



Genesis

The Story of God And Humanity



A World
Bent
On
Destruction

We Live In A World At War

—At War With Satan

—At War With Sin

—At War Self

And All These Lead Us To Think

We Are At War With Others

There Are Two Sides In Each Battle!

So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God--through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin. Romans 7:21-25 (NIV)

Genesis 4:19-24

Cain And His Family Surrendered
To Satan, Sin and Self
Which Led To A Trajectory That
Leads To Destruction.

Notice The “Similar” Family Trees

Cain

- Enoch
- Mehujael
- Methushael
- Lamech ” Two wives
 - Jabal
 - Jubal
 - Tubal-Cain

Seth

- Enosh
- Mehalalel
- Methuselah
- Lamech ” Noah
 - Japheth
 - Shem
 - Ham

Cain's Line Is Bent On Destruction

- Cain founded a city named for his first son, Enoch
- Note the trajectory of Cain's family lineage...
 - Enoch » Irad » Mehujael » Methushael » Lamech.
 - Lamech married two women, Adah and Zillah.
 - Lamech boasted to his wives of killing a man for wounding him.

Lamech's Boast Is Hebrew Poetry

The Form – Synonymous Parallelism

Genesis 4:23-24

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| A | Ada and Zillah, | - hear my voice |
| A' | Wives of Lamech | - give ear to my speech |
| B | A man I have killed | - for my wound |
| B' | A boy | - for my bruising |
| C | If sevenfold | - avenged is Cain |
| C' | Lamech then | - seventy-seven |

Seth And His Family Are
On A Very Different Trajectory.

Genesis 5
The First Genealogy in Scripture
From Adam To Noah

“and then he died”

The Phrase Occurs Eight Times As
Death Was The Theme In Almost
Every Life.....Until Christ's Resurrection

Romans 5:12-16 (NLT2)

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. Yes, people sinned even before the law was given. But it was not counted as sin because there was not yet any law to break. Still, everyone died—from the time of Adam to the time of Moses—even those who did not disobey an explicit commandment of God, as Adam did. Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come.

But there is a great difference between Adam's sin and God's gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ. And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, but God's free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins.

The Good News

When Adam, as the beginning of humanity, sinned, he brought the power of sin onto the whole world.

Christ, as the beginning of the new humanity, destroyed, by his death, the power of sin on the whole world, and thus became the second Adam.

What we lost in the first Adam, without our will or consent, we have regained, or shall regain, in the second Adam, without our will or consent.

We now live under the reign of grace.

Seth, Another New Beginning

- *Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. Genesis 4:26a (NIV)*
- Enosh = “*mortal*” and is less common than “*human*” and likely emphasizes the weakness of humanity.
- Adam, whose name meant “*human*”, was the father of Seth. Seth, who never had access to the Tree of Life, was the father of the Enosh, the “*mortal*” or the “new kind of Adam” or a *mere mortal* born of *mere mortal*.

A Worship Relationship Returns

- *At that time men began to call on the name of the LORD.* Genesis 4:26b (NIV)
- *“to call on”* carries the meaning of praying in God’s name and also proclaiming His name in worship.
- This sentence can also be translated “men began to call themselves by the name of the Lord.”
- All three ring true. They met to praise God, prayed for help, and identified as a people belonging to God.

Seth's Lineage

- Desired a relationship with the Lord.
- They sought to reverse the damage of the Fall and expulsion from Eden.
- The descendants of Seth give glory to the Name of the Lord.
- Seth's line leads to godly Enoch and blameless Noah.
- The Lord uses Noah to renew the world.

Seth's Descendants Were “Living Links”

- God's plan to redeem his humanity required many people who, to us, are only strange names in an ancient genealogy.
- People like Kenan, Mahalalel, and Jared are obscure, but they are “living links” in the generational chain from Seth to Noah and, ultimately, to Jesus Christ.
- There are only a few about whom we have details.

Enoch – A Unique Case

Genesis 5:21-24 (NIV)

When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. And after he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Enoch lived 365 years. Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

- Fatherhood, can be a turning point.
- Walking with God changes things.

What The Text Says And Doesn't Say

- The phrase “*walked with*”, is used of God walking in the garden of Eden in Genesis 3:8 and thus echoes the experience of Adam and Eve in some way.
- Enoch lived an Eden-like existence.
- In every other generational link in Genesis 5, the text says, “*and then he died,*” but not in Enoch’s case.
- Of Enoch, it says, he *walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.*

Hebrews 11:5-6 (NLT2)

It was by faith that Enoch was taken up to heaven without dying—“he disappeared, because God took him.” For before he was taken up, he was known as a person who pleased God. And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.



Enoch

- Believed God
- Walked with God
- Went to be with God

Enoch Is A Hint Or A Ray of Hope!

“In a plot where a funeral bell continually tolls out its mournful drone, there is a disjunctive ray of hope, another example of the spread-of-sin, spread-of-grace theme.”

Timothy J. Cole

The Lamech In The Family Tree Of Seth
Shared The Same Name As
The Lamech In The Family Tree Of Cain.
But, Similar Names
Do Not Mean Similar Outcomes.

Seth's Lamech Was The Father OF
Noah!

He, Along With His Family,
Gave The World A New Beginning

God Has Always Used Remnants

- 8 in Noah's family repopulated the earth.
- 10 righteous people could have saved Sodom.
- 2-3 gathered in his name, invites Jesus' presence.
- 12 apostles inaugurated the church by the Holy Spirit and turned the world upside down for Christ.
- Paul evangelized the Roman Empire with few men and women who were wholly devoted to the Lord.