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Genesis 5 is a chapter about Adam's descendants, up to Noah. In Genesis 5 you read the detailed chronological setting of the generations before Noah. Noah's father was Lamech, it touches mostly on how long he lived. Lamech lived to be seven hundred and seventy-seven years. This is the full knowledge known about Lamech, he had sons and daughters, but nothing detailed about his interrelationships with his wife or others. Methuselah was Lamech's father. The clear knowledge given about Methuselah is that he had sons and daughters and that he is known to be the eldest human being that ever lived, he lived to be nine hundred and sixty-nine years old. This information about Methuselah is the extent of him here in Genesis 5. Now, Enoch, was the father of Methuselah, the great occurrence that is a central theme in Genesis 5 is that Enoch lived Three hundred- and sixty-five-years and it says in Genesis 5:24, Enoch walked with God, and he was not, because God took him up to his eternal presence. Genesis 5 doesn't show any formal relational interaction with these three generational figures.

As I read Qumeng (1Q 201.1), in the Genesis Apocryphon; the Apocryphon Genesis narrative is revealing and extensive. It shows life and interaction, bringing the audience a lot more familiarity with the characters of Genesis 5 of the canon. It is very interesting to see that the Genesis Apocryphon characters are not just mentioned with a limited attribute but show the scenes of their actual life. I didn't know Lamech had a wife whose name was Bitenosh. In the Genesis Apocryphon, I learned that Lamech was dealing with doubt that Noah was his legitimate

son. Lamech was dealing with doubt because of the Watcher's rampant ravaging of the women; many were left pregnant by these beings called Nephilims. The Nephilims were celestial fallen beings that incorporated and used their bodies to have relations with the women of earth. Lamech knew of this very well and because he saw that his son was impressive in appearance, he doubted his wife. In the Genesis Apocryphon, it shows that Lamech seeks council from his father Methuselah and Methuselah sought council from his father, the great Enoch. This detailed interrelationship is a very revealing narrative. To also know that there was a book of Noah and a book of Eternal Statutes, is very interesting and broadens the Genesis 5 narratives of the canonical book.