

GENESIS CHAPTERS

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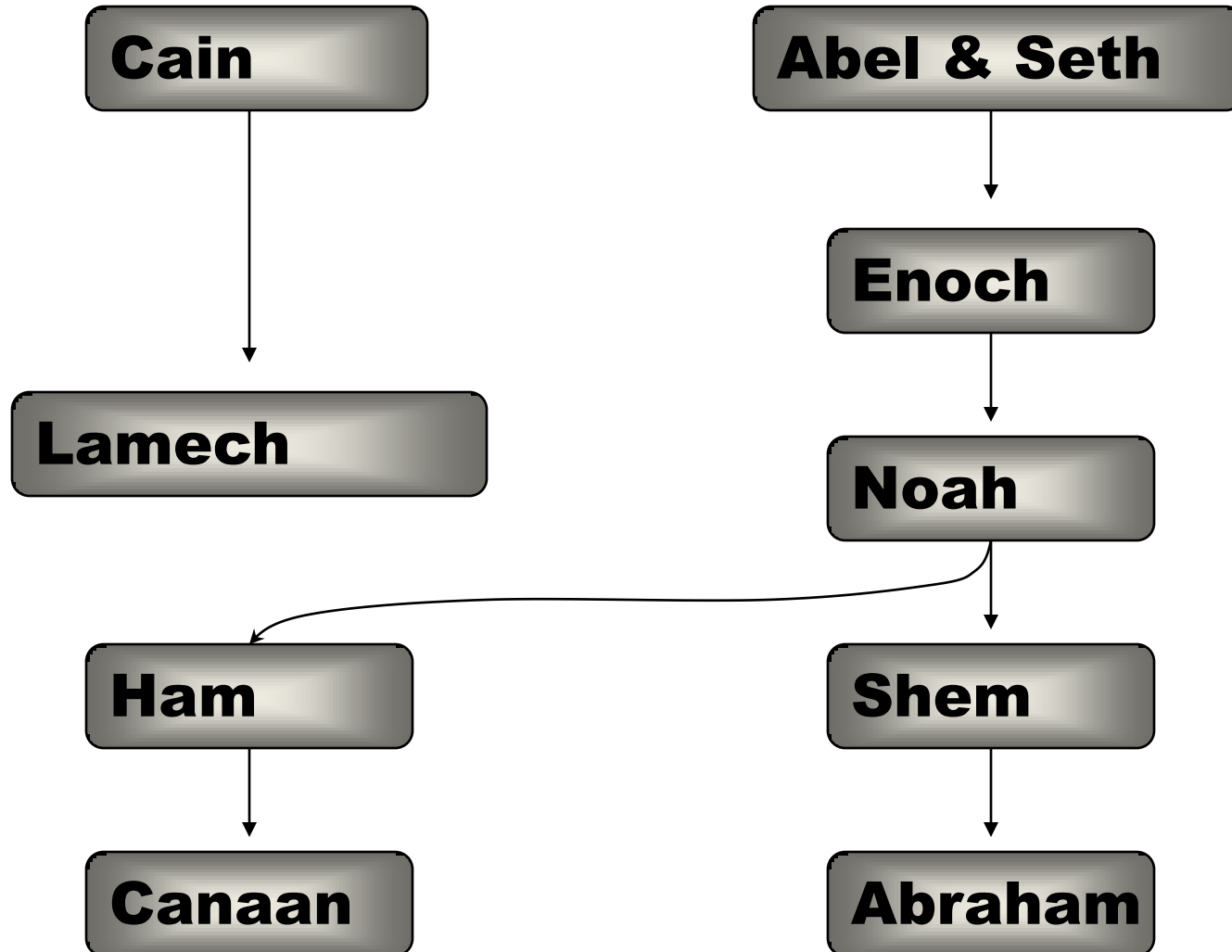
**- THE DECLINE OF HUMANITY -
(i.e THE RISING TIDE OF WICKEDNESS)**

GENESIS CHAPTER 4

- ADAM'S FAMILY DISINTEGRATES.
SPLITS INTO 2 CULTURES -**

Seed of the Serpent

Seed of the Woman



Abel:

