

The Expansion and Corruption of Humanity

Gen 5:1-6:8

#1: Source of Expansion (5:1-2)

- 1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.
2 Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created.

#2: Cycles of Expansion (5:3-31)

- 3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.
4 The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters.
5 Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.

John Calvin Quote

“... when the family of Seth had grown into a great people, the voice of Adam might daily resound, in order to renew the memory of the creation, the fall, and the punishment of man; to testify of the hope of salvation which remained after chastisement, and to recite the judgments of God, by which all might be instructed.”

Philippians 1:21

- 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain
24 Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

#3: Promise of Expansion (5:32)

- 28 When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son
29 and called his name Noah, saying, "Out of the ground that the LORD has cursed, this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands."
32 After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

#4: Cause of Corruption (6:1-2, 4)

- 1 When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them,
2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose.
4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

Ephesians 6:12

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

#5: Consequence of Corruption (6:3, 5-7)

3 Then the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years."

5 The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And the LORD regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.

7 So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them."

#6: Cure for Corruption (6:8)

8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

2 Peter 3:13

13 But according to his promise, we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Luke 17:27-28

26 Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man.

27 They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.