

The Beginning: HisStory in Genesis 1-11

Lesson Six

The Story of Adam's Family Tree – Genesis 4:25-6:7

Genesis 5 opens with, "This is the book of the generations of Adam" (Genesis 5:1). There are many places that genealogies are recorded throughout Scripture. But we do not read "This is the book of..." until we get to the New Testament and find, "The book of the genealogy of Jesus, the Messiah," (Matthew 1:1).

I. Descendants of Cain – Genesis 4:17-22

Enoch – Cain built a city and named it after his son.

Irad

Mehujael

Methushael

Lamech – polygamist, murderer

Jabal – tents and livestock

Jubal – father of all who play the lyre and pipe

Tubal-Cain – forger of implements of bronze and iron

Lamech's descendants created a culture apart from God. "They founded an age of discovery and were the innovators of prosperity, pleasure, and power" (John Phillips, *Exploring Genesis*, p. 74).

Lamech's song of defiance and pride – "The Septuagint renders that "seventy times seven" which makes Lamech's boast stand out in sharp contrast with the Lord's teaching on forgiveness" (John Phillips, *Exploring Genesis*, p. 74).

"Then Peter came and said to Him, 'Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven'" (Matthew 18:21-22).

II. Descendants of Seth – Genesis 4:25-5:24

Enosh - Men began to call upon the name of the Lord.

Kenan

Mahalalel

Jared

Enoch

"God took note of the death of the Sethites. The death of each saint was jubilee day in heaven, for 'precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints' (Psalm 116:15). Death for them was not the end, but the beginning" (John Phillips, *Exploring Genesis*, p. 75).

"The finality of death caused by sin, and so powerfully demonstrated in the genealogy of Genesis, is in fact not so final. Man was not born to die; he was born to live, and that life comes by walking with God.... Walking with God is the key to the chains of the curse" (*The New American Commentary*, Kenneth Matthews, Logos).

III. Enoch Walked with God – Genesis 5:21-24

Hebrews 11:1-6

Jude 14-15 – Enoch preached of a coming judgment

Matthew 16:27

Daniel 7:10

“In a sentence then, walking with God means that we cease taking our own way, that we abandon the world’s way, that we follow the Divine way” (Arthur Pink, *Gleanings in Genesis*, p. 75).

Luke 9:23

IV. God Pronounced Judgment – Genesis 6:5-8

In anthropomorphic (having human characteristics or attributes) terms, Moses describes the grief that God felt. “The Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart” (Genesis 6:6).

“God saw that human evil was out of control. People thought evil, imagined evil—evil, evil, evil from morning to night. God was sorry that He had made the human race in the first place; it broke his heart. God said, ‘I’ll get rid of my ruined creation, make a clean sweep: people, animals, snakes and bugs, birds—the works. I’m sorry I made them.’ But Noah was different. God liked what He saw in Noah” (Genesis 6:5-8, MSG).

V. The Sins of the Fathers

““You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments”” (Exodus 20:4-6).

We can choose – by placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we choose the lineage of the blessed. We are moved from the lineage of Cain to the lineage of Seth.

Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount that there are two masters, two paths and two foundations. We must choose!

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it” (Matthew 7:13-14).