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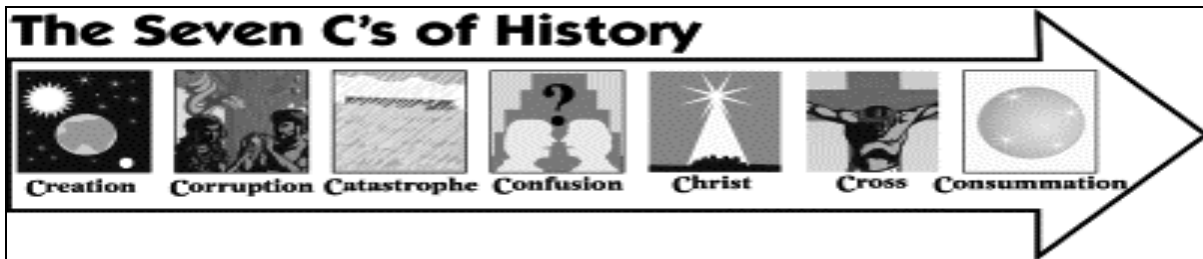
## **“PERUSING THE PATRIARCHS”- Part I** **GENESIS 5:1-32**

### **I. The First Patriarchs living before the Flood (5:1–17):**

**There are six, from Adam to Jared, each living more than nine hundred years.**

The pattern of the genealogies is as follows: (1) name “A” lived “x” years; (2) name “A” begot name “B”; (3) name “A” then lived “y” years; (4) name “A” lived “z” (“x”+ “y”) years in all; (5) and he died. \*Years After Creation Chart (back of outline)

*“Scripture does not support a creation date earlier than about 10,000 years ago.”*  
Dr. John MacArthur



### **II. The Favored Patriarch living before the Flood (5:18–24): “Enoch”**

- 1. Enoch’s relationship with God (5:18–22): He walks with God!**
- 2. Enoch’s removal by God (5:23–24): He is taken to heaven without dying!**

Only Enoch and Elijah (\*2 Kin. 2:11) ever had this experience. Enoch’s remarkable experience was both a testimony of his deep faith in God (\*Hebrews 11:5, 6) and a strong reminder at the beginning of biblical history that there is life in God’s presence after death for the people of God. The Bible indicates that believers alive when Christ returns will also escape death (\*1 Cor. 15:51–52;

\*1 Thess. 4:16–17). Enoch was a man of great faith (\*Heb. 11:5-6). He, like his great-grandson Noah “enjoyed a close relationship with God” (\*Gen 5:24; 6:9).

*Enoch was the first recorded preacher (\* Jude 1:14–15).*

### **III. The Final Patriarchs living before the Flood (5:25–32):**

**There are four, from Enoch to Noah. One of them, Methuselah, lives for 969 years, making him recorded history’s oldest human being! Another, Noah, fathers three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.**

#### **#2 Conscience or Self-Determination**

*Genesis 3:9 – 8:14*

1. Adam
2. Adamic Covenant
3. Obedience to the dictates of the conscience in the knowledge of good & evil
4. Cain murders Abel- mankind corrupted
5. Worldwide Flood - all humanity corrupted except one family of grace.
6. The Rapture of Enoch



