

Foundation in Genesis

Chapters 1-12

Chapters 4 & 5

Cain and Abel

Generations to Noah

1 Adam lay with 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."

2a Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Notes:

- " Recap
- " Trust broken between God-mankind, husband-wife
- " Romans 5:12-14, & 1 Corinthians 15:22, this was pivotal to Paul.
- " Eve credits God with helping her to perpetuate mankind.
- " To the Hebrew: implies each human birth is a re-enactment of God's creating in his own image.
- " Not much celebration of Abel, may have been a twin.
- " Abel- vapor/breath, implying transitory. No offspring

2b Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. 3 In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. 4 But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, 5 but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor.

So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

Notes:

- " Juxtaposition of Cain-Abel, Abel-Cain, poetic tension builder.
- " Rancher vs Farmer
- " Both worshipped God in simplicity, no altar or shrine.
- " Why was Abel's offering superior?
- " Might God have preferred the %gardener?+
- " How did they know?

**6 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? 7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."
8 Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him..**

Notes:

- " God has long talk with Cain, warns of temptation to sin is personified, a wild animal ready to pounce.
- " Some time had passed between the offering and killing.
- " Killing is only given one line.
- " First instance of death is not from natural causes, rather man's family violence.

9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?"

"I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

10 The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. 11 Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

Notes:

- " Distance grows between humans and God as Cain gives God the runaround, like father like son.
- " Cain lies, blame-shifts and changes the subject.
- " The mirror
- " Animals need keepers, people don't.
- " %keeper+is insulting, but yes, we (humans) are our brothers keepers.
- " God expresses distress, and is primeval jury and judge
- " Irony: the ground Cain tends is crying out to God with Abel's blood.
- " Ground becomes even more uncooperative than it was made for Adam.
- " Sentence repudiates Cain's identity

13 Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is more than I can bear. 14 Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

15 But the LORD said to him, "Not so; if anyone kills Cain, he will suffer vengeance seven times over." Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. 16 So Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Notes:

- " Cain probably didn't know what death was, so he didn't commit %murder+
- " Unlike Adam, Cain whines
- " God offers protection, severe vengeance
- " Nod means %wandering+, not a specific place.
- " Driven further east, away from Eden and God's presence.

17 Cain lay with his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch. 18 To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad was the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael was the father of Methushael, and Methushael was the father of Lamech.

Notes:

- " Whither came Mrs. Cain?
- " City/encampment implies population was growing.

19 Lamech married two women, one named Adah and the other Zillah. 20 Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who live in tents and raise livestock. 21 His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play the harp and flute. 22 Zillah also had a son, Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron. Tubal-Cain's sister was Naamah.

Notes:

- “ Fathers of occupations direct attack on surrounding societies polytheistic beliefs
- “ Egyptian, Mesopotamian and Ugarit cultures attributed technology to the gods.
 - . Osiris = farming
 - . Kothar-Hasis(Canaanite) = architecture and weapons
 - . Prometheus = fire

- “ Unusual mention of sister Naamah (no sing+), complemented her brother.

**23 Lamech said to his wives,
"Adah and Zillah, listen to me;
wives of Lamech, hear my words.
I have killed a man for wounding me,
a young man for injuring me.
24 If Cain is avenged seven times,
then Lamech seventy-seven times."**

Notes:

- " Lamech the first polygamist
- " Poet is proud of his violence
- " Cain sought protection from violence, his great-great-great-grandson promotes it.
- " Cain's line is never heard from again.

25 Adam lay with his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, "God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him." 26 Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh.

At that time men began to call on the name of the LORD.

Notes:

- " Meanwhile, just outside the garden
- " Seth is close to a word that means grant.
- " Enosh means man in a way that conveys frailty, temporal.
- " Seth's family began a lineage that worshipped God.