Vital Statistics

- Abel = Temporary Breath
- Born: 8-10,000 BC
- Lived a Short Life—Killed
- Parents: Adam & Eve
- Spouse: None
- Children: None
- Second Child
 - First to Obey God

*And by faith he still speaks,
even though he is dead.*



Abel:

Strengths & Weaknesses

- + Second Son
- + Shepherd—Pleasing Gift to God
- + First Martyr/Hall of Faith



*By faith Abel
offered God a
better sacrifice
than Cain did.*

Abel: Verses

*Now Abel kept flocks,
and Cain worked the soil.*

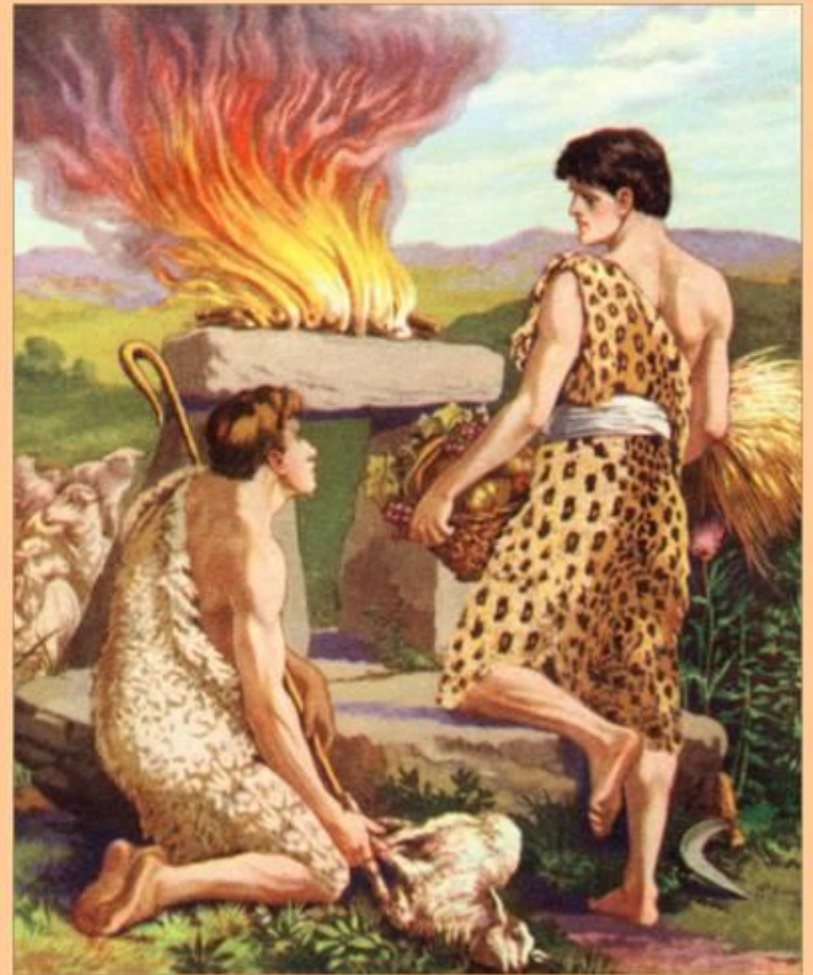
- Genesis 4: 1-8
- Matthew 23: 34-36
- Luke 11: 50-51
- Hebrews 11: 4; 12: 22-24



Cain: Vital Statistics

- Cain = Acquired/
Possession
- Born: 8-10,000 BC
- Lived as a Fugitive
- Parents: Adam & Eve
- Spouse: Not Named
- Children
 - Enoch
- First Child

