

# THE GODLY LINE: THROUGH THE FLOOD

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Last time we saw in Genesis 4 a snapshot of the Cainite civilization. They worshipped at the shrines of abundance in art and technology. Their unredeemed mindset brought with it all sorts of abuse and violence. Life was devalued. Vengeance became exponential. Powerful men arose who fancied themselves to be the captains of their own souls. And the world was becoming a place where God was no longer welcome.

BUT . . . As this fourth chapter closes, we find the author returning to the beginning where Eve births another son – Seth. From him emerges a godly line that began to proclaim the name of the Lord as the captain of their salvation.

“And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, *said she*, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. <sup>26</sup> And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.”

**Seth means “appointed one.”** Seth was not a substitute for Abel in the area of the messianic line. Seth was the “appointed one” by God to bear this godly line. (Genesis 4:26) – After this then men began to call upon the name of the Lord.

### Below is a brief summary of the patriarchal Genealogy

- a. Adam name means (**man**) - Genesis 5:3-5 – had Seth when he was 130 years old. He was 930 years old when he died He had many other sons and daughters
- b. Seth names means (**appointed**) – Genesis 5:6-8 – had Enos when he was 105 years old he was 912 years old when he died. He had many other sons and daughters
- c. Enos name means (**mortal**) – Genesis 5:9-11 – had Cainan when he was 90 years old.He was 905 years old when he died. He had many other sons and daughters
- d. Cainan name means (**Sorrow**) – Genesis 5:12-14 – had Mahalaleel when he was 70 years old. He was 910 years old when he died. He had many other sons and daughters.
- e. Mahalaleel name means (**the blessed of God**) – Genesis 5:25-17 – had Jared when he was 65 years old He was 830 years old when he died. He had many other sons and daughters.
- f. Jared name means (**he shall come down**) – Genesis 5:18-20 – had Enoch when he was 162 years old. He was 962 years old when he died. He had many other sons and daughters.

- g. Enoch name means (**teaching, dedicate**) – Genesis 5:21-24 – had Methuselah when he was 65 years old. He walked with God after Methuselah was born for 300 years. He was not; for God took him at 365 years old.
- h. Methuselah name means (**his death shall bring**) – Genesis 5:25-27 – had Lamech at 187 years of age. He had many other sons and daughters. He died at 969 years of age.
- i. Lamech name means (**the despairing**)– Genesis 5:28-31 – had Noah at 182 years of age. He name his son Noah for “This one shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord hath cursed.” He died at 777 years of age.
- j. Noah name means (**rest or comforter**) – Genesis 5:32 – began his family at 500 years of age (Shem, Ham Japheth).

Some believe the etymology of the patriarch names deliver a message of hope. For when you put the names into a sentence, you get the following:

**Man (is) appointed mortal sorrow; (but) the Blessed God shall come down teaching (that) His death shall bring (the) despairing rest.**

**2. Notice the dilemma that is portrayed in this account. Also take note of the unique placement of Enoch’s life in the antediluvian timeline?**

Genesis 5:5 – Adam lived ..... v. 5 and he died

Genesis 5:6 – Seth lived ..... v. 8 and he died

Genesis 5:9 – Enos lived..... v. 11 and he died

Genesis 5:12 – Cainan lived ..... v. 14 and he died

Genesis 5:15 – Mahalaleel lived ..... v. 17 and he died

Genesis 5:18 – Jared lived ..... v. 20 and he died

It is pretty dismal picture. This is the result of sin and death that passed on to all mankind. There is no hope in the passages I read. It is a list that records curse of death being played out in the lives of men.

And yet spanning the very middle of the timeline that spans 1656 years is a man by the name of Enoch. He dwelt on the earth 622 years after the fall and was taken by God in the 987<sup>th</sup> year after the fall. And it says of him . . .