Genesis 5 - From Adam to Noah

1 This is the written account of Adam's line.

When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. 2 He created them male and female and blessed them. And when they were created, he called them

"man. "

Notes:

- " Comes from a written record (second of ~~toledoths~~)
- " 10 Generations pattern from:
 - . Adam to Noah
 - . Noah to Abram
 - . Abraham to David
- " Restates the beginning, like starting over with Seth's line.

3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth. 4 After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. 5 Altogether, Adam lived 930 years, and then he died.

6 When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father of Enosh. 7 And after he became the father of Enosh, Seth lived 807 years and had other sons and daughters. 8 Altogether, Seth lived 912 years, and then he died.

Notes:

- “ Reinforces that each human is made in God’s likeness.
- “ Similarities to Cain’s record, but not a replication.
 - . Different name spellings
 - . Different places in the order
- “ Repeated pattern
 - . Name, age at which he became a father
 - . How long he lived after his firstborn
 - . Total years lived, and then he died.+

9 When Enosh had lived 90 years, he became the father of Kenan. 10 And after he became the father of Kenan, Enosh lived 815 years and had other sons and daughters. 11 Altogether, Enosh lived 905 years, and then he died.

12 When Kenan had lived 70 years, he became the father of Mahalalel. 13 And after he became the father of Mahalalel, Kenan lived 840 years and had other sons and daughters. 14 Altogether, Kenan lived 910 years, and then he died.

15 When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he became the father of Jared. 16 And after he became the father of Jared, Mahalalel lived 830 years and had other sons and daughters. 17 Altogether, Mahalalel lived 895 years, and then he died.

18 When Jared had lived 162 years, he became the father of Enoch. 19 And after he became the father of Enoch, Jared lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. 20 Altogether, Jared lived 962 years, and then he died.

Notes:

- “ A whole lot of ~~be~~getting going on.
- “ Long lives are also recorded in Sumerian accounts, 241,000 years in 8 generations of Kings before the flood.
- “ Shorter lives for post-diluvian kings. (As in Genesis)

21 When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. 22 And after he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. 23 Altogether, Enoch lived 365 years. 24 Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away. 25 When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he became the father of Lamech. 26 And after he became the father of Lamech, Methuselah lived 782 years and had other sons and daughters. 27

Altogether, Methuselah lived 969 years, and then he died.

Notes:

- " Enoch, 7th in line, was the most godly.
- " Walked with God, as in Micah 6:8, true priest of Malachi 2:6, Noah in 6:9
- " Walked with God +noted so we don't misunderstand his short life as punishment.
- " Various understandings of what God took him away+means.
 - . Death:
 - " Ezekiel 24:6, takes away his wife
 - " Jonah 4:3, wish to die of Jonah
 - . Apotheosis
 - " Elijah in 2Kings 2
 - " Hebrews 11:5 says Enoch did not die.
 - . Lack of the phrase and then he died+also favors apotheosis.
- " Shortest life is father of the longest life.

28 When Lamech had lived 182 years, he had a son. 29 He named him Noah and said, "He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the LORD has cursed." 30 After Noah was born, Lamech lived 595 years and had other sons and daughters. 31 Altogether, Lamech lived 777 years, and then he died. 32 After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham and Japheth.

