GENERATIONS OF ADAM THROUGH SETH – GENESIS 4:25–5:32

PURPOSE FOR THIS GENEALOGY

- 1. It shows us the time that elapses from Creation to the Flood without any gaps
- 2. It shows us the increase of the population
- **3**. It shows that people lived to be nearly a thousand years old
 - A. Their extensive lives allowed for rapid, population growth.
 - **B**. It allowed for the passing on of truth from one generation to another without too many intermediaries so that truth was not lost
- 4. It shows us the reign of death
- 5. It shows us the hope that we can escape death
- 6. It shows us the line of the Messiah, namely, Jesus

PATTERN IN THE GENEALOGY

- 1. Age when he fathered his firstborn with child name
- 2. How many years he lived after birth of firstborn
- 3. Reference to other sons and daughters
- 4. How many years total for his life
- 5. Then death!
 - 7 of the 10 names follow this exact pattern, which in itself conveys gospel truth. Everyone in this genealogy, though in the Godly line, eventually died! Where the pattern is broken hope and reality of judgment is taught.

GENESIS 5 GENEALOGY



- ADAM shows us the reign of sin and death
- ENOCH shows us the hope of conquering death
- METHUSELAH shows us the mercy and patience of God
- NOAH shows us a new day and a new creation that will come after the judgment
- The Fall, Hope, Grace and the New Creation are all pictured in the genealogy. Sin and death are the primary focus. Noah shows us a new beginning following judgment. When sin is judged there will be "rest."