Genesis 5:21 – Enoch lived ..... v. 24 God took him

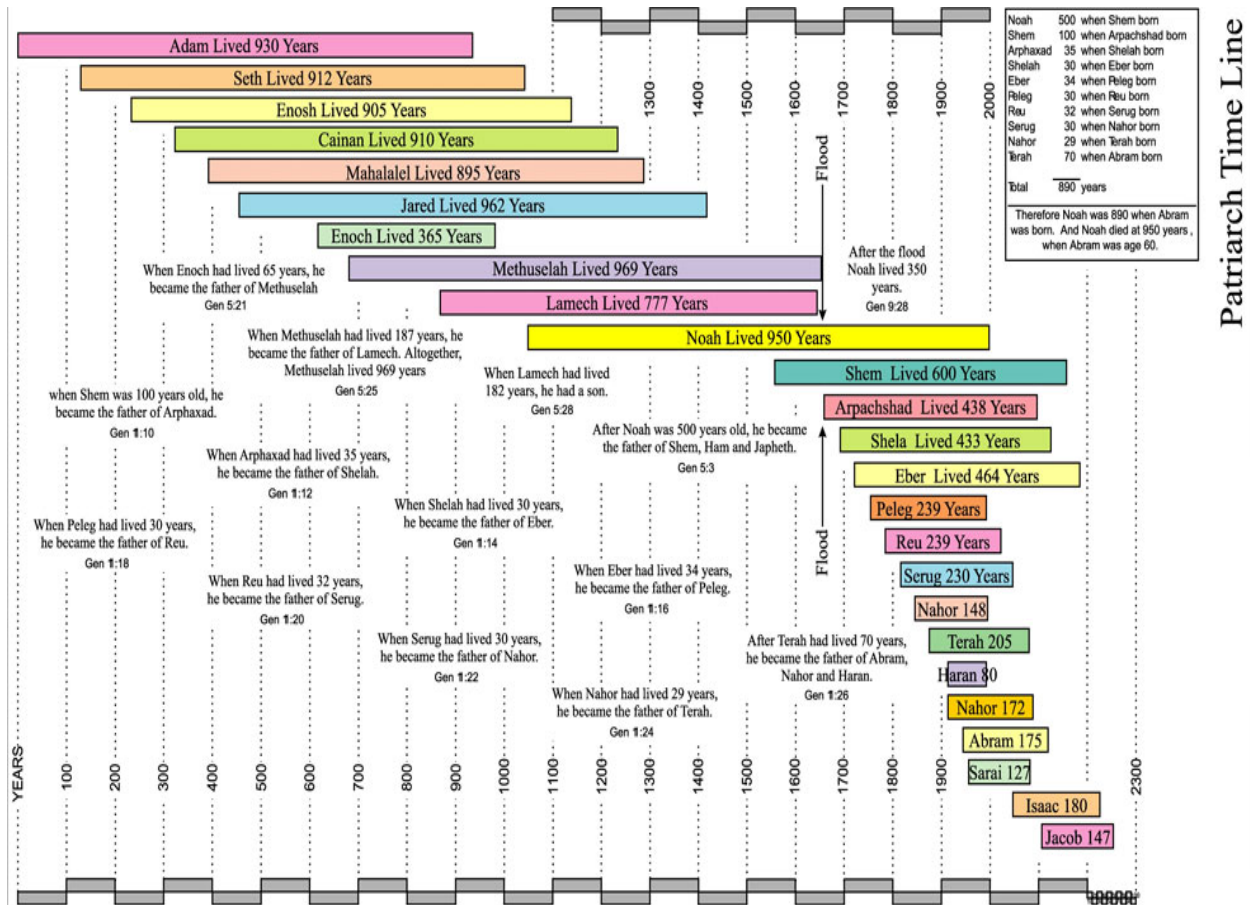
This passage provides hope. There is something other than just the one possibility of death looming ahead. God took him be with Him. There is an eternal resting place.

Genesis 5:25 – Methuselah lived. . . v. 27 and he died

Genesis 5:28 – Lamech lived ..... v. 31 and he died

Genesis 5:32 – Noah lived ..... v. 6:8 found grace

**At the time of Enoch’s translation five generations of his parents were still living:** Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, and Jared. Adam had died 75 years earlier



**Where does Cain’s great-great grandson Lamech and his children fit alongside the patriarchal timeline?**

The days in which Enoch lived were very wicked. **His life parallels the life of Lamech (Genesis 4)**. It was Lamech who turned God’s institutes upside down. He had a low regard for human life. He and his culture replaced their hopeless despair with a godless culture. They filled their lives with memorials, physical comforts, pleasures and music.

During this period in history, **Enoch is noted as the first recorded prophet in the Old Testament**. He preached against his generation. God preserved one of Enoch’s messages in **Jude 14-16**.

“And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 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. <sup>16</sup> These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling *words*, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

### **There are two unique aspects of Enoch's life.**

1. Enoch is only one of two men who went to heaven without passing through the portal of death – Enoch and Elijah.
2. Enoch is the only one (with the exception of our Lord) that it is written, “He pleased God.”

Six times it is written that Jesus pleased the Father. One time it is written that Enoch pleased God. We will find in other places that Solomon's prayer pleased God or our sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving pleases God. But only of Enoch and Jesus is it ever written that they pleased God.

