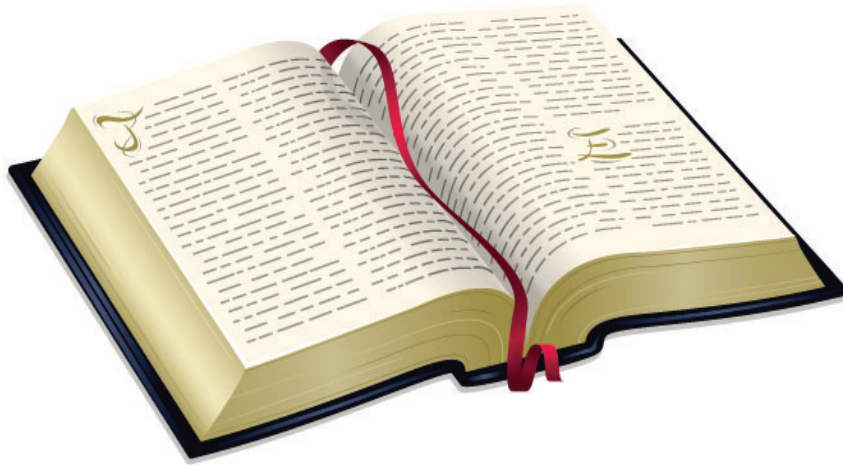


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In The Beginning Series

Twelve Lesson Study on the Book of Genesis

This Lesson - Genesis Chapter 5 - 8

Please read Genesis Chapter 5 Check

Chapter 5

Meaning of Genesis Chapter 5:

This is the book of the generations of Adam. Chapter 5 serves to link the history of creation and the earliest of the humans with the time of Noah and the flood. It accomplishes this with a simple genealogy of Adam's descendants through his son Seth.

The chapter begins by restating an essential truth about God's creation of humankind. He made men and women in His own likeness and used the name *ā'dām*, which is literally the Hebrew word for "human." This likeness isn't about a physical resemblance to God. It's about God giving His image to humans as His representatives on earth. It's about sharing with humanity His responsibility to rule and subdue the rest of creation. Being made in God's likeness also means that each human life has great value in God's eyes.

1. (Gen. 5:1) In what likeness did God create man/mankind?

He (God) made them to be like himself.

2. (Gen. 5:2) Please write down (and remember) this verse.

He (God) created them male and female, and he blessed them and called them "human."

3. (Gen. 5:3) How old was Adam when his son, Seth was born? 130 years old

4. (Gen. 5:4) Adam had a son that he names Seth.

Do we know how many other sons and daughters Adam had? no

5. (Gen. 5:5) How old was Adam when he died? 930 years old

6. In what verse in Genesis chapter 5 do we first hear of Noah in the Bible? Verse 5:29

7. Genesis 5 is all about the genealogy/family line/descendants of Adam. In this chapter is a list of nine family members, how long they lived here on earth, and what happened to them at the end of their lives on earth. It says eight of the nine died.

Who did not die? Enoch

What become of him? one day he (Enoch) disappeared, because God took him.

8. Genesis 5 is the genealogy from Adam to Noah. It lists 8 sons that were begot/begat.

List them below:

1. Seth

2. Enosh

3. Kenan

4. Mahalalel

5. Jared

6. Enoch

7. Methuselah

8. Lamech

9. (Gen 5: 32) How old was Noah before he became a father? 500 years old

How many sons did Noah have? three

What were their names? Shem, Ham, Japheth

Chapter 6

The previous chapter covered the lineage of Noah, through each generation from Adam through Seth, and their sons. At the start of chapter 6, Genesis stops to take a look at the larger world from God's perspective. In brief: He doesn't like what He sees. Mankind's actions and thoughts are completely evil (Genesis 6:5). Seeing how far man has fallen since being evicted from Eden causes God substantial grief (Genesis 6:6).

