

Genesis 5:1-32

Genesis 5:1 – This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.

1823 [e]	120 [e]	430 [e]	1254 [e]	3117 [e]	121 [e]	8435 [e]	5612 [e]	2088 [e]
bid·mūt	'a·dām,	'ē·lō·hîm	bə·rō	bə·yō·wm,	'a·dām;	tō·wl·dōt	sê·per,	zeh
בְּדַמּוֹת	אָדָם	אֱלֹהִים	בָּרָא	בַּיּוֹם	אָדָם	תּוֹלְדוֹת	סֵפֶר	זֶה
in the likeness	man	God	that created	In the day	of Adam	of the genealogy	the book	This [is]
Prep-b N-fsc	N-ms	N-mp	V-Qal-Inf	Prep-b N-msc	N-proper-ms	N-fpc	N-msc	Pro-ms
						toledoth = generations	"sepher = a missive, a document, a writing, a book	
						853 [e]	6213 [e]	430 [e]
						'ō·tōw.	'a·sāh	'ē·lō·hîm
						אָתּוֹ	עָשָׂה	אֱלֹהִים
						him	He made	of God
						DirObjM 3ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	N-mp

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5:2 – Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created.

853 [e]	1288 [e]	1254 [e]	5347 [e]	2145 [e]
'ō·tām,	way·bā·rek	bə·rā·'ām;	ū·nə·qê·bāh	zā·kār
אֹתָם	וַיְבָרֵךְ	בָּרָאם	וַיִּנְקְבָהּ	זָכָר
them	and He blessed	He created them	and female	male
DirObjM 3mp	Conj-w V-Piel-Conseclmperf-3ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms 3mp	Conj-w N-fs	N-ms

1254 [e]	3117 [e]	120 [e]	8034 [e]	853 [e]	7121 [e]
hib·bā·rə·'ām.	bə·yō·wm	'ā·dām,	šə·mām	'et-	way·yiq·rā
וַיִּבְרָאם:	בַּיּוֹם	אָדָם	שָׁמָם	אֶת-	וַיִּקְרָא
- they were created	in the day	man	them	-	and called
Punc	V-Nifal-Inf 3mp	Prep-b N-msc	N-ms	N-msc 3mp	DirObjM
					Conj-w V-Qal-Conseclmperf-3ms

ADAM (1) – created 4114 BC, died 3184 BC

5:3 – When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

1. Population growth from Adam to Noah

a. From “What Was the Population of Earth Before the Flood?”

(source - <https://petergoeman.com/population-earth-flood/>)

“How many people could have been born in 1,656 years? If we simply use the population growth percentage of recent years (e.g., 1.13% population growth rate in 2016), that would give us an earth population of around **241 million at the time of Noah**. However, given the fact that the average age was much higher, and environmental conditions were much more stable and conducive to life, it seems that a higher rate of population growth would be expected. If we increase the rate even by the tiniest amount (from 1.13% to 1.30%) we

would arrive at a population of around **3.9 billion**. However, it is much more likely that the population increase would have been far greater than this.”

b. Population doubles every 150 years:

“Let us assume that the population doubles every 150 years. Therefore, after 150 years there will be four people, after another 150 years there will be eight people, after another 150 years there will be sixteen people, and so on. It should be noted that this growth rate is actually very conservative. In reality, even with disease, famines, and natural disasters, the world population currently doubles every 40 years or so...After 32 doublings, which is only 4,800 years, the world population would have reached almost 8.6 billion.”

(source - <https://answersingenesis.org/evidence-against-evolution/billions-of-people-in-thousands-of-years/>)

c. Today’s world population is 8 billion

(source - <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2023/11/world-population-estimated-eight-billion.html>)

d. Population growth from 1 billion people in 1800 to 8 billion today:

“For most of human history, the global population was a tiny fraction of what it is today. Over the last few centuries, the human population has gone through an extraordinary change. In 1800, there were one billion people. Today there are more than 8 billion of us.”

- source <https://ourworldindata.org/population-growth>

e. World population clock here:

<https://www.worldometers.info/world-population/>

f.