### **THE MEANING OF ENOCH WALKING WITH GOD.**

**– Genesis 5:22, 24; Hebrews 11:5-6; Jude 14, 15**

### **Unlike his wicked generation, Enoch walked with God. His walk implies several things.**

#### **1. TO WALK WITH GOD IMPLIES A SURRENDERED WILL**

God does not force His company on anyone. Jesus declared, “I delight to do thy will, O God.” Furthermore, Jesus tells us to, **take** His yoke upon us – He forces no one.

Amos 3:3 – “How can two walk together except they be agreed.” When two people walk together as one, it presupposes sympathy and harmony. For Enoch to walk with God it implies that he turned from sin and was reconciled with God.

#### **2. TO WALK WITH GOD IMPLIES COMMUNION**

Enoch's walk with God was a continual progress. He did not walk a mile and then stop. He walked with God for 300 years. It was a steady walk. So when Scripture says, “And Enoch walked with God” we find: A Reconciled man, a person whose sin is put away, a person who walked uprightly, a person who is surrendered, a person who was in continual communion with God.

Scripture says, “Light has no communion with darkness.” No sinner can walk with God. He has nothing in common with Him. His mind is at enmity with God. It is sin that separates. Therefore, Enoch's walk with God suggests the judicial putting away of sin.

#### **3. ENOCH WAS A MAN LIKE US.**

He was born a child of wrath. He was alienated from God, but a day came in his life where he was reconciled.

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 was the seventh from Adam, and “saved by grace through faith.”**

### **1. Scripture says, “By faith He believed that God is.”**

“But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” – Hebrews 11:6.

He believed by faith that God is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

### **2. His faith was pleasing to God.**

By God’s grace and through faith, he grew in grace. He communed with God for 300 years. He would have grown in the things God loved. He would have grown in his hatred of the things God hated.

His knowledge of the Lord would have grown. His walk with the Lord would have resulted in genuine joy and peace.

### **3. We also know he witnessed** – Jude 14 & 15 tells us this.

“And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 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.”

### **4. It does not say Enoch walked with God before he had a son.** In Genesis 5:21-22 we find that Enoch a son at 65 years of age. Then he walked with God.

- a. It infers that the birth of his son may have been a key thing that caused him to walk with God. Was it the responsibility of parenthood?
- b. Maybe the name – “Methuselah” tells us something? Methuselah means, “When he is dead, it shall be sent.” It seems Enoch had a revelation of some sort. Perhaps God said something like this, “Enoch, do you see this baby? The world will last as long as he lives and no longer. When the child dies, I shall deal with the world in judgment.”
- c. What was the effect of such a message? What would a message like that do to you? You don’t know how long the child will live. How would you feel every time the child got sick?

### **5. In Genesis 5 it says, “God took him” (Genesis 5:24); In the book of Hebrews, it says “Enoch was translated” (Hebrews 11:5)?”**

- a. “And Enoch walked with God: and he *was* not; for God took him” – Gen. 5:24.
- b. “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” – Heb. 11:5.

God translated Him. After 365 years he was taken to be with the Lord. The term translated means “to carry across.” What did God carry Enoch across? He was carried across death. Death is the river that divides this world from the next. This man Enoch never went through the river of death, but God transferred him to heaven by picking him up and carrying him across the great divide alive. Enoch was in communion with God and the next moment He was with the Lord.

- c. **Enoch is a picture of hope** to the antediluvian patriarchs **and is a type** of those believers who will be living when the Lord returns in the air for His church.

“The Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: <sup>17</sup> Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” – 1 Thess 4:16-17

1 Cor. 15:51-52 “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

## METHUSELAH

### **Methuselah portrays mercy, and grace.**

His name can be translated to mean, “When he dies it shall be sent forth.”

Apparently, his father Enoch had a divine revelation at the time of Methuselah’s birth of the earth’s destruction. **Methuselah was a living timepiece of God’s mercy.** As Methuselah aged, the world could see the end approaching.

From the fall onward, the world continued to grow in its wicked ways. Cain was a murderer (Genesis 4:8) and went out from the presence of God (Genesis 4:16). In another rebellious act he built a city (Genesis 4:17) contrary to God’s word. Remember part of his punishment was to be a wanderer and a vagabond (Genesis 4:18). Instead Cain built the first city to dwell in. He then dedicated it as a monument to his son Enoch (Genesis 4:17). Since Cain rejected God’s offer of forgiveness and life, he created his own form of eternity – a monument. He must have reasoned, that after he died, he would be remembered by the city he built.

As we follow Cain’s family line we find Lamech the seventh from Adam changing the divine institute of marriage (Genesis 4:19). As sin progressed the devaluation of life

spread – i.e. another murder and Lamech’s arrogant defiance is expressed in Genesis 4:23-24.

Lamech’s son **Jabal raised cattle**. This raises the question if this was another violation to God’s plan. God did not sanction eating meat until after the flood – Genesis 4:20 cf. Genesis 9:3.

