

120 Years

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bore children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. —Genesis 6:1-8

In context, the people were living an ungodly life and God's Spirit was being grieved. **For this generation of people, He set up a maximum of 120 years for them to live and repent, or else they were to be destroyed by the flood which He later introduces in verse Genesis 6:7.**

These years were not a standard of how long we ought to live under the new covenant but for the people before the flood. After the flood, we see that people lived longer than that. These years were not a maximum for all mankind thereafter, but these people who were living such an ungodly life before the flood.

If **120 years was max**, then Noah could have lived only 120, but he lived 350 after the flood for 950 years. Yet not Noah alone, many other people could not have lived over 120 years, yet we see the very opposite. They lived for over 120 years.

- a) Shem 600 years
- b) Nahor 148 years
- c) Abraham 175 years
- d) Isaac 180 years
- e) Jacob 147 years

How many people have been documented to live for 120 years? In a *Google search*: The oldest person ever whose age has been independently verified is Jeanne Calment (1875–1997) of France, who lived to the age of 122 years, 164 days.

Why limit yourself to 120?

- a) There is no limit. You need to be believing God for more or at least stand on the promise of Psalm 91. *With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.* —Psalm 91:16.
- b) If you are satisfied with the long life you have, then you can go.

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