

GENESIS 5:1-6:8

GENESIS 5:1-32—THE STORY OF HUMANITY

“TAKING STOCK OF DEATH & TOIL”

- The story of a humanity defeated by death (5:3-31)
- The story of a humanity exhausted by curse (5:28-31)
 - o ...*But not without hope!* (Enoch 5:21-24 & Noah 5:28-32)

GENESIS 6:1-8—THE NEXT CHAPTER

“THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE THE FLOOD”

- One big, unholy mess (6:1-8)
 - o Humanity in chaos (6:1-8)
 - o forces of evil at work in humanity (6:2)
 - o “saw, good, took,” redefining good and evil (6:2)
 - o human flourishing limited to 120 years (6:3)
 - o marriage and sex grossly perverted (6:2,4)
 - o filling the earth through sexual violence (6:4)
 - o the image of God utterly trashed (6:2,4)
 - o the likeness of Lamech as a whole race (6:4)
 - o violence a mark of greatness (6:4)
 - o The LORD looks at what was formerly ‘very good’ and now sees great and unending wickedness rooted in the human heart
 - o ...*But* one big, unholy mess that meets *God’s justice* (6:3,7) and *his grace* (6:8)