

THE LINE OF THE MESSIAH

GENESIS 5

WE ENDED LAST WEEK WITH THE DESCENDANTS OF CAIN.

WE LEARNED THAT THEY WERE REBELLIOUS AND UNRIGHTEOUS JUST AS CAIN WAS.

AT THE END OF CHAPTER 4 IT MAY SEEM AS IF CAIN'S OFFSPRING WERE PROGRESSING SINCE SO MANY OF THEM WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR ACHIEVING THINGS THAT WOULD AFFECT HUMANITY IN A POSITIVE WAY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

BUT IN REALITY, WHAT WE SEE IS THE DEGENERATION OF MANKIND THROUGH CAIN AND HIS OFFSPRING.

PROUD PEOPLE THAT HELD THEMSELVES IN VERY HIGH REGARD.

WHAT IS CALLED LAMECH'S SWORD SONG WAS TRULY HIM REVELING IN HIS VIOLENT BEHAVIOR.

REVEALING HIS HEART.

A MAN THAT WAS PLEASED WITH THE FACT HE MURDERED A YOUNG MAN FOR WOUNDING HIM.

A MAN THAT WANTED TO INSTILL FEAR AND TREMBLING IN HIS WIVES AND HIS CHILDREN.

SOMEONE THAT WANTED RESPECT FOR HIS WILLINGNESS TO COMMIT MURDER.

AND SO, THIS PATTERN HAS CONTINUED THROUGH EVERY GENERATION TO UNTIL NOW.

MEN USING EVERYTHING FROM SWORDS AND SPEARS TO TANKS AND MACHINE GUNS FOR DESTRUCTION.

BUT AS WE SEE IN THE VERY END OF CHAPTER 4 NOT ALL IS LOST IN DARKNESS AND DEPRAVITY.

IN STARK CONTRAST TO THE LINE OF CAIN WAS THE LINE OF SETH.

GENESIS 4:25,26

25 AND ADAM KNEW HIS WIFE AGAIN, AND SHE BORE A SON AND NAMED HIM [M]SETH, "FOR GOD HAS APPOINTED ANOTHER SEED FOR ME INSTEAD OF ABEL, WHOM CAIN KILLED." 26 AND AS FOR SETH, TO HIM ALSO A SON WAS BORN; AND HE NAMED HIM [N]ENOSH. THEN MEN BEGAN TO CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD.

THIS WOULD BE THE LINE FROM WHICH JESUS WOULD COME.

THE ONE WHOSE HEEL WOULD BE BRUISED BY THE SERPENT BUT HE WOULD BRUISE THE SERPENT'S HEAD.

FROM THE LINE OF SETH WOULD COME THE ONE THAT WOULD OFFER SALVATION FOR HUMANITY.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SETH'S BIRTH AND HIS GENEALOGY IS OFTEN OVERLOOKED.

TONIGHT, WE WILL SEE WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT AS WE WORK OUR WAY THROUGH HIS GENERATIONS WORKING TOWARDS NOAH.

SETH'S BIRTH BROUGHT HOPE TO HIS PARENTS, IT WAS THE SILVER LINING TO THE VERY DARK CLOUD THAT WAS CAIN AND THE SUFFERING AND SHAME HE BROUGHT UPON HIS FAMILY.

WE WILL SEE MANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE LINE OF CAIN AND SETH.

CAIN'S GENEALOGY WILL NOT INCLUDE THE AGES OF THE FATHERS WHEN THE CHILDREN WERE BORN BECAUSE HIS LINE WAS CURSED BY GOD AND WOULD HAVE NO ETERNAL HISTORY.

BUT SETH'S LINE NOT ONLY GIVES THE AGES OF THE FATHERS WHEN THEIR CHILDREN WERE BORN BUT ALSO HOW LONG THEY LIVED AFTER.

IT IS WITH THIS INFORMATION WE CAN CLOSELY CALCULATE THE AGE OF THE EARTH AND THE DATE OF THE FLOOD.

THESE AGES AND TIMELINES ADD VALIDITY TO THE SCRIPTURES.

IF THIS WERE MYTHOLOGY OR FAIRYTALES THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR THIS INFORMATION.

BUT THIS IS AN ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF HISTORY.

IN FACT, THIS IS THE MOST ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF HISTORY THAT HAS EVER EXISTED.

ONE OF A MYRIAD OF REASONS WE CAN TRUST THE WORD OF GOD.

GENESIS 5:1

THIS IS THE BOOK OF THE GENEALOGY OF ADAM. IN THE DAY THAT GOD CREATED MAN, HE MADE HIM IN THE LIKENESS OF GOD.

