

Genesis 4:16-5:32

16 Then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.

We continue the saga of Cain.....

Cain further reveals his heart here in this verse.....

In all that has happened, God had come to Him first to help him deal with his anger and rebellion and then graciously doesn't put him to death after he sinned.

Cain's response to this grace and mercy of God is to not repent or even confess what he had done, but to whine about how his punishment was unbearable and now he leaves from the presence of the Lord.

Rom 2:4-5 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? 5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

How we use the goodness and patience of the Lord to escape from His hand instead of allowing it to accomplish its desired effect of bringing us back to Him. God hadn't done all of that to banish Cain from His presence, this is a decision Cain had made all on his own.

.....*not knowing* that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

It says *not knowing*, God holds us responsible for the things we ought to know.

Oh, the terrible consequences of sin, how little we understand of the consequences of not dealing with our sin when it is a small seed, take God's word for it when He says to deal with it, because before you know it, it will grow up to destroy you and greatly affect those closest to you.....'Don't feed the monkey; he will turn into a Gorilla'

Part of the consequences of his sin was to be a vagabond upon the earth with no permanent dwelling, but that doesn't mean God's presence wouldn't be there, here it says he left the presence of the Lord. Cain now would choose to leave God and his goodness rather than to humble himself and repent of his sin.

This is the inevitable result of sin that is not dealt with by us, when we don't repent before the Lord, we would rather face the awful thought of being outside the presence of the Lord than to own up to our sin and rebellion,

John 3:19-21 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and *men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.* 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

What a sad commentary on the condition of man's heart.....

Cain will go on to build a city, and a civilization that will be used to find independence from God and will be a place for a self sustaining life that doesn't need God. Man's aim in rebellion is always independence from God. The way of Cain is the heart of independence, of bringing an offering of his own, living on his own terms, being independent from God's Love, Authority and Holiness, it is the religion of the ages, it is the religion of humanism, where man is the center of the universe not God..... We will see it come to fruit and manifest itself in the song of Lamech in a couple of verses.

17 And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son — Enoch.

[Cain Knew His Wife] Where did Cain get his wife?

It is estimated that in the lifetime of Cain, (800 years) the population can be calculated at a conservative figure of around 120,000 people on the face of the earth, and by the time of the flood 1,656 years after Creation an estimated 7 billion people.---Morris---

We know that because of the relative purity of the genetic code that marriage between siblings was not harmful at this time. However, because of the decay of the genetic code to come that God would forbid such marriages because of the damaging effects.

[Enoch] This is not the Enoch that we will learn of a bit later; this Enoch comes from the wrong line. [Cain Built a City] Cain would eventually establish a city and have a large extended family.

The first civilization was founded by a murderer, and whole basis of civilized life is a vast complicated, more or less gilded-over system for murder. We find it more conducive to human welfare not to murder men outright, we however do it by a system of competition. It is ingrained in our thinking that competition and rivalry as essential to the carrying on of civilized life.---Oswald Chambers---

Cain built a city out of rebellion and sin, and here we will see man's best attempt at rebellion and autonomy in forming a government and establishing self rule. This is the record of civilization and man's attempted to govern himself. What a contrast to God's City. **Rev 21:1-5**

This is the city that we should be looking for and has been the city for which all that would live by faith would look for.....**Phil 3:20-21 Heb 11:9-10 Heb 11:13-16**

Gen 4:18-22

The remaining portion of this Chapter gives a most intriguing, even tantalizing, picture of life in the antediluvian world.---Morris---

Here the first civilization which would thrive and have a population of about 7 billion people strong by the time the Flood came.

It's interesting that one of the identifying marks which evolutionary anthropologists use to denote the emergence of a 'stone age' culture into a civilized society is the development of urbanization. ---Morris---

They aren't a bunch of cave men, as it has been depicted by the evolutionary crowd, of men barely coming out from being apes. These are men with an intelligence to rival anything we have going on today.

And civilizations that came after the flood puzzle us even today and we can't figure out how they built the things they did. Pastor Joe Focht talks about the Cairo Museum that there is a piece of red granite on display and you might say what's the big deal, however this piece of granite had been in the process of being made for the top of a head stone and it was in the process of being cut and half way through the piece the cut stops, for some reason whoever was cutting it stopped, however the reason it is on display is that the cut is so smooth and so precise that only a laser could duplicate this cut. This pre-flood man was much closer to being able to use their minds to its full capacity than ours because of our genetic decay.

[Jabal, Jubal, Tubal]

Each of these brothers help to bring about a rich and complex culture.

Jabal: He would have developed formal systems for domestication and commercially producing livestock, helping to feed, and produce the other food products, beasts of burden and so forth. Jubal: He develops the arts.