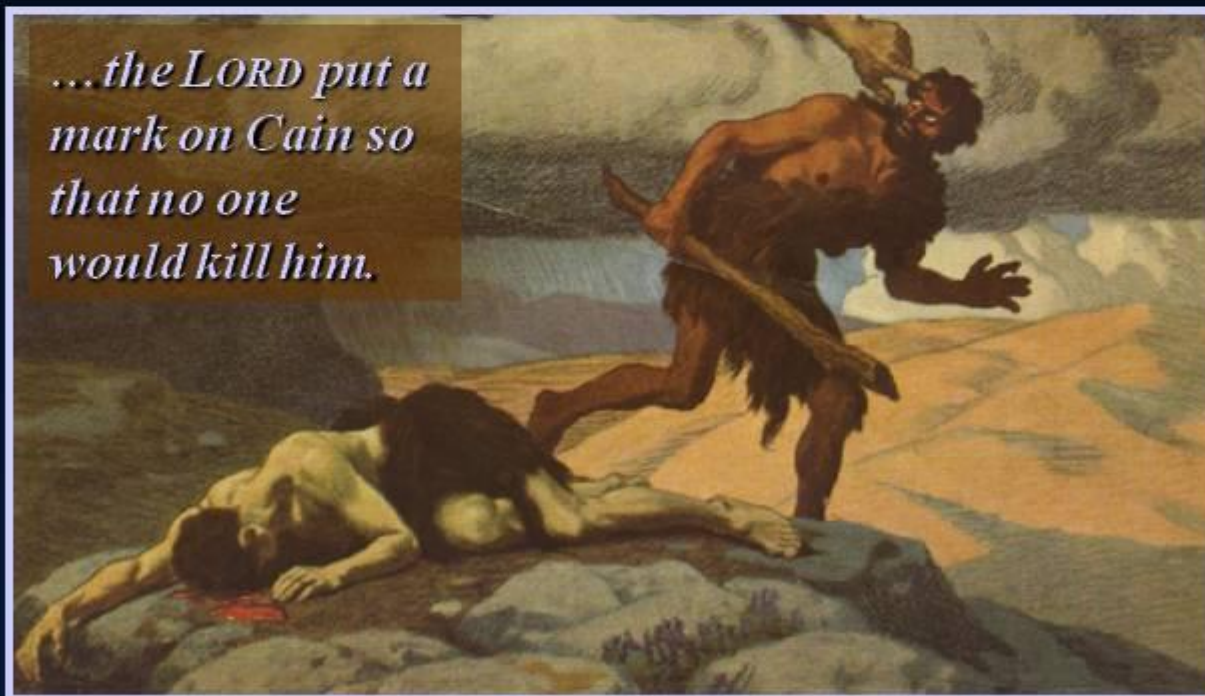
Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother.



Cain:

Strengths & Weaknesses

- + First Son
- + Farmer (Like Father)
- Easily Angered
- Murderer
- Questioned God