CREATED MAN IN THE LIKENESS OF GOD.

GOD EXISTS AS THE TRINITY.

GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON AND GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.

WHEN GOD CREATED MAN, HE CREATED THEM MALE AND FEMALE IN HIS IMAGE.

WHEN GOD CREATED ADAM, HE WAS CREATED IN A TRINITARIAN FORM AS WELL.

BODY, SOUL AND SPIRIT.

WHEN MAN SINNED, THE SPIRIT DIED.

EVERY HUMAN EVER BORN FROM THAT DAY FORWARD WOULD BE BORN WITH A SPIRIT THAT WAS DEAD.

A SPIRIT THAT COULD ONLY HAVE THE BREATH OF LIFE BREATHED INTO THEM BY GOD HIMSELF.

REVEALING HIMSELF IN SUCH A WAY THAT IS UNDENIABLE AND IRRESISTIBLE.

THE WAY VERSE 1 OF CHAPTER 5 IS WORDED POINTS BACK TO

GENESIS 1:27

27 SO GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE; IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED HIM; MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM.

THIS POINTS TO THE FACT THE FALL HAD NOT CANCELED OUT THE IMAGE OF GOD IN THEM.

BECAUSE MAN IS AN IMAGE BEARER OF GOD THEY HAVE UNPARALLELED PRIVILEGE AND POTENTIAL.

AS IMAGE BEARERS THEY HAD THE CAPACITY TO HEAR GODS WORD, WHICH IS SOMETHING NO OTHER CREATURE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ANGELS CAN DO.


ANOTHER ASPECT IS THAT THEY HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF AN INTIMATE SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP AS CHILDREN OF GOD.

GENESIS 5:2

HE CREATED THEM MALE AND FEMALE, AND BLESSED THEM AND CALLED THEM MANKIND IN THE DAY THEY WERE CREATED.

THE BLESSING THAT HAD BEEN GIVEN IN CHAPTER 1 TO ADAM AND EVE WOULD NOW BE PASSED TO THE SETH AND HIS LINE.

GENESIS 1:28

THEN GOD BLESSED THEM, AND GOD SAID TO THEM, "BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY; FILL THE EARTH AND SUBDUE IT; HAVE DOMINION OVER THE FISH OF THE SEA, OVER THE BIRDS OF THE AIR, AND OVER EVERY LIVING THING THAT  MOVES ON THE EARTH."

SO, THE BLESSING OF POPULATING THE EARTH HAS NOW BEEN GIVEN TO SETH'S LINE.

THE GENEALOGY IN CHAPTER 5 SUGGESTS THAT THEY DID JUST THAT.

THE TEN-GENERATION STRUCTURE INDICATES THAT IT IS A SELECTIVE GENEALOGY WITH GAPS BETWEEN THE ANCESTORS LEAVING ROOM FOR SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN POPULATION.

THE ACCOUNT FROM SHEM TO ABRAM INCLUDES TEN GENERATIONS AS WELL AS KING DAVID'S GENEALOGY FOUND IN RUTH.

THESE TEN NAME STRUCTURES TELESCOPE THE NUMBER OF DESCENDANTS IN ORDER TO CREATE A COMPRESSED HISTORY.

THIS ALLOWS US TO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE GENEALOGY, PLUS THE REPEATED EMPHASIS THAT THE PATRIARCHS "HAD OTHER SONS AND DAUGHTERS"

AS WELL AS THE FACT THAT THEIR LIFE EXPECTANCY WAS AROUND 900 YEARS TELLS US THAT THE EARTH WOULD HAVE BEEN RAPIDLY POPULATED.

THEREFORE, FULFILLING THE BLESSING "BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY."

SPREADING THE IMAGE OF GOD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ESPECIALLY SINCE AT THAT TIME THEY BEGAN TO CALL UPON THE LORD BY NAME AS IT SAYS IN THE LAST VERSE OF CHAPTER 4.

AS WE GET INTO THE GENEALOGY ITSELF IT'S IMPORTANT, WE TAKE NOTE OF A FEW THINGS.

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE OLD TESTAMENT AND NEW TESTAMENT HAVE GENEALOGY.

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT WE HAVE IT IN CHAPTER 4 AND 5 OF GENESIS AND IN THE NEW TESTAMENT IT'S IN CHAPTER 1 OF MATTHEW.

GENEALOGIES ARE SO VERY IMPORTANT FOR MANY REASONS.

ONE OF THOSE REASONS BEING THAT THEY LEAD US DIRECTLY TO THE MESSIAH, THE LORD, JESUS.

AS WE GET VERSE THREE OF CHAPTER 5 WE HAVE THE GENEALOGY OF SETH.