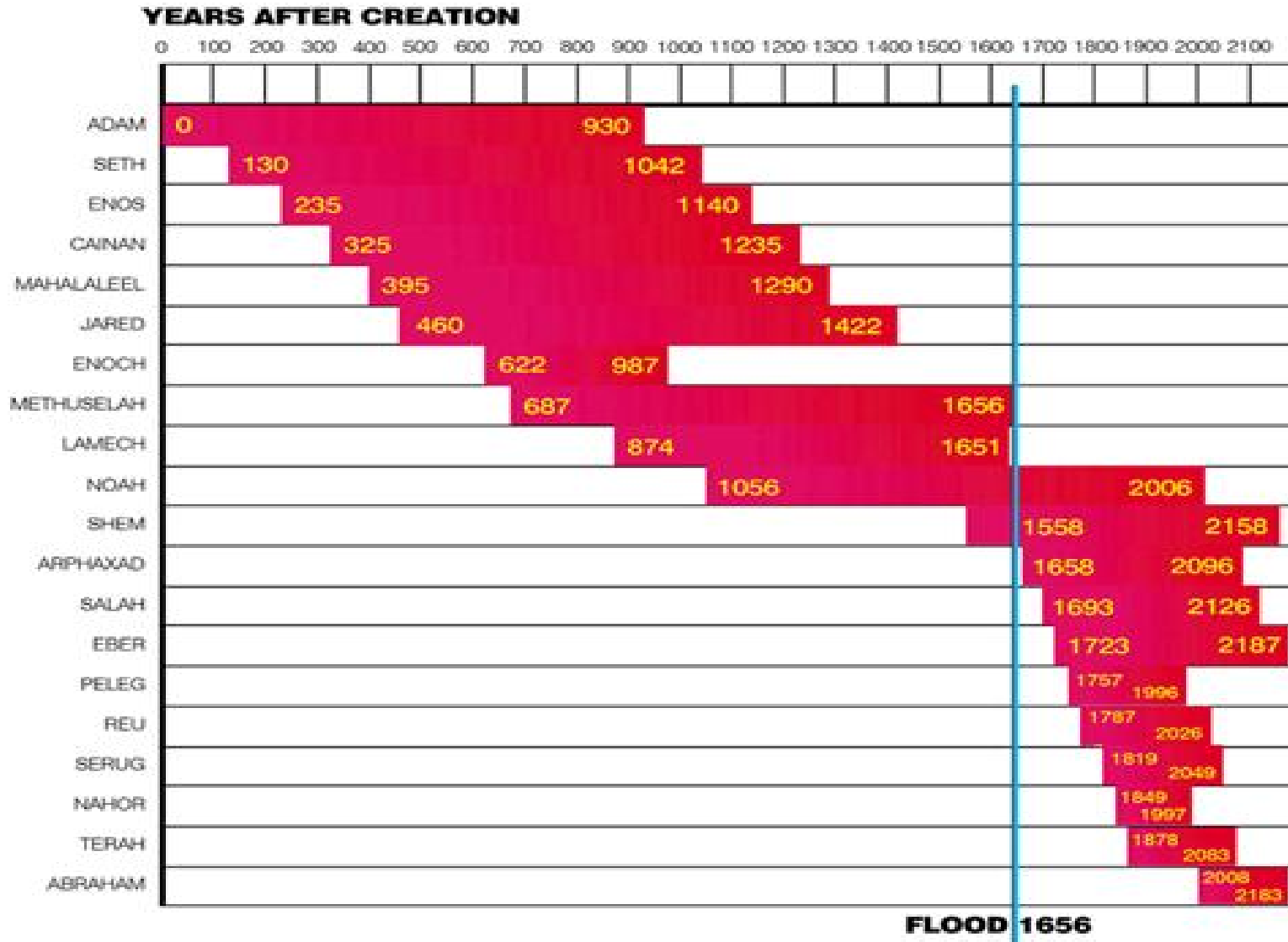
Notes:

- " Not Cain's Lamech
- " Noah means ~~rest~~ is similar to the Hebrew word for ~~rest~~ comfort. +Possible relief from the toil of working the cursed ground.
- " Noah is the oldest when he becomes a father.
- " Concludes with a segmented pattern, like the Patriarchs genealogies.

Notes for next page:

- " 1656 years between Adam and the Flood
- " All of Noah's fathers were dead before the flood

Lining them up end-to-end



Summary

What is going on here?

- “ Humans growing more numerous
- “ Humans growing more technologically advanced
- “ Humans growing more violent
- “ Humans growing further away from God
- “ God responds by repeatedly building bridges back to humans
 - . Adam’s promise
 - . Cain’s covenant
 - . Seth’s line
 - . Enoch’s walk