Cain: Verses

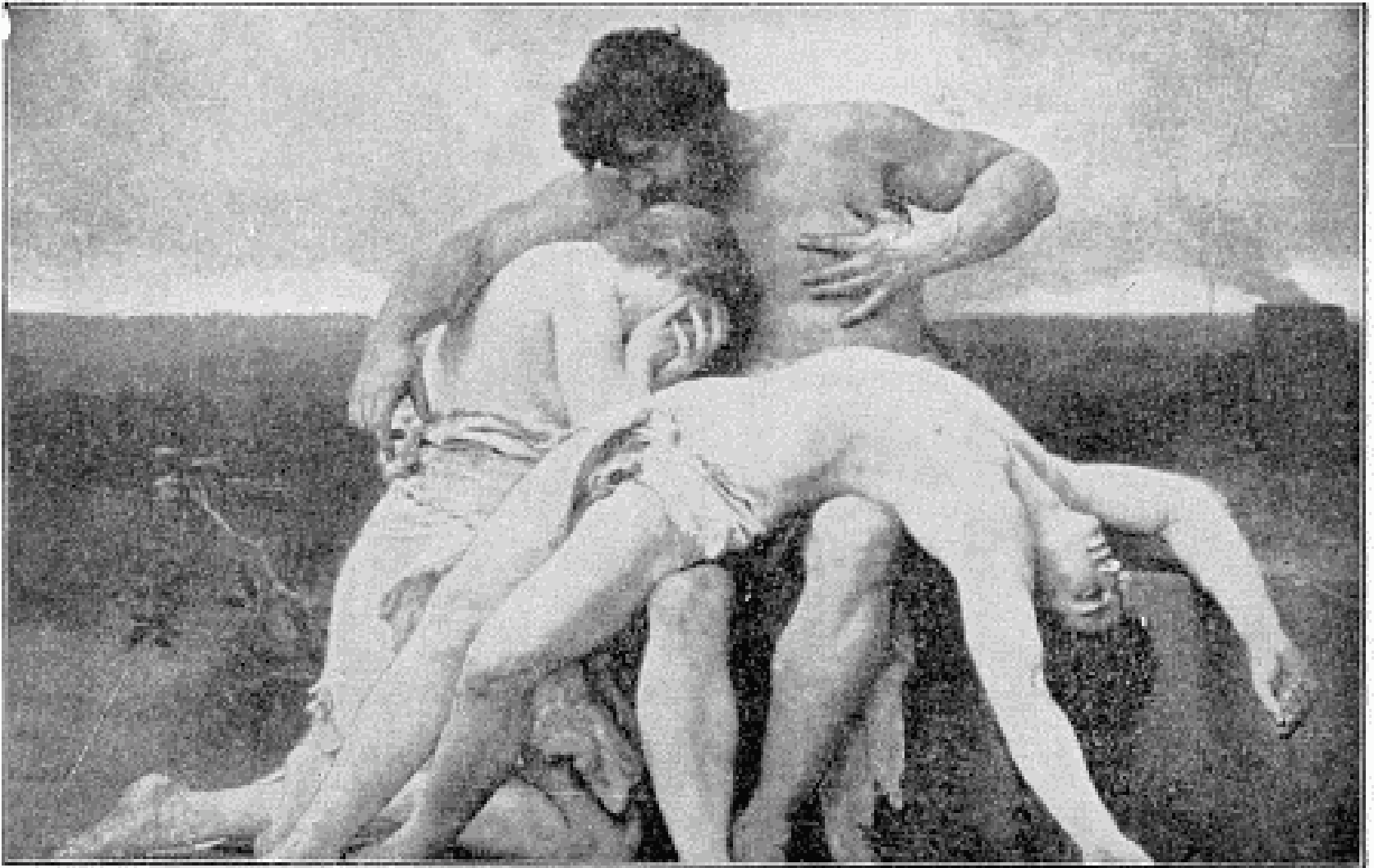
- Genesis 4: 1-16
- Hebrews 11: 4
- 1 John 3: 10-16



“Am I my brother’s keeper?”



