

## Genesis: Chapter 4:17–5:32

**Opening Question:** What details in this section alert the reader to development of the opposing sides and the enmity between them?

### **Key Takeaways:**

1. In this section, the two opposing sides set forth in Genesis 3:15–16 are being developed. There are no neutral characters.
2. Two genealogies, each with an Enoch and a Lamech are contrasted. One genealogy shares the desire of the serpent and the other share the desire of the woman.
3. Cain and his offspring have chosen the side of the serpent.
4. Seth and his offspring have chosen the side of the woman and the enmity between the two sides continues.
5. In Cane's genealogy, Enoch is building a city and making his name great while Lamech is multiplying wives and killing men.
6. In Seth's genealogy, Enoch is "walking with God," that is walking according to the revelation of the LORD and His promises, and Lamech is looking for the one to restore what was lost when Adam and Eve were banished from the Garden.
7. Rest means "comfort in" and toil means "sorrow," the same words used in Genesis 2:15 and 3:16,17.
8. Seth's Lamech names his son Noah which means "rest" and now the story turns to Noah to see if he is the promised one.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Together read Genesis 4:17–5:32 and discuss the development of the two opposing sides in this story.
2. Discuss what the author is communicating with the phrases "other sons and daughters," and "and he died" which are repeated in this section.
3. What is the author "showing" the reader rather than "telling" the reader with the details he includes in this section?

### **Practical Application:**

1. Reread Genesis 3:1–5:32. List the details included in this section that show the reader, rather than tell the reader, how the two sides in the story are being developed.
2. How does taking note of and making sense of the details early in the story help you as the reader anticipate and understand the rest of the story.
3. How does understanding that the entire story is now looking for the one promised to come from the woman in Genesis 3:15–16 help you make sense of the details in this section? What questions does this prompt as the story continues?

### **Closing Prayer:**

Father, Thank You for the opportunity and privilege to understand the biblical story. May our faith become conviction as we continue to read and understand Your plan for Your creation. May we share Your Story with others so that they too may share the hope of eternal life that we have in the coming of Your Promised One. Amen.