

A cosmic background featuring a view of Earth from space, with the Moon in the upper center. The scene is filled with stars and the Milky Way galaxy, set against a deep blue and purple color palette.

THE BOOK OF
GENESIS

THE LINE OF PROMISE

GENESIS 5:1-20

Three facts seem to be emphasized in the record of these ten original patriarchs.

- 1.** God was preserving and recording the divinely ordained line of the promised Seed.
- 2.** God's command to "be fruitful and multiply" was being carried out.
- 3.** God's curse was also in effect; each man lived many hundreds of years, but eventually "he died."

MANY GENERATIONS

It is significant that it says: ***“This is the book of the generations of Adam”***—the *Toledoth*.

- The record was written, not just transmitted orally.
- Adam died during the lifetime of Enoch, who was also in the seventh generation from Adam.
- The “Toledoth” formula. In Hebrew, this phrase is ***“elleh tole dot,”*** and it occurs eleven times in the Old Testament: ***“these are the generations of.”***

A HISTORICAL CHRONOLOGY

Assuming no gaps in these genealogies—a possibility which perhaps cannot be ruled out completely, but for which there is certainly no internal evidence—there was a total of ***1,656 years from Creation to the Flood.***

- In all, there were ten of these patriarchs in the lineage from Adam through Noah.
- There is no reason not to take this list in **GENESIS 5** as literal historical record, and they are repeated in **1 CHR. 1:1-4** and **LUKE 3:36-38.**

THE GOSPEL IN THE OLD TESTAMENT?

Where is the first place the Gospel appears in the Bible? The answer may surprise you.

Here's a hint found in **MATTHEW 5:17-18**:

“Think not that I have come to destroy the Torah and the prophets; I have not come to destroy but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.”

THE JOT AND TITTLE

A remarkable example of this can be glimpsed here in Gen. 5, in the genealogy of Adam through Noah.

- What do these names mean in English? A study of original Hebrew roots example:
 - The name Methuselah means, ***“his death shall bring.”*** ***Indeed, the year that Methuselah died, the Flood came.***
- *Here is the Gospel in the Toledoth of **GENESIS 5.***

<i>Hebrew</i>	<i>English</i>
Adam	<i>Man</i>
Seth	Appointed
Enosh	Mortal
Kenan	Sorrow
Mahalalel	<i>The Blessed God</i>
Jared	Shall come down
Enoch	Teaching
Methuselah	His death shall bring
Lamech	The Despairing
Noah	Rest or comfort

EVIDENCE OF DESIGN

You will never convince me that a group of Jewish rabbis conspired to hide the Christian Gospel right here in a genealogy within their venerated Torah!

- *This demonstrates that in the earliest chapters of the Book of Genesis, God had already laid out His plan of redemption for the sinful predicament of mankind.*
- The cross has always been God's answer!

The Bible is the product of supernatural engineering.