IMAGINE THE GRIEF & KNOWING THE CAUSE



THE WAY OF CAIN

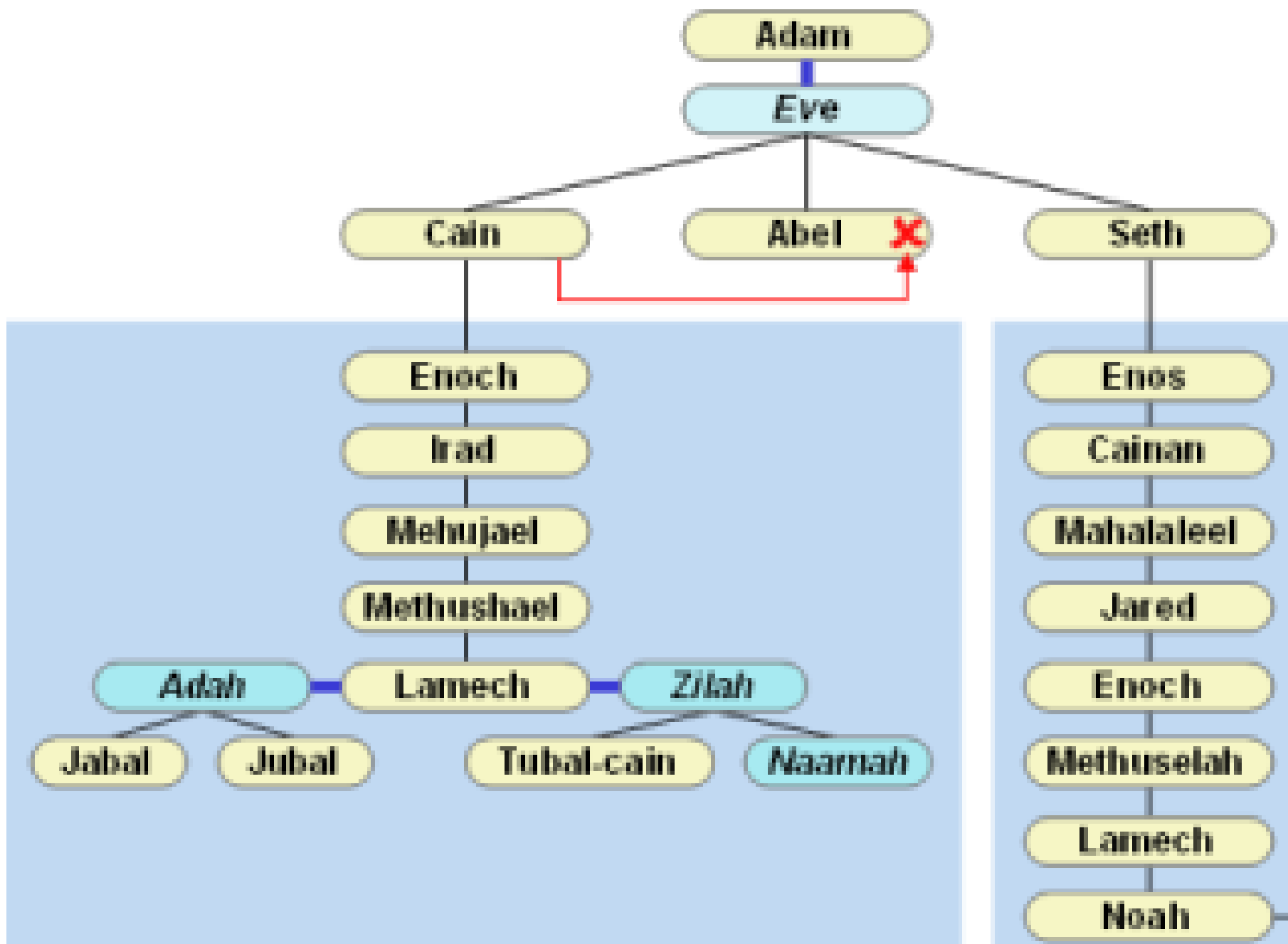
- Man was to worship and serve God
- Abel got it right and gained God's respect
- Cain was disobedient in worship (and therefore probably service as well)
- And God asked two questions of Cain:
 - Why art thou wroth?
 - Why has thy countenance fallen?
- Cain succumbs to Satan's leading and kills Abel
- The family divides – Those choosing God's way or their own (Satan's) way Like the stupid song "I did it my way"
- Jud 1:11 (KJV) Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain ...
- Imagine the heartbreak of Adam & Eve who lived on for hundreds of years to watch all this played out – because of their act of disobedience . Same with our generations – what example do we set? What do we pass on?

