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Have you ever wondered what your name means? Parents these days seem to pick names for their children that they like the sound of, or that belonged to some other relative in the family who had the name first. At the beginning of civilization, children were named by either their mother or father, or God, and these names all had particular meaning. Adam's son Seth named his son 'Enosh' which means 'moral frailty', a testimony to Seth's awareness that his generation knew that they had a deep spiritual need to be right with God.

In Genesis, Chapter 5, there are some hard-to-pronounce names of people listed as the heads of various generations. However, the head of a generation wasn't always the first-born son. Ten names are mentioned in these particular verses, starting with Adam and ending with Noah. Although each individual listed here had many children, there were only 10 in the direct line that led from Noah to Abraham, David and eventually to Christ.

Because most of those 10 men lived over 900 years before they died, Adam would have known all the generations following him, except for Noah. This meant that the story of creation and mankind's fall into sin would have been told over and over again to help people make some meaning of their lives and learn lessons from other people's failures. The oldest man to ever live was Methuselah, who lived 969 years, while his father, Enoch, lived the shortest of these 10 men.

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The first verse of Genesis, Chapter 5, marks one of the major divisions in Genesis. It says: "This is the book of the generations of Adam." The record was written down and not just orally transmitted. In the same way, Noah wrote down a section of the Bible as a continuation of the official history of the human race, and especially the line of promise that would lead to Christ, the Saviour of the world. The names of these first 10 patriarchs in the pre-flood period are also listed in Luke, Chapter 3, as part of the genealogy of the Lord Jesus Christ. They're also given in 1 Chronicles, Chapter 1. This double account rules out any possibility that the Biblical information in the beginning times was just made up.

Adam lived until Lamech, the father of Noah, was 56 years old. And according to this genealogy, there were 1,656 years between the creation of Adam and Noah's flood. Humans during this period lived much longer than we do today. This came about because the water vapour canopy around the earth kept the sun's radiation from damaging the earth's surface.

Enoch was an amazing person. His name means 'dedication' and he walked with God and he was God's prophet. In the 2nd last book of the Bible, Jude, Jude quotes what Enoch prophesied: "Behold, the Lord will come with many thousands of His holy angels to bring judgment on all, to condemn them all for the godless deeds they have performed and for all the terrible words that godless sinners have spoken against Him!"

Enoch's 'walk' with God was probably not literal in the sense in which Adam had walked with Him in the garden before the Fall. Enoch too, shared in the fallen nature of all men.

In Hebrews, Chapter 11, Verse 5, it says: "By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, and was not found, because God had taken him: for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God." By faith, in prayer and by obedience to God's word, Enoch maintained close fellowship and communion with God. Somehow, in actual physical flesh, Enoch was supernaturally carried up into heaven. Enoch became an example of hope for all mankind: life can be found by walking with God. But if we want to find life, we must walk well and finish well.

When Enoch was 65 years old, he had a son named Methuselah, which means 'when he dies, judgment'. Enoch may have received a special revelation concerning the coming judgment of the great flood. God promised Enoch that the flood wouldn't come as long as Methuselah lived. And Methuselah lived for 969 years, more than anyone else in recorded history. In 2 Peter, Chapter 3, it says: "The Lord is not slow to do what He has promised, as some think. Instead, he is patient with you, because he does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants all to turn away from their sins."

Methuselah's son, Lamech, was also a prophet, and Lamech spoke about his own son Noah. Enoch and Lamech are the only two of the 10 pre-flood patriarchs to have some of their words recorded in the Scriptures. Both these two men were outlived by their fathers.

At Noah's birth, his father Lamech prophesied a coming time when the curse of sin would be removed, indicating that the memory of creation and of the fall was still fresh in their minds or at least those who had received and believed the records left for them by Adam. This is strong evidence that there aren't any large gaps in the genealogies of Genesis 5. It's impossible to make this record fit with evolution speculating that man originated somehow several millions of years ago.