5:4 – The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters.

5:5 – Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.

SETH (2) – born 3984 BC, died 3072 BC

5:6-8 – When Seth had lived 105 years, he fathered Enosh. Seth lived after he fathered Enosh 807 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Seth were 912 years, and he died.

ENOSH (3) – born 3879 BC, died 2974 BC

5:9-11 – When Enosh had lived 90 years, he fathered Kenan. Enosh lived after he fathered Kenan 815 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Enosh were 905 years, and he died.

KENAN (4) – born 3789 BC, died 2879 BC

5:12-14 – When Kenan had lived 70 years, he fathered Mahalalel. Kenan lived after he fathered Mahalalel 840 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Kenan were 910 years, and he died.

MAHALALEL (5) – born 3719 BC, died 2824 BC

5:15-17 – When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he fathered Jared. Mahalalel lived after he fathered Jared 830 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Mahalalel were 895 years, and he died.

JARED (6) – born 3654 BC, died 2692 BC

5:18-20 – When Jared had lived 162 years, he fathered Enoch. Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died.

ENOCH (7) – born 3492 BC, died 3127 BC

5:21-24 – When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. Enoch walked with God[b] after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

Genesis 5:22:

3967 [e]	7969 [e]	4968 [e]	853 [e]	3205 [e]	310 [e]	430 [e]	854 [e]	2585 [e]	1980 [e]
mê·'ō-wt	šə-lōš	mə-tū·še-lah,	'et-	hō-w·lî-dōw	'a·hā-rê	hā·'ē-lō-hîm,	'et-	hā·nō-wk	way-yit·hal-lék
מאות	שלוש	מאתושלה	את-	הולידו	אחרי	האלהים	את-	חנוך	ויחלך
hundred	three	Methuselah	-	he begat	after	God	with	Enoch	And walked
Number-fp	Number-fsc	N-proper-ms	DirObjM	V-Hifil-Inf 3ms	Prep	Art N-mp	Prep	N-proper-ms	Conj-w V-Hitpael-Conseclmperf-3ms

This could be a indication of service to the Lord by a loyal servant as a servant would walk before his master paving the way or stand before his master to serve.

halak = "to go", "come", "walk"

1323 [e]	1121 [e]	3205 [e]	8141 [e]
û·bā·nō-wt.	bā·nîm	way·yō·w·led	šā·nāh;
ובנות:	בנים	וילד	שנה
and daughters	sons	and he begat	years
Conj-w N-fp	N-mp	Conj-w V-Hifil-Conseclmperf-3ms	N-fs

Genesis 5:24:

430 [e]	853 [e]	3947 [e]	3588 [e]	369 [e]	430 [e]	854 [e]	2585 [e]	1980 [e]	
p	'ē-lō-hîm.	'ō-tōw	la·qah	kî-	wə·'ē·nen-nū	hā·'ē-lō-hîm;	'et-	hā·nō-wk	way-yit·hal-lék
פ	אלהים:	אתו	לקח	כי	ואינו	האלהים	את-	חנוך	ויחלך
-	God	him	took	for	and he [was] not	God	with	Enoch	And walked
Punc	N-mp	DirObjM 3ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Conj	Conj-w Adv 3ms	Art N-mp	Prep	N-proper-ms	Conj-w V-Hitpael-Conseclmperf-3ms

laqach /law-kakh/ = "to take"

ayin /ah-yin/ = "nothing", "nought"

halak

1. Enoch is the 7th generation from Adam
2. Enoch in Hebrews 11:5:

“By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”
3. Enoch in Jude 1:14-15:

“It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”
4. Enoch 2x is said to “walk” with God which indicates unity and obedience.
 - a. Noah is also said to have “walked with God” in Genesis 6:9-10:

“These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.”
 - b. Abraham is told to “walk before me” in Genesis 17:1-2”

“When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, ‘I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly”
 - c. Hezekiah “walked” before the Lord in 2 Kings 20:3 and Isaiah 38:3:

