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# *Genesis*

*PART 1*

THE CREATION  
(CHAPTERS 1-2)

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ARTHUR, KAY

### **How to Study Your Bible**

*Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House Publishers, 1994.*

### **The New Inductive Study Bible**

*Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House Publishers, 2000*

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HARRIS, R. LAIRD; ARCHER, GLEASON L. JR.; WALTKE, BRUCE K.

### **Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament**

*Chicago, Illinois: Moody Press, 1980.*

ZODHIATES, SPIROS

### **The Complete Word Study Old Testament**

*Chattanooga, Tennessee: AMG Publishers, 1994*

BAKER, WARREN; CARPENTER, EUGENE

### **The Complete Word Study Dictionary Old Testament**

*Chattanooga, Tennessee: AMG Publishers, 2003*

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## LESSON ONE

### Genesis 1–5 Overview

THIS LESSON INCORPORATES Text of Genesis 1–5, located in the Appendix  
Cross-references

**With all the speculation as to how the world was created and how man came into being, does it really matter what the Bible has to say on the subject? After all, science is science and who can argue with it! Right?**

**Before we answer that question, we first must discover if science differs from or has a quarrel with the biblical account of Creation. Or, is the quarrel really with the theories of men?**

**And if there is a genuine disagreement, we need to ask not only whom or what we are to believe, but will our choice have any impact on our faith or on our relationship with God?**

**These are some questions we will explore in this short study of the Creation account as set forth in Genesis 1 and 2. We promise it will be most enlightening and well worth the six weeks of study you devote to it.**

## DAY ONE

1. While our study will center around the creation account as set forth in the first two chapters of Genesis, we want you to be familiar with the content of the first five chapters of Genesis. This will help put the creation account into the context of the book which takes the reader back to “the beginning” as set forth in the Word of God.

In the Appendix of this workbook you’ll find Observation Worksheets on the first five chapters of Genesis. Today read Genesis 1–5 for an overview of the general content of these chapters. Chronologically, this will take you up to God’s account of the days of Noah.

As you read, watch for every occurrence of the word *Adam*. When you see it, simply underline the word or color it in orange. It is not necessary to mark any relative pronouns or synonyms that refer to Adam. We simply want you to see the use of the word.

2. Now answer the following questions:
  - a. Where is the word *Adam* first used in Genesis? Give the chapter and verse.
  - b. What chapter and verse gives an account of Adam's death?
  - c. How old was Adam when he died?
  - d. According to Genesis 5:1, what do you learn from marking *Adam*?
  - e. In Genesis 5:2, the word translated "man" is literally *adam* (and this is true in other places, as you will see later). According to this passage, when God created them male and female and blessed them, what did God name them?

## DAY TWO

Yesterday you saw that Genesis 5 begins with the statement, "This is the book of the generations of Adam." For the remainder of the week we want to get a general idea of the main content of these first five chapters of Genesis. Then beginning next week, we will focus on the creation account as set forth in chapters 1 and 2.

1. Whenever you begin a study of the Bible, we suggest that you begin in prayer. As recorded in John 17, Jesus Christ prayed that we would be sanctified by truth. Then He made this statement: "Your word is truth" (John 17:17). If you are a true child of God, you have been given the mind of Christ because you have the Spirit of Christ (1 Corinthians 2). The Holy Spirit is like a resident tutor to the child of God. He indwells every believer, and one of His tasks is to lead us and guide us into all truth. Therefore, why not make it your habit to begin each day's study asking God to help you grasp and understand what He has recorded and preserved for your learning, admonition, and encouragement.
2. When you study the Word of God, develop the habit of observing the text by asking what we refer to as the 5 Ws and an H: who, what, when, where, why, and how. As you read the text, look for that which is most obvious. Usually it is the people; they are the "who" and are easy to spot. Therefore, as you read

through Genesis 1, look for the mention of any persons, including God. Record these on the chart entitled “The Who, What, When, and Where of Genesis 1-5,” located on page 7.

Read Genesis 1, and in the “Who” section of the column for chapter 1, record who is mentioned in this chapter and any specific description of who they are or what their function is. This identification should be brief, just enough to indicate who the personality is and/or why he or she is mentioned. For example, in Genesis 1 you would record two personages: God and man.

By the way, verse and chapter divisions were added to the Bible well after it was written. Some chapter divisions do not always seem to be well chosen in respect to where a complete thought or subject comes to a transition. If you think the break for chapter 1 would better come after Genesis 2:3, note this on your chart and fill in your information accordingly.