His son **Jubal made musical instruments**. Music is amoral. It is not necessarily bad or good. However, the idea of music points to leisure time and its importance in their culture. Music has many benefits, especially with those who choose to walk in the way of Cain. It helps soothe their noisy soul. They live a life without any hope beyond the grave. This is part of the tragedy of a life lived without God – Genesis 4:21.

**Tubal-Cain was the first worker of iron and bronze**. His instruments helped relieve the pain of the curse and build their godless culture – Genesis 4:22.

**Lamech’s daughter was named Naamah** – Genesis 4:22. Her name means pleasure. Perhaps her name represents man’s pursuit of pleasure apart from God: the pursuit of pleasure in children, pleasure in things, beauty, women etc.

The objective world, apart from God, was too harsh to think on – death and judgment loomed ahead. Therefore, **the Cainite line created a subjective reality filled with monuments, pleasures, and pursuits**. All action had the purpose of lifting the weight of the curse.

“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. <sup>6</sup> And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.” – Genesis 6:5-6

So, when Enoch walked on the earth and saw all the wickedness around him, he named his son Methuselah, meaning, “When he dies, it shall come.” Methuselah’s life began a 969-year time clock. Enoch himself was a living testimony of hope. There is something after death.

Enoch, the seventh from Adam through **Seth, points to those who walk with God**. **Lamech, the seventh from Adam through Cain, points to those who walk according to the course of this world**, according to the prince of the power of the air.

## **NINE WAYS GOD’S MERCY AND LONGSUFFERING WAS DISPLAYED IN THE ANTEDILUVIAN PERIOD.**

1 Peter 3:20 says, *“When once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing.”*

2 Peter 3:9 *“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”*

When Enoch's son, Methuselah reached 849-years his great grandson Noah began to preach and afterwards built the ark. People could see time was running out. Every decade eternity came closer. When men looked at Methuselah they were reminded that when he dies it shall come. When they looked at Methuselah's grandson Noah preaching and then building the Ark, they were reminded that they would be swept away.

Methuselah was a living testimony of God's patience. He demonstrated God's grace. He lived longer than any man on earth. His long life was no accident. As long as he lived the flood would not come. Apparently, God spared his life year after year while Noah built the ark.

Methuselah's life demonstrates God's patience towards us. We think we have tomorrow.

1. Mankind had the promise of the Redeemer before Adam and Eve were led out of the garden – Genesis 3:15  
*“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”*
2. God instituted a sacrifice as the means to approach God. This was seen with Abel's offering in Gen. 4:1-7 and with Noah's sacrifice in Genesis 8:20.
3. God set a mark on Cain – Genesis 4:15. It was visible to all.
4. God established a time for worship in Genesis 4:3
5. The long lives of Adam and Methuselah spanned the entire period.
  - a. Adam lived 930 and certainly told all of creation and the origin of sin.
  - b. In Genesis 5:21 it says, *“And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah”* Methuselah's life was a warning. His name means, **“When he is dead, it shall be sent.”**
  - c. Methuselah lived 969 years as a warning.
  - d. Methuselah was also the longest living man (which is another statement of God's mercy).
6. The preaching of Enoch – Jude 14-15 (Right in the middle of this period.
7. The translating of Enoch.
8. The preaching of Noah – 2 Peter 2:5 called Noah a preacher of righteousness. He also built the ark.



Heb. 11:7 – “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.

1Pet. 3:20 – “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.”

2Pet. 2:5 – “And spared not the old world, but saved **Noah** the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.”

9. Genesis 6:3 talks of the Holy Spirit contending with man for 120 years.

This is grace and mercy seen in His long-suffering towards mankind.

## NOAH

Noah came from a godly line. He is great grandson of Enoch the grandson of Methuselah. His father, Lamech was also godly. We can see this in the following passage. (Gen. 5:29)

*“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.’”*

**Noah’s name means “rest.”** He recognized the Scriptural concept of the Messianic Line coming through Noah. Because of this, there would be rest one day. He also understood the concept of the Adamic curse. Therefore, it seems that Lamech was godly and saw that in some way that through Noah the violence in the world would come to an end.

In the 600 years of Noah’s life leading up to the flood the wickedness of mankind grew. We can see God’s grace in Noah’s salvation

### **At what point in time did Noah become a believer?**

Noah wasn’t born a believer. No one is. Salvation is an individual thing. Note: Gen. 6:12

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

Yet, when God looked on Noah, Gen. 6:8

*“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.”*

Again, grace was not based on Noah’s goodness or personal works, but rather it is based on God’s grace towards Noah. Scripture is clear that Salvation is not based on works rather, it is by God’s grace.

