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CREATION

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Ge 1:1

Pre-flood Geneologies

(Gen. 5:1-32; 7:6, 11; 9:28-29)

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The line of promise from Adam to Noah

-1600
-1550
-1500
-1450
-1400
-1350
-1300
-1250
-1200
-1150
-1100
-1050
-1000
-950
-900
-850
-800
-750
-700
-650
-600
-550
-500
-450
-400
-350
-300
-250
-200
-150
-100
-50

Adam (930 yrs)

(130 yrs)

Seth (912 yrs)

(105 yrs)

Enosh (905 yrs)

(90 yrs)

Kenan (910 yrs)

(70 yrs)

Mahalel (895 yrs)

(65 yrs)

Jared (962 yrs)

(162 yrs)

Enoch (365 yrs)

(65 yrs)

Methuselah (969 yrs)

(187 yrs)

Lamech (777 yrs)

(182 yrs)

Noah (950 yrs)

Notes

1. Unlike some other geneologies in the Bible, this one seems to be complete and exact. This geneology and the one recorded in chapter 11 are the only geneologies in the Bible which list the exact number of years that a man lived and the exact number of years to the birth of his son. Thus it is possible to construct a timeline from this data.
2. All dates given are relative to the flood.

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Died the year of the flood.

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Died 350 yrs after the flood.

50
100
150
200
250

3. A comparison of the lives of these 10 men shows that there was no significant decrease in longevity until after the flood.
4. Enoch was a prophet (cp. Jude 14-15) who, as a result of his walk with God, was translated that he should not see death (cp. Heb. 11:5). By naming his son Methuselah (lit. "When he dies it shall come"), he prophesied that his son's death would usher in the judgment of the flood. This is exactly what happened!
5. Methuselah lived the longest of all the pre-flood patriarchs that are recorded. It is a significant lesson in God's longsuffering (cp. 1Pet 3:20) that God preserved him alive to such an advanced age, bearing with the sins of the pre-flood world, in order to give them the opportunity to repent.