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Assignment 3: Who's Who in Genesis

Write a brief bio (5-7 lines) of each person and his contribution to the development of the Hebrew nation.

Adam

Adam is the first man that was created out of God's self-image. God used one of Adam's ribs to create Eve; the first woman and Adam's wife. Adam was to multiply, fill the earth, and dominate all things. Adam and his wife Eve were cast out of Eden when they disobeyed God's command. Adam's sin became the sin of his descendants. Adam contributed the lineage of Seth and that eventually gave us Noah then Jesus Christ.

Cain

Cain's name means "gotten". He is the brother of Abel and the first son to Adam and Eve. Cain was the farmer between the two. His offering to God was rejected due to his lack of faith. Cain killed Abel out of rage and jealousy and became the first murderer. I'm not sure what Cain contributed to the Hebrew nation besides having Enoch and developing civilizations in Nod.

Seth

Seth's name means "appointed". Seth was the third son of Adam and Eve and the younger brother of Cain and Abel. Seth was born after Abel's murder. He was the new lineage that would stop Satan once and for all. He is the ancestor of Noah and Jesus and lived till he was 912. Seth is considered one of the Holy fathers to the Hebrew nation.

Noah

Noah's name means "comfort" or "rest". He was a righteous man who lived during a time of evil and corruption. God instructed Noah to build an ark to withstand the flood that He was sending. Noah had three sons that helped repopulate the Earth. God made a covenant with Noah, promising to never destroy the earth by flood. God placed a rainbow in the sky as a reminder of the agreement.

Shem

Shem's name means "name" or "fame". Through Shem and his descendants, God's saving name would be revealed to the world through this line, which Jesus Christ will eventually come from. He died at the age of 600. Shem is considered the father of the children of Eber. They lived in the Mesopotamian and near east Iranian region.

He contributed the lineage to the Hebrew nation that would birth Jesus. Shem's descendants were the main focused generation after the flood.

Ham

Ham is the father of nations like Cush, Egypt, Put, and Canaan. Ham's name has many meanings, in Hebrew he is called "burnt", or "black", In Egyptian he is called "servant" or "Kemit". All his descendants but Canaan populated Africa. Egypt is referred to "the land of Ham" in the O.T. Ham's descendants Canaan were cursed by his father Noah to be servants to his brother.

Japheth

Japheth's name means in Hebrew "beauty" and in Aramaic "to extend". He is the oldest of the three sons of Noah. He is blessed by Noah to be enlarged, dwell in the tents of Shem and be dominant over Canaan. His descendants settled in south-central Asia and Europe, the Greeks are their descendants. He had seven sons: Magog, Gomer, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras.

Lamech

Lamech is a fifth-generation descendant of Cain. He is the son of Methuselah and the father of Noah. He was the first bigamist and received special recognition. Lamech had three sons: Jubal, Jubal, and Tubal-cain and they were known for their art or skills. He sang the first recorded poetry and spoke arrogantly against God and society.

Methuselah

Methuselah's name means "Man of the spear" or "his death shall bring judgement". Methuselah is the father of Lamech, the son of Enoch, and the grandfather of Noah. He is known for his great age of 969 years. He lived during the creation of the Ark but died before the flood came.