3. Now read chapter 1 (or Genesis 1:1–2:3) again and mark the key repeated phrase *And there was evening and there was morning, \_\_\_\_\_day*. When you finish, answer the question, What is the main event(s) covered in Genesis 1? Record your answer in the appropriate place on the chart.
4. Does the text of Genesis 1 tell you when the event(s) recorded there took place? If so, record your observation on the chart in the “When Does This Happen?” section.
5. Where did the event(s) of Genesis 1 (Genesis 1:1–2:3) take place? Record this on the chart.

*Great! You’ve begun your study of the creation account by doing the most valuable exercise you can do: observing the text to see exactly what it says before you begin to interpret what it means. This week we will continue this same course of observation until we finish the first five chapters of Genesis.*

## DAY THREE

Follow the same procedure for Genesis 2 that you did for Genesis 1. If you decided to include Genesis 2:1-3 with chapter 1, then note in your column that Genesis 2 is verses 4-25. Fill in only what you observe from the text. Therefore, if the text does not tell you when or where, leave those spaces blank. Follow this principle throughout all five chapters.

As you read Genesis 2:4, the phrase “This is the account of” is literally, “These are the generations of.” Note how that parallels with Genesis 5:1.

DAY  
FOUR

1. Read Genesis 3 and write the information on the chart.
2. Do the same for Genesis 4.

DAY  
FIVE

1. Read Genesis 5.
  - a. Mark the phrase, *and he died*. In the margin of the text, note how long each man lived according to the text.
  - b. There is a chart on page 8 entitled “The Overlapping of the Patriarchs’ Lives.” When you record the “when” of Genesis 5, consult this chart for the years recorded in this chapter. Also note all who lived concurrently (at the same time) with Adam. Was Noah living when Adam lived?
  - c. Fill in the chart as you have done for the previous chapters.
2. Finally, how has the Spirit of God spoken to you through His Word this week? Second Timothy 3:16-17 says that Scripture is profitable for teaching (doctrine, what you believe), reproof (to show you where you are wrong), correction (to show you how to take what is wrong and make it right), and for training in righteousness (to show you or inform you how you are to live in a way deemed right by God).

When it comes to the application of what you have read or studied in the Bible, you can simply use this verse as a guideline. For example, What did you learn that you did not know before or that is contrary to what you believe? (Write it out.)

Will you embrace the teaching of the Word of God or not? To embrace truth, even if it means changing what you believed, is to apply truth. Will you change your thinking?

Were you reproved in any way by what you learned? How?

If so, are you willing to correct it?

What did you learn about life and how you are to live?

Will you live in the light of what you learned? Will you obey?

*Well, beloved student of the Word, you have made a good beginning in the book of beginnings! There is so much to learn in the next five weeks. Please know that you are appreciated and prayed for. How we need more people like you who will discipline themselves to study the Bible so they will be able to give an answer to others for the reason of the truth which they have embraced.*