- i. 2 Kings 20:3 – *“Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, saying, “Now, O Lord, please remember how I have walked before you in faithfulness and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.”*
 - ii. Isaiah 38:3 – *“Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, 3 and said, “Please, O Lord, remember how I have walked before you in faithfulness and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.”*
5. “Walk” is *halak* simply means to “go”, “come”, “walk”. But this is a word used at times to indicate the service of a loyal servant to his master and would be seen as:
- a. walking before the master preparing the way or paving the road
 - b. standing before the master ready to receive orders and serve
 - c. “to walk before God shows obedience and subordination instead of worship and communion as in:
 - i. 1 Kings 2:4 – to David:
“the Lord may establish his word that he spoke concerning me, saying, ‘If your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.”
 - ii. 1 Kings 3:6 – to Solomon:
“And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day.”
 - iii. 1 Kings 8:22-23 –
“Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, and said, “O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart.”
 - iv. 1 Kings 8:25 –
 - v. 1 Kings 9:4 – To Solomon:
“And as for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, with integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you, and keeping my statutes and my rules.”

METHUSELAH (8) – born 3427 BC, died 2458 BC

5:25-27 – **When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he fathered Lamech. Methuselah lived after he fathered Lamech 782 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Methuselah were 969 years, and he died.**

1. Oldest in the genealogy
2. Name means “man of the spear” or “man of the javelin”
3. This name is pronounced ***meh-tu-sheh-lahh*** (the “hh” is pronounced hard like the “ch” in the name “Bach”) in Hebrew. This name is a combination of two words - ***metu*** and ***shelahh***.
 - a. Strong’s dictionary states that this name means “man of the dart”.
 - i. According to Strong, the root for ***metu*** is the word ***mat*** (#4962) which means “man”
 - ii. The word ***shelach*** (#7973) means a “weapon” or “missile” (hence the translation of “dart”).
 - b. There is another possible meaning for this name.
 - i. The word ***metu*** may be derived from the word ***mot*** meaning “death”

- ii. The "u" is a suffix that means "their" - "their death".
- iii. There is no way to know for certain if the final vowel in **metu** was an "o" or an "u" as the vowel pointings that make that distinction are of fairly recent origin.
- iv. If it was originally an "o" then the suffix would change to "his" - "his death".
- c. The word **shelach** meaning "missile" or "weapon" is the noun form of the verb **shalach** which means "to send"
 - i. Which would mean "to send a missile" or "a weapon that is sent."
 - ii. **Shelach** has the more literal meaning of "to send something".
- d. With the "u" attached to the mot (as in point 3.b.ii above) the possible meaning of the name Methuselah (*meh-tu-shehh-lahh*) would be:
 - i. "their death sends"
 - ii. "his death sends". (source - <https://www.ancient-hebrew.org/names/Methuselah.htm>)
- e. Since the year Methuselah died is the same year God sent the flood it would appear that Enoch prophesied the overflow of the world and used Methuselah's name as a prophecy to announce that on the day of his death "his death will send" the flood."

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šə-lōš	mə-tū-še-lah,	'et-	hō-w-lī-dōw	'a-hā-rē	hā-'ē-lō-hīm,	'et-	hā-nō-wk	way-yit-hal-lék
שָׁלוֹשׁ	מֵתוּשֶׁלַח	אֶת-	הוֹלִידוֹ	אַחֲרַי	הָאֱלֹהִים	אֶת-	חֵנוֹךְ	וַיִּתְהַלֵּךְ
three	Methuselah	-	he beгат	after	God	with	Enoch	And walked
Number-fsc	N-proper-ms	DirObjM	V-Hifil-Inf 3ms	Prep	Art N-mp	Prep	N-proper-ms	Conj-w V-Hitpael-ConseclImperf-3ms

