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Assignment Week 3

Who's Who in Genesis?

Adam was the first man created by God (Genesis 1:27) He was created by God as the first human being and placed in the Garden of Eden designed just for him (Genesis 2:8, 10). Adam is the father of all mankind; every human being who has ever existed is a direct descendant of Adam, and it is through Adam that every human being has inherited a sinful nature (Romans 5:12). God created Adam a helpmeet which is Eve she came from the ribs of Adam.

Cain was one of the sons of Adam and Eve. His birth is the first one recorded in in Scripture, Cain was Adam and Eve's firstborn: "Adam knew his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, 'With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man'" (Genesis 4:1). Cain was a rebellious man who rejected God's plan, ignored God's warnings, and received God's judgment. Cain was the first murderer in the Bible. He killed his brother Abel because his sacrifice was accepted by God. God punished Cain by making him a wanderer and causing him great hardship.

Abel was the second son of Adam and Eve (Genesis 4:2). Abel was a righteous man who pleased God. Abel was a shepherd and he brought God a pleasing sacrifice that caused his brother, Cain to become angry and jealously over; which resulted in his death at the hands of Cain. It is also said that Abel is the first martyr.

Seth a son of Adam and Eve he was the third person mention in the Bible. He was born after Cain murdered Abel (Genesis 4:8). Eve believed that God had given her Seth as a replacement for Abel and she named him Seth, which means “set in place of” (Genesis 4:25). Many years later when Seth was 105 years old, his son Enosh was born (Genesis 4:26), and He continues “the godly line of Seth” that leads to Abraham.

Noah was the son of Lamech he was a righteous man, a man “who walked with God (Genesis 6:9).” He was without blame in a generation that that was full of wickedness and corruption. The world was so full of sin that God repented that he had created man. God instructed Noah to build an ark and to take only his family and two animals of each kind into the ark. God caused to rain upon the earth for 40 days and after the flood God made a covenant with Noah and the rainbow is a sign of that covenant that God will no longer use water to destroy the earth.

Ham, Shem, and Japheth were the three sons of Noah who along with their wives were carried in the ark during the great flood. Their descendants went on to re-populate the world (Genesis 10:1). Noah was 500 years old when he began to have children (Genesis 5:32). The Israelites came from the line of Shem; in fact, the word Semite comes from the name of Shem. There were many descendants of Shem including the Assyrians, Chaldeans, Elamites, Arameans, Moabites, Ammonites, and Edomites. Japheth’s line produced the Persians, Romans, Scythians, and Macedonians. Ham’s line produced the Canaanites, the Babylonians, the Phoenicians, the Cushite’s, and the Egyptians. Each races of people that exist today can trace their lineage back to Ham, Shem, and Japheth.

Lamech The Bible mentions two different men by the name of Lamech, both in the book of Genesis. The first Lamech was the son of Methuselah, and the second Lamech was the son of Methuselah. Although the men shared a name and had fathers with names that sound very much alike, that is where their similarities end. The first Lamech was a wicked descendant of Cain who continued the trend of wickedness.

Lamech son of methuselah was Cain's great-great-great grandson, and he followed in the footsteps of Cain by walking in disobedience and committing murder. Lamech married two wives the Bible's first case of polygamy.

The other Lamech was a descendant of Seth. After Cain's banishment Eve bore another son and named him Seth. In contrast to Cain's sinful line, Seth's descendants were known for righteousness. Enoch, Seth's great-great-great grandson, walked so closely with God that God took him directly to heaven when Enoch was 365 years old (Genesis 5:22–24). Enoch's son Methuselah, the oldest man in the Bible. He continued Seth's righteous lineage and fathered Lamech. In (Luke 3:37) thousands of years later, Jesus Christ would be born into the line of Seth through Lamech.

Methuselah was the son of Enoch. When Enoch was 65, he became the father of Methuselah, who lived to be the oldest person in the Bible. He was 969 years old.

Methuselah had a son named Lamech who became the father of Noah (Genesis 5:26–29). This lineage from Enoch to Noah, descended from Adam's son Seth, which all are a part of a righteous bloodline and though this lineage became God's plan of salvation.

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