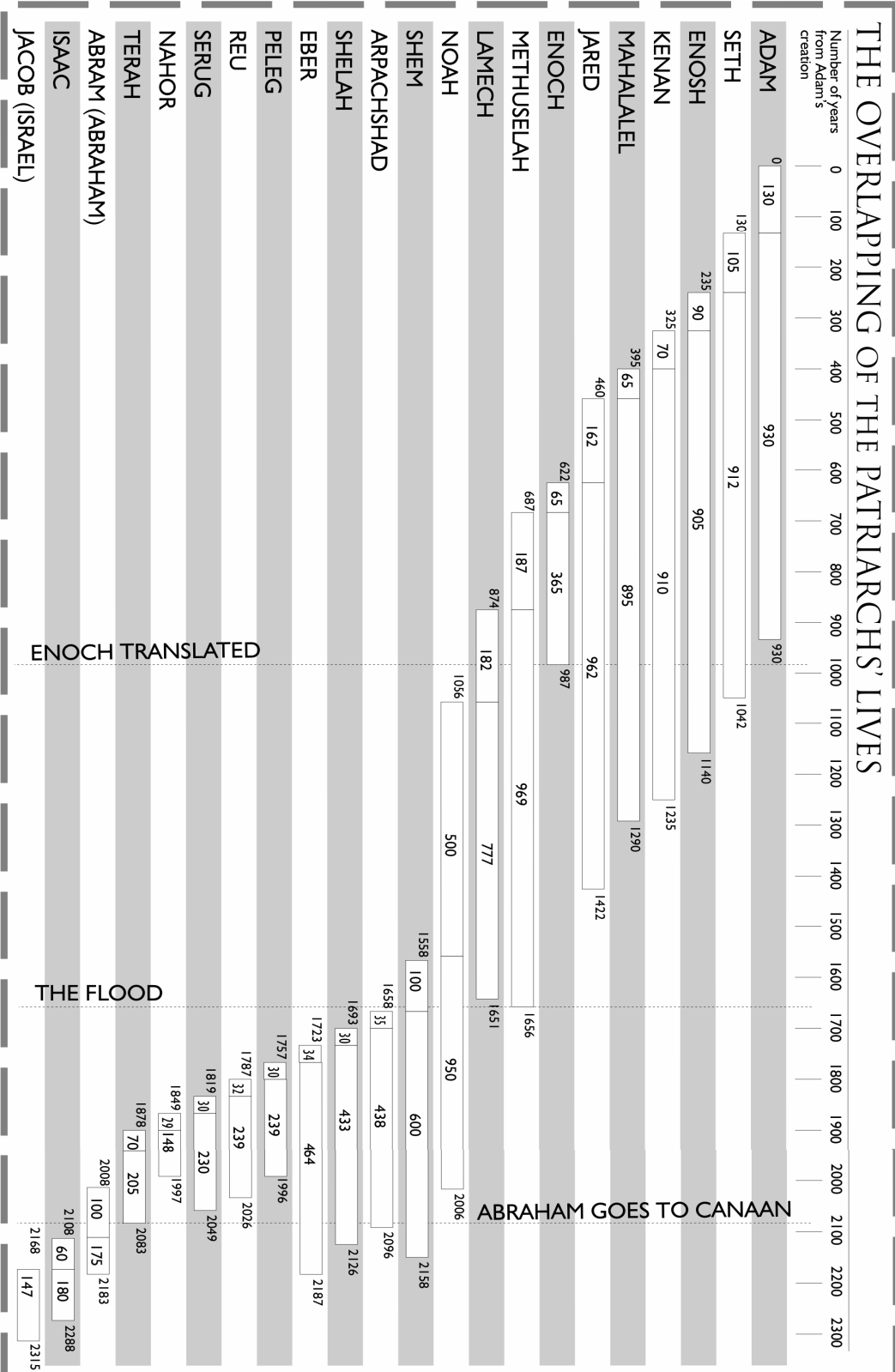


THE WHO, WHAT, WHEN, AND WHERE OF GENESIS 1-5

	Genesis 1	Genesis 2	Genesis 3	Genesis 4	Genesis 5
<b>Who?</b>					
<b>What Are Main Events?</b>					
<b>Where Did Events Occur?</b>					
<b>When Did Events Happen?</b>					

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## Genesis, Part 1 Lesson 1, Overview



**KEY:** The first number inside the block is the man's age when his son (whose name is in the next line below) was born. The second number in the block is the number of years the man lived. The numbers preceding and following each block are the number of years from Adam's creation.

# GENESIS 1

## Observation Worksheet

**IN** the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

- 2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.
- 3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.
- 4 God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.
- 5 God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.
- 6 Then God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”
- 7 God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so.
- 8 God called the expanse heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.
- 9 Then God said, “Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear”; and it was so.
- 10 God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good.
- 11 Then God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation: plants yielding seed, *and* fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them”; and it was so.
- 12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good.
- 13 There was evening and there was morning, a third day.
- 14 Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years;

- 15 and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth”; and it was so.
- 16 God made the two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, and the lesser light to govern the night; *He made* the stars also.
- 17 God placed them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,
- 18 and to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good.
- 19 There was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.
- 20** Then God said, “Let the waters teem with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth in the open expanse of the heavens.”
- 21 God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarmed after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind; and God saw that it was good.
- 22 God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”
- 23 There was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.
- 24** Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth after their kind”; and it was so.
- 25 God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps on the ground after its kind; and God saw that it was good.
- 26** Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”
- 27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
- 28 God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

- 29 Then God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you;
- 30 and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, *I have given* every green plant for food”; and it was so.
- 31 God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.



## GENESIS 2

### Observation Worksheet

**THUS** the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts.

- 2 By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.
- 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.
- 4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven.
- 5 Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground.
- 6 But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground.
- 7 Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.
- 8 The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.
- 9 Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.
- 10 Now a river flowed out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it divided and became four rivers.
- 11 The name of the first is Pishon; it flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.
- 12 The gold of that land is good; the bdellium and the onyx stone are there.
- 13 The name of the second river is Gihon; it flows around the whole land of Cush.
- 14 The name of the third river is Tigris; it flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

- 15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it.
- 16 The LORD God commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;
- 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”
- 18 Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.”
- 19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought *them* to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.
- 20 The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.
- 21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.
- 22 The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.
- 23 The man said,  
    “This is now bone of my bones,  
    And flesh of my flesh;  
    She shall be called Woman,  
    Because she was taken out of Man.”
- 24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.
- 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

