

## Genesis 5:1-3

Today we are going to discuss **Genesis 5**, which is the chronology of the first ten generations, leading from Adam up to Noah. For many people whenever you read any chronological recording in the Bible, they automatically yawn; but that is only because we really don't understand or believe **II Timothy 3:16-17**, "**All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness. 17. That the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.**" Friends we need everything that the word of God gives; none of it is there to simply fill the pages. **Genesis 5** is much more than a family tree, it is a testimonial of Ten Patriarchs and their choice to follow God at the darkest and most evil period of time the world has ever known. I find it incredible that from the creation of Adam, to the birth of Noah, there was only 1056 years; yet mankind had fallen head long into greater depravity than anyone could have imagined. But **Genesis 5** is a record of the only continuous seed or lineage which did not become contaminated, as every other one did. In fact, Noah's brothers, sisters, cousins and aunts and uncles were not saved from the flood. One other thing that is critical to point out here is the timing of Lamech's and Methuselah's death. Lamech is Noah's father, and he died five years before the flood; Methuselah, Noah's grandfather died the year of the flood. Therefore, all of the previous nine generations prior to Noah, died naturally before judgment fell.

**Genesis 5:1, This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. 2. He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created.**

For all of women who believe that God is sexist, they only need to go here to verse 2, to learn that God refers to male and females as Man. The name Adam, literally means man. It was not God's idea to call Eve woman, rather it was Adam's; but the other point that I would love to look at here, is the fact that God blessed Man after he had created them. What does it mean to you when you hear the word blessed? To me, I see here that Adam and Eve were given everything that they needed in order to prosper and succeed in whatever they put their hands to. Consider with me **Psalms 31:19**, "**How great is thy goodness, which Thou hast stored up for those who fear Thee, Which Thou hast wrought for those who take refuge in Thee, before the sons of men!**" You see there is a prerequisite here to walking in the favor and goodness of God, fearing Him! Once Adam and Eve, or you and I stop fearing Him, then that is when we will choose our will over His, and that is when sin enters in. Let's read now the chronological account in **Genesis 5**, and starting here at verse **3. When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.** Genesis four does not speak of Cain and Abel being like Adam or according to his image; yet, clearly we are told that Seth was like Adam and that his likeness was more of a mirror image to his father. Adam probably started from day one in training Seth concerning the things of God. Taking your kids to church is not enough, they need to see and hear you living this life every day. If we really trained our kids as we are admonished to, then less of our children when they are teens and young adults would stray from the faith.