



Genesis 5 is an ancient document. *It is simply a genealogy.* The most interesting thing to note about it is that it is also every person's genealogy who is descended from Shem, Ham or Japheth.

Until the temple records were burnt in 70CE most Jews could trace their lineage via the male line of inheritance to Adam.

Some doubt the long lifetimes. However, they are remarkably consistent and Jacob the father of Israel speaks of it being a fact that at 127 years old he had not attained the length of life of his ancestors (Genesis 47:9). It is worthwhile to open a chart of this family tree in a separate window. click [here](#).

Genesis 5

- (1) This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness¹ of God² made he him;
- (2) Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam³, in the day when they were created.
- (3) And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness⁴, after his image; and called his name Seth:
- (4) And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begot sons and daughters:
- (5) And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.
- (6) And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begot Enos:
- (7) And Seth lived after he begot Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begot sons and daughters:
- (8) And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.
- (9) And Enos lived ninety years, and begot Cainan:
- (10) And Enos lived after he begot Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begot sons and daughters:
- (11) And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.
- (12) And Cainan lived seventy years, and begot Mahalaleel:
- (13) And Cainan lived after he begot Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begot sons and daughters:
- (14) And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.
- (15) And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begot Jared:
- (16) And Mahalaleel lived after he begot Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters:
- (17) And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.
- (18) And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begot Enoch:
- (19) And Jared lived after he begot Enoch eight hundred years, and begot sons and daughters:
- (20) And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.
- (21) And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begot Methuselah⁵:

(22) And Enoch walked with God after he begot Methuselah three hundred years, and begot sons and daughters:

(23) And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

(24) And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him⁶.

(25) And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begot Lamech:

(26) And Methuselah lived after he begot Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begot sons and daughters:

(27) And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

(28) And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begot a son:

(29) And he called his name Noah⁷, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed⁸.

(30) And Lamech lived after he begot Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begot sons and daughters:

(31) And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.

(32) And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begot Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

(King James Version updated with reference to the Hebrew text)

1 Resemblance, same form or shape

2 Hebrew *Elohim* Mighty ones, plural which are the angels (messengers) of Deity.

3 Adam, from to show blood, to dye red, ruddy as the colour of human flesh.

4 Same word as 1.

5 Methuseleh means 'When he dies it shall come'. Hebrew *muth* =dying. Enoch's son's name is a prophecy of the flood hidden in the English translation. He is famous for being the longest lived man. Some see this as the grace of God.

6 In the same way another man Elijah was taken. He was spared seeing the evil of Noah's era.

7 The name Noah in Hebrew means 'rest' or quiet

8 Lamech in naming his son is looking for a time when the curse, or that we have to labour in the sweat of our brow for food, would be lifted. He is looking for 'rest' from hard 'labour'. 'Rest' is another name used for redemption. For the curse see previous [Day 9](#)