THE ONE THROUGH WHOM THE PROMISED ONE WOULD COME.

THE DELIVERER SPOKEN OF IN CHAPTER THREE VERSE 15.

GENESSIS 4 AND 5 ARE SIGNIFICANT BE NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT PROVIDES THE MESSIANIC GENEALOGY BUT ALSO BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY AUTHENTIC TRUSTWORTHY ACCOUNT OF HISTORY FOR THE TIME OF CREATION TO THE NEXT MONUMENTAL EVENT...

THE FLOOD.

FROM TO THE TIME OF CREATION TO THE FLOOD WE KNOW NOTHING OF WHAT HAPPENED ON EARTH EXCEPT WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TOLD IN THESE FIRST SEVERAL CHAPTERS.

ALL OF THIS VERY INTENTIONAL.

GOD DIDN'T WANT US TO KNOW VERY MANY DETAILS OF LIFE PRIOR TO THE FLOOD.

I BELIEVE THESE PEOPLE WERE HIGHLY INTELLIGENT AND MORE ADVANCED THAN WE COULD EVER IMAGINE.

I THINK GOD PROTECTED US BY NOT TELLING US WHAT THINGS WERE LIKE.

I ALSO THINK THERE WERE ASPECTS OF THEIR CIVILIZATION THAT WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BELIEVE BECAUSE WE WOULD FILTER IT THROUGH WHAT WE KNOW OF THE EARTH.

WHICH IS NOT EVEN COMPARABLE TO WHAT IT WAS LIKE PRIOR TO THE FLOOD.

THEY WEREN'T CAVEMEN GRUNTING AT EACH OTHER.

THEY WERE INTELLIGENT, SOPHISTICATED HUMAN BEINGS WITH CENTURIES TO PERFECT THEIR IDEAS AND INVENTIONS.

SO, LET'S NOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE CONFINED TO WHAT WE KNOW HERE AND NOW AND UNDERSTAND THAT THESE WERE REAL PEOPLE THAT WERE MOST LIKELY MUCH MORE INTELLIGENT THAN WE ARE.

GENESIS 5:3

³ AND ADAM LIVED ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY YEARS, AND BEGOT A SON IN HIS OWN LIKENESS, AFTER HIS IMAGE, AND NAMED HIM SETH.

WE DO NOT KNOW HOW LONG IT WAS FROM THE BIRTH OF CAIN AND ABLE UP TO THIS POINT.

WE CAN ASSUME BY THE FACT THAT ABLE HAD A WIFE IN CHAPTER 4 THAT ADAM AND EVE HAD OTHER CHILDREN PRIOR TO SETH'S BIRTH.

BUT THOSE OTHER CHILDREN AREN'T INCLUDED IN THE GENEALOGY OF ADAM BECAUSE THE MESSIAH WOULD NOT COME FROM THEM.

VERSE 3 SAYS THAT ADAM BEGOT A SON IN HIS OWN LIKENESS, AFTER HIS IMAGE.

ADAM WAS CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD AND WHILE ALL HUMANS ARE IMAGE BEARERS OF GOD WE HAVE BEEN TAINTED BY SIN.

SETH WAS IN THE IMAGE OF HIS FATHER BECAUSE HE WAS BORN WITH A SINFUL NATURE THAT ADAM DIDN'T HAVE WHEN HE WAS CREATED.

YOU SEE THERE ARE SO MANY TINY NUANCES THAT ARE EASILY MISSED IF WE SIMPLY READ THE TEXT AND DON'T STUDY IT.

I CONFESS THAT THE OLD TESTAMENT IS NOT MY STRONGEST AREA.

ALTHOUGH I HAVE STUDIED IT, I HAVEN'T SPENT NEAR AS MUCH TIME IN IT AS I HAVE THE NEW TESTAMENT.

SO I'M LEARNING A LOT AND HOPE YOU GUYS ARE TOO.

VERSE 3 TELLS US THAT SON ADAM HAD WAS NAMED SETH.

NOW WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT ALL OF THESE NAMES MEAN SOMETHING.

BESIDES THE FACT THAT THESE GENERATIONS GIVE US A HISTORICAL TIMELINE WE ALSO HAVE THE MEANING OF THEIR NAMES WHICH TELLS US EVEN MORE.

SETH'S NAME MEANS APPOINTED OR FOUNDATION.

SINCE ABEL HAD BEEN MURDERED SETH WAS APPOINTED TO BE THE LINE FORM WHICH THE MESSIAH WOULD COME.

HE WOULD BE THE FOUNDATION FROM WHICH THE SAVIOR OF HUMANITY WOULD COME FROM.