Verses 1 and 2 are part of a single thought. Though not many women have been mentioned in the text thus far, daughters are born as humanity expands across the face of the earth. As we'll see, those human women are attracting the attention of a group called "the sons of God." No further description is given of these men, which means their exact identity is not particularly important. If it was, Scripture would have provided additional details.

1. In Genesis 6:3 God changed the normal life span of man to 120 years.

In your own words why do you think God made this change?

Notes:

Genesis 6:4 tells about the "giants on the earth", some Bible refers to them as the Nephilim. Read Numbers 13:33 for other possible mention of them.

Despite the considerable controversy over the Nephilim, it's important to remember how little the Bible actually says about them. God's Word is written for a purpose, and clearly that purpose does not include relaying details about the Nephilim. Whoever or whatever they were, Scripture clearly considers other topics much more worthy of our concern.

2. (Gen. 6:5-6) Why was the Lord sorry/regretted/repented that He had made man?

The Lord observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth,

and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil.

Notes:

The Bible rarely speaks of God experiencing “regret/sorry/repented” as in Genesis 6:6. The Hebrew word used here is yin’nā’hem, from the root word nacham. The word is exclusively about emotions: a feeling of pain, sadness, or unhappiness. The word does not imply that God feels He has made a mistake, or that He wishes to have done differently. It is possible to experience grief and “regret,” as used here, without implying an error.

3. (Gen. 6:7-8) Because of the behavior, and evil choices being made by man, God was ready to destroy man, beast, birds, everything He had created on earth. What stopped Him?

But Noah found favor with the Lord.

4. Genesis 6:9 uses the wording “Noah walked with God”. **In your own words** can you explain what that means to you?

5. (Gen. 6:11) We know through Genesis 5 that God wanted to destroy the earth and all of mankind because it was corrupt. What is God specifically saying it was filled with?

The earth had become corrupt and was filled with violence.

6. (Gen. 6:13) What else was God planning on destroying other than all living things?

along with the earth!

Understanding Genesis 6:14

In the previous verse, God revealed to Noah that He would destroy all of humanity for their violence. What other details were given, we don’t know. For our purposes, this is all Scripture has revealed. Now, God launches into specific instructions to Noah, describing exactly how to build the ark. Once again, what’s recorded here in the Bible is not likely a complete transcript of God’s discussions with Noah. Rather, it tells us the bare-bones basics of what this man is learning from God. Even with the instructions to follow, the text does not provide every detail needed to complete the construction of an ark. It does show us, though, that God’s directions to Noah were very specific. God cared that Noah execute the construction of this craft according to God’s particular plan.

Strictly speaking, God does not tell Noah to build a boat (with exception, NLT). He tells Noah to build an ark. It's possible that the word ark meant "box" or "chest." This same term is used to describe the vessel used to carry the Ten Commandments by Israel after leaving Egypt (Exodus 25:10–16). In reference to the "ark" built by Noah, there is no mention made of sails, or oars, or a rudder. This craft is meant to float, not travel. The dimensions given to Noah in the following verses describe a giant rectangular box. At one point in history, skeptics laughed at the idea of such a craft being seaworthy. Now however, the proportions of large cargo ships are extremely similar to the outlines of Noah's ark.

5. (Gen.6:14 & 17) What did God tell Noah first:
"I will bring flood waters on the earth to destroy it", or
"Make yourself an ark/large boat"?

Build a large boat

6. (Gen 6:14 -17) **In your own words:** What was God's purpose for the ark/boat?

7. (Gen 6:18) What did God want to establish/confirm with Noah?

I (God) will confirm my covenant with you.

8. (Gen. 6:18) What was the total number of humans that God told Noah was allowed on the ark/boat? eight

9. (Gen. 6:19-20) What were the three categories of male and female that God told Noah to bring on the ark?

1. bird
2. animal
3. small animal that scurries along the ground

10. (Gen 6:20) How did Noah manage to go out and gather all these animals to get them in the ark? will come to you to be kept alive.

