

Week #: 5 Text: Genesis 5:1 – 32 Title: Generations of Adam to the Flood
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No One Knows the Day or Hour: Matthew 24:36-44 (NKJV)

³⁶ “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of ^[f]heaven, but My Father only. ³⁷ But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ⁴⁰ Then two *men* will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two *women will be* grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. ⁴² Watch therefore, for you do not know what ^[g]hour your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known what ^[h]hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

The generations from Adam to Noah are ten (10) generations of men.

Excluding Enoch (who did not die), the avg. lifespan is 940 years in these generations.

Population:

- We have very little actual population data except for the past 200 years. However, following the formula gives us the following numbers.
- Population growth disproves the evolutionary theory because the growth rate would have to be too low to multiply in millions of years of population. If evolution were true, then the
- Pre-flood population is not listed in the Bible, but experts say there could have been 10 billion people living on earth from the time of Adam to the time of the Flood, on the conservative side.
- On the non-conservative side, there could have been.
- It is even quite possible that the pre-flood population was much higher than it is now.
- Current world population is 7.6 billion people.
- The world population when Abraham lived was approx. 5 million.
- The population when Jesus walked the earth was approx. 200-300 million.
- Adam died 126 years before Noah was born. Noah was the first generation listed who was born after Adam’s death.
- The Flood happened 726 years after Adam died.
- The Flood came during the 600th year of Noah’s life.

Meanings of the Names in Genesis 5

Since the ten *Hebrew* names are proper names, they are not translated but only *transliterated* to approximate the way they were pronounced. The meaning of proper names can be a difficult pursuit since direct translations are not readily available. Many study aids, such as conventional lexicons, can prove superficial when dealing with proper names. Even a conventional Hebrew lexicon can prove disappointing. A study of the original *roots*, however, can yield some fascinating insights.

- **Adam**
 - The first name, Adam, comes from *adomah*, and means "man." As the first man, that seems straightforward enough.
- **Seth**
 - Adam's son was named Seth, which means "appointed." When he was born Eve said, "For God hath *appointed* me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew."
- **Enosh**
 - Seth's son was called Enosh, which means "mortal," "frail," or "miserable." It is from the root *anash*: to be incurable; used of a wound, grief, woe, sickness, or wickedness. (It was in the days of Enosh that men began to defile the name of the Living God.¹)
- **Kenan (Cainan in KJV)**
 - Enosh's son was named Kenan, from which can mean "sorrow," dirge," or "elegy." (The precise denotation is somewhat elusive; some study aids unfortunately presume an Aramaic root synonymous with "Cainan.") Balaam, looking down from the heights of Moab, employed a pun upon the name of the Kenites when he prophesied their destruction.²
- **Mahalalel**
 - Kenan's son was Mahalalel, from *mahalal*, which means "blessed" or "praise"; and *El*, the name for God. Thus, Mahalalel means "the Blessed God." Often Hebrew names included *El*, the name of God, as Dani-*el*, "God is my Judge," Nathani-*el*, "Gift of God," etc.
- **Jared**
 - Mahalalel's son was named Jared, from the verb *yaradh*, meaning "shall come down." Some authorities suggest that this might have been an allusion to the "Sons of God" who "came down" to corrupt the daughters of men, resulting in the Nephilim ("Fallen Ones") of Genesis 6.³
- **Enoch**
 - Jared's son was named Enoch, which means "teaching," or "commencement." He was the first of four generations of preachers. In fact, the earliest recorded prophecy was by Enoch, which amazingly enough deals with the Second Coming of Christ.⁴
- **Methuselah**
 - The Flood of Noah did not come as a surprise. It had been preached on for four generations. But something strange happened when Enoch was 65, from which time "he walked with God." Enoch was given a prophecy that as long as his son was alive, the judgment of the flood would be withheld; but as soon as he died, the flood would be sent forth.
 - Enoch named his son to reflect this prophecy. The name Methuselah comes from two roots: *muth*, a root that means "death"⁵; and from *shalach*, which means "to bring," or "to send forth." Thus, the name Methuselah signifies, "his death shall bring."⁶
 - And, indeed, in the year that Methuselah died, the flood came. Methuselah was 187 when he had Lamech, and lived 782 years more. Lamech had Noah when he was 182.⁷ The Flood came in Noah's 600th year.⁸ $187 + 182 + 600 = 969$, Methuselah's age when he died.⁹
 - It is interesting that Methuselah's life was, in effect, a symbol of God's mercy in forestalling the coming judgment of the flood. It is therefore fitting that his lifetime is the oldest in the Bible, symbolizing the extreme extensiveness of God's mercy.