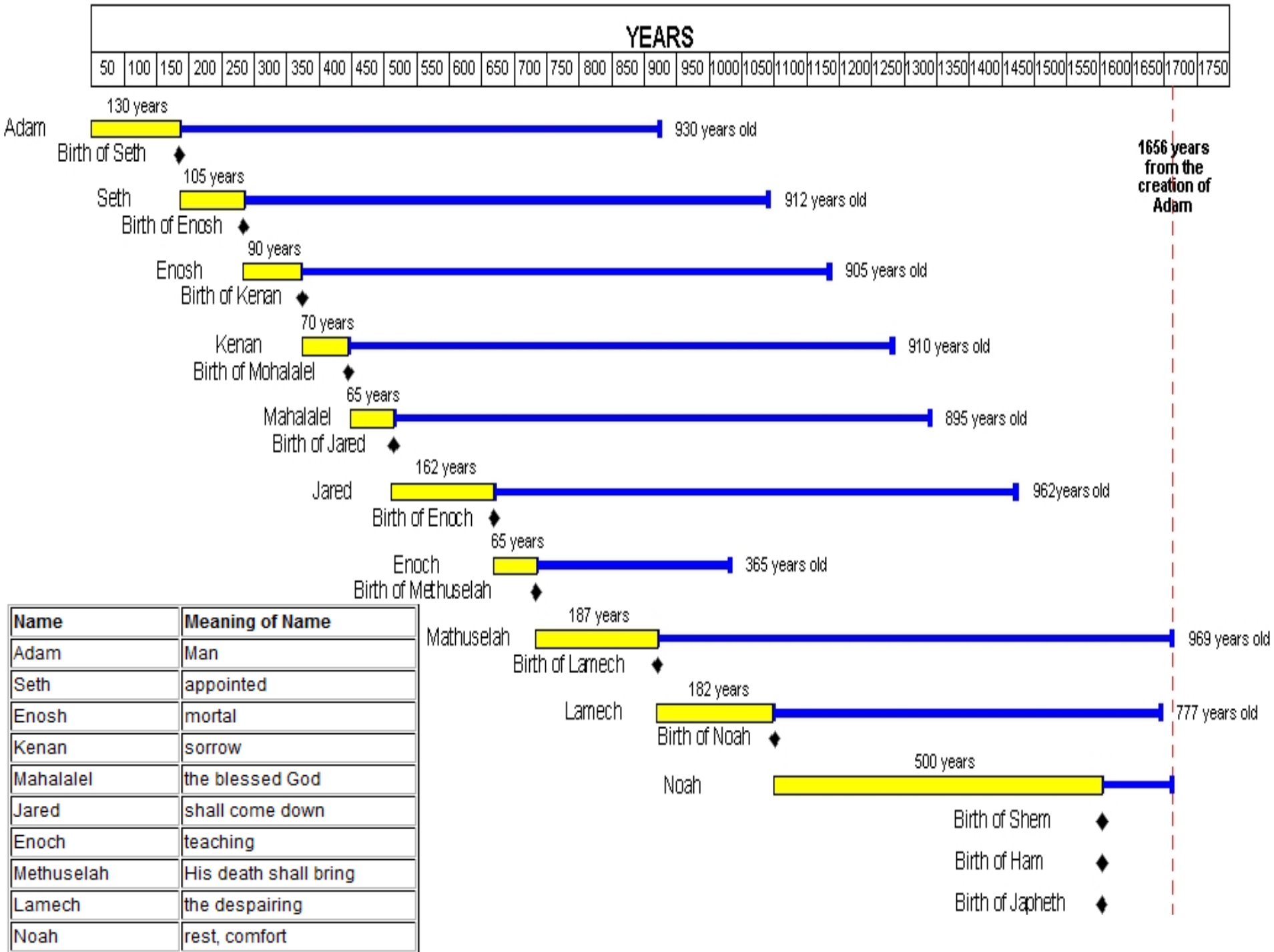
2Ki_15:9 (KJV) And he did *that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done ...*

GENESIS CHAPTER 5

– HUMANITY DISINTEGRATES –

**DOWNWARD SPIRAL OUT OF
CONTROL FOR THE NEXT 1600
YEARS**





DATE	EVENT	SCRIPTURE	AGE OF EARTH
4004 BC	Creation	Gen. 1:1-31	0
3874 BC	Seth born when Adam was 130	Gen. 5:3	130 yrs.
3769 BC	Enos born when Seth was 105	Gen. 5:6	235 yrs.
3679 BC	Cainan born when Enos was 90	Gen. 5:9	325 yrs.
3609 BC	Mahalaleel born when Cainan was 70	Gen. 5:12	395 yrs.
3544 BC	Jared born when Mahalaleel was 65	Gen. 5:15	460 yrs.
3382 BC	Enoch born when Jared was 162	Gen. 5:18	622 yrs.
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3130 BC	■	Lamech born when Methuselah was 187	Gen. 5:25	874 yrs.
2948 BC	■	Noah born when Lamech was 182	Gen. 5:28	1,056 yrs.
2446 BC	■	Shem born when Noah was 502	Gen. 11:10	1,558 yrs.
2348 BC	■	Flood when Noah was 600	Gen. 7:6	1,656 yrs.
2346 BC	■	Arphaxad born when Shem was 100	Gen. 11:10	1,658 yrs.

