year 1656. It is the belief of this writer that God took his people home and spared them His wrath and destruction. Only Noah and his immediate family survived God's judgment as the flood came upon the earth. They were miraculously and wonderfully saved.

Tremendous lifespans in those days allowed for overlapping of many generations. Imagine the experience and knowledge that could be passed down through the family. That could also work negatively, in that a poor example of a father would continue to influence many generations of impressionable minds.

This generational account also pins down time for us in an interesting way. The earth is not as old as the world says it is. It was created with the look of age, and to say otherwise, is to disregard Genesis 5.

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