- **Lamech**
 - Methuselah's son was named Lamech, a root still evident today in our own English word, "lament" or "lamentation." Lamech suggests "despairing." (This name is also linked to the Lamech in Cain's line who inadvertently killed his son Tubal-Cain in a hunting incident. ¹⁰)
- **Noah**
 - Lamech, of course, is the father of Noah, which is derived from *nacham* , "to bring relief" or "comfort," as Lamech himself explains. ¹¹
- The composite meaning is: "Man appointed mortal sorrow. The blessed God shall come down teaching. His death shall bring the despairing rest."
 - Here is a summary of God's plan of redemption, hidden here within a genealogy in Genesis!

Evidences of Design:

The implications of this discovery are far more deeply significant than may be evident at first glance. It demonstrates that in the earliest chapters of the Book of Genesis, God had already laid out His plan of redemption for the predicament of mankind. It is the beginning of a love story, ultimately written in blood on a wooden cross which was erected in Judea almost 2,000 years ago.

This is also one of many evidences that the Bible is an *integrated* message system, the product of supernatural engineering. This punctures the presumptions of many who view the Bible as a record of an evolving cultural tradition, noble though it may be. It claims to be authored by the One who alone knows the end from the beginning, despite the fact that it is composed of 66 separate books, penned by some 40 authors, spanning several thousand years.

Historical:

- References:
 - Josephus: Jewish historian during the first century A.D.
 - Book of Jasher:
 - Talked of in Joshua 10:13 and 2 Samuel 1:18
 - Archaeological finds go back to the third century.
 - Book of Enoch:
 - Known in the early church
 - Quoted in Jude and James
 - Listed among the Dead Sea Scrolls
 - Rediscovered in 1773 and translated

It is recorded by Josephus that Adam was told by God of a deluge of water that would come to the earth:

"They also were the inventors of that peculiar sort of wisdom which is concerned with the heavenly bodies, and their order. And that their inventions might not be list before they were sufficiently known, upon Adam's prediction that the world was to be destroyed at one time by the force of fire, and at another time by the violence and quantity of water, they made two pillars, the one of brick, and other of stone: they inscribed their discoveries on them both, that in case the pillar of brick should be destroyed by the floor, the pillar of stone might remain, and exhibit those discoveries to mankind; and also inform them that there was another pillar of brick erected by them. Now this remains in the land of Siriad to this day."

–Antiquities of the Jews by Josephus; Book 1, Chapter 2, Section 3

Some would suggest that the land mentioned is perhaps in the land of Egypt, but it is not known for certain. It is confirmed in Jasher 2:12-13:

“And Cainan knew by his wisdom that God would destroy the sons of men for having sinned upon earth, and that the Lord would in the latter days bring upon them the waters of the flood. And in those days Cainan wrote upon tablets of stone, what was to take place in time to come, and he put them in his treasures.”

This information was handed down to Noah by Enoch. Recorded in Enoch 1:1-2

“The words of the blessing of Enoch, wherewith he blessed the elect and righteous, who will be living in the day of tribulation, when all the wicked and Godless are to be removed... Enoch a righteous man, whose eyes were opened by God, saw the vision of the Holy One in the heavens, which the angels showed me... but not for this generation, but for a remote one which is for to come.”

In the above account, Enoch goes to heaven and something is revealed to him which makes him name his son Methuselah.

Enoch 68:1 “And after that my grandfather Enoch gave me the teaching of all the secrets in the book in the parables which had been given to him, and he put them together for me in the words of the book of the parables.”

So Enoch saw something and passed it down to his son.

Jasher 3:14 “And it was in the fifty-sixth year of the life of Lamech when Adam died; nine hundred and thirty years old was he at his death, and his two sons, with Enoch and Methuselah his son, buried him with great pomp, as at the burial of kings, in the cave which God had told him.”

They all knew each other – perhaps even lived in the same area.

Genesis 5:21-24 “And Enoch lived sixty five years, and begat Methuselah: and Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty and five years: and Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.”

Hebrews 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.”

Enoch is the first Biblical recorded prophet. Jude records it:

Jude vs 14-15 “Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”

Revelation chp 19 also talks of this.