*“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God”  
(Eph 2:8-9)*

**Three clues:** Genesis 6:9 gives us three clues into how Noah found grace in God’s sight while the rest of the world continued in their rebellion.

## First, Noah was a just man

Gen. 6:9 *“Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.”*  
In order to be called just a holy God must first justify you. The ground of all justification is the proper blood atonement

*“Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. – Rom. 5:9.*

Furthermore,

**Romans 5:1** says, *“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:”* Noah needed to be justified by God in order to be a just man.

## Hebrews 11:7 gives us another clue to Noah’s salvation.

It says, *“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.”*

- **He was “Warned of God” – Heb. 11:7a.** He heard the Word of God and responded by faith . . . he believed.
- **He was “moved with fear” – Heb. 11:7b.** Noah heard the Word of God and by faith believed being moved with holy fear and faith.

Noah wasn’t born perfect. He was a sinner as all men are. He was included in the **Gen. 6:12** passage that said, *“All flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.”*

But Noah heard the Word of God and by faith believed being moved with fear. Therefore, he was justified by his faith in God. He *“became heir of the righteousness which is by faith” – Hebrews 11:7*

## Second Noah was perfect in His generation – Gen 6:9

A result of his salvation is that he kept His family separated from the moral evil around them. He kept them from the Giants of those days – **Gen. 6:4** (Nephilim). **Hebrews 11:7** confines this because it says to the *“saving of his house”*

## Third, Noah walked with God – Gen. 6:9c

This is what kept him from the moral evil of the day was his personal walk with God. Noah’s faith was in *“things not seen as yet” – Hebrews 11:7.*

**He was saved by faith, he lived by faith and now he is seen walking by faith.**

**His faith was based on God’s promises since he was “moved with fear” when he heard the Word of God. His faith was also evidenced with good works.**

Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. – **James 2:17**. His faith resulted in godly works. All true faith results in godly works whereas a false faith results in worldliness.

**His faith resulted in his family's deliverance.** Any time we exercise faith it impacts our family. Abraham's faith impacted his family as Rahab's faith impacted her family. His faith was rewarded because Hebrews 11:7 says, "he was to become the heir of righteousness."

So we saw that Noah lived in an ungodly day but he experienced the grace of God and came to know the Lord and lived by faith. We can also see the mercy of God in his patient longsuffering towards the people of Noah's day.

### **The attitude of the antediluvian community towards Enoch, Methuselah and Noah? – Luke 17:26-27; Genesis 6:5, 11**

I can see how the pre-flood world must have thought, "It will never happen." When you live to be 900 years old, human death is somewhat removed, it is not a major concern.

Enoch preached of the coming judgment – (Jude 14-15). Methuselah represented the timeline of the coming judgment. Noah prepared for the coming judgment. But to the pre-flood world, the thought of judgment and death was far from their minds. To them, it will never happen. However, their time was slipping away and they were not ready.

### **WHO ARE THE SONS OF GOD AND THE DAUGHTERS OF MEN? Genesis 6:2, 4 (Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7)**

#### **Two major views:**

- a. The sons of God are the descendants of Seth, and the daughters of men are the descendants of Cain.
- b. The sons of God in the Old Testament is a reference to angels. They are the angels mentioned in Jude 6 "And the angels which kept not **their first estate**, but **left their** own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." And in 2 Peter 2:4 – "For if God spared not the **angels** that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment."

### **WHO ARE THE GIANTS (NEPHILIM) רְפָאִים in Genesis 6:4?**

"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."

#### **Three views:**

1. The Sethite line became polluted through mixed marriage with unbelievers. These children became violent and oppressive.

2. The giants were mighty men. Despotic rulers and oppressors who would seize power and abuse women.
3. **The giants were the off-springs of the fallen angels** who co-habited with women— These angels are the ones confined in chains of darkness (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6)

#### **A View of Genesis 6:1-4 —**

See Henry Morris, *The Genesis Record*; also this view was the predominate view in Jewish literature during the time of Christ, also see Dr. Renald Showers, Marvin Rosenthal and the Book of Enoch for more.