How Old Were the Patriarchs?

- ADAM 930 years (Gen_5:5)
- SETH 912 years (Gen_5:8)
- ENOSH 905 years (Gen_5:11)
- ENOCH 365 years (Gen_5:23)
- METHUSELAH 969 years (Gen_5:27)
- LAMECH 777 years (Gen_5:31)
- NOAH 950 years (Gen_9:29)

ADAM was contemporary with:

- Lamech
 - Methuselah
 - Jared
 - Mahalaleel
 - Cainan
 - Enos
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NOAH was contemporary with:

- Lamech
- Methuselah
- Jared
- Mahalaleel
- Cainan
- Enos



SHEM was contemporary with:

- Lamech
- Methuselah
- Noah

After the Flood

- Abraham
- Isaac

KEY OBSERVATIONS

- **WICKEDNESS CULTURE (same today)**
- **WIDESPREAD & EXPANDING REBELLION AGAINST GOD (same today)**
- **GOD'S HIGHLIGHTS**
 - **METHUSALEH BORN & NAMED**
 - **ENOCH THEN SHOWS THE WAY**

ENOCH

- Born 600 years after Adam
- HAD A SON WHEN HE WAS 65
- GOD TOLD HIM TO CALL HIS NAME “METHUSALEH” (“His death shall bring” or “When he dies it comes”)
- Imagine Enoch (aged 65 years) going up to Adam (aged now 622 years, with another 308 years to go before he dies, saying “God has just told me to call my son “Methusaleh”, and Adam reflecting on the significance of that – like a ticking time –bomb
- After that he walked with God for 300 years in the midst of a horribly corrupt world. This is remarkable. He lived against the grain of his society
- LIVED FOR 365 YEARS THEN DISAPPEARED (like Elijah)
- Died 50 years before Noah was born

Gen_5:19 (KJV) And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

Gen_5:21 (KJV) And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:

Gen_5:22 (KJV) **And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:**

Gen_5:23 (KJV) And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

Gen_5:24 (KJV) And Enoch **walked with God: and he *was not; for God took him.***

