

## Genesis In God's Eternal Purpose

- 1.) Gen. 2 – We see God and His creation in perfect harmony. Man is righteous through a sinless life created by God.
- 2.) Gen. 3:7ff – Man's fall into sin and unrighteousness (cp. Rom. 3:23; Isa. 59:1,2; 64:6).
- 3.) Gen. 3ff – We see death and the fear of death.
- 4.) In Rev. 1:18 and chapters 21, 22 we see Jesus as Victor over death and perfect harmony between God and man restored. Man is declared righteous once again. But on what basis? How does man who is "filled with all manner of unrighteousness" (Rom. 1:29), become righteous once again? How do we get from Gen. 2 to Rev. 22?
- 5.) God's "eternal purpose" (Eph. 3:11) revealed in the Bible is the answer and Genesis is the foundation of that plan.
- 6.) "Righteousness through faith" (Hab. 2:4) is the way revealed by God. Faith in the perfect life, sacrificial death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus. (Rom. 3:22)
- 7.) This righteousness was "witnessed by the law and prophets." (Rom. 3:21) Gen. 15:16; Isa. 51; 53:11; 61:1-3; Jer. 23:5,6; Dan. 9:24; Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:16,17; 3:21-26; 10:1-3; Phil. 3:9
- 8.) Genesis explains how God introduced a Savior into the world on behalf of man. In Gen. 3:15 He would come "through the seed of woman." A family line in each generation would be set apart. Adam, Seth, Enoch, Noah, Shem, Terah begin that family line. Three great promises are made to Terah's son Abraham. A nation is set aside through Abraham's family. To this nation God entrusted His oracles, promises, prophecies and a record of the coming "Righteous One" (1 Jn. 2:1). Through His perfect life and death "the many will be made righteous" (Rom. 5:19). Thus, our righteousness will once again be the "creation of God" (Eph. 2:10; 4:24). To God be all the glory (Eph. 3:21).

The Hebrew "toledot" ("generations") provides an inspired outline for Genesis:

Gen. 2:4 This is the **account** of the heavens and the earth

Gen. 5:1 This is the book of the **generations** of Adam.

Gen. 6:9 *the records of the* **generations** of Noah.

Gen. 10:1 *the records of the* **generations** of Shem, Ham and Japheth, *etc.*



## The Genealogical Table of Genesis 5

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Adam	verse 5	930 years and he died
Seth	verse 8	912 years and he died
Enosh	verse 11	905 years and he died
Kenan	verse 14	910 years and he died
Mahalalel	verse 17	895 years and he died
Jared	verse 20	962 years and he died
Enoch	verse 24	365 years ("And he was not for God took him")
Methusaleh	verse 27	969 years and he died
Lamech	verse 31	777 years and he died
Noah	9:29	950 years and he died

Genesis 5 – The Average Age (not counting Enoch) is 912

Adam	930 (5:5)
Enosh	905 (5:11)
Jared	962 (5:20)
Methusaleh	969 (5:27)
Etc.	

Each father from Adam to Noah had "sons and daughters" (5:4, 7, 10, 13 . .)

Age of father given at birth of sons leading to the birth of Christ:

Adam was 130 – Seth . . . other children  
 Seth was 105 – Enosh . . . other children  
 Enosh was 90 – Kenan . . . other children  
 Kenan was 70 – Mahalalel . . . other children  
 Mahalalel was 65 – Jared . . . other children  
 Jared was 162 – Enoch . . . other children  
 Enoch was 65 – Methusaleh . . . other children  
 Methusaleh was 187 – Lamech . . . other children  
 Lamech was 182 – Noah . . . other children  
 Noah was 500 – Shem, Ham, Japheth . . . other children

*"If you allow six children per family (conservative figure) and 90 years per generation, the youngest generation at the time of Noah would be 774 million."*

*If just the parents were alive (no grand or great grandparents) the population would be 1,030,000,000. This was the population of the earth in 1830 A.D.*

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