

Tip-Toe  
Through the  
Tombstones

**Genesis 5:1 – 6:13**



~ Our Spiritual Safari expedition through the entire Word of God is in the middle of a deep, dark, remote – and wholly ignored - section of the Scriptural jungle as we enter chapter five. I don't think the sun will be coming out anytime soon, friends. If we could get a daily newspaper out here in the bush, all we would see are the monotonous and recurring headlines of a lost and dying world and its hopeless events surrounding creation, the fall of mankind and the inescapable consequences of sin and disobedience to the True and Living God – the Lord Jesus Christ. Those are the only things the world is talking about right now; but, instead of sitting around reading yesterdays news, we must keep moving forward.

Unfortunately, to get out of this place we have to go through the very despondent and discouraging graveyard that is chapter five of the Book of Genesis. Here, we have the line of Adam that continues through Seth. The lineage of Cain has been given to us and that family is now dropped because God is finished with them. Did God give them up? I could easily make the case that He has! We will only see Cain's line again as they cross the Godly line. This is the pattern of revelation via lineage that the Lord established throughout the remainder of Genesis....

**V**

***1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;***

***2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.***

~ "The book of the generation of Adam" is a strange expression that will only reoccur once again in the Bible - in the New Testament - in "The Book

of the Generations of the Lord Jesus Christ.” That reveals that we have two books - and we already know they represent two different families; two seeds that are diametrically opposed to each other: the line of Satan and the accepted line of Christ. Further, we know the struggle between the two will be a very long struggle, indeed – and we know that because it is still continuing today as I type this report and as you read it! So, our reasonable, fair and legitimate questions at this point become: how old was Adam when he was one hundred thirty years old? When God created Adam, did He make him 12 – or 25 – or 44 – or some other number of years old? If God created him that old, was he REALLY that old, or - what? – God could have easily done any of that.

Well, friends, there are some questions in this life to which the only credible answer is: we don't know. Candidly, “I don't know” is the only correct answer to most of our questions surrounding the age of the earth. It isn't very satisfactory to come to that conclusion – I understand that; but, God says, “....TOO BAD” – because those things simply are not important to Him – which means they aren't important to us, either. See, the rocks that scientists declare are billions of years old may or may not be that old. What if they were already three trillion or nine billion six hundred million six hundred thousand sixty-six years old when they were created two or sixteen hundred googol years ago? As you can see: we simply don't know – and cannot know - right now. What we do know is that God says Adam begat sons in his “own likeness.” We also know that God had made Adam in His likeness. Of course, Seth was very different from Adam. Think that one through to its final conclusion and see what you come up with; and, as we move along now, let's look at some of these tombstones. Yes, there are some birth certificates mixed in here, too; but they all have a corresponding epitaph. Please read them *all* very carefully....

***3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:***

***4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:***

***5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.***

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

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

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

***9 And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan:***

***10 And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters:***

***11 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.***

***12 And Cainan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalaleel:***

***13 And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters:***

***14 And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.***

***15 And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared:***

***16 And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:***

***17 And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.***

***18 And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch:***

***19 And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:***

***20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.***

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

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

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

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

~ Thank God for giving us at least one bright spot in this dark chapter. Enoch lived sixty-five years before he had a son. Enoch waked with God after the birth of Methuselah. I don't think Enoch walked with God *before* he became a father, though. If a child doesn't change the life and heart of a man – nothing will. Then, Enoch goes on and has more sons and daughters; but he is the only one that did not die – for “he was not” – and God took him. Now, the story goes like this: Enoch began to walk with God after he became a father. Every day, God would come by Enoch's house. Enoch would wait for God and walk with Him and talk with Him and walk and talk some more. One day, Enoch was walking with God and they walked very far from Enoch's home. Suddenly, it became very late in the afternoon. So, Enoch said to God, “...it's getting late and I should be getting home before it gets too dark.” - But God said to Enoch, “...no, Enoch, you're closer to My home now, so you'll be coming home with Me today!” I don't know of any better way to tell the story; and that just happens to come from a seven-year-old Sunday school girl.

Only two men “walked with God” in the Old Testament: Noah and Enoch. Likewise, there are only two men that did not die in the Old Testament, Enoch and Elijah. Enoch is one of the few antediluvians of which we have any record at all - and that record tells us that he did not die – but that God took him. That means he was translated. Of course, translation is taking

something in one language and then speaking or writing it in another language. A good translation means precisely the same thing in two languages. Enoch had to be a different individual - but he had to be the same individual, too. Enoch was translated from a man on earth to one in Heaven! I don't know about you, but for me, that is *THE* deepest depth of critical thinking I can attain to – and I don't attain to it very well! I believe all great truths of the Bible are here in Genesis in germane form. The story of Enoch is also a picture of the rapture of the church. Before the judgment of the earth comes in the form of the flood, God removed Enoch from it....