- a. The Sons of God are viewed as *fallen angels* — Gen. 6:2 cf. Job 1:6; 2:1 & 38:7.
- b. The Daughters of men:
  - 1) Is a reference to all females that were on the earth
  - 2) The angels co-habited with women and had unusual *off springs* — might men or giants.
  - 3) Morris and others believe that the purpose of the co-habiting of angels and men was to pollute the *Messianic line* and to create an unredeemable race.
  - 4) The co-habiting of angels and men was judged *at the Flood*. 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6 speaks of it

**Who are the giants in** Numbers 13:33; Deuteronomy 2:11, 20; 3:11, 13; Joshua 12:4; 13:12; 15:8, 17:15; 18:16; 2 Samuel 21:16; ,18, 20, 22; 1 Chronicles 20:4, 6, 8

1. Some who hold this view feel that this co-habitation can be *repeated today*. There are various views as to when this revisiting will happen. Some feel we will see this activity again before and during the tribulation.
2. Others suggest that the genetic mutation introduced into the human race was carried by Ham's wife. (Note that Noah did not have children until he was 500 years old. In this view much of the world was tainted by this time. It would have been hard for Noah's sons to a wife who had not been affected in some way.) All the giants mentioned after the flood came from Ham's son Canaan
3. The giants are just a natural genetic anomaly that developed in one family line.

### **NOAH'S LIFE AND HIS CHARACTER (Genesis 6:8, 10, 9, 22; 7:1, 5; 9:20-21)**

1. He found grace in God's sight.  
Gen. 6:8 – "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD."
2. He had three sons.

Gen. 6:10 – “And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.”

He began having children at 500 years old. His sons were grown and married by the time of the flood. Therefore, they were most likely born when Noah was 500 to 575 years of age.

3. He walked with God.

Gen. 6:9 – “These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.”

4. He did what God commanded.

Gen. 6:22; 7:5 – “Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.”  
Gen. 7:5 – “And Noah did according unto all that the LORD commanded him.”

5. He was seen as righteous.

Gen. 7:1 – “And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.”

6. He was a farmer.

Gen. 9:20 – “And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he planted a vineyard.”

7. He got drunk after the flood.

Gen. 9:21 – “And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent.”

8. By faith, moved with fear, prepared an ark, saved his household, condemned the world.

Hebrew 11:7 – “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.”

9. He was a preacher of righteousness.

2 Pet. 2:5 – “And spared not the old world, but saved **Noah** the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.”

### **WHERE DO WE GET THE IDEA THAT NOAH WAS A PREACHER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR 120 YEARS?**

No passage in Scripture states Noah was a preacher of righteousness for **120 years**. It only says Noah was a preacher of righteousness.

2 Pet. 2:5 – “And spared not the old world, but saved **Noah** the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.”

Hebrews 11:7 – “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.”

1 Peter 3:18-20 – “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 19 by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.”

The only passage that mentions 120 years is one dealing with the Spirit of God striving with men in the days of Noah.

Genesis 6:3 – “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.’”

There are two assumptions made here

- (1) It took Noah 120 years to build the Ark
- (2) Noah preached 120 years to the antediluvians.

The above passages do not directly say either point. The passage says,

“The Lord said, ‘My spirit shall not strive with men.’”

Men have interpreted that passage to mean

- (1) Noah preached God’s Word and the Holy Spirit convicted men (strove with men) for 120 years,
- (2) the building of the Ark was a convicting message of condemnation got 120 years.

Both interpretations maybe true, but we ought to be careful here. The Scriptures do not exactly say that. We are making an interpretation fact. What the passage says is

“My spirit shall not always strive with man.”

For over 1500 years God’s spirit was striving with the antediluvians. Now . . .

“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. 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.” – Genesis 6:5-8

Thus, the judgment day is coming, “his days (man’s days) shall be an hundred and twenty years.” Then the judgment flood.

## NOAHIC FLOOD AND COVENANT

God gave this covenant to Noah, his sons and to their descendants (Genesis 9:8-9) and to all the animals on the ark (Genesis 9:10-12).

### **The covenant is as follows:**

“And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there anymore be a flood to destroy the earth, and with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle,<sup>14</sup> and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.<sup>15</sup> And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.<sup>16</sup> And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.<sup>17</sup> And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth” – Genesis 9:9-17.

**There are no conditions.** This covenant is made to man by God and will be kept by Him.

### **The purpose for the covenant**

It is a gracious and unconditional covenant accompanied with a sign—a rainbow—to assure mankind throughout the ages that He (God) would never again destroy the world through a universal flood.

### **The duration of the covenant**

It is for all generations (Genesis 9:12) and is everlasting (Genesis 9:16) as long as the present earth exists (Genesis 8:22). After the millennial reign, the earth will be destroyed “in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up . . . wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat” (2 Peter 3:10-13). Thus, this present earth will not be destroyed by water, but by fire.

### **The importance of this covenant**

God assures us that He will not end this present natural world order until He accomplishes His purpose for it, then only after this is done, will He bring it to its end by fire, and in its place, establish a new heavens and a new earth (2 Peter 3:13).

## THE DIMENSIONS AND DESCRIPTION OF THE ARK

### Genesis 6:14-16

Its dimensions are given as **300 cubits** in length, 50 cubits in width and 30 cubits in height (**450 × 75 × 45 ft** or **137 × 22.9 × 13.7 m**).