WE WILL COVER 10 GENERATIONS FROM ADAM TO NOAH.

AND FROM THE INFORMATION WE'RE GIVEN WE CAN CALCULATE THE FLOOD HAPPENING 1,656 YEARS AFTER CREATION.

IN THAT TIME FRAME WITH PEOPLE BEARING CHILDREN FOR CENTURIES AND LIVING ALMOST A THOUSAND YEARS WE CAN CONSERVATIVELY SAY THAT THE POPULATION ON THE EARTH COULD'VE BEEN UP TO 7 BILLION PEOPLE.

WE HAVE SUCH A GENERATIONAL OVERLAP AND MUCH LESS DEATH THAT THE POPULATION WAS CLOSE TO WHAT IT IS TODAY.

FASCINATING STUFF ISN'T IT.

WE GENERALLY DON'T THINK ABOUT THAT.

AND TO THINK THAT OUT OF 7 BILLION PEOPLE THERE WERE ONLY 8 THAT GOD SPARED.

THIS SHOWS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HUMANS CAN LIVE FOR SO LONG.

WE LIVE WITH TEMPTATION FOR 70 MAYBE 80 YEARS AND THINK ABOUT HOW DIFFICULT IT IS FOR US.

IMAGINE BEING ATTACKED BY SATAN AND YOUR FLESHLY DESIRES FOR ALMOST A MILLENNIUM.

SO YES, PEOPLE WERE EVIL THEY WERE EXPONENTIALLY EVIL GIVING IN TO THEIR FALLEN NATURE.

TURING THEIR BACKS ON GOD.

NOW WE CAN CONCLUDE THAT THERE WERE SOME RIGHTEOUS MEN.

BUT THE ONES WE KNOW ABOUT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NOAH'S FAMILY, DIE BEFORE THE FLOOD.

GENESIS 5:4,5

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.

WE DON'T HOW MANY OTHER SONS AND DAUGHTERS.

BUT WE CAN SAY THAT NOAH HAD 3 SONS WHEN HE WAS 500.

SO WE CAN GATHER THAT PEOPLE WERE HAVING CHILDREN UNTIL AT LEAST THE AGE OF 500.

IF WE SAID ADAM HAD 1 CHILD A YEAR FROM THE AGE 130 WHICH WAS WHEN SETH WAS BORN UNTIL 500... THAT'S 370 MORE CHILDREN.

POOR EVE.

SO THE DESCENDANTS OF ADAM AND SETH HAD SUBSTANTIAL REASON FOR OPTIMISM.

THEY FATHERED THOUSANDS OF OFFSPRING BETWEEN THEM.

PEOPLE THAT DESPITE THE FALL AND THEIR SINFULNESS COULD HEAR GODS WORD AND COULD LIVE IN A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

SOME DID, AND SOME DID NOT.

AND JUST LIKE TODAY MORE DID NOT THAN THOSE THAT DID.

BUT AS THEY MULTIPLIED THE POSSIBILITIES WERE ENDLESS.

NEVERTHELESS, DESPITE ALL THE POSSIBILITIES THEIR OPTIMISM WOULD ALWAYS BE CLOUDED BY ONE PHRASE.

HE DIED.

THIS IS THE DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD OF THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE.

R. KENT HUGHES WRITES “AND SO IT HAS BEEN SINCE THE FALL. A GREAT PLOW FURROWS THE EARTH, PLOWING MEN, WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN UNDER.”

THERE IS COMING A DAY IN WHICH THE EARTH WILL NOT KNOW ANY OF US...

THE IMPORTANT THING IS DOES GOD KNOW YOU?

DOES HE KNOW YOU AS ONE OF HIS CHILDREN?

ARE YOU PROTECTED BY JESUS’S SACRIFICE ON THE CROSS?

JOHN 10:27-29

27 MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE, AND I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME. 28 AND I GIVE THEM ETERNAL LIFE, AND THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH; NEITHER SHALL ANYONE SNATCH THEM OUT OF MY HAND. 29 MY FATHER, WHO HAS GIVEN THEM TO ME, IS GREATER THAN ALL; AND NO ONE IS ABLE TO SNATCH THEM OUT OF MY FATHER’S HAND.

AS CHILDREN OF GOD OUR PHYSICAL BODIES MAY DIE BUT OUR SPIRIT WILL NEVER DIE.

REVELATION 20:6

6 BLESSED AND HOLY IS HE WHO HAS PART IN THE FIRST RESURRECTION. OVER SUCH THE SECOND DEATH HAS NO POWER, BUT THEY SHALL BE PRIESTS OF GOD AND OF CHRIST, AND SHALL REIGN WITH HIM A THOUSAND YEARS.