Heb_11:5 (KJV) **By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.**

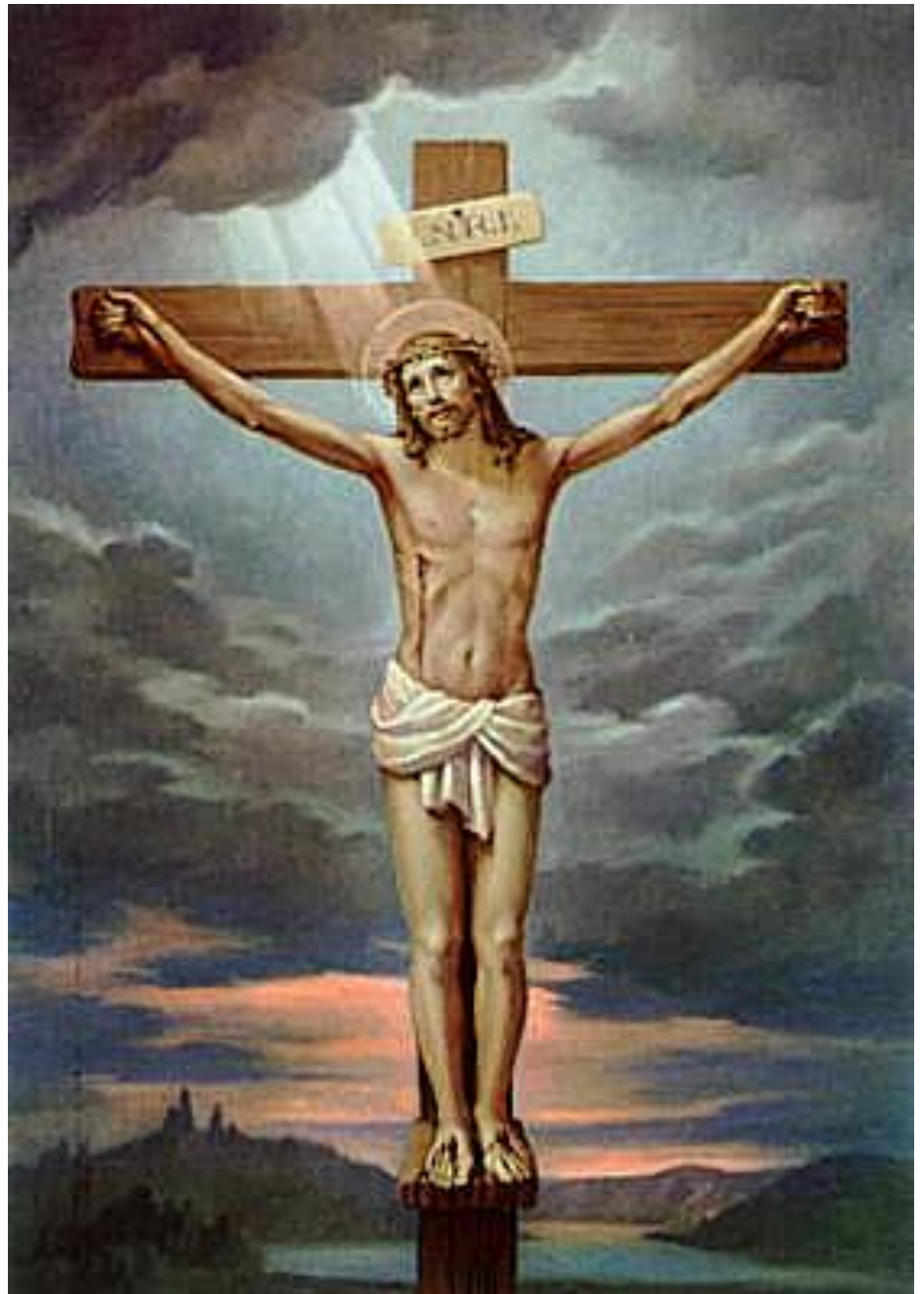
Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

Jud_1:14 (KJV) And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

5 things about Enoch that led to his “rapture”

- he believed in the true God (Heb 11:6)**
- he sought God’s reward (Heb 11:6) – he decided to seek God**
- he walked with God (implies fellowship – acceptable worship & service)**
- he set an example**
- he preached the Word of God (Jude 1:14)**

**It's reasonable
to assume that
Enoch knew
how to preach
the Gospel –
about sin &
salvation**



Enoch:

Vital Statistics

- Enoch = Initiated/
Dedicated
- Born: 8-10,000 BC
- “Seventh from Adam”
- Lived 365 Years
- Father = Jared
- Spouse: Not Named
- Children: Methuselah
and Others
- Taken Away

Enoch walked with God...



Enoch: Strengths & Weaknesses

For before he was taken away, he was commended as one who pleased God.

- + Perfected Humanity
- + May be One of the Two Witnesses in Revelation 11:3 (with Elijah)



Enoch: Verses

- Genesis 5: 21-24
- Hebrews 11: 5-6
- Jude 14-16

*Enoch, the seventh from
Adam....*



METHUSALEH

- **Born 665 years after Adam**
- **Dies 1656 years after Creation**
 - **aged 969 years**
 - **about 650 years after his father Enoch was “taken”**
 - **then the flood comes**
- **Must have followed his father Enoch’s example, for his son Lamech and grandson Noah to follow**

GENESIS CHAPTER 6

- **WORLD FULL OF WICKEDNESS**
(LIKE CANAAN, ISRAEL, REVELATION?)
- **GOD'S LONG PATIENCE EXPIRES**
- **GOD WORKS WITH NOAH**

Gen 6:5 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.*

Gen 6:6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

Gen 6:7 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.

Gen 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Gen 6:9 These *are the generations of Noah:* Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

Gen 6:10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Gen 6:11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

Gen 6:12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

Gen 6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

- **Mixed marriage**
- **Widespread corruption**
- **Noah fathers 3 sons**
- **100 year ark-building**
- **Noah's character (inc. in next presentation)**
- **Noah's preaching**

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how to preach
the Gospel –
about sin &
salvation**