מֵתוּשֶׁלַח - /meth-oo-sheh'-lakh/ - *Methushelach* -

מֵת - /math/ - <i>math</i> = "man", "male"	1323 [e]	1121 [e]	3205 [e]	8141 [e]	3967 [e]
	ū-bā-nō-wt.	bā-nīm	way-yō-w-leḏ	šā-nāh;	mē-'ō-wt.
שֶׁלַח - /sheh'-lakh/ - <i>shelach</i> = "a missile", "weapon", "sprout"		וּבָנוֹת:	בָּנָיִם	וַיֹּלֵד	שָׁנָה
שָׁלַח - /shaw-lakh/ - <i>shalach</i> = "to send"		and daughters	sons	and he beгат	years
		Conj-w N-fp	N-mp	Conj-w V-Hifil-ConseclImperf-3ms	N-fs

LAMECH (9) – born 3240 BC, died 2463 BC

5:28-31 – **When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son 29 and called his name Noah, saying, "Out of the ground that the Lord has cursed, this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands." Lamech lived after he fathered Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died.**

4639 [e]	5162 [e]	2088 [e]	559 [e]	5146 [e]	8034 [e]	853 [e]	7121 [e]
mim-ma-'ā-sé-nū	ye-na-hā-mē-nū	zeh	lē-mōr;	nō-ah	šə-mōw	'et-	way-yiq-rā
מִמַּעֲשֵׂנוּ	יְנַחֲמֵנוּ	זֶה	לְאֹמַר	נֹחַ	שְׁמוֹ	אֶת-	וַיִּקְרָא
concerning our work	shall comfort us	this [one]	saying	Noah	his name	-	And he called
Prep-m N-msc 1cp	V-Piel-Imperf-3ms 1cp	Pro-ms	Prep-I V-Qal-Inf	N-proper-ms	N-msc 3ms	DirObjM	Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-3ms

נָחַם - *nacham* - /naw-kham/ = "to be sorry", "to console oneself"

נֹחַ - *Noach* - /no'-akh/ = "rest"

3068 [e]	779 [e]	834 [e]	127 [e]	4480 [e]	3027 [e]	6093 [e]
Yah-weh.	'ē-rə-rah	'ā-šer	hā-'ā-dā-māh,	min-	yā-dé-nū,	ū-mē-'iš-šə-bō-wn
יְהוָה	אָרְרָה	אֲשֶׁר	הָאֲדָמָה	מִן	יְדֵינוּ	וּמַעֲבֹדוֹ
Yahweh	has cursed	which	of the ground	because	of our hands	and the toil
N-proper-ms	V-Piel-Perf-3ms 3fs	Pro-r	Art N-fs	Prep	N-fdc 1cp	Conj-w, Prep-m N-msc

1. Lamech is the only father who gives the meaning for the name of his son, which had to do with "relief" from:

- a. Ground cursed by the Lord
 - b. Man's work
 - c. Painful toil of hands
2. "Noah" means "rest", but "comfort" is a different word
- a. *Noakh* = "rest"
 - b. *N-kh-m* = "comfort"
 - c. Both are used together again in Ezekiel 5:13:

"Thus shall my anger spend itself, and I will vent my fury upon them and satisfy myself. And they shall know that I am the Lord—that I have spoken in my jealousy—when I spend my fury upon them."

Ezekiel 5:13

5162 [e] we-hin-ne-hā-mə-tī; וְהִנְחֵמְתִי and I will be avenged	bām הֵם upon them	2534 [e] hā-mā-tī חֲמָתִי My fury	5117 [e] wa-hā-ni-hō-w-tī וְהִנְחֵמְתִי and I will cause to rest	639 [e] 'ap-pī, אַפִּי My anger	3615 [e] we-kā-lāh וְכָלָה Thus shall be spent
Conj-w V-Hitpael-ConjPerf-1cs	Prep 3mp	N-fsc 1cs	Conj-w V-Hifil-ConjPerf-1cs	N-msc 1cs	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-3ms

nacham = "to be sorry",
"console oneself"

nuach = "rest"