BUT FOR THOSE THAT REJECT JESUS THEY WILL FACE WHAT IS CALLED THE SECOND DEATH.

REVELATION 21:6-8

6 AND HE SAID TO ME, "IT ^[c] IS DONE! I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, THE BEGINNING AND THE END. I WILL GIVE OF THE FOUNTAIN OF THE WATER OF LIFE FREELY TO HIM WHO THIRSTS. 7 HE WHO OVERCOMES ^[d] SHALL INHERIT ALL THINGS, AND I WILL BE HIS GOD AND HE SHALL BE MY SON. 8 BUT THE COWARDLY, ^[e] UNBELIEVING, ABOMINABLE, MURDERERS, SEXUALLY IMMORAL, SORCERERS, IDOLATERS, AND ALL LIARS SHALL HAVE THEIR PART IN THE LAKE WHICH BURNS WITH FIRE AND BRIMSTONE, WHICH IS THE SECOND DEATH."

THE FIRST DEATH CANNOT BE AVOIDED.

BUT FOR THOSE THAT ARE IN CHRIST JESUS THE SECOND DEATH CAN.

ADAM LIVED 930 YEARS AND HE DIED.

THAT'S ALL WE GET.

AND THAT WILL BE THE RESOUNDING THEME IN THIS ENTIRE CHAPTER.

WE GET EACH MAN, HIS AGE WHEN HIS SON WAS BORN THAT WOULD BE THE FORM WHICH THE MESSIAH WOULD COME AND THEN WE GET...

HE DIED.

DEATH IS INEVITABLE AND IT COMES FAST.

EVEN FOR THE PATRIARCHS THAT LIVED 900 PLUS YEAR IT CAME FAST.

WE BLINK AND TIME IS GONE.

I HEARD A STORY ABOUT A COUPLE THAT RETIRED EARLY AND MOVED TO FLORIDA.

THEY SPENT THEIR TIME ON THEIR 30' CATAMARAN SOAKING UP THE SUN AND COLLECTING SEA SHELLS.

AND FOR MANY THIS IS THE AMERICAN DREAM.

CAN I JUST SAY THAT THE "AMERICAN DREAM"

IS TRAP FROM SATAN.

ALL THE MATERIAL THINGS.

ALL THE TIME WE WASTE ON COMFORTS AND PLEASURE IS LIE FROM HELL.

CAN YOU IMAGINE STANDING BEFORE A HOLY RIGHTEOUS GOD AND PRESENTING HIM WITH YOUR SEA SHELL COLLECTION.

AND YES WHEN WE SAY IT LIKE THAT IT SOUNDS SILLY, BUT THE MAJORITY OF SOCIETY IS CONSUMED WITH THIS MINDSET.

WE SEE THE PHRASE "AND HE DIED" 8 TIMES IN THIS CHAPTER.

THESE MEN'S LIVES REDUCED TO A FEW SENTENCES AND END WITH 3 WORDS.

AND EVERY PERSON IN THIS ROOM'S LIFE WILL END WITH SAME 3 WORDS "AND THEY DIED."

UNLESS THAT IS, JESUS CALLS THE CHURCH OUT OF HERE BEFORE OUR DEATH.

SO HOW WILL LIVE OUR LIVES UNTIL THEN?

GENESIS 5:6-8

⁶ SETH LIVED ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE YEARS, AND BEGOT ENOSH. ⁷ AFTER HE BEGOT ENOSH, SETH LIVED EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN YEARS, AND HAD SONS AND DAUGHTERS. ⁸ SO ALL THE DAYS OF SETH WERE NINE HUNDRED AND TWELVE YEARS; AND HE DIED.


THE NAME ENOSH MEANS MAN OR MORTAL.

EMPHASIZING THE FRAILTY OF THE HUMAN CONDITION.

WE KNOW NOTHING OF HIM OTHER THAN HE WAS A SON OF SETH, THE SON THAT WAS IN THE LINEAGE OF NOAH AND THEREFORE THE LINE OF JESUS.

VERSE 8 ENDS WITH DEATH OF SETH.

GENESIS 5:9-11

⁹ ENOSH LIVED NINETY YEARS, AND BEGOT  CAINAN. ¹⁰ AFTER HE BEGOT CAINAN, ENOSH LIVED EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN YEARS, AND HAD SONS AND DAUGHTERS. ¹¹ SO ALL THE DAYS OF ENOSH WERE NINE HUNDRED AND FIVE YEARS; AND HE DIED.

SOME OF YOUR BIBLES PROBABLY SPELL IT KENAN.

NO NEED TO FREAK OUT!