It's interesting to note that others things would have been in place for this to develop, they would have had to have been secure and thriving in their environment to enjoy this kind of 'extra' pleasure. And to have music that could be passed on would mean that they must have had a formal language and a way to communicate this 'music'.

Tubal: The inventor of metallurgy, both in bronze and iron.

So urbanization, agriculture, animal domestication, and metallurgy all were accomplished quickly by the early descendants of Adam and it didn't take hundred of thousands of years.---Morris---

Gen 4:23-24

[Lamech] This man now lives in open rebellion against the Lord in taking two wives. He is the 7th generation from Adam from the ungodly line of Cain just as the godly Enoch later to come on to the scene is the 7th generation from Adam from the godly line of Seth mentioned in the next verse. He is the father of organized rebellion in which Nimrod will be the climax. Nimrod will rise to power as a world leader in rebellion to the Lord later in Chapter 10. You can see in this language, this proud blasphemous stance against God and others in throwing his 'weight' around. This man defends himself for he is self-sufficient, independent, boasting of his power and safety, it's the supreme expression of man's attitude of confidence and pride. Satan is working hard behind the scenes here, he is not mentioned, but you see his influence. This is the precursor to the heart and attitude what will force God to destroy the earth, this attitude will go unchecked until the whole earth would be defiled before the eyes of the Lord.

[Seventy-Sevenfold] Here he proclaims retribution to 70 times 7 to those who would offend him. God had promised a retribution of 7 fold of anyone killing Cain, Lamech proclaims 70 times 7. Interesting to note that this is the number Christ would use to tell Peter how many times we should forgive others.

There couldn't be a more dramatic picture than this, of the difference between God and men, of a godly line and the ungodly line.

We want people to pay when we are hurt or offended....

God wants people to be healed and forgiven.....

That's the point of the law and the legal system, eye for an eye, God says that's all, don't take an ear and a nose with it.....That's us..... ☹

Gen 4:25-26

This is important because we are ALL direct descendents of Seth, our heritage lies with the line of Seth. We are the remnant of Noah and his sons and Noah owes his heritage to Seth. [Call On the Name of the Lord]

What a contrast in this Godly line, no proud proclamations of strength and exerting your will upon another, but rather this line calls upon the name of the Lord. God is protecting the promised seed to come, that through this line the Messiah would one day come.

We see the account of this Godly line as it unfolds in the next chapters. It gives us a picture that we seldom recognize, of how meticulous God is in recording all of this history, and using the agency of men, passing down the history from one generation to another and yet protecting it with the power of His Holy Spirit. We will see that Adam is alive when Methusaleh was born, and Methusaleh is alive when Noah was born, thus bridging a link between Adam and Noah, with Adam surely rehearsing the story of the fall to Methusaleh and Methuselah to Noah and the Noah lived to the time of Terah and most likely knowing his son Abraham.

[Lord] The word Jehovah the self-existing eternal, unchangeable one, He uses this name to identify Himself with His people.

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| 1. Jehovah Jireh..... | The Lord Will Provide | Gen 22:1-14 |
| 2. Jehovah Rapha..... | The Lord That Heals | Ex 15:22-27 |
| 3. Jehovah Nissi..... | The Lord My Banner | Ex 17:8-16 |
| 4. Jehovah Shalom..... | The Lord My Peace | Judges 6:14-24 |
| 5. Jehovah Raah..... | The Lord My Shepherd | Psalm 23 |
| 6. Jehovah Tsidkenu.... | The Lord Our Righteousness | Jer 23:5-6 |
| 7. Jehovah Shammah... | The Lord is Present | Ezek 48:30-35 |

Genesis 5

[1This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.](#)

Matt. 1:1

[The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:](#)

1 Cor 15:47

[The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.](#) So here in Genesis the first book tells us about the 1st Adam and the N.T tells us of the life of the 2nd Adam.

[Book] This marks one of the major divisions of Genesis, for we have this genealogy of Adam recorded, and presumably by Adam himself, it was recorded by writing in some kind of book kept and maintained by Adam. The record of the ungodly line of Cain officially ends here This account gives us the chronological framework of history from Creation to the Flood giving us an account of all men prior to the flood for the chapter ends with Noah and his three sons being listed.

These records are very straightforward, God is a meticulous keeper of records, he has the hairs on your head counted, He has recorded a name for every star in our universe, He has recorded every tear you have shed and when the books are opened in heaven every idle word spoken is recorded as well.

This Serves Several Purposes.....

First: I think the meticulous nature and thoroughness of the records will not be able to be questioned by anyone.