Please read Genesis Chapter 7 Check

Chapter 7

A common theme of the book of Genesis is the fact that God “sees.” God observes what is true and acts on it. In Genesis 1, He saw what He had made was good. In the previous chapter, He saw all the wickedness which man’s sinfulness had made on the earth (Genesis 6:5).

Now God says He has seen Noah’s righteousness. Specifically, God has noticed the contrast between Noah’s choices and those of his generation. Throughout Scripture, God calls His people not to allow their peers, culture, or the moral standards of their times to set the direction of their lives. Instead, He calls His people to be committed to obeying Him. Noah did that. The last verse of the prior chapter specifically says that Noah obeyed all that God told him, exactly as it was told him (Genesis 6:22).

Now that Noah has obeyed God by building the ark according to the Lord’s specifications, God commands Noah to take his family into the boat to be saved from the coming flood while the rest of his generation remains unprotected.

1. (Gen. 7:1) What did God say to Noah when God first told Noah to Come/Go into the ark/boat?

for among all the people of the earth, I can see that you alone are righteous.

2. Genesis 7:2 is the first hint in Scripture that God had designated some kinds of animals as clean and others as unclean. Read ahead to Genesis 8:20; explain why God wanted Noah to take seven each of every clean animal?

Clean animals were for burnt offerings on the alter.

From verse 8:20

there he sacrificed as burnt offerings

the animals and birds that had been approved for that purpose.

2. (Gen. 7:4) God gave Noah a deadline of seven day before what was going to happen?

I will make the rains pour down on the earth. And it will rain for forty days and forty nights,

What did He say this would cause?

until I have wiped from the earth all the living things I have created.

3. (Gen. 7:11) Exactly how old was Noah when God first started the flood?

Yeas? 600 years

Months? 2nd month

Days? 17 days

4. (Gen. 7:11) When the flood first started, where did the water come from?

all the underground waters erupted from the earth

5. (Gen. 7:21-23) As a result of the flood, what happened on earth?

All the living things on earth died—birds, domestic animals, wild animals,
small animals that scurry along the ground, and all the people.

6. (Gen. 7:24) How long did the floodwater cover the earth? 150 days

Please read Genesis Chapter 8 Check

Chapter 8

After the global devastation caused by the flood as described in chapter 7, Genesis 8 opens with quietness, waiting for the floodwaters to recede. This passage begins with a comforting idea: God remembered Noah (Genesis 8:1). God also remembered the animals. He would fulfill His promise to keep them safe and begin creation over again, in a sense, on a world made new by the flood.

How long were Noah and family on the ark?

The Bible does not tell us exactly how long Noah and his family were on the ark. However, the text of Genesis does provide us with sufficient information to arrive at a fairly good estimate for this time period. Working with the data we have, Noah was probably on the ark for (approximately) one full calendar year. The math works out to about 370 days.

We get a rough estimate by comparing Noah's age when he entered the ark with his age when he left the ark: he was 600 years old when he entered the ark, and 601 years old when he exited the ark. In addition, Moses gives some specific time markers for various events in conjunction with the flood:

Genesis 7:6 says that Noah was 600 years old when the floodwaters began. That fact is confirmed in Genesis 7:11–13, which adds even more detail:

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark.

The flood waters receded enough for the ark to run aground on Mt. Ararat on the seventeenth day of the seventh month (Genesis 8:3–4), and the mountain tops became visible above the water on the first day of the tenth month (Genesis 8:5). After that, Noah waited forty days and then began to send out birds to see if the earth could sustain life. That process took another three weeks (Genesis 8:7–12).