THAT JUST THE BEAUTY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

BOTH SPELLINGS MEAN THE SAME THING.

THE NAME KENAN DERIVES FROM THE ROOT קנן (QANAN), WHICH DESCRIBES THE ACT OF WEAVING ANY KINDS OF STRANDS INTO DYNAMIC NETWORKS:

THIS CAN BE THE WAY A BIRD MAKES A NEST OR EVEN DYNAMIC TRADE NETWORKS.

BUT IT IS DESCRIBED AS AN ITEM THAT IS CREATED OR ACQUIRED.

VERY MUCH LIKE HIS UNCLE CAIN.

GENESIS 5:12-14

¹² CAINAN LIVED SEVENTY YEARS, AND BEGOT MAHALALEL. ¹³ AFTER HE BEGOT MAHALALEL, CAINAN LIVED EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY YEARS, AND HAD SONS AND DAUGHTERS. ¹⁴ SO ALL THE DAYS OF CAINAN WERE NINE HUNDRED AND TEN YEARS; AND HE DIED.

MAHALALEL MEANS PRAISE OR SHINING ONE OF GOD.

WHICH IS NO COINCIDENCE SEEING AS HOW HE IS THE GRANDFATHER OF ENOCH WHO AS WE WILL SEE SHORTLY WAS A RIGHTEOUS MAN THAT WALKED WITH GOD.

UP TO THIS POINT EVERYONE WE'VE SEEN HAS MADE IT TO THE 900 YEAR MARK.

GENESIS 5:15-17

¹⁵ MAHALALEL LIVED SIXTY-FIVE YEARS, AND BEGOT JARED. ¹⁶ AFTER HE BEGOT JARED, MAHALALEL LIVED EIGHT HUNDRED AND THIRTY YEARS, AND HAD SONS AND DAUGHTERS. ¹⁷ SO ALL THE DAYS OF MAHALALEL WERE EIGHT HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIVE YEARS; AND HE DIED

THE NAME JARED MEANS TO GO DOWN OR TO DESCEND.

AT THE END OF CHAPTER 4 WE SEE THAT WITH THE BIRTH OF SETH MEN BEGAN TO CALL UPON THE LORD BY NAME.

AND WHILE ALL OF THIS IS HAPPENING IN THE LINE OF SETH WE HAVE THE LINE OF CAIN THAT AS WE HAVE READ WERE DESCENDING FURTHER INTO DARKNESS.

INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH NOAH'S GENERATION IS THE 4TH GENERATION FROM JARED.

EXODUS 20:4-6

4 “YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF A CARVED IMAGE—ANY LIKENESS OF ANYTHING THAT IS IN HEAVEN ABOVE, OR THAT IS IN THE EARTH BENEATH, OR THAT IS IN THE WATER UNDER THE EARTH; 5 YOU SHALL NOT BOW DOWN TO THEM NOR [B] SERVE THEM. FOR I, THE LORD YOUR GOD, AM A JEALOUS GOD, VISITING [C] THE INIQUITY OF THE FATHERS UPON THE CHILDREN TO THE THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATIONS OF THOSE WHO HATE ME, 6 BUT SHOWING MERCY TO THOUSANDS, TO THOSE WHO LOVE ME AND KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.

SO, IS IT A COINCIDENCE THAT THE FOURTH-GENERATION FROM JARED WAS THE GENERATION THAT BROUGHT THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FLOOD?

SEEING AS HOW JARED’S NAME MEANS DESCENDING, I FIND IT VERY FITTING.

GENESIS 5:18-24

18 JARED LIVED ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-TWO YEARS, AND BEGOT ENOCH. 19 AFTER HE BEGOT ENOCH, JARED LIVED EIGHT HUNDRED YEARS, AND HAD SONS AND DAUGHTERS. 20 SO ALL THE DAYS OF JARED WERE NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-TWO YEARS; AND HE DIED. 21 ENOCH LIVED SIXTY-FIVE YEARS, AND BEGOT METHUSELAH. 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.

ENOCH IS A WELL-KNOWN FIGURE BUT SHROUDED IN MYSTERY.

WE KNOW HE WAS A RIGHTEOUS MAN THAT WALKED WITH GOD.

THIS PARAGRAPH SHINES BRIGHT IN THIS CHAPTER, AS ENOCH’S LINEAGE ISN’T FOLLOWED BY THE PHRASE “AND HE DIED”

NO, ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD, AND “HE WAS NOT FOR GOD TOOK HIM.”