Door on the side (Genesis 6:16; John 10:7-9; 14:6)

Pitch inside and out – Kaphar (Genesis 6:14; Leviticus 17:11)

**Noah’s Role** – Genesis 6:19-22 (20); 7:2-3

1. House animals on the Ark and gather the food.
2. The animals came to Noah
3. Clean animals by sevens
4. Unclean by two’s

**DATING: Using the Jewish calendar**

Twelve Jewish Festivals and Fasts					
	Jewish Month	Main Feasts – Fasts		Description	Secular Calendar
1	<b>NISAN</b> (Nissan)	<i>Dalet</i> 1 2	<i>Heh</i>	14 Passover sacrifice 15 <i>Yamei Matzot</i> 21 (Unleavened Bread)	MARCH–APRIL
2	<b>IYAR</b> (Iyyar)				APRIL–MAY
3	<b>SIVAN</b>	3		6, Pentecost (Feast of Weeks, First Fruits, Early Harvest)	MAY–JUNE
4	<b>TAMMUZ</b> (Tamuz)		1	1 <sup>st</sup> Fast of 17 <i>Tammuz</i>	JUNE–JULY
5	<b>AV</b> (Ab)		2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fast of 9 <i>Av</i>	JULY–AUGUST
6	<b>ELUL</b>				AUGUST–SEPTEMBER
7	<b>TISHRI</b> (Tishrei)	4 5 6	3 4	1, Rosh Hashanah (Day of Blowing Trumpets) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fast of 3 <i>Tishri</i> , Gedaliah 4 <sup>th</sup> Fast 10 <i>Tishri</i> , Feast of Atonement (Yom Kippur) 15-21, Feast of Tabernacles/ Booths 21, <i>Hoshanah Rabba</i> 22, <i>Shemini Azeret</i> 23, <i>Simhat Torah</i>	SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER
8	<b>CHESHVAN</b> (Mar-Chesyan)				OCTOBER–NOVEMBER
9	<b>KISLEV</b> (Chisley)	7		25-30, Hanukah, (Festival of Lights)	NOVEMBER–DECEMBER
10	<b>TEVET</b> (Tebeth)		5	1-2, Hanukah continues (Festival of Lights) 5 <sup>th</sup> Fast of 10 <i>Tevet</i> Jubilee every 50 years (Rededication of the Temple)	DECEMBER–JANUARY
11	<b>SHEVAT</b> (Shebat)				JANUARY–FEBRUARY
12	<b>ADAR I</b> (& <i>Adar II</i> )			13, Fast of Esther 14-15, Feast of Purim	FEBRUARY–MARCH

TWELVE-MONTH YEAR	
SACRED	CIVIL
1. Nisan	Tishri
2. Iyar	Heshvan
3. Sivan	Chisleu
4. Tammuz	Tebet
5. Ab	Shebet
6. Elul	Adar
7. Tishri	Nisan
8. Heshvan	Iyar
9. Chisleu	Sivan
10. Tebet	Tammuz
11. Shehet	Ab
12. Adar	Elul



- a. **The flood began on Cheshvan 17<sup>th</sup>.** The date of the flood was the second month, seventeen day – Genesis 7:11 – Flooding from windows of heaven and fountains of the deep.

“In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the **second month, the seventeenth day of the month**, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.”

- b. **Rain ended on Kislev 27<sup>th</sup>.** It rained 40 days and nights – Genesis 7:12.
- c. **The Ark rested on Ararat -- Genesis 8:4 – day 150 (Nisan 17<sup>th</sup>).** From the beginning of the flood to the time the Ark rested on Mt Ararat was 150 days.
- i. Raven sent out – day 264 – Genesis 8:7 (Av 11<sup>th</sup>)
  - ii. Dove sent out – day 271 – Genesis 8:8-9 (Av 18<sup>th</sup>)
  - iii. Dove sent out second time – day 278 – Genesis 8:10-11 (Av 25<sup>th</sup>)
  - iv. Dove sent out third time – day 285 – Genesis 8:12 (Elul 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Noah removed the covering of the Ark** on the first month, the first day – Genesis 8:13 – 29 days later – **(Tishri 1)** – 314 days after the flood began

**The ground had dried** – Genesis 8:14 – 57 days later - on the second month on the twenty-seventh day **(Cheshvan 27)**

**They exited the Ark** – Genesis 8:15-19 – on second month on the twenty-seventh day **(Cheshvan 27)**. They spent 371 days – 53 weeks – in the Ark.