Noah had turned 601 years old by the time the earth was dry (Genesis 8:13). After observing dry ground, he exited the ark the next month. Again, Scripture gives some precise detail in Genesis 8:13–18:

By the first day of the first month of Noah's six hundred and first year the water had dried up from the earth. Noah then removed the covering from the ark and saw that the surface of the ground was dry. By the twenty-seventh day of the second month the earth was completely dry. Then God said to Noah, "Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. . . ." So Noah came out.

So, Noah entered the ark on Month 2, Day 17, of one year and exited the ark on Month 2, Day 27 of the next year. That's a total of one year and ten days from Genesis 7:11 to 8:18. Assuming a lunar calendar of about 360 days, Noah would have been on the ark for approximately 370 days. Clearly, since we must make certain assumptions to arrive at this number, we should not treat this number as totally certain. However, one full calendar year seems like a reasonable estimate of the time Noah and his family spent on the ark, based on the information that we have.

1. (Gen. 8:4) The ark/boat rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, where did it rest?

the mountains of Ararat.

2. (Gen. 8-7) After the rain had stopped, what did Noah do right after he opened a window? released a raven.

What was the result of this?

The bird (raven) flew back and forth until the floodwaters on the earth had dried up.

3. (Gen. 8:8) What did Noah do after he sent out the raven? he released a dove
What was the reason? to see if the water had receded

4. (Gen. 8:9) What was the outcome of the dove's flight?

The dove could find no place to land because the water still covered the ground.

So it returned to the boat, and Noah.

5. (Gen. 8:10) When did Noah send out the dove again? He waited another seven days.

6. (Gen. 8:11) What was the result of the dove's second flight?

The dove returned to him in the evening with a fresh olive leaf in its beak.

7. (Gen. 8:11) What did the olive leaf in the beak of the dove tell Noah?

Noah knew that the floodwaters were almost gone.

8. (Gen. 8:12) What was the result of the third flight the dove took:

This time it (the dove) did not come back.

Meaning of Genesis 8:13

First, Noah removed the covering from the ark. We're not sure exactly what this means. It could indicate that Noah realized the rains were truly done and a covering was needed no longer. In any case, the act of removing the covering gave him a clear view of the world around the ark. He saw dry ground. The land was ready to support him, his family, and every kind of animal, insect, and bird on the boat. Or, at least it appeared to be dry. But, apparently it wasn't quite ready. The next verse will reveal that they did not disembark for another two months, until God gave them explicit approval to do so in Genesis 8:16.

9. (Gen. 8:20) What was the first thing Noah built after he got off the ark/boat?
an altar to the Lord

What did he do with what he built?

he sacrificed as burnt offerings the animals and birds that had been approved for that purpose

10. (Gen. 8:21) What did the Lord say in His heart after He smelled the aroma of the burnt offering towards man?

I will never again curse the ground because of the human race.

What did the Lord say He would not do again toward every living thing/creature?

I will never again destroy all living things.

What does Genesis 8:22 mean?

After the previous verse revealed God's commitment to never again curse the earth as He had through the flood or to wipe out humanity and animal-kind in that way, this verse completes God's promise. From this point, throughout the planet's history, the patterns of nature will remain as God has created them. The cycles will continue. Day will follow night. One season will follow another. The world will continue to function predictably according to God's design. This is the grace of God upon all His creation.

It is important to notice that this promise begins with "while the earth remains." God doesn't guarantee that the planet in its current form will exist eternally. In fact, at some point in the future, God will re-make the heavens and the earth (Revelation 21:1). But while it does, those who live on earth will enjoy the goodness of the repetition of the days and seasons by God's great mercy on sinful humanity.

Scripture to Read, Remember, and Memorize
From Lesson 2:

In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.
Genesis 5:1 NKJV

*the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth,
and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*
Genesis 6:5 NKJV

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.
Genesis 6:8 NKJV

*The Lord then said to Noah,
“Go into the ark, you and your whole family,
because I have found you righteous in this generation.*
Genesis 7:1 NIV

*I will never again curse the ground because of man,
for the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth.*
Genesis 8:21 ESV