**ENOCH'S PLACE IN THE LINE OF SETH COULDN'T BE MORE
DRAMATIC.**

**EVIL LAMECH WHO WORSHIPED HIS SWORD WAS NUMBER 7 IN THE
LINE OF CAIN.**

**ENOCH "THE MAN WHO WALKED WITH GOD" IS 7TH IN THE LINE OF
SETH.**

THE TWO MEN PLACED IN ETERNAL CONTRAST.

**ONE REPRESENTING HEAVEN WHILE THE OTHER REPRESENTS
HELL.**

**THE PHRASE "WALKED WITH GOD" IS ONLY APPLIED TO ENOCH
AND NOAH.**

**IN THE HEBREW IT DESCRIBES A CLOSE PERSONAL COMMUNION
WITH GOD.**

AS IF WALKING AT THE SIDE OF GOD.

ENOCH'S NAME IS INTERESTING AS WELL.

HIS NAME MEANS TO INAUGURATE OR TO TRAIN.

**AS IF THE TIME HE SPENT WALKING WITH GOD HE WAS BEING
TRAINED TO PROPHECY TO THE PEOPLE.**

**PERHAPS HE WAS BEING TRAINED SO THAT HE COULD TRAIN HIS
GRANDSON NOAH TO BECOME A PREACHER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

**BUT THE NOUN OF THE ROOT FROM WHICH HIS NAME COMES FROM
IS (*HAKKA*) DESCRIBES A FISHING HOOK, OR A HOOK THAT GRABS A
PREY'S JAW,**

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU CATCH A FISH?

YOU SNATCH HIM OUT THE WATER WITH THE HOOK, RIGHT?

SIMILAR TO HOW ENOCH WAS SNATCHED AWAY?

WE READ ABOUT ENOCH IN HEBREWS 11:5 AND JUDE

HEBREWS 11:5

⁵ BY FAITH ENOCH WAS TAKEN AWAY SO THAT HE DID NOT SEE DEATH, "AND WAS NOT FOUND, BECAUSE GOD HAD TAKEN HIM"; FOR BEFORE HE WAS TAKEN HE HAD THIS TESTIMONY, THAT HE PLEASSED GOD.

BY FAITH ENOCH WAS TAKEN, HIS RIGHTEOUS WALK OF FAITH PLEASSED GOD.

ENOCH BELIEVED AND TRUSTED GOD.

HE HAD NO DOUBTS OF WHO GOD WAS OR WHAT HE WAS CAPABLE OF.

JUDE 14, 15

¹⁴ NOW ENOCH, THE SEVENTH FROM ADAM, PROPHESED 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."

INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH WE GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ENOCH FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT THAN WE DO FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT.

ULTIMATELY THOUGH WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.

HE WAS TAKEN UP FROM THIS EARTHLY LIFE AT THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF 365.

HE WAS SPARED DEATH AND DECAY, JUST LIKE THE CHRISTIANS WHO WILL BE ALIVE WHEN CHRIST CALLS THE CHURCH OUT OF THIS WORLD FOR THE RAPTURE.

THE REASON WE ARE GIVEN FOR ENOCH BEING TAKEN WAS THAT HE WALKED WITH GOD.

HE WAS TRANSLATED INTO ETERNITY WITH GOD AND SPARED DISEASE, DEATH, AND CORRUPTION FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF BELIEVERS.

ENOCH WAS TAKEN AT ABOUT THE HALFWAY POINT FROM CREATION TO THE FLOOD.

THIS MEANS THAT NOT ONLY HIS OFFSPRING BUT ALSO THOSE THAT WERE BORN BEFORE HIM WOULD HAVE CENTURIES TO REFLECT AND DISCUSS WHAT HAPPENED.

THE QUESTION FOR US IS HOW DO WE WALK WITH GOD TODAY?

THE IMAGE OF GOD HAS BEEN PASSED ON TO US THROUGH BIRTH, SO THAT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR TO HEAR AND OBEY GODS WORD AND TO LIVE AS HIS CHILDREN.

WE MAY HAVE FURTHER MARRED THE IMAGE WITH OUR SIN BUT NONETHELESS HIS LIKENESS PERSISTS.

GENESIS 5:25-27

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.

METHUSELAHS NAME IS THE MOST TELLING OF ALL IT.

IT MEANS MAN OF THE DART OR “HIS DEATH SENDS.”

CAN ANYONE TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED THE YEAR HE DIED?

YES! THE FLOOD.

AND YOU GUYS THOUGHT THIS GENEALOGY STUFF WAS GOING TO BE BORING.

WE ARE TOLD THAT ENOCH AND MOSES BOTH PROCLAIMED THE COMING JUDGMENT OF GOD.

AND METHUSELAHS VERY NAME TELLS OF WHAT IS TO COME.