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

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

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

~ We should note that from Adam to Enoch completely bridges the gap from creation to the flood. I personally feel, however, there is still a gap – possibly several gaps - in this genealogy. The New Testament opens similarly with the genealogy given concerning the Lord Jesus. It intentionally leaves out quite a few people in order to give it to us in three equal segments. It follows through accurately - and I'm sure it is accurate here in Genesis, too; but, nonetheless, the important thing to notice is there may, indeed, be a gap or several. That would account for my personal estimation, which is: man has been on earth a whole lot longer than we think he has. We won't be going into that because it is quite involved and, frankly, not really that interesting. The bottom line is that some people think they know – but they do not know. Professing themselves to be wise they have become fools. Scripture is just not clear about some things, my beloved; and we have to accept that. The disturbing aspect of this debate is that some honestly think they know the redemptive history of mankind. Well, as they insist on their ignorance, God indicates that He is simply not interested in having us solve the numbers games of the world.

The name Methuselah means “sending forth.” Dr Newbury said, “...when Methuselah is dead, the flood shall be sent.” As long as Methuselah was alive, there could be no flood. Indeed, a genealogy of the patriarchs indicates the year that Methuselah died is the year the flood happened. The unusually long life of this man shows the mercy and patience of God. God will wait for you, my friend; He will wait for you all your life if need be! So, as we continue down through the rest of this fifth chapter, we come to Lamech, who had a son named Noah....

***28 And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son:***

***29 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.***

***30 And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters:***

***31 And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.***

***32 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.***

~ There is a blindly accepted theory that is very popular in ALL philosophical programs today - one which concludes that human nature is inherently and innately good and that it can be improved upon. The theory says that if we can only improve the environment and heredity of an individual, then the individual can be improved personally. Communism and socialism both seek to improve man by that method. Arminianism believes that man can assist in his own salvation. Modernism declares man can save himself. Some people seem to think salvation is a do-it-yourself kit God mails to them if they place an order. Most cults tell you human nature is totally good and there is no such thing as sin. Well, God says something totally the opposite in Holy Writ. God says man is totally *evil!* None are good – all are totally corrupt – no, not one is good! *THAT* is what God said. If you will accept God as being correct I assure you a truer conception of life

than if you reject Him. I also assure you that others will tell you you're absolutely wrong! My friends, we are following the Godly line in man - but what is this all coming to? – Is there going to be some millennial legion field of utopia set up by man on the earth? – Should we all start building a kingdom down here? Not exactly; in fact, not at all! ~

## VI

***1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,***

***2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.***

***3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.***

***4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.***

~ Chapter six tells us that a flood is coming upon the earth. The flood is, of course, a judgment from God. Everything we have seen for the last several reports is going to culminate into this judgment; and we are now told the reason for said judgment of the earth: that GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. The “sons of God” and the “daughters of men” are two phrases that have caused no end to discussion. Many well-meaning, good men take the position that the “sons of Gods” here are angels; and I realize that most Bible teachers teach that the “sons of God” were angels. However, I cannot accept that; because if these were good angels, they would not commit this sin! If they were bad angels, I don't think they would have the designation “sons of God!” Further, the offspring here were men – not spiritual beings. So, our Spiritual Safari rejects wholesale the teaching that the “sons of God” were angels.”

I am not really sure why so many people ASSUME that the offspring from these unions were giants, either. Verse four says there were giants; but it doesn't say the giants were the offspring of these unions. Indeed, the account is the children became mighty men; or, men of renown. These people weren't freaks, friends – they were men – just like you – just like me. This record makes it clear there were giants in the earth – but that was before these particular children were produced. Humanity has a tremendous capacity. Man is fearfully and wonderfully made. This chapter sets forth some great truths that have been utterly lost in the world today. The idea that we have come up from some protoplasm found in a garbage can is utterly as preposterous as the seaweed or monkey theory; and our so called safari examined ALL of man's theories and philosophies concerning this in our Guideline reports, you will recall. Scientists are on the verge of repudiating evolution these days. Many scientists already look ridiculous because there is just nothing conclusive about the "assured findings of science" – and that includes evolution. A philosophy, like any other philosophy, can be accepted or it can be rejected. When evolution is accepted, it leads to some crazy solutions, such as everything is a problem in the world and that sin is really just a disease, like alcoholism, for example. This get's us in trouble throughout the world really fast because, in the final analysis, man is merely looking for another problem to fit his half-witted solutions!