# The Table of Nations – Genesis 10



Map of the Origin of Nations and Races that were dispersed by God in Genesis 10

The big question of how all the nations and races began and what was the origin of all civilization can be answered in Genesis chapter 10. The Bible reveals that every race upon the earth originated with the three sons of Noah; Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Genesis 10 lists a total of 70 original founders of the nations of the world or racial groups. They are all divided into 3 primary classifications: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Although the subject of the classification of the nations and the origin of languages is highly controversial, ethnologists agree on one key point: that all of mankind can be divided into three basic groups.

## Historical Background

### Noah and the Flood

The entire world was destroyed by a flood except for Noah and his family. The flood lasted 40 days and 40 nights and after 150 days Noah's Ark rested upon Mount Ararat. After 2 1/2 more months the tops of the mountains became visible, and 40 days later Noah sent a dove

and a Raven. The dove returned, and seven days later Noah sent forth the dove once again and this time it returned with an olive leaf. After seven more days the Dove sent forth once again and it did not return. Noah finally discerned that the water had receded enough for him to venture forth. He had been in the ark for over a year, and after departing he built an altar and made a sacrifice. The Lord was pleased with Noah's offering and spoke to Noah saying that he would never again destroy the world by water, and the rainbow appeared as a sign of his promise to all of mankind.

For nearly 100-years Noah's family increased in numbers and prospered. They soon began to migrate according to God's promise to be fruitful and fill the earth.

### **Shem, Ham, and Japheth**

The sons of Noah were Shem, Ham, and Japheth... these three sons of Noah represented the three great races of mankind. The above map shows a table of God's dispersion of the nations after they migrated from the Tower at Babel.

#### **Shem (Asia)**

Shem (Heb. "Name") was Noah's oldest son and part of Noah's family of eight who survived the great flood. Shem and his wife were childless before the flood, but after the flood Shem bore a son at 110 years of age. He was father to five sons who became the fathers of the five Semitic nations as shown below. Shem was the father of the nations of the ancient Near East including the Israelites and the Jewish religion, and therefore Judaism, Islam, and Christianity sprang from the line of Shem. The Semites were particularly known for their religious zeal.

#### **The Five Semitic Nations:**

1. **Elam** (The Persians) settled northeast of the Persian Gulf.
2. **Asshur** (The Assyrians) the Biblical name for Assyria, settled between the Euphrates and Tigris Rivers.
3. **Arphaxad** (The Babylonians) settled in Chaldea.
4. **Lud** (The Lydians) settled in Asia Minor, but some of them sailed across the Mediterranean and settled in northern Africa.
5. **Aram** (The Syrians) the Biblical name for Syria, located north and east of Israel.

#### **Ham (Africa)**

Ham (Heb. "hot" or "warm") was Noah's second oldest son and part of the family of eight who survived the great flood. Ham and his wife bore 4 sons who became the fathers of the nations of Africa. Ham's fourth son Canaan was prophetically cursed because Ham (his father) gazed at Noah's nakedness while he was drunk. Perhaps Canaan had his father's disposition and Noah understood that this would be passed down through his family line. This curse would mean later that Canaan would lose his land to the Hebrews and would be

subservient to the descendants of Shem. The Hamites were known for their physical endurance.

### **The Four Hamitic Nations:**

1. **Cush** (The Ethiopians) settled in Ethiopia south of Egypt, also early in their history some of them migrated to an area north of the Persian Gulf (Gen. 10:8-10).
2. **Mizraim** (The Egyptians) the Bible name for Egypt, settled in northeastern Africa.
3. **Phut** (The Libyans) sometimes translated Libya, settled in northern Africa.
4. **Canaan** (The Canaanites) settled above Africa east of the Mediterranean (Later was given to the Hebrews).

### **Japheth (Europe)**

Japheth (Heb. "God will Enlarge") was Noah's third oldest son and part of the family of eight who survived the great flood. Japheth and Shem were both greatly blessed for respecting their father, Noah. Noah's blessing on Japheth was far reaching for all of his descendants being the European (Caucasian) nations that were mentioned in Genesis 10. The Japhethites were known for their intellectual activity.

### **The Seven Japhetic Nations:**

1. **Gomer** (The Cimmerians) settled north of the Black Sea, but afterwards his descendants probably occupied Germany, France, Spain and the British Isles.
2. **Magog** (The Scythians) lived north of the Caspian Sea.
3. **Madai** (The Medes) settled south of the Caspian Sea.
4. **Javan** (The Ionians or Greeks) Javan is the Hebrew name for Greeks, they settled in Greece.
5. **Tubal** (The Turks) lived south of the Black Sea.
6. **Meshech** (The Slavs) lived between the Black and Caspian Seas.
7. **Tiras** (The Etruscans) located west of the Black Sea.