

"PRELUDE TO DELUGE"

1. Who are you most curious about in your family tree? Why?

2. What do you think your great-grandchildren will remember about you? Why those things?

3. As part of the ancient Near Eastern culture, Genesis contains a series of genealogies, as in chapter 5. What purpose do these selective genealogies serve: (a) To provide continuity in the narrative (in this case, linking Noah with Adam)? (b) To provide convenient breaks in the narrative (in this case, ch. 5 separates Adam's story from Noah's)? (c) To establish continuity all the way forward to King David and hence to Jesus Christ (see Mt 1; Lk 3)? (e) Other: _____? In short, what's the point of Genesis 5?

4. What truth from Genesis is underscored by the refrain, "And then he died"?

5. If the line of Cain focuses on sin, what does the line of Seth focus on?

6. What is one exception to that reign of death (5:24)? What does it mean for Enoch that "God took him away"? Why Enoch of all people (see Heb 11:5f)? Is his experience unique? Or could believers in Christ also enjoy such victory over death (see 1Co 15:50-51; 1Th 4:13-18)?

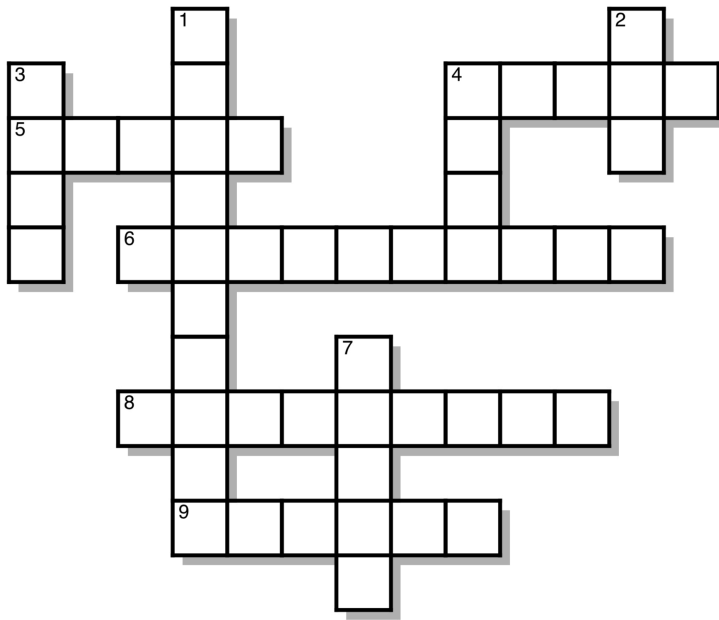
7. How does Genesis 5 augment your story of fall and redemption?

8. Apart from the obscurity of some details in verses 1-5, what do you find most disturbing about this description of human corruption? Why? What would most disturb someone who believes human nature is essentially good?

9. What do you think God feels as he sees what his creation has become? Do you think his decision in verse 7 is justified? Why or why not?

10. Compare Genesis 6:6 (where God regrets that he ever made man) with 1 Samuel 15:28-29 (where God "is not like a man that he should change his mind"). How do you reconcile those two apparent contradictions?

11. From verses 8-9, what do you learn about Noah's character? Did Noah become this way because of God's favor? Or did Noah somehow earn God's favor? Why do you think so?



Down

1 "The Lord saw how great the _____ of the human race had become on the earth".

2 After leaving the presence of the Lord, Cain went and lived in the land of _____.

3 The son Adam and Eve bore following Abel's death.

4 "I will wipe from the _____ of the earth the human race I have created".

7 "every inclination of the thought of the human _____ was only evil all the time."

_____ was only evil all the time."

Across

4 "Noah found _____ in the eyes of the Lord."

5 This man escaped death because of his being one who walked with God.

6 The oldest man who ever lived.

8 "The Lord _____ that he had made human beings on the earth".

9 God said "My _____ will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal".

WORD SEARCH:

- Adam
- Eve
- Fall
- Human
- Evil
- Earth
- Troubled
- Created
- Animal
- Birds
- Creatures
- Noah
- Cain
- Generations
- Enoch
- Daughters
- Sons
- Beautiful
- Married
- Nephilim
- Heroes
- Wipe
- Regret
- Favor

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