



After man was
created (2)
Progressive
Wickedness

Events “Before the Flood” (1 of 17)

- After creation - previously we noted
- The first marriage - **Genesis 2:20-25**
- The fall of man - **Genesis 3**
 - The first promise of redemption
(3:15)

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- Progressive wickedness - Genesis 4 -5
 - Cain and Abel - 4:1-15
 - The lineage of Cain - 4:16-24
 - Seth - 4:25-26
 - Genealogies from Adam to Noah - 5

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Cain and Abel - Genesis 4:1-15

- **4:1-2** - introduced to Cain and Abel
- **4:3-7** - in process of time, they offer worship to God. Abel’s is accepted and Cain’s is rejected
 - Cain is upset, but the LORD tells him he can do well and must rule over his desires
- **4:8-11** - Cain murders Abel and lies about it to God

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Cain and Abel - Genesis 4:1-15

- 4:11-15 - Cain is cursed
 - Great consequences
 - Ground would not yield abundantly
 - Driven from the presence of the Lord
 - Live as a fugitive
 - Spared from death - 7-fold vengeance if one killed Cain (no death penalty yet)

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Cain and Abel - Genesis 4:1-15

- Cain and Abel both in the New Testament
- Abel - **Hebrews 11:4** - his faith, a more excellent sacrifice
- **Hebrews 12:24** - the sacrifice of Jesus better than that of Abel
- **Matthew 23:35, Luke 11:51** - the first righteous martyr

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Cain and Abel - Genesis 4:1-15

- Cain and Abel both in the New Testament
- Cain - **Hebrews 11:4** - contrasted with Abel's faith
- **Jude 11 (8-11)**- The disposition of greedy false teachers. Selfish and willing to do whatever to gain their desires.
- **1 John 3:12** - love one another, not like Cain - his wicked and evil works.

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Descendants of Cain - Genesis 4:16-23

- **4:16** - he leaves the presence of the Lord and dwelt in Nod
- 4:17-18** - Has a son name Enoch (not the righteous Enoch). Their descendants mentioned (but not with the details of **Genesis 5**)

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Descendants of Cain - Genesis 4:16-23

- **4:19-24**- Lamech - 4th generation after Cain.
 - 2 wives (first polygamy)
 - 3 sons - Jubal - father of tents and livestock
 - Jubal - inventor of instruments
 - Zillah - Tubal-Cain - a craftsman in bronze and iron(the first generations were intelligent and able to develop things)
 - Lamech kills another man in self-defense - and declares (boastfully) if one avenges him, he would suffer 77 fold.
 - These were likely the “daughters of men”

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Seth - Genesis 4:24-25

- God was NOT going to provide redemption through Cain. Seth is born as “another seed for me instead of Abel”
He bears a son, Enosh
 - “Then men began to call on name of the LORD” We find (some) men beginning to pursue righteousness
 - NOTE: Every human alive today is a descendent of Seth.
 - Mention only in **Luke 3:38** in NT

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Genealogies - Genesis 5

- Records the genealogy from Adam to Noah. Some worthy lessons in this chapter - 10 generations mentioned.
 - Jews were meticulous at keeping records, early on. It was significant as the “seed promise” unfolds.
- 5:1-2** - begins with Adam and Eve created “in the likeness of God” and “male and female”
Called “mankind” (cf. **Genesis 1:28**)

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Genealogies - Genesis 5

- Ages given when they “beget” (e.g. Adam was 130 when he begat Seth), their descendant is named (Seth), then how long they lived AFTER giving birth to their named descendent (lived 800 years after that).
 - “And he died” (8x) (Adam was 930 “and he died”)

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Genealogies - Genesis 5

- Concerning Enoch (5:21-24)
 - He “walked with God” - very righteous
 - He did not see death, one of only 2 recorded in OT (Elijah the other)
 - Mentioned 3x in NT
 - **Luke 3:37** - lineage of Jesus
 - **Hebrews 11:5** - his faith
 - **Jude 14-15** - a prophet who warned the people to repent.

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Genealogies - Genesis 5

- Methuselah - the oldest recorded living person in the Bible - 969 years.
- He died the year of the flood.
- Finally, Noah is born. Born to Lamech who was 182 years old. At age 500 Noah had sons. Noah will be God’s workman to change the world (next lesson).

Lessons to consider

God has always demanded worship His way - **Genesis 4:1-7**

- It is **necessarily concluded** that God had given instructions concerning worship (though not recorded).
 - There were standards in place that men were expected to follow
 - God accepted Abel's worship and rejected Cain - he had not "done well" (**4:7**)

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- An introduction to establishing authority - there are 3 legitimate ways to establish authority
 - Direct command
 - Approved example
 - Necessary inference (conclusion)(e.g., **Say it, show it or imply it**)

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- **God has the right to set the standard**
God has ALWAYS demanded that he be worshipped a certain way, and different from man's ideas.
He often is very specific! We must respect His boundaries - **John 4:24, Colossians 3:17**

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God has always demanded worship His way - **Genesis 4:1-7**

- God has always demanded the best
Abel offered, “the firstborn of his flock and their fat (**4:4**)
Cain offered, “the fruit of the ground”
God ALWAYS deserves our best -
cf. Malachi 1:8, 13-14

Lessons to consider

We see the dangers of temptation and how to overcome - **Genesis 4:7**

- When Cain was rejected the LORD instructed him as to what he needed to do

What Cain did was a matter of choice!

To fail leads to death - **James 1:12-15**

We need to control the “triggers” - **1**

John 2:15-16, cf. Matthew 5:22, 28-30, etc.

Lessons to consider

We find the progressive nature of sin -
Genesis 3-6

- Adam and Eve's sin was egregious, but things grew worse in time. Here we find murder.

We do NOT read of Cain's descendants seeking God. The closest is the arrogant declaration of Lamech - **4:23-24**

Throughout scripture we find the progressive nature of sin. **We either "rule over it" or it will rule over us**

Lessons to consider

Concerning Enoch - Genesis 5:23-24

- Unless the Lord returns while we live, we WILL die.

But we CAN walk with God and thus prepare for that day, EVEN in a sinful world.

Philippians 2:15 - we shine as lights in this “crooked and perverse generation”



God's word is the story of man's
redemption.

Are you following His ways or
the ways of the world?

Let us pray!