

## ~LIFE SPAN (428)

### .. During The Patriarchal Period

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· It was God's original purpose that man should **live** forever. Being perfect, the first man Adam had the opportunity to enjoy a **span of life** that would never end, subject to obedience to God.

· And Yehowah God proceeded to take the man and settle him in the garden of Eden to cultivate it and to take care of it. (**Genesis 2:15**)

· And Yehowah God also laid this command upon the man; From every tree of the garden you may eat to satisfaction. (**Genesis 2:16**)

· But as for the tree of the knowledge of good and bad you must not eat from it, for in the day you eat from it you will positively die. (**Genesis 2:17**)

· However, because of disobedience, Adam forfeited that opportunity, and from him all the human race inherited sin and death.

· That is why, just as through one man sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned. (**Romans 5:12**)

### .. During The Patriarchal Period

· During the pre-Flood period, the **life span** approached a thousand years.

· So all the days of Adam that he lived amounted to nine hundred and thirty years and he died. (**Genesis 5:5**)

· And Seth lived on for a hundred and five years. Then he became father to Enosh. (**Genesis 5:6**)

· And after his fathering Enosh Seth continued to live eight hundred and seven years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (**Genesis 5:7**)

- **So all the days of Seth amounted to nine hundred and twelve years and he died. (Genesis 5:8)**
- **And Enosh lived on for ninety years. Then he became father to Kenan. (Genesis 5:9)**
- **And after his fathering Kenan Enosh continued to live eight hundred and fifteen years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (Genesis 5:10)**
- **So all the days of Enosh amounted to nine hundred and five years and he died. (Genesis 5:11)**
- **And Kenan lived on for seventy years. Then he became father to Mahalalel. (Genesis 5:12)**
- **And after his fathering Mahalalel Kenan continued to live eight hundred and forty years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (Genesis 5:13)**
- **So all the days of Kenan amounted to nine hundred and ten years and he died. (Genesis 5:14)**
- **And Mahalalel lived on for sixty-five years. Then he became father to Jared. (Genesis 5:15)**
- **And after his fathering Jared Mahalalel continued to live eight hundred and thirty years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (Genesis 5:16)**
- **So all the days of Mahalalel amounted to eight hundred and ninety-five years and he died. (Genesis 5:17)**
- **And Jared lived on for a hundred and sixty-two years. Then he became father to Enoch. (Genesis 5:18)**
- **And after his fathering Enoch Jared continued to live eight hundred years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (Genesis 5:19)**
- **So all the days of Jared amounted to nine hundred and sixty-two years and he died. (Genesis 5:20)**

- **And Enoch lived on for sixty-five years. Then he became father to Methuselah. (Genesis 5:21)**
- **And after his fathering Methuselah Enoch went on walking with the true God three hundred years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (Genesis 5:22)**
- **So all the days of Enoch amounted to three hundred and sixty-five years. (Genesis 5:23)**
- **And Enoch kept walking with the true God. Then he was no more, for God took him. (Genesis 5:24)**
- **And Methuselah lived on for a hundred and eighty-seven years. Then he became father to Lamech. (Genesis 5:25)**
- **And after his fathering Lamech Methuselah continued to live seven hundred and eighty-two years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (Genesis 5:26)**
- **So all the days of Methuselah amounted to nine hundred and sixty-nine years and he died. (Genesis 5:27)**
- **And Lamech lived on for a hundred and eighty-two years. Then he became father to a son. (Genesis 5:28)**
- **And he proceeded to call his name Noah, saying; This one will bring us comfort from our work and from the pain of our hands resulting from the ground which Yehowah has cursed. (Genesis 5:29)**
- **The people closer to man's original perfection enjoyed greater longevity than those farther removed from it. The longest **life** on record is that of Methuselah, who **lived 969 years**. After the Flood, the human life span dropped rapidly.**
- **Some have theorized that the year in the times before the Flood was just a month long. However, there is no Scriptural basis for this view. Had the year been a 30-day month, this would mean that Enosh would have become a father before he was eight years old, and others, such as Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, and Enoch, would have fathered children before they were six years old.**
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- **A comparison of;**
- **In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on this day all the springs of the vast watery deep were broken open and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. (Genesis 7:11)**
- **And the waters began receding from off the earth, progressively receding, and at the end of a hundred and fifty days the waters were lacking. (Genesis 8:3)**
- **And in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. (Genesis 8:4)**
- **Shows that 150 days amounted to five months. The fact that the Bible also mentions the 10th month and, subsequently, one 40-day period and at least two 7-day time periods as passing during this year, indicates the year was 12 months long.**
- **And the waters kept on progressively lessening until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared. (Genesis 8:5)**
- **So it occurred that at the end of forty days Noah proceeded to open the window of the ark that he had made. (Genesis 8:6)**
- **And he went on waiting still another seven days, and once again**

he sent out the dove from the ark. (**Genesis 8:10**)

- And he went on waiting still another seven days. Then he sent out the dove, but it did not come back again to him anymore. (**Genesis 8:12**)
- Now in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, it came about that the waters had drained from off the earth, and Noah proceeded to remove the covering of the ark and to look, and here the surface of the ground had drained dry. (**Genesis 8:13**)
- And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth had dried off. (**Genesis 8:14**)

### •• **Since Moses Time**

- About 3,500 years ago Moses wrote concerning the **life span**,
- In themselves the days of our years are seventy years, and if because of special mightiness they are eighty years, yet their insistence is on trouble and hurtful things, for it must quickly pass by, and away we fly. (**Psalms 90:10**)
- The situation in this regard has not changed substantially.
- Throughout the centuries, man's efforts to extend his **life span** have been unsuccessful. However, in many lands **life expectancy** has increased.
- Hence, **James Fries and Lawrence Crapo noted**: The average length of life in the United States has increased from approximately 47 years at the turn of the century to over 73 years today, an increase of more than 25 years.
- A critical look at these data, however, shows that the increase in life expectancy results from the elimination of premature death rather than by extension of the natural life span. [**Vitality and Aging, 1981, pp. 74,75**]
- Almost 2,000 years ago Jesus Christ stated that nobody can add a cubit to his **life span**.
- Who of you by being anxious can add a cubit to his **life span**?

