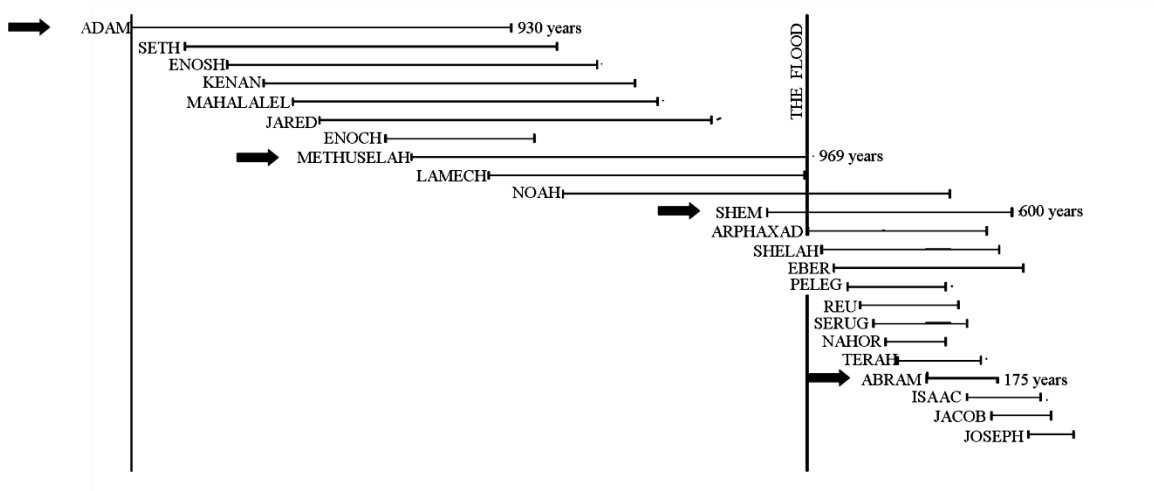


modern scholars would still agree that the absence of any persuasive reasons for thinking that the ages of these men were so radically different than the age of people today, it seems that a symbolic or rhetorical interpretation is a legitimate option and maybe even a preferable one. **But is there a valid reason for believing these numbers are exactly what they appear to be?** Is there a logical reason to understand them as the literal age of Adam's descendants?

- 5 If we understand Genesis 5 in a literal way, could these numbers help us determine the precise, or even approximate, age of the earth?



- 6 What is so special about Enoch? What exactly happened to him?

HEBREWS 11:5

By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

- 7 How does Lamech (Seth's line) demonstrate his faith in the Genesis 3:15 promise in the way that he names his son, Noah?
- 8 What lessons can we learn from these early chapters of Genesis about passing on the faith to our children and our children's children.