Second: He shows us that He is a stickler for the truth.

Third: He shows us that He cares so much about His creation and especially His children He has created.

From the genealogies listed for us you can discover that Adam died during the lifetime of Enoch who was the 7th generation from Adam.

2 He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created. 3 And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

[Own Likeness] Very sad, we had Adam created after the image of God Himself, and now Adam can only produce one who is fallen, damaged and flawed, just like himself.

4 After he begot Seth, the days of Adam were eight hundred years; and he had sons and daughters. 5 So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died.

[Died] Here we have the first obituary, and the account of the fulfillment of God's warning that the day that they eat they would die.

Eight times this theme of death is repeated for us in this Chapter.

Gen 5:6-21

[Methuselah]

His name means 'When he dies, it shall be sent or it shall come'

Here a promise given to Enoch this preacher and Prophet of the Most High to the pre-flood world that this judgment wouldn't come until his son would die.

It's told us that God had given Enoch the first recorded prophecy of the God' judgment and return to earth.

Jude 14-15 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 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."

The promise to Enoch was that this great judgment having two applications the first wouldn't happen until his son would die, and wouldn't you know it, that because of the Lord's long suffering, not willing that any should perish, He has Methuselah to be the oldest recorded person to ever live.

1 Peter 3:20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

The second application of this prophecy speaks of the final judgment and the 2nd Coming of Christ at the end of the age.

22 After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. 23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years.

24 And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

Now amazingly in the middle of all this routine of life leading to death, there comes on the scene one who stands out of history as being one of the only two men on the face of the earth who never died. Enoch is a contemporary and a tremendous contrast to Lamech back in Chapter 4 they were both 7th from Adam, but Lamach was descended from Cain and Enoch from Seth. As we just discussed we know from the book of Jude that Enoch was the first Prophet of the Bible.

We also know that in Revelation that there will be two witnesses during the tribulation proclaiming the Gospel with great power, and we know that one of them is named that being Elijah and the other is unnamed.

Many think the other one is Moses, so that the Law and the Prophets are represented, and it is Moses and Elijah that appear with Jesus at the transfiguration.

However, it's my personal opinion that Enoch will be the second, for like Elijah he is in rare company as having never died and in Hebrews we are told that *'man is appointed to die once and then the judgment'*, now Lazarus and others have been risen from the dead, but they died non the less.

Second, Elijah who represents the post flood generations and Enoch the pre-flood, they both are prophets proclaim the coming one with Enoch giving the very first prophecy of His coming and Elijah is preparing the way for the second coming. Jesus would say that His coming would be like in the days of Noah, the earth would be full of wickedness waiting for judgment, who better to testify of God's coming destruction and judgment on the earth than the one who lived during those dark times and finished a ministry cut short by his rapture.....

As well I believe that Enoch is a type of the Church as it pertains to the rapture....

Because the Church is to be raptured as well from the coming judgment....

1 Thess 4:16-18 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1. Enoch is in place just prior to the world wide judgment of God; he is delivered from it and doesn't have to experience it.
2. Enoch living just prior to this judgment his contemporary Noah is preserved in the midst, he is not removed, but is preserved a type of the 144,000 and the faithful believing Jews in the book of Revelation.
3. And we have the wicked in both the pre-flood and the great tribulation period.
4. So all three categories of people representative of the time of both judgments are represented and the same things happen to them. Those that are judged, those who are raptured and those who are preserved through the destruction.

.....And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

[Walked] The sweetest of all the ways to communicate this wonderful communion and relationship with God. To me it is no coincidence that God used this terminology when referencing His relationship with Adam.

Gen 3:8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day,

When we talk of our 'walk' with the Lord, it's in reference to how we are conducting ourselves in our daily activities and how God is incorporated into every facet of our lives and the fruit of that communion having a visible manifestation through our behavior, words and actions.

Col 1:10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

This man Enoch was in such communion that he took one step here on earth and the next in heaven; this is how we should be living our lives. Enoch is a picture, a revelation for us to behold and know that this type of communion is possible. That although Adam blew it we can be greatly encouraged, that a real vital personal relationship between us and our Creator can be a reality.

I think that John had this in mind.....

1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

1 John 4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; *because as He is, so are we in this world.*

Enoch is the universal symbol of man's immortal hope. ---Matheson---

Enoch speaks to us the eternal principle of hope, the hope that God will one day come for us and bring us to Himself with an unbroken and unfettered intimacy. Enoch's life is immortal, not the mortal we are all subject to, it points to God's provision for us that this mortal is going to put on immortality.