*Adam & Eve teaching their Children*

THE DESTINY

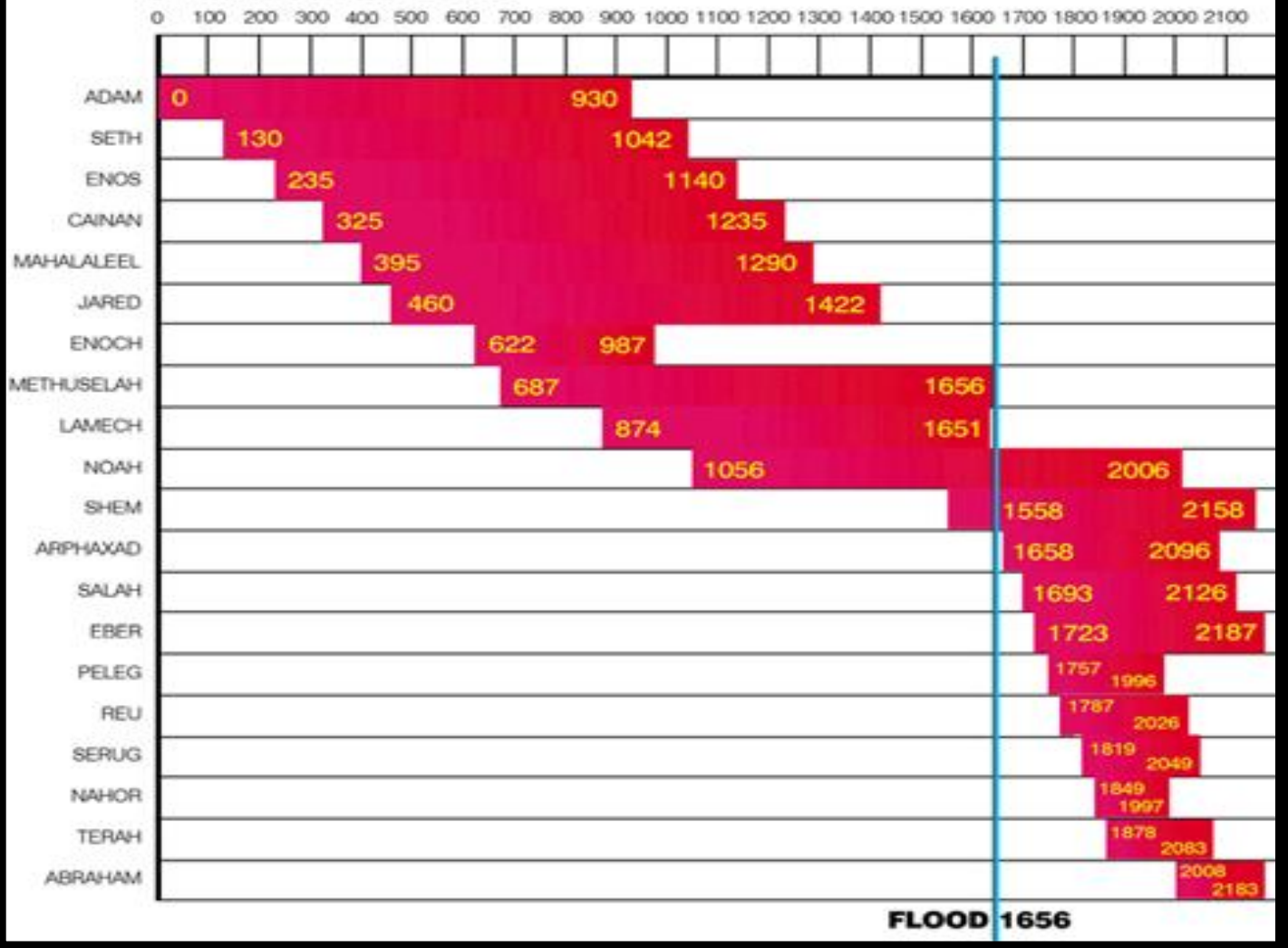
OF THE  
"ENOCH"  
GENERATION!

\*1 Corinthians  
15:51-52



*The Rapture*

**YEARS AFTER CREATION**



**FLOOD 1656**



*Surely, there is much to learn from our ancestors.*

**Hebrews 11:5** By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

**1 Corinthians 15:50** Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

**1 Thessalonians 4:15** For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**Genesis 5:24** And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

**Genesis 6:9** This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.

**Jude 14** Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,

**Jude 15** to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

**Genesis 5:1–6:8 the genealogy of Adam.** Ten specific families are mentioned. Most likely, in accord with other biblical genealogies, this listing is representative rather than complete (cf. Ruth 4:18–22). Matthew 1:1-17 The Book of the Generations of Jesus Christ!

**Genesis 5:1–32 Adam ... Noah.** The genealogy connects 10 Patriarchs Adam to the Noahic family which not only survived the Flood, but also became first in God's re-creation. Two recurring phrases carry redemption history forward: "... and he had sons and daughters," "... and he died." These lines, which get repeated for each successive descendant of Adam, echo two contrasting realities; God had said "you shall surely die," (2:17) but He had also commanded them to "Be fruitful and multiply" (1:28).

**5:1 the likeness of God.** *See notes on 1:26.*

**5:2 called them Mankind.** In naming man, God declared His own dominion over all creation (Matt. 19:4; Mark 10:6).

**5:3 in his own likeness, after his image.** The human image and likeness in which God created mankind was procreatively passed to the second generation and to all generations which follow.

**5:5 nine hundred and thirty years.** *These are literal years marking unusual length of life which are accounted for by the pre-Flood environment provided by the earth being under a canopy of water, filtering out the ultraviolet rays of the sun and producing a much more moderate and healthful condition.* *See notes on Gen 1:7; 2:6.* **and he died.** God told Adam that if he ate of the tree he would surely die (2:17). It included spiritual death immediately and then physical death later.

**5:24 walked with God ... was not, for God took him.** Enoch is the only break in the chapter from the incessant comment, "and he died." Cf. 4:17,18; 1 Chr. 1:3; Luke 3:37; Heb. 11:5; Jude 14. Only one other man is said to have enjoyed this intimacy of relationship in walking with God, Noah (6:9). Enoch experienced being taken to heaven alive by God, as did Elijah later (2 Kin. 2:1–12).

**5:25–27 Methuselah.** The man who lived the longest life on record. He died the year of the flood judgment (cf. 7:6).

**5:29 This one will comfort us.** Comfort would come through the godly life of Noah, who is an "heir of the righteousness" which is according to faith (Heb. 11:7).