

## Truths Hidden in the Word of God

Romans 16:25–27 Glory to God who can make you strong in faith by the Good News that I tell people and by the message about Jesus Christ. The message about Christ is the secret that was hidden for long ages past but is now made known. <sup>26</sup> It has been made clear through the writings of the prophets. And by the command of the eternal God it is made known to all nations that they might believe and obey. <sup>27</sup> To the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Matthew 13:35 This is as the prophet said: “I will speak using stories; I will tell things that have been secret since the world was made.”

Mark 4:21–22 Then Jesus said to them, “Do you hide a lamp under a bowl or under a bed? No! You put the lamp on a lampstand. <sup>22</sup> Everything that is hidden will be made clear and every secret thing will be made known.

Romans 11:33 Yes, God’s riches are very great, and his wisdom and knowledge have no end! No one can explain the things God decides or understand his ways.

2 Timothy 2:15 Make every effort to give yourself to God as the kind of person he will approve. Be a worker who is not ashamed and who uses the true teaching in the right way.

Genesis 5 doesn’t seem to fit the context of the rest of the book of Genesis.

Story of Creation

The 7<sup>th</sup> day rest

Adam and Eve

The first sin – temptation by Satan

Adam and Eve’s children

Cain kills brother Abel

Cain banished

Adam and Eve have a new son – Seth – to replace Abel

Chapter 5 – genealogical record

Human story continues with the flood...

Read Chapter 5

Genesis 5:1-32 This is the family history of Adam. When God created human beings, he made them in his own likeness. <sup>2</sup> He created them male and female, and on that day he blessed them and named them human beings.

3 When **Adam** was 130 years old, he became the father of another son in his likeness and image, and Adam named him Seth. <sup>4</sup> After **Seth** was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>5</sup> So Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died.

6 When Seth was 105 years old, he had a son named **Enosh**. <sup>7</sup> After Enosh was born, Seth lived 807 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>8</sup> So Seth lived a total of 912 years, and then he died.

9 When Enosh was 90 years old, he had a son named **Kenan**.<sup>10</sup> After Kenan was born, Enosh lived 815 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>11</sup> So Enosh lived a total of 905 years, and then he died.

12 When Kenan was 70 years old, he had a son named **Mahalalel**.<sup>13</sup> After Mahalalel was born, Kenan lived 840 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>14</sup> So Kenan lived a total of 910 years, and then he died.

15 When Mahalalel was 65 years old, he had a son named **Jared**.<sup>16</sup> After Jared was born, Mahalalel lived 830 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>17</sup> So Mahalalel lived a total of 895 years, and then he died.

18 When Jared was 162 years old, he had a son named **Enoch**.<sup>19</sup> After Enoch was born, Jared lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>20</sup> So Jared lived a total of 962 years, and then he died.

21 When Enoch was 65 years old, he had a son named **Methuselah**.<sup>22</sup> After Methuselah was born, Enoch walked with God 300 years more and had other sons and daughters. <sup>23</sup> So Enoch lived a total of 365 years. <sup>24</sup> Enoch walked with God; one day Enoch could not be found, because God took him.

25 When Methuselah was 187 years old, he had a son named **Lamech**.<sup>26</sup> After Lamech was born, Methuselah lived 782 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>27</sup> So Methuselah lived a total of 969 years, and then he died.

28 When Lamech was 182, he had a son.<sup>29</sup> Lamech named his son **Noah** and said, "He will comfort us in our work, which comes from the ground the Lord has cursed."<sup>30</sup> After Noah was born, Lamech lived 595 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>31</sup> So Lamech lived a total of 777 years, and then he died.

32 After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Most would probably see chapter 5 coming and put their Bibles away, or skip over it completely.

So much to learn from this chapter!!!

Genealogical succession – 8 generations alive at the same time!

Baby Methuselah could have sat at Adam's feet and heard the story of creation firsthand!  
The flood came after all 9 previous generations had died.

Names have meanings

Prophetic meanings – insights into the nature of the child, or the impact of their life

### **Meaning of the names of the 10 generations from Genesis 5**

(Hitchcock's Dictionary of Bible Names; Jones Dictionary of Old Testament Proper Names)

Adam = man (dust)

Seth = appointed (placed)

Enosh = mortal (sick)

Kenan = possession

Mahalalel = the blessed God (praise of God; Glory of God)

Jared = shall come down (descend; descent) go down, decline

Enoch = disciplined (initiated; dedicated)

Methuselah = his death shall bring (when he dies it shall be sent)

Lamech = despairing (poor; made low) for lowering, for humiliation

Noah = comfort (rest)

### **Message from the names – translated into English “hidden” in Genesis 5**

Man is appointed mortal possession. The blessed God/Praise of God/Glory of God shall come down disciplined [trained] that His death shall bring the despairing/poor/lowly comfort.

Man is assigned mortality. The blessed God shall come down teaching/training us that His death shall bring comfort for the hopeless.

John 21:15-17 So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you **love** Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I **love** You." He said to him, "**Tend My lambs.**" <sup>16</sup> He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you **love** Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I **love** You." He said to him, "**Shepherd My sheep.**" <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you **love** Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you **love** Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I **love** You." Jesus said to him, "**Tend My sheep.**"

John 21:15-17 When they finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you **love** me more than these?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I **love** you." Jesus said, "**Feed my lambs.**" <sup>16</sup> Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you **love** me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I **love** you." Jesus said, "**Take care of my sheep.**" <sup>17</sup> A third time he said, "Simon son of John, do you **love** me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you **love** me?" Peter said, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I **love** you!" He said to him, "**Feed my sheep.**"

What does it mean? Why did Jesus ask 3 times? Why was Peter so exasperated when Jesus asked the third time?

Secret is hidden in the Greek words used.

Greek words translated "love":

**Agapo** = high and devoted love - indicates a direction of the will and finding one's joy in anything. Used of God's love toward man.

**phileo** = love of a friend - to be contented with, denoting common interests, hence befriending. Never used of God's love toward man

**15** do you love Me more than these? (Do you *agapo* Me more than these? - do you have a self-sacrificial, all-consuming love for me more than the rest of the disciples? (Mk 14:29)

Yes, Lord; You know that I love You. (You know that I *phileo* you) – I have a friendly fondness for you

Feed my lambs - feed (like a herdsman) my little lambs

describing the duty of a Christian teacher to promote in every way the spiritual welfare of the members of the church

lambs = little lambs – the young

**16** do you love me?(*agapao*) --- do you have a self-sacrificial, all-consuming love for me?

Yes, Lord; You know that I love You. (You know that I *phileo* you) – I have a friendly fondness for you

Take care of my sheep - shepherd (much more than just feed) my mature sheep

*poimaino* - much more than just feed: it involves the whole office of the shepherd, guiding, guarding, folding of the flock as well as leading it to nourishment.

- to feed, to tend a flock, keep sheep
- to rule, govern
- to provide pasture for food

- to nourish
- to cherish one's body, to serve the body
- to supply the requirements for the soul's need

**17** do you love me? (*phileo*) - do you have a friendly fondness for me?

You know everything; Lord, you know that I *phileo* you!

Feed my sheep --- feed (like a herdsman) my mature sheep

Feed = same as v.15 – describing the duty of a Christian teacher to promote in every way the spiritual welfare of the members of the church

Sheep = mature sheep

