

Divergent Lines **Genesis 4:16-5:32**

I. Line of Cain – 4:16-24

1. Cain's life-changing decision – 4:16
“Then Cain went away from presence of the Lord”
“Then” refers to all that is previous in Gen. 4
After God rejected his offering giving him another opportunity
After God warned him about the path he was taking – 4:7
After God confronted him about killing Abel– 4:9-10
After Cain showed no signs of repentance
Although God graciously put a mark of protection on him
2. Cain began a new life & family – 4:17
He & his wife had a son named Enoch
(not the same as Enoch in Gen. 5:18-24)
3. Cain built a city – 4:17
First city mentioned in the Bible
Next city is in Babel – Gen. 11:1-4
Man's attempt to build a name for themselves
In rebellion against God
Last city is city of Babylon – Rev. 18
Read the nature of that city & God's judgment on it
Note particularly Rev. 18:4 (God's note to His people)
4. Descendants help build a culture – 18-24
Nomads who kept livestock – 20
Musicians who played various instruments – 21
Industrialists who made things of metal - 22
5. Polygamy and violence – 23-24
More than one wife – 23
Justification of murder and revenge - 24

II. Birth of Seth – 4:25-26

1. God gave Adam & Eve a son – 4:25
Named him “Seth” – meaning “appointed”
God has appointed him to replace Abel
2. Seth had a son beginning “Seed line”
From Adam to Noah – Note Lk. 3:36-38
Identical to the list here in Genesis 5
3. Note what is said in Genesis 4:26
“People began to call upon the Lord”
Those in this line had a relationship with the Lord

III. From Adam to Noah – 5:1-32

1. Adam created in image of God – 1-2
Both male & female in God's image
2. Adam has a son in his own image – 3
Meaning in God's image but as in Adam
As explained in Rom. 5:12-21; 1 Cor. 15:47-49
The fullness of God's image is restored in Christ
3. Adam & others here had other children – 4
But those listed are in the “Seed line”
God is fulfilling His promise in Gen. 3:15

The complete list is in Luke 3:23-38
4. Note longevity of those in this line - 5

IV. Enoch is Notable – 5:21-24

1. Enoch fathered Methuselah – 21
Methuselah noted as oldest man – 969 yrs.
2. His birth was significant to Enoch – 22
Enoch walked with God next 300 years
Evidently something happened to Enoch
Named his son Methuselah –
“When he dies judgment”
Jude 14-15 tell us of Enoch's prophecies
About God's judgment that was to come
3. Enoch walked with God – 24
Close relationship such that God took him
Before the judgment of the flood came

Putting Some Numbers Together

While we do not know all that God shared with Enoch it is interesting to note the life of his son Methuselah. We know that Methuselah is said to be the oldest man who ever lived with an age of 969 years (**verse 27**). He was the father of Lamech who was the father of Noah. In **verse 26** we learn that Methuselah lived 782 Years after Lamech was born and in **verse 31** it is recorded that Lamech lived to be 777 years of age when he died. This means that Methuselah outlived his son by 5 years and in **verse 30** it is said that Lamech lived 595 years after Noah was born. If we add 5 years to that it means that Methuselah lived 600 years after the birth of Noah.

Turning to **Genesis 7:6** we discover that Noah was 600 years old when the flood came upon the earth. That means that Methuselah died in the same year that the flood began. While we do not know what God told Enoch, it is interesting that the judgment of the flood did not come upon the earth until the time of the death of his son. If this is true we might once again see God's grace as the world did not experience God's judgment prophesied by Enoch for 969 years giving humans the lifespan of the oldest man in which to repent.