Man likes to think he is some sort of white knight riding through the world spreading what is good and right – but we don't like to see that, in reality, we're debased sinners in desperate need of a Savior. We have a self-appointed, intelligencia think tank elite at university these days who graduate to military, government and news media professions - and they honestly think they're super-knows; that somehow or another they have arrived on a plane of understanding no one else can reach except those who have been similarly trained and educated. Well, scholars, take note: the delusion of the hour is thinking you are greater than you are. In case someone missed a previous report or two – man is suffering from a fall and is totally depraved today. Until this is all taken into consideration you will either have trouble continuing on safari the rest of the way from here – or you stopped reading a LONG time ago! This is the Godly line that came down from Adam through Seth – and it isn't a pretty sight. The "daughters



of men” belong to the line of Cain – which is even uglier. This is the point where the two lines intermingle through intermarriage until, ultimately, the whole lineage was corrupted – with one exception: Noah.

Noah preached for one hundred twenty years. During that time, the Spirit of God was striving with men. Peter makes it very clear that, in the days of Noah, the Spirit of God was striving with men in order that He might draw them to Himself. Man would not turn to Him, however. So, Peter wrote, “...for Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water” – first Peter chapter three verses eighteen through twenty. These spirits were in prison when Peter wrote his epistle - but in the days of Noah they were preached to. When were they disobedient? – Not in prison – in the days of Noah were they disobedient. Exactly when was it? – In the longsuffering of God which were in the days of Noah; that is, one hundred twenty years. Don’t be confused, friends - let’s look at the condition on earth that caused God to bring the flood....

***5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.***

***6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.***

***7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.***

~ God saw the wickedness of man was GREAT and that EVERY imagination was ONLY evil CONTINUALLY. Those are four words you might want to underline in your Bible. The corruption of man-made God sorry He had ever made him. Did God change His mind? I mean, it looks like God created man and now he is going to destroy Him. Interestingly, note the absence of fish

from the list of animals in verse seven. Naturally, the fish are already in the water - and God is only going to send more water. Plus, the whale received an honorable mention in chapter one verse twenty-one. So, they aren't marked for destruction. Interestingly, it only repented God that He made *MAN*....

***8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.***

***9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.***

~ Did Noah find grace because he was upright, just and perfect and because he walked with God? – No, friends, it took faith for Noah to find God's grace; and, if you or I ever find God's grace, that is how we will discover it – by faith! Remember, the writer of the epistle to the Hebrews said, "....by faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith" – Hebrews chapter eleven verse seven. It took some tremendous faith to build a boat on dry land - on the top of Mount Ararat - when the closest river was a thousand miles away - and when there had not even been any recorded rainfall on the earth! Yes, my beloved, that took an extreme act of faith on Noah's part. Do you think Noah's friends questioned him? Do you think Noah's three sons questioned him? Further, Enoch was also translated by faith. Again, the writer to the Hebrews said, "....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" – Hebrews chapter eleven verse five. Well, without faith it is impossible to please God....

***10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.***

***11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.***

***12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.***

***13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.***

~ So, God reveals to Noah why He is going to judge the earth and send the flood. "His way" in verse twelve speaks of Gods way AND man's way – both. Man had totally debased the reason for his existence upon the earth. So, as we near the end of this leg of our Spiritual Safari expedition through the entire Word of God, let's look back quickly at several key points from these first six chapters of the Bible. First, we had God providing a sacrifice for Adam and Eve's sins. Adam and Eve were told a Savior was coming to the earth; so, the Savior is what man should have been looking for! But instead of that, he turned even further from God. A great religious principal was laid down with Cain and Abel; and it is an eternal principal, by the way. Cain and Abel will stand as representatives for two opposing systems; two classes of people – the lost and the saved - the self-righteous and the broken spirited - the formal professor and the genuine believer. A mixture of the two is where the human race is heading as we move forward now. Moreover, we saw these patriarchs were living such extended lives that Adam and Methuselah bridged the entire gap from creation to the flood. That is how they could give revelation to all of mankind, which they did.

*Jude: 14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 15 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 was preaching, or prophesying, during the same time that Noah was and while Noah was building the ark. All of the sudden we find Enoch disappeared one day. That is a picture of the rapture of the church out of the world IN THAT DAY. When the church is taken out of the world in the rapture, EVERY single believer is going out – because the rapture is for believers. The weakest Saint and the most spiritual Saint are both going on to the same place. That is only going to happen because God extends mercy to His children – no other reason.

The mercy of God will be fully demonstrated at that time, too, by the way. These people at this time in which we are studying knew what Methuselah meant; so, when he died, they should have really gotten nervous. Ultimately, God said His Spirit would not always strive with man - but He sure was striving at the time of Noah and Enoch. Alright, we are just completely bogged down in our safari now – almost stuck in the mud - and at a point where God declares that man has *TOTALLY* rejected Him! All we can do now is wait for the flood upon the earth. The only ones left that believe in God are Noah and his family. Thus, we won't be going anywhere in our journey through the next report; we're just going to hang out with Noah and see what it is he's building, exactly – and why ~