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" **1 Cor 15:50-54**

Having this kind eternal perspective the hope of eternity and everlasting life is the hope of all those who would look past this present hopeless life and develop for themselves a relationship, a religion with God that reflects such a hope. The key lies in the statement of Christ '*for were you heart is there your treasure will be*'

Remember we only have two religions in this world, one is of Abel and one is of Cain. One for the joy of relationship and devotion of seeing God exalted and lifted up and one for the hope of gain and return on investment. The one is self abasement with recognition of one with greater moral authority a coming into agreement with the one higher, the other is self-realization the procurement by some method or ideology an expansion of one's own self and self awareness, the return on investment that makes me a bigger, better and more progressed person, its self-realization.

Throughout history until now this has been the case.....

Hindu's, Buddhists, the New Age movements, to Humanism, it's all been around for centuries, we can trace many of our religions back to the religion of Babylon the great mother of all religions. It is a religion of self and self realization, a religion established by man, for man and against God.

The false religion looks only to the future, the now is only preparatory for it, true religion looks at God now and meets with him now in this environment.....Egypt dreamed most of the life beyond; its whole interest was in a world to come. It was for this it raised its piles of architecture; it was this it inaugurated its rites of worship; it's very manual of religious devotion was entitled 'the Book of the Dead.' ---Matheson---

God is so much more than just beyond the grave, God is now, and we can know Him now, the story of Enoch tells us so, for so rich was Enoch's fellowship with God that God removed the limitation of this flesh so that the communion could become deeper and richer. God is beyond the grave, but He is also here and now, we must at all times be prepared to meet our maker, for we know not the time or hour He will require such intimacy, we will either be ready or sorely wanting in that time..... The religion of Enoch and the essence of true religion is given to us here, and God places His stamp of approval upon it, and not upon *it*, but rather upon an individual upon Enoch and upon any who would follow in his footsteps.

Notice:

.....[And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.](#)

Here the mystery is revealed, here the forever told secret of the ages is given to us in the life of Enoch, no need to purchase it with great sacrifice or service, no need to learn some secret language, or live some weird lifestyle, but it is revealed to us in complete simplicity and openness, for any who would walk by and care to look. God will take anybody who would walk with Him. To those who would wait for Him, for those who would listen to Him, to those who would cooperate with Him. Notice Enoch is walking with God, it is that we walk alongside the one we love, not out in front and not following behind, and notice it is a walk, not a run or a crawl or a grovel, being able to walk involves every part of our lives in every nook and cranny and it takes all of our powers of self control to walk alongside someone.

He was with God cooperating with Him they were moral equals, an equal in cooperation and understanding of the respective places and moral standing.

Be careful to note that the climax of Enoch's life is not heaven, it is not eternity, it is not eternal life, but rather it reflects the true religion. The true climax of his life and the reason for his translation is revealed to us again very simply and very powerfully.....

Heb 11:5.....that he pleased God ---Matheson---

God calls us higher than we might fellowship with Him in a greater capacity, not for self-realization do we do this but for God realization..... So God says why not come up with me, I can now elevate you to a higher position much like what would have happened to Adam, if he had only recognized his true position.

25 Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and begot Lamech.
 26 After he begot Lamech, Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years, and had sons and daughters.
 27 So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died.
 28 Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and had a son.
 29 And he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord has cursed."
 30 After he begot Noah, Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years, and had sons and daughters.
 31 So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years; and he died.
 32 And Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah begot Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

The line ends here with Noah whose name means 'Rest' or 'Comfort' and his 3 sons.

God is to preserve the line from which one day the Redeemer would come, the one who would give us true eternal and everlasting rest.

With Noah God will rest until His Son will return to judge the world with fire and destroy all that would oppose God and then create a new heaven and a new earth.

It would take Noah some 100+ years to make the ark and with no converts, and no one would believe, and the earth is becoming more and more evil and wicked, what a time to be born and used of the Lord.

<u>Patriarch</u>	<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>Age at Birth of Next Patriarch</u>	<u>Year of Death</u>
Adam	1	130	930
Seth	130	105	1042
Enos	235	90	1140
Cainan	325	70	1235
Mahalaleel	395	65	1290
Zarad	460	162	1422
Enoch	622	65	987*
Methuselah	687	187	1656
Lamech	874	182	1651
Noah	1056	500	2006

Assuming no gaps in these genealogies, but for which there is certainly no internal evidence of such, there was a total of 1,656 years from the Creation to the flood.

Taking the recorded ages at face value, it is interesting to note that Adam lived until Lamech, the father of Noah, and Noah was born only 14 years after the death of Seth.

The names are repeated in I Chronicles and in Luke, this confirms that they were accepted as historical by the later Biblical writers, of both Old and New Testaments.

---Morris---