What Jude was quoting was from Enoch 1:9

“And Behold! He cometh with ten thousands of His holy ones to execute judgment upon all, and to destroy all the ungodly: and to convict all flesh of all the works of their ungodliness which they have ungodly committed, and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”

Enoch:

- At age 65, something changed him. The Bible says he walked with God *after* he begat Methuselah. It's possible this is when he was taken to heaven and God revealed things to come to him. He then returns and has a son, which he names because of this knowledge.
- Methuselah's entire life it was known even just in his name that his death would bring about this destruction.
- Three hundred years after he begat Methuselah, Enoch was taken. (365 years old)
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 - He is the 7th from Adam
 - According to Jewish history, Enoch was translated on the seventh day – the Shabbat
- Jasher 4:36 says he is taken up in a whirlwind of heaven in chariots of fire – just like we know Elijah was translated in 2 Kings 2:11

At the time of the flood, there were only two righteous men – Methuselah and Noah. God left Methuselah on earth to preach with Noah while the ark was being built (120 years). This is interesting, because 2 Corinthians 13:1 says: “out of the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.” Examples of two witnesses:

- Moses and Aaron
- Moses and Joshua
- Pillar of Cloud and Pillar of Fire (both are God!)
- Joshua and Caleb
- Peter and John at the tomb of Jesus
- 2 angels inside Jesus' tomb
- 2 men in white at the ascension of Jesus on the Mount of Olives
- 2 witnesses in the tribulation

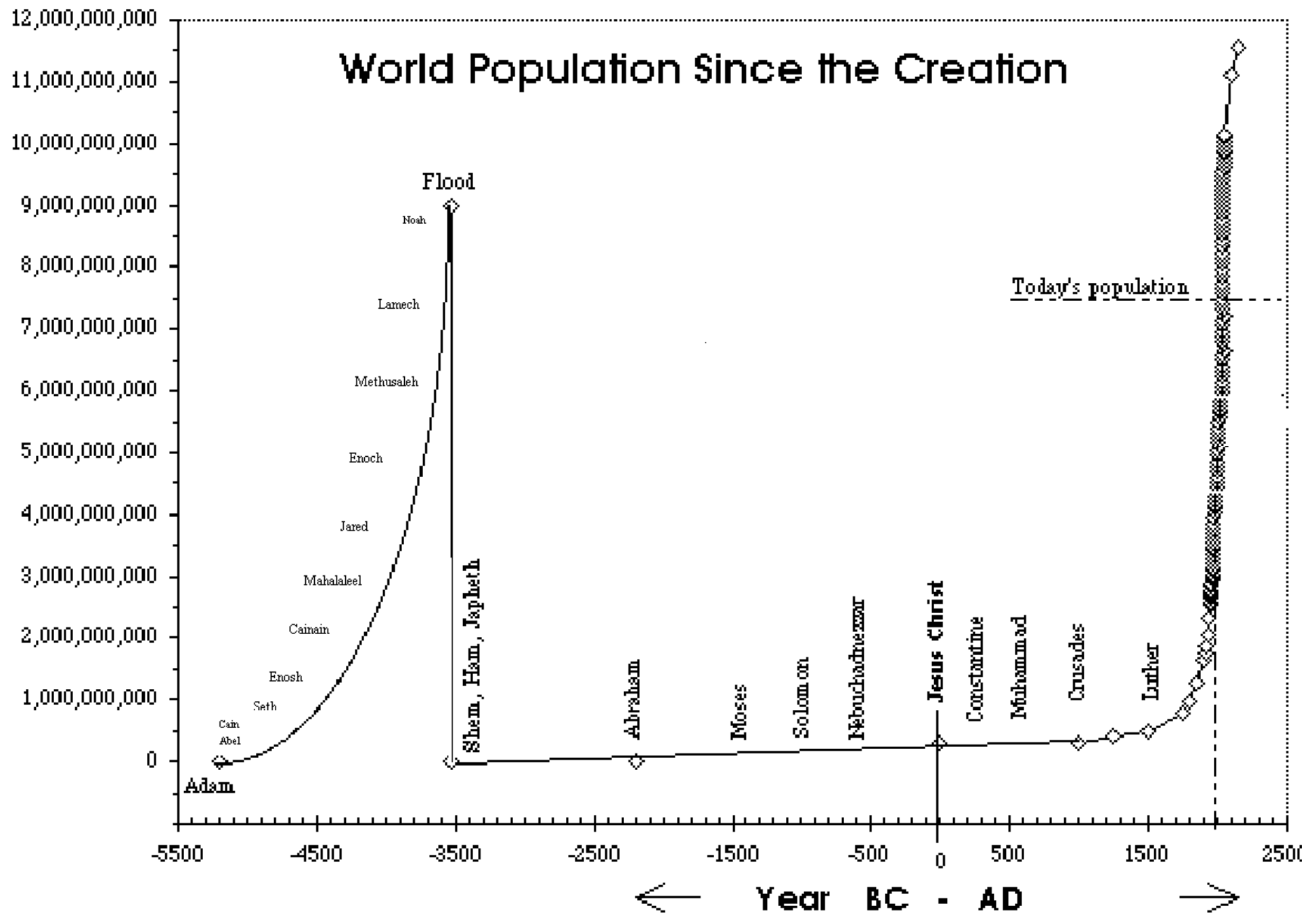
Age is greatly diminished after the flood.