GOD IS A GOD OF ORDER AND HE HAS ALWAYS TOLD US OF THE COMING JUDGMENT.

HE WARNED THE GENERATION THAT THE FLOOD DESTROYED THROUGH ENOCH AND NOAH.

HE IS WARING OUR CURRENT GENERATION WITH HIS WORD.

GENESIS 5:28-31

28 LAMECH LIVED ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO YEARS, AND HAD A SON. 29 AND HE CALLED HIS NAME NOAH,^[a] 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.

THE ANCIENT HEBREW RESEARCH CENTER SAYS THIS ON THE NAME OF LAMECH.

LAMECH:

THIS IS ONE OF THE NAMES IN THE BIBLE THAT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO TRANSLATE AS THE ROOT OF THIS WORD, למך, IS NOT USED ANYWHERE IN THE BIBLICAL TEXT AND THEREFORE THE MEANING OF THIS ROOT/WORD/NAME IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WITH ANY DEGREE OF ACCURACY. ONE POSSIBLE INTERPRETATION IS THAT THIS NAME IS THE VERB מוך (MOK, STRONG'S #4134) MEANING "LOW" AND PREFIXED BY THE LETTER ל MEANING "TO" — "TO BE LOW." OTHER SUGGESTED MEANINGS FOR THIS ROOT/WORD/NAME ARE POWERFUL, ROBUST AND PRIEST.

NOT KNOWING THE MEANING DOESN'T MAKE HIM ANY LESS IMPORTANT THOUGH.

HE IS IN THE DIRECT LINE OF JESUS AND HE IS NOAH'S FATHER BOTH OF WHICH MAKE HIM AN IMPORTANT PERSON.

GENESIS 5:32

32 AND NOAH WAS FIVE HUNDRED YEARS OLD, AND NOAH BEGOT SHEM, HAM, AND JAPHETH.

NOAH'S NAME MEANS COMFORT, REST OR EASE.

WHICH IS WHAT HIS FATHER SAYS IN VERSE 29

29 AND HE CALLED HIS NAME NOAH,^[B] SAYING, "THIS ONE WILL COMFORT US CONCERNING OUR WORK AND THE TOIL OF OUR HANDS, BECAUSE OF THE GROUND WHICH THE LORD HAS CURSED."

WHICH SEEMS ODD SEEING AS HOW HE AND HIS FAMILY ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT SURVIVE WHAT IS THE MOST CATASTROPHIC EVENT TO EVER TAKE PLACE.

BUT THE COMFORT OR REST WOULD COME THROUGH HIS GODLY LIFE.

HE WOULD BE THE ONE FROM WHICH ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS WOULD COME.

NOW AS WE END TONIGHT, I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT A FEW THINGS THAT IF YOU DON'T LOOK AT CLOSELY YOU WILL MISS.

WE LEARNED THAT ADAM OVERLAPPED METHUSELAH FOR TWO HUNDRED YEARS. ALL THE WAY DOWN TO METHUSELAH, AND ADAM IS STILL ALIVE, TWO HUNDRED YEARS INTO HIS LIFE.

SO METHUSELAH COULD HAVE MET ADAM. METHUSELAH ACTUALLY OVERLAPPED NOAH FOR SIX HUNDRED YEARS.

SO ONE MAN BRIDGES ADAM TO NOAH. YOU SAY, "WHY IS THAT IMPORTANT?" IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. THERE WAS NO WRITTEN REVELATION.

NOAH OVERLAPPED SHEM FOR FOUR HUNDRED YEARS. AND ARE YOU READY FOR THIS? ABRAHAM DIED BEFORE SHEM.

SHEM COULD HAVE TOLD ABRAHAM FIRSTHAND ABOUT THE FLOOD. IT IS VERY LIKELY THAT SHEM WAS STILL ALIVE DURING THE LIFETIME OF NOT ONLY ABRAHAM, NOT ONLY ISAAC, BUT JACOB.

ALL THE WAY DOWN INTO THE LIFE OF THE NATION ISRAEL, ALL THE WAY DOWN TO JACOB.

YOU REALLY ONLY NEED FOUR PEOPLE TO SPAN ADAM TO ABRAHAM, TO SPAN CREATION TO ABRAHAM.

YOU JUST NEED ADAM, METHUSELAH, SHEM, AND ABRAHAM, YOU CAN GO ALL THE WAY TO JACOB.

REALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE GOD WAS PASSING DOWN THIS DIVINE TRUTH.

ALL THIS GENEALOGY IS ALL OF SUDDEN VERY IMPORTANT IS NOT?

AND THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT ALL OF IT IS THAT IS POINTS STRAIGHT TO JESUS.

