

Memory Verse

Genesis 5:3

When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

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Thematic Overview of Genesis 1-12 - Pt 12

**The Disintegration of Society
and the Hope of the Gospel
Genesis 4-5**

One **God created** all things in **6 days** that were very good. But **satan** possessed a serpent, **deceived Eve**, who **ate** of the **forbidden fruit** and gave some to Adam. He ate, and brought **sin and death** into this world, and we still see the **effects** today. A **spiritual battle** began in the Garden and continues until *after the Millennium*. God *promised a **Savior...***

A. 4:1-8 – Murder

Verses 1-5 state Adam and Eve had children. **2 are mentioned** - Cain and Abel, in that order.

We don't know how much time went by between their births, or if others were born, but these are the first 2 mentioned in Scripture.

Cain worked the land and offered the fruit of the ground, while **Abel**, who kept livestock, or sheep, offered an animal sacrifice...

Genesis 4:6-8 - The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? 7If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.” 8Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and **killed him**.

A. 4:1-8 – Murder

God focuses on Cain's actions, which *goes to the heart*, because from ***our hearts or character comes our attitudes and actions***. God warned Cain of sin and said he had the opportunity to say "*no*" to the sinful anger growing inside of him. He did not heed God's warning and *murdered his brother*. This is the first murder in Scripture, and it is *between 2 brothers*.

B. 4:9-16 – God's Punishment

*God confronts Cain, asking what He did and tells him Abel's blood **cries out** to Him from the ground.* God curses the ground for Cain, and tells him he will wander the earth. Cain complains and *rightly says* he will be **hidden** from God's face, or from a close relationship with Him. He then tells God someone may kill him...

C. 4:17-18 – Creation of Cities

Enoch was born to Cain. Cain *built a city* and *named it after his son*. The population grew and cities were built, *before the flood!*

If we don't see the Bible as history, we won't understand what the Bible says about true spirituality.

D. 4:19-24 – Polygamy, Growth and Arrogance

Genesis 4:19-24 - And Lamech took two wives. The name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. 20Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who **dwell in tents** and have **livestock**. 21His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the **lyre and pipe**. 22Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was the **forg**er of all

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instruments of **bronze and iron**. The sister of
Tubal-cain was Naamah. 23Lamech said to
his wives: “Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;
you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say: **I**
have killed a man for wounding me, a young
man for striking me. 24If Cain’s revenge is
sevenfold, then **Lamech’s is seventy-**
sevenfold.”

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We see a growth in *knowledge* and *skill of animal husbandry, music or the arts, and metallurgy*. There was growth in various vocational areas within culture. While there was a ***boom in knowledge and city growth***, there was also a ***boom in sinful growth***. We see the first man with 2 wives - ***polygamy!***

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Lamech said... he *killed a man for wounding or bruising him*. What kind of wound that was, *we don't know*. We don't know if it was self-defense, but that is unlikely. In Hebrew, the word refers to *ruthless or private violence*. So, the murder of this individual who hurt Lamech was particularly brutal.

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We see 2 things in our culture paralleled with the text:

- 1. The disintegration of the family.**
- 2. Violence and cruelty.**

E. 4:25-26 – Hope Arrives

Eve gives birth to Seth, who has a son named *Enosh*, and 4:26b - At that time people **began** to call upon the name of the LORD.

The righteous line continues, despite satan's attacks.

F. 5:1-5 – Adam

Genesis 5:1-5 - This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. 2Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man^a when they were created. 3When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named

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him Seth. 4The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters. 5Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.

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We see a *distinction*. Adam was ***made in God's image***. Adam's offspring or son, was in ***his image***. While Adam still retained a portion of God's image, it ***changed*** and the image of his children and their children changed too. We ***retain aspects*** of the image of God, which means we all have dignity, value and worth *regardless of what we look like*.

G. 5:6-32 – From Seth to Noah

The rest of *chapter 5* gives the genealogy from Seth to Noah. Again, these are literal ages...

First, is a view about the *meaning of these names*:

GENESIS 5

GENERATIONS OF ADAM

ADAM "MAN"

SETH "APPOINTED"

ENOSH "MORTAL"

KENAN "SORROW"

MAHALALEL "THE MIGHTY GOD"

JARED "CAME DOWN"

ENOCK "TEACHING"

METHUSALEH "HIS DEATH SHALL BRING"

LAMECH "DESPAIRING ONE"

NOAH "REST"

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TEACHING HIS DEATH SHALL BRING DESPAIRING ONE REST**

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Second, we see something in *every verse for every person*, except Noah, his sons and Enoch - **death**. The verses say about almost everyone... **and he died**. Enoch was a righteous man who walked with God. **God took him**. There is mystery in that, but we have no record of his death, as with the others...