

### Luke 3:36-38

*the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Cainan, the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.*

When we read the bible, we usually try to make it personal and see what the Lord is saying to each of us individually as we read it each day. We read of repentance, and healings, and provisions, and faith, and trust, and... So many things that we read in the bible that pertain to our lives.

But I remember talking to my wife the other day as we were watching TV and the news was on, and they were talking about "23 and Me", which is a website where you can find out your genealogy, or simply, what nationality, or multiple nationalities you came from. I know she has done it and so did her brother, and one of my cousins did it as well. But I have not. Sure, it would be interesting. But you know what? I found out my nationality right here in the bible, in fact in today's verses. But not just mine, but yours as well, and I will reveal that to you in just a minute... But before I do, if you order now... just kidding lol!

But as you read today's verses and the names starting with Noah, and look at the genealogies going backwards, we are actually reading of OUR ancestors. When we read that, we tend to forget that these are Our great-great-great..... Grandfathers. And you know what, they are all OUR ancestors. No matter what color you are, no matter what state or country your were born in, no matter what language you speak, no matter what church you go to, no matter what you believe or don't believe, we are ALL related to these mighty men of God, whose names were actually first recorded in the book of Genesis.

But think about that, we are ALL related to *Noah*, we ALL come from him. How do we know that, well because Noah and his three sons and their wives were the only ones alive after the flood. So yes, we are all descendants of one of three of Noah's sons, but we are ALL descendants of Noah, their father.

But wait, there is more, if you read on, we find out that we are also a descendant of *Methuselah*, and if you have read in Genesis, you find out that he is the one who lived the longest, yes even longer than Adam, and died at the young age of 969 years old.

† **Genesis 5:27** *So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died.*

But reading on, we find out that there is even more, and that we are also descendants of *Enoch* the one that never died, that God took to heaven instead before he died.

† **Genesis 5:23-24** *So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.*

But the one that got me the most was the end when it says, "*the son of Adam, the son of God.*" We think of being descendants of Adam, but skim over the fact he was "*the son of God.*" Which makes us children of God as we look at the genealogies in the bible.

So let these be encouraging words to you today, as sometimes we think that our past defines us. But as we look at our distant past, may we pray that we too can be like these great men of God, because we are ALL descendants of them, which means that we are all God's children and truly brothers and sisters, regardless of race, color, language or where we were born.

† **Matthew 12:49-50** *And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother."*