2534 [e] bām. הֵם upon them	3615 [e] hā-mā-tī חֲמָתִי My fury	3615 [e] bə-kāl-lō-w-tī בְּכָל־לֹוֹתִי when I have spent	7068 [e] bə-qin-'ā-tī, בְּקִנְיָתִי in My zeal	1696 [e] dib-bar-tī דִּבַּרְתִּי have spoken [it]	3068 [e] Yah-weh יְהוָה Yahweh	589 [e] 'ā-nī אֲנִי I	3588 [e] kī- כִּי that	3045 [e] we-yā-də-'ū וְיָדְעוּ and they shall know
Prep 3mp	N-fsc 1cs	Prep-b V-Piel-Inf 1cs	Prep-b N-fsc 1cs	V-Piel-Perf-1cs	N-proper-ms	Pro-1cs	Conj	Conj-w V-Qal-ConjPerf-3cp

3. The meaning of the name "noah" and the announcement of Lamech do not completely match or make sense. The options could be:
- a. A wish...Lamech is desperate with the condition of mankind in his generation and wants divine help.
 - b. A prophecy...Lamech knows through Enoch and Methuselah that his son Noah will be a kind of second Adam and mankind will have a second start.
 - c. A gift...Lamech words may foresee Noah's work in the vineyard as a producer of grapes and the renewed gift of wine in Genesis 9:20

NOAH (10) – born 3058 BC, died 2108 BC

5:32 – **After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.**

- 1. Up until now only one son was mentioned. Here the pattern breaks as it did for the 8th generation from Adam along Cain's line.
- 2. The details of these three sons is reengaged in Genesis 9:28-29

CREATION
4114 BC

4000 BC

3000 BC

FLOOD
2458 BC

BABEL
2358 BC

2000 BC

JACOB TO
EGYPT
1876

ADAM (1)	930 yrs.	4114-3184 BC					
GAIN (2)							
ENOCH (3)							
RAD (4)							
MEHUJAEEL (5)							
METHUSHAEL (6)							
LAMECH (7)							
JABAL							
JUBAL							
TUBAL-CAIN							
NAAMAH (8)							
<u>HAM</u> (11)							
CUSH (12)							
SEBA (13)							
NIMROD (13) (SARGON I)							
EGYPT (12)							
PUT (12)							
CANANAN (12)							
<u>JAPHETH</u> (11)							
GOMER (12)							
ASHKENAZ (13)							
JAVAN (12)							
ELISHAH (13)							
(born 2554)							
<u>JARED</u> (6)	962 yrs.	3654-2692 BC					
MAHALALEL (5)	895 yrs.	3719-2824 BC					
KENAN (4)	910 yrs.	3789-2879 BC					
ENOSH (3)	905 yrs.	3879-2974 BC					
SETH (2)	912 yrs.	3984-3072 BC					
<u>METHUSELAH</u> (8)	969 yrs.	3427-2458 BC					
ENOCH (7)	3492-3127 BC	365 yrs.					
<u>LAMECH</u> (9)	777 yrs.	3240-2463 BC					
NOAH (10)	950 yrs.	3058-2108 BC					
<u>SHEM</u> (11)	600 yrs.	2556-1956 BC					
<u>ARPACHSHAD</u> (12)	438 yrs.	2456-2018 BC					
<u>SHELAH</u> (13)	433 yrs.	2421-1988 BC					
<u>ABRAHAM</u> (20)	175 yrs.	2166-1991 BC					
<u>ISAAC</u>	180	2066-1886					
<u>TERAH</u> (19)	205 yrs.	2236-2031 BC					
<u>NAHOR</u> (18)	148 yrs.	2265-2117 BC					
<u>SERUG</u> (17)	230 yrs.	2295-2065 BC					
<u>REU</u> (16)	239 yrs.	2327-2088 BC					
<u>PELEG</u> (15)	239 yrs.	2357-2118 BC					
<u>EBER</u>	(14) 464 yrs.	2391-1927 BC					
<u>JACOB</u>	147	2006-1859					
<u>JACOB TO EGYPT</u>		1876					

Sumerian King List

ALLULIM (1)

(2)

ENMENLAUANNA (3)

ENMENGALANNA (4)

DUMUZI (5)

ENSIPAZIANNA (6)

ENMENDURANNA (7)

UBARTUTU (8)

ALALGAR (2)

ENMENLAUANNA (3)

ENMENGALANNA (4)

DUMUZI (5)

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