

# Genesis: God and the Originals

## HUMANITY AND WICKEDNESS

### The First Originals' Family Tree (5)

#### Vv. 1-3

1. How are the first verses of ch. 5 similar to the ending verses of ch. 1 (see particularly 1:26-27)? Why do you suppose this is so and what might be the purpose behind it?
2. V. 3 makes a point of telling us that Seth is different than his dad. What's the big difference?

#### Vv. 4-32

##### General Questions:

3. What is the basic genealogical outline in this section (what is the "order" of each paragraph)? Which originals get different treatment?
4. How are people living so long? Is there any meaning behind their long life?
5. Who lives the longest and are there any ages that stand out?

BONUS: How is chapter 5 both a chapter of hope and also a reminder of humanities grim reality after the fall?

##### Enoch (vv. 21-24):

6. What was unique about Enoch? And what does Hebrews 11:5-6 say made him unique?

##### Lamech to Noah (vv. 28-32):

7. Noah means "comfort" and that is what Lamech named him. How will he comfort people:
  - a. Just being born in the midst of terrible soil conditions?
  - b. Stay alive during the flood?
  - c. Making it through the flood onto a much more productive soil?
  - d. Discovering how to make wine (9:20)?

## Wickedness and God's Responses (6:1-8)

### Vv. 1-4

8. Who are the "sons of God"?
  - a. Divine beings a little less than God
  - b. Angels
  - c. Supernatural humans
  - d. Kings of old
  - e. Judges
  
9. What are they doing that is inappropriate? What is God's response in v. 3 to their inappropriateness?
  
10. Nephilim means "the fallen." Are they:
  - a. Fallen angels
  - b. The sons of God
  - c. Offspring of the sons of God
  - d. Supernatural humans
  - e. Big guys
  - f. Ancient myths

### Vv. 5-8

11. V. 5 describes the seriousness of the situation and v. 7 describes God's response. How serious is the situation and is God's response appropriate in your opinion?

BONUS: The Lord in these verses seems very anthropomorphic. Is it ok to describe God in terms of human thinking and human emotions? Why or why not?

BONUS: Why does Noah find "favor in the eyes of the Lord" in v. 8?

### Concluding Question:

Is our world today better or worse than Genesis 6?

*Quote of the day:* "While humanity is responsible in key ways for wrongdoing in the world, we are also the [cooperative] victims of rebellion on the part of supernatural forces. It is as well that Jesus came to defeat them."  
- John Goldingay