## GENESIS 3

### Observation Worksheet

- NOW** the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?’”
- 2 The woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;
  - 3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.’ ”
  - 4 The serpent said to the woman, “You surely will not die!
  - 5 “For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”
  - 6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.
  - 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.
  - 8 They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.
  - 9 Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”
  - 10 He said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”
  - 11 And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”
  - 12 The man said, “The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate.”
  - 13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

- 14 The LORD God said to the serpent,  
“Because you have done this,  
Cursed are you more than all cattle,  
And more than every beast of the field;  
On your belly you will go,  
And dust you will eat  
All the days of your life;
- 15 And I will put enmity  
Between you and the woman,  
And between your seed and her seed;  
He shall bruise you on the head,  
And you shall bruise him on the heel.”
- 16 To the woman He said,  
“I will greatly multiply  
Your pain in childbirth,  
In pain you will bring forth children;  
Yet your desire will be for your husband,  
And he will rule over you.”
- 17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’;  
Cursed is the ground because of you;  
In toil you will eat of it  
All the days of your life.
- 18 “Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you;  
And you will eat the plants of the field;
- 19 By the sweat of your face  
You will eat bread,  
Till you return to the ground,  
Because from it you were taken;  
For you are dust,  
And to dust you shall return.”

- 20 Now the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all *the* living.
- 21 The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.
- 22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—
- 23 therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.
- 24 So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.



GENESIS 4  
Observation Worksheet

- NOW** the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, “I have gotten a manchild with *the help of the LORD.*”
- 2 Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.
  - 3 So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground.
  - 4 Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering;
  - 5 but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell.
  - 6 Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?
  - 7 “If you do well, will not *your countenance* be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.”
  - 8 Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.
  - 9 Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” And he said, “I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?”
  - 10 He said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to Me from the ground.
  - 11 “Now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.
  - 12 “When you cultivate the ground, it will no longer yield its strength to you; you will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth.”
  - 13 Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is too great to bear!
  - 14 “Behold, You have driven me this day from the face of the ground; and from Your face I will be hidden, and I will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

- 15 So the LORD said to him, “Therefore whoever kills Cain, vengeance will be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD appointed a sign for Cain, so that no one finding him would slay him.
- 16 Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.
- 17 Cain had relations with his wife and she conceived, and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city Enoch, after the name of his son.
- 18 Now to Enoch was born Irad, and Irad became the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael became the father of Methushael, and Methushael became the father of Lamech.
- 19 Lamech took to himself two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other, Zillah.
- 20 Adah gave birth to Jubal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and *have* livestock.
- 21 His brother’s name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.
- 22 As for Zillah, she also gave birth to Tubal-cain, the forger of all implements of bronze and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.
- 23 Lamech said to his wives,  
    “Adah and Zillah,  
    Listen to my voice,  
    You wives of Lamech,  
    Give heed to my speech,  
    For I have killed a man for wounding me;  
    And a boy for striking me;
- 24 If Cain is avenged sevenfold,  
    Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.”
- 25 Adam had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him Seth, for, *she said*, “God has appointed me another offspring in place of Abel, for Cain killed him.”
- 26 To Seth, to him also a son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then *men* began to call upon the name of the LORD.

## GENESIS 5

### Observation Worksheet

**THIS** is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.

- 2 He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created.
- 3 When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of *a son* in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.
- 4 Then the days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 5 So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.
- 6 Seth lived one hundred and five years, and became the father of Enosh.
- 7 Then Seth lived eight hundred and seven years after he became the father of Enosh, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 8 So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died.
- 9 Enosh lived ninety years, and became the father of Kenan.
- 10 Then Enosh lived eight hundred and fifteen years after he became the father of Kenan, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 11 So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years, and he died.
- 12 Kenan lived seventy years, and became the father of Mahalalel.
- 13 Then Kenan lived eight hundred and forty years after he became the father of Mahalalel, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 14 So all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years, and he died.
- 15 Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Jared.
- 16 Then Mahalalel lived eight hundred and thirty years after he became the father of Jared, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 17 So all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years, and he died.
- 18 Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and became the father of Enoch.

- 19 Then Jared lived eight hundred years after he became the father of Enoch, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 20 So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years, and he died.
- 21 Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah.
- 22 Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years.
- 24 Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.
- 25 Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and became the father of Lamech.
- 26 Then Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years after he became the father of Lamech, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 27 So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years, and he died.
- 28 Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and became the father of a son.
- 29 Now he called his name Noah, saying, “This one will give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands *arising* from the ground which the LORD has cursed.”
- 30 Then Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years after he became the father of Noah, and he had *other* sons and daughters.
- 31 So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years, and he died.
- 32 Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.