

- “Chapter 4 of Genesis illustrates the truth of this statement of Saint Paul: ‘Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned’ (Romans 5:12).” (People’s Bible: Genesis, p.58)

Read Genesis 4:1

- The second half of this verse is difficult to translate. Translation is complicated by the fact that two key Hebrew words each have two possible meanings. Note the chart below. What do you understand Eve to be saying here?

Hebrew	וַתֹּאמֶר קִנִּיתִי אִישׁ אֶת־יְהוָה:
Septuagint	καὶ εἶπεν Ἐκτεσάμην ἄνθρωπον διὰ τοῦ θεοῦ.
NIV₈₄	She said, “With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man.”
KJV	and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.
HCSB	She said, “I have had a male child with the LORD’s help.”
Luther	“I have gotten a man, the LORD.”

- “It doesn’t surprise us to learn that the two sons of Adam and Eve brought sacrifices to the Lord, perhaps at the time of harvest. Those two God-fearing parents would have taught their children to worship God. Cain brought his offering from the produce of his field, Abel from the first and best of his flock.” (People’s Bible: Genesis, p.60)
 - Hebrews 11:4 – “By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was approved as a righteous man, because God approved his gifts, and even though he is dead, he still speaks through his faith.”

Read Genesis 4:8-9

- Sin Snowballs – explain this phrase in reference to Cain.

Read Genesis 4:17-24

- Where did Cain's wife come from?
- What do you notice about Cain's descendants?
- Something interesting to note: "From this sacred record, it becomes clear that the earliest civilizations made the greatest strides among those who were alienate from God. Perhaps this is not surprising. For one thing, the person divorced from God wants to blunt the curse of sin and tries desperately to anesthetize himself against the dull ache of an accusing conscience. Second, the person trying to live independently of God struggles to inject meaning into his life, which is empty without God. Understandably, all of his efforts will be channeled toward the goal of achieving a pleasant experience."
(People's Bible: Genesis, p. 65-66)

Read Genesis 4:25-26

- Explain: Not much is said here about Seth's family line, and that says a lot!

Chapter 5

Adam's Descendants

Read Genesis 5:1-5

- Note: Here we have the second Toledoth (KJV – generations; NIV – account; HCSB – records): Toledoth of Adam (Genesis 5:1-6:8)
- What stark difference do you see in the wording of verse 1 and 3?

- What theme or refrain comes up again and again as you read through these verses?
- What is one reason why the Lord allowed the preflood people to live so long? (Hint: Think about the manner in which God’s plan of salvation was relayed during those days.)
- In our minds, we struggle to understand how people could live as long as the Bible says. But consider this: Adam and Eve had been created to live forever. Compared to eternity, who can say what is a normal lifespan?
- Note how the genealogy of chapter five takes us from creation to the flood...

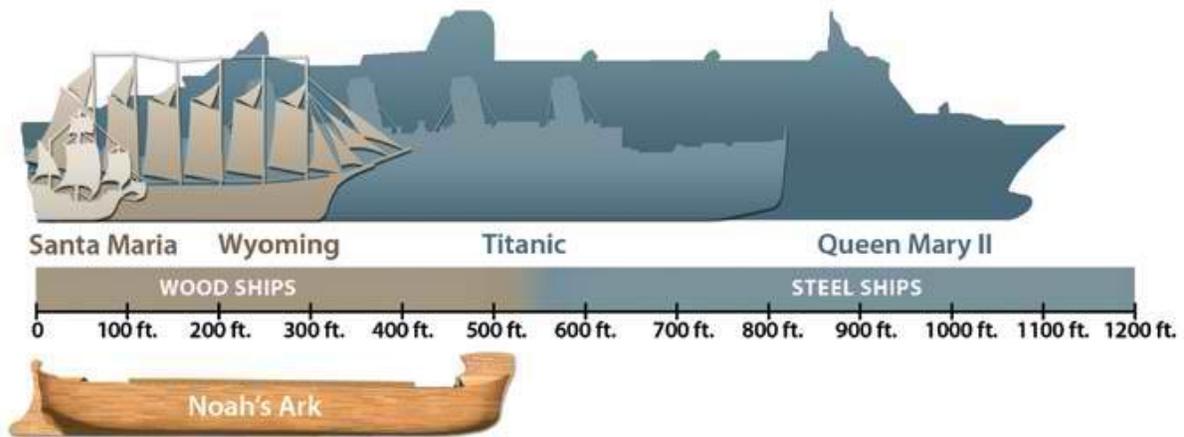
Name	Age at birth of son listed in the genealogy	Rest of life	Whole life	Year of Birth (From Creation)	Year of Death (From Creation)
Adam	130	800	930	1	930
Seth	105	807	912	130	1042
Enosh	90	815	905	235	1140
Kenan	70	840	910	325	1235
Mahalalel	65	830	895	395	1290
Jared	162	800	962	460	1422
Enoch	65	300	365	622	987
Methuselah	187	782	969	687	1656
Lamech	182	595	777	874	1651
Noah	500	450	950	1056	2006
To the flood	100				
Total	1656				

Read Genesis 6:5-8

- Note the contrast between verses 5 and 8.
- (Verse 7) Note that it is the LORD (all capital letter) who announces the destruction of the world. What is significant about that?

Read Genesis 6:9-13

- Note: Here we have the third Toledoth (KJV – generations; NIV – account; HCSB – records): Toledoth of Noah (Genesis 6:9-9:29).
- (Verse 10) Here we are told about Noah’s sons...Some couples say, “I don’t want to bring children into this sinful world!” What would Noah say?
(For help, compare Genesis 5:32; 6:3; 7:11)
 - Genesis 5:32 – ^{“32} Noah was 500 years old, and he fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.”
 - Genesis 6:3 – ^{“3} And the Lord said, “My Spirit will not remain with mankind forever, because they are corrupt. Their days will be 120 years.”
 - Genesis 7:11 – ^{“11} In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the sources of the watery depths burst open, the floodgates of the sky were opened,”
- God not only warned Noah of the coming flood, he also provided a way for Noah and his family to be saved from the flood. Note the size of the ark: 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high.



- Below are some estimates that help us put the size of the ark into perspective:
 - Total deck area equivalent to 20 standard college basketball courts or 36 lawn tennis courts
 - Biblical scholars have estimated that approximately 45,000 animals might have fit on the ark

Chapters 7-8

The Flood

Read Genesis 7:1-10

- How many of each kind of animal was Noah to take onto the Ark?
- Why was there a different number of animals depending on whether they were clean or unclean?

- What is a Bible-believing Christians answer to the questions of the logistics aboard the ark?
- Why does Moses date the flood according to the age of Noah?

Genesis 7:11-8:14

- Note the Timeline of the flood below (format = day / month / year of Noah's life)
 - 17/2/600 – flood begins
 - 17/7/600 – ark rested on Mountains of Ararat
 - 1/1/601 – water dried up
 - 27/2/601 – earth completely dry

Read Genesis 8:15-22

- What was Noah's first order of business after exiting the ark?
- (Verses 21-22) How is God's awesome and patient grace on display in these verses?