



GENESIS Chapters 4 & 5 – Cain & Abel

Chapter 4 – Review for background Gen. 3:15, 17, 21

- 1-2 **Cain** = “to bring forth, acquired” Eve believed his to be the fulfillment of Gen. 3:15
- Abel** = “frail, fleeting, vanity” Prophetic?
- Cain worked the soil (*ādāḥāb*) = Adam
Adam & Eve had many children. Some scholars believe over 60 other children.
- 3-5 **“In the course of time”** – Sabbath
Cain brought “some of the fruits”
Abel brought the “firstborn of his flock:”
Cain brought the fruit of *his* labor
Abel brought a prescribed blood sacrifice
- 6-7 **“Crouching at your door”** – As a lion waiting to pounce - See 1Peter 5:8
- 8-9 **“I don’t know”** - Pre-mediated murder - Cain lies to God
- 10-14 **“it will no longer yield its crops for you.”** - Cain’s pride was in working of the ground
- “My punishment is more than I can bear.”** Could be translated “Is my iniquity too much to forgive that I will be killed.”
- 15 **“Mark”** - ???
- 16 **Nod** - ~~cB~~ - *exile*:—wandering.

17 **Who was Cain’s wife?** Adam and Eve had lots of kids. It could have been one of his sisters, cousins or nephews.

Enoch = “Dedication” He is starting over.

18-20 **Lamech** - “the despairing.” He had two wives, the start of polygamy.

21-24 **Lamech** - Possibly first lawyer as he appeals to justice and law.

25-26 **Seth** – “appointed” From this point forward we will follow the line of Seth leading to the Messiah.

Genesis 5

1-5 **Longevity** – Much different environment back then.

6-32 **Enoch** – “Teaching” Enoch did not die, he was “raptured”
See Hebrews 11:5-6. Jude 14-15.
He warned people of the coming flood judgment.
Methuselah means “his death shall bring.” – Prophetic of the coming flood.

- a. **Adam** = Man
- b. **Seth** = Appointed
- c. **Enosh** = Mortal
- d. **Kenan** = Sorrow
- e. **Mahalalel** = The Blessed God
- f. **Jared** = Shall come down
- g. **Enoch** = Teaching
- h. **Methuselah** = His death shall bring
- i. **Lamech** = The despairing
- j. **Noah** = Rest, comfort

“Man appointed mortal sorrow. The Blessed God shall come down teaching. His death shall bring the despairing rest.”