

## Cain & Able – *the consequences of sin - (part two)*

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Purpose: to show how the consequences of sin spread throughout mankind and encourage us to learn from Cain's mistakes.

Let's review what we have seen so far:

- God intended for man to have fellowship and communion with Him
- Through one man, sin entered into the world

Afterward we began to see the result of Adam's sin on his descendants. In chapter four, we saw Cain murder his brother Able. What did we discover about Cain?

- He was wicked and would not confess
- He was judged and went out from the presence of the LORD (on his own)
- His descendants became ungodly

Today we will continue from chapter 5 right up to chapter 6 and verse 8. We will see what happened to Adam's other son name Seth and then how the descendants of both of them developed.

1. What is different to the line of Cain?
  - a. This is the line of those who began to call on the name of the LORD (4:26)
  - b. The ages are listed:
    - i. Their age when they gave birth
    - ii. The age when they died
  - c. We are told only of the descends of Seth to Noah
2. What can we learn from them?
  - a. That they really did exist
  - b. That their lives overlapped

Now, let's see what we can learn from their names:

- **Seth** – Substituted
- **Enosh** – Man (mortal)
- **Cainan** – fixed (a nest)
- **Mahalaleel** – praise of God
- **Jared** – descent (come down)
- **Enoch** – initiated, instructed. Enoch "walked with God..." It seems that as the world was getting worse, God's grace was upon this man. Here is what the bible says about him:

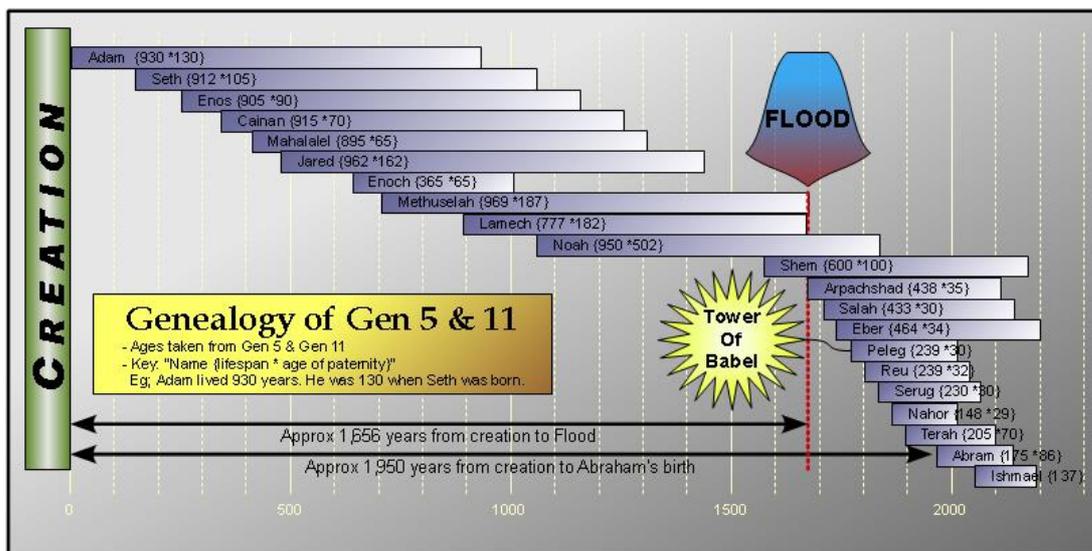
- *By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "AND WAS NOT FOUND, BECAUSE GOD HAD TAKEN HIM"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.*

○ *Hebrews 11:7*

- Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

○ Jude 1:14,15

- **Methuselah** – man of a dart (emission) – it is said that in naming him Enoch was predicting when the flood should be. He died the year of the flood.
- **Lamech** – uncertain
- **Noah** – Rest



*Genesis 6:1,2*

*Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.*

4 questions:

1. Who are the sons of God?
  - a. The ungodly descendants of Cain

2. Who are the daughters of men?
  - a. The God-fearing descendants of Seth
3. When did this take place?
  - a. Probably during the lifetime of Jared:
    - i. His name means descent
    - ii. His son Enoch prophesied of coming judgment
    - iii. His grandson Methuselah had a prophetic name (man of emission)
4. Why was it a problem to take these women as wives?
  - a. Because they were unequally yoked

*2 Corinthians 6:14-18*

*Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM. I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE." Therefore "COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM AND BE SEPARATE, SAYS THE LORD. DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN, AND I WILL RECEIVE YOU." "I WILL BE A FATHER TO YOU, AND YOU SHALL BE MY SONS AND DAUGHTERS, SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY."*

*Genesis 6:3*

*And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."*

God is giving them 120 years to repent

*Genesis 6:4*

*There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.*

Sinful men were born, who were known for their exploits

*Genesis 6:5*

*Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

The whole earth is becoming corrupt

*Genesis 6:6-8*

*And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.*

God decides to do something about it, but He still has a plan!

Conclusion: what can we learn from this?

- Sin is like cancer – it spreads
- Friendship with the world will destroy our families and ruin our heritage
- God is righteous to judge us all, but still makes a way to escape (as we will see next time)