- Psalms 90:10 – man's age now is 70, and by reason of strength, 80.
- The why is found in Genesis 6:3
 - “And the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he is also flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.”
- Psalms 55:23
 - “But thou, O Lord, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.”
- Matthew 24: 21-22
 - “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.”

Matthew 24:37-39 and Luke 17:26-30 – both reveal that as in the days of Noah and Lot, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be.

World Population Since the Creation

Population



Genesis 5 King James Version (KJV)

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.

³ And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, and 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.

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.

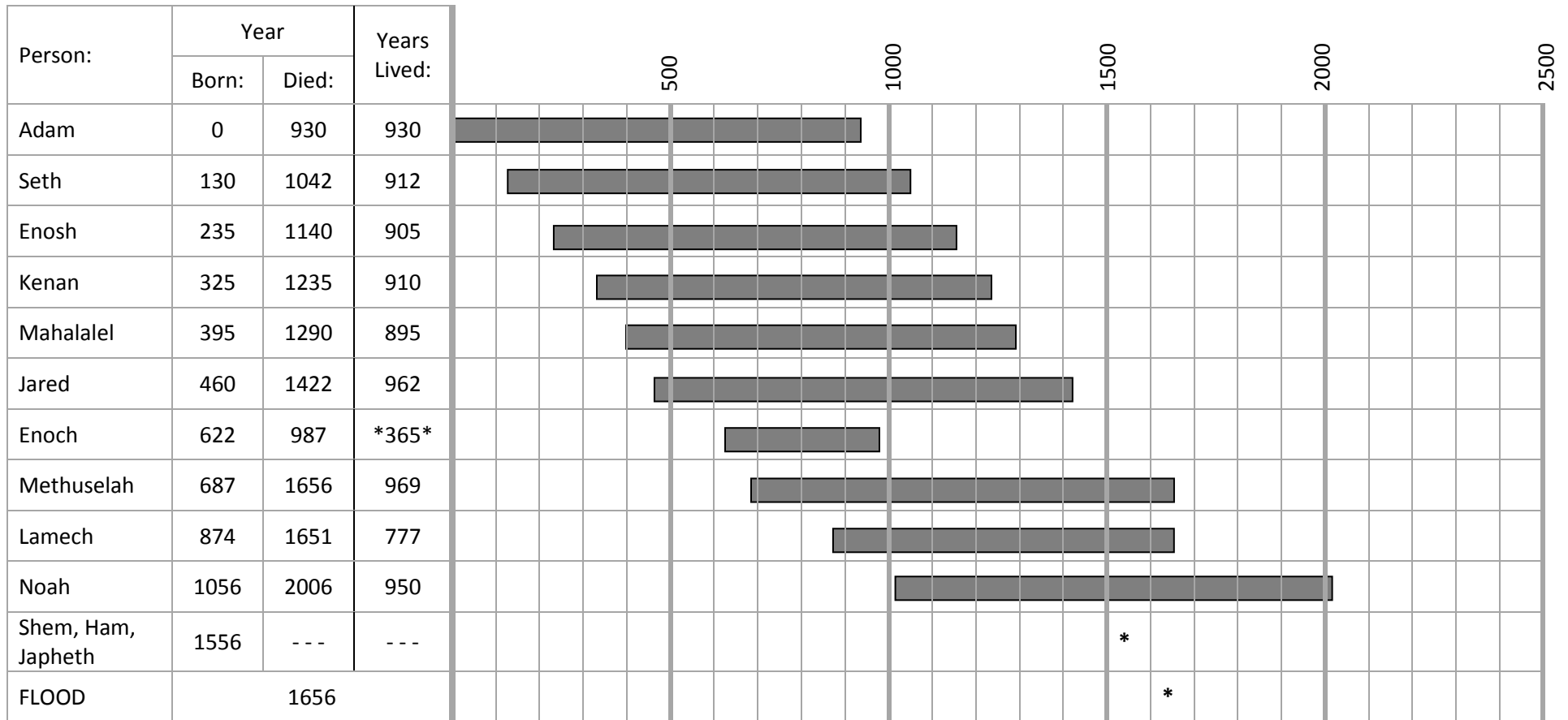
²⁸ And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son:

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.



Generations, Names, and Meanings:

1 st	Adam	man	6 th	Jared	shall come down
2 nd	Seth	appointed	7 th	Enoch	teaching; commencement
3 rd	Enosh	mortal; frail; miserable	8 th	Methuselah	his death shall bring
4 th	Kenan	sorrow; dirge; elegy	9 th	Lamech	despairing
5 th	Mahalalel	the blessed God	10 th	Noah	to bring comfort

Meanings Together: Man appointed mortal sorrow. The blessed god shall come down teaching. His death shall bring the despairing comfort.