It has always been important for Jewish people to be able to trace their ancestors back to Abraham. There are two genealogies for Jesus Christ in the New Testament. In Matthew, Chapter 1, the kingly line from King David through to his son, Solomon, is traced down to Jesus's stepfather or supposedly' father', Joseph, the son of Jacob. In Luke, Chapter 3, the fleshly line of Jesus is given through His mother Mary, daughter of Heli. While it was assumed (from every outward appearance) that Jesus was the fleshly son of Joseph, Jesus was in fact the descendant of Heli (due to being born of a virgin by the Holy Spirit and without sin).

This Biblical account records the physical descent of Jesus from Mary, through from David's son Nathan. King David was the joint ancestor of both Mary and Joseph.

God is a great and orderly mathematician. One example of this is recorded in Matthew, Chapter 1, that there were 14 generations from Abraham to David; then there were 14 generations from David until the captivity in Babylon; and from that captivity until the Christ, there were also 14 generations.

Do we need to know all this early history of the human race and the greatness of our God in providing Jesus to overcome the sinful nature and curse of Adam inflicted on us all? Yes, we do. God's original plan was fellowship with human beings. Thus we need to know a lot about Him to worship Him correctly in spirit and in truth, as this is what Jesus taught. God doesn't want to be worshipped in ignorance. That's what the pagans do. They make gods for themselves out of wood or metal but the god statues have no life. Whatever attributes they were given, came from the imagination of the people who make them. And these pagan gods were certainly not perfect like our Creator God.

When the Apostle Paul visited Athens in Greece in the New Testament, he came across an altar with the inscription "To the unknown god." So unsatisfied were the Greeks in their worship of many gods, they decided to make an altar to another god they did not yet know. When Paul tried to teach them about this God they weren't really interested. They rejected what Paul had to say about a living and eternal God. They had never before heard of a God who died and was raised back to life to be the permanent Redeemer from sin of all those who will trust Him.

Both God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ have many names which describe them and reveal their character. The best known one for God the Father is 'Jehovah', which is translated in the Scriptures as 'LORD' with an initial capital letter and small capitals to distinguish it from the other types of lords. 'Jehovah' means 'to be actively present' and contains the thought of God's faithfulness and unchangeableness.

Do we believe that God is actively present in our world, despite all the troubles we hear and we see in it? Whether we are conscious of it or not, the issues of life are before us. We must vote for or against a view of life that has worth, purpose and a heavenly goal. If we vote that the universe has no meaning, made itself out of nothing, and life here is a struggle for survival of the fittest, then we vote that our own lives have no purpose or meaning.

This decision has implications for all of life, as when life has no distinct meaning and purpose, it falls into destruction or shattered pieces. Without a strong controlling purpose, the human personality disintegrates through its own inner clashes – no purpose, no personality. A famous theologian once said words to the effect that God has made us for Himself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Him.

One of the most used names for the Lord Jesus in the Scriptures is 'Son of Man'. Jesus used this as His preferred title for Himself as it highlights His humanity as well as His servanthood. It also reflects Daniel's vision of the Son of Man coming with judgment and authority, as seen in Daniel, Chapter 7. Jesus Christ will one day come to rule and reign over the earth, and the Bible says His kingdom will never be destroyed.

Are you already part of the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus? Christ's kingdom for the moment is a spiritual kingdom. By His substitutionary death and resurrection, Jesus wonderfully paid for the sins of the world. This means that all those who put their trust and loyalty in Jesus and confess Jesus as the Son of God, will be saved. Jesus wants to live within you peacefully and cooperatively by His Holy Spirit.

Sadly, people try to fulfil this intended relationship with God by seeking after anything and everything that will deaden this great need. God's offer to receive Jesus won't be open forever. Many of the Bible's prophecies are being fulfilled before our very eyes and soon, there'll be times of great trouble throughout the whole world as many people reject any authority or existence of God in their lives.

In Hebrews, Chapter 11, Verse 6, it says: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

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