**(Luke 12:25)**

- **However, Jesus also said; The things impossible with men are possible with God.**
- **He said; The things impossible with men are possible with God. (Luke 18:27)**
- **Through the prophet Isaiah, God had foretold; Like the days of a tree will the days of my people be.**
- **They will not build and someone else have occupancy, they will not plant and someone else do the eating. For like the days of a tree will the days of my people be, and the work of their own hands my chosen ones will use to the full. (Isaiah 65:22)**
- **He will actually swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Yehowah will certainly wipe the tears from all faces. And the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for Yehowah himself has spoken it. (Isaiah 25:8)**
- **It was foretold that God will actually swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Yehowah will certainly wipe the tears from all faces. This promise was repeated in the last book of the Bible. And God will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore.**
- **And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away. (Revelation 21:4)**

## **Lengths Of Life Of The Patriarchs**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Length of Life</b>
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**Adam**

- **So all the days of Adam that he lived amounted to nine hundred and thirty years and he died. (Genesis 5:5)**
- **930**
- **Seth**
- **So all the days of Seth amounted to nine hundred and twelve years and he died. (Genesis 5:8)**

- **912**  
**Enosh**
- So all the days of Enosh amounted to nine hundred and five years and he died. (**Genesis 5:11**)
- **905**  
**Kenan**
- So all the days of Kenan amounted to nine hundred and ten years and he died. (**Genesis 5:14**)
- **910**  
**Mahalalel**
- So all the days of Mahalalel amounted to eight hundred and ninety-five years and he died. (**Genesis 5:17**)
- **895**  
**Jared**
- So all the days of Jared amounted to nine hundred and sixty-two years and he died. (**Genesis 5:20**)
- **962**  
**Enoch**
- So all the days of Enoch amounted to three hundred and sixty-five years. (**Genesis 5:23**)
- **365**  
**Methuselah**
- So all the days of Methuselah amounted to nine hundred and sixty-nine years and he died. (**Genesis 5:27**)
- **969**  
**Lamech**
- So all the days of Lamech amounted to seven hundred and seventy-seven years and he died. (**Genesis 5:31**)
- **777**

## **Noah**

- So all the days of Noah amounted to nine hundred and fifty years and he died. (**Genesis 9:29**)

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## **Shem**

- This is the history of Shem. Shem was a hundred years old when he became father to Arpachshad two years after the deluge. (**Genesis 11:10**)

- And after his fathering Arpachshad Shem continued to live five hundred years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (**Genesis 11:11**)

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## **Arpachshad**

- And Arpachshad lived thirty-five years. Then he became father to Shelah. (**Genesis 11:12**)

- And after his fathering Shelah Arpachshad continued to live four hundred and three years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (**Genesis 11:13**)

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## **Shelah**

- And Shelah lived thirty years. Then he became father to Eber. (**Genesis 11:14**)

- And after his fathering Eber Shelah continued to live four hundred and three years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (**Genesis 11:15**)

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## **Eber**

- And Eber lived on for thirty-four years. Then he became father to Peleg. (**Genesis 11:16**)

- And after his fathering Peleg Eber continued to live four hundred



and thirty years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. ([Genesis 11:17](#))

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**Peleg**

- And Peleg lived on for thirty years. Then he became father to Reu. ([Genesis 11:18](#))
- And after his fathering Reu Peleg continued to live two hundred and nine years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. ([Genesis 11:19](#))

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**Reu**

- And Reu lived on for thirty-two years. Then he became father to Serug. ([Genesis 11:20](#))
- And after his fathering Serug Reu continued to live two hundred and seven years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. ([Genesis 11:21](#))

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**Serug**

- And Serug lived on for thirty years. Then he became father to Nahor. ([Genesis 11:22](#))
- And after his fathering Nahor Serug continued to live two hundred years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. ([Genesis 11:23](#))

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**Nahor**

- And Nahor lived on for twenty-nine years. Then he became father to Terah. ([Genesis 11:24](#))
- And after his fathering Terah Nahor continued to live a hundred and nineteen years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. ([Genesis 11:25](#))

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## **Terah**

- **And the days of Terah came to be two hundred and five years. Then Terah died in Haran. (Genesis 11:32)**

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## **Abraham**

- **And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, a hundred and seventy-five years. (Genesis 25:7)**

- **175**

## **Isaac**

- **And the days of Isaac came to be a hundred and eighty years. (Genesis 35:28)**

- **180**

## **Jacob**

- **And Jacob lived on in the land of Egypt for seventeen years, so that Jacob's days, the years of his life, came to be a hundred and forty-seven years. (Genesis 47:28)**

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