

Satan's Family and God's Family (Part 1)

Genesis 4:17-5:32

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Introduction

Genesis 3:15 *And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; "He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel.*

There always has been two groups of people throughout history: children of Satan and children of God. They both coexist in this world, but they continually come against each other. From Genesis we see the conflict between God's children and Satan's children. For example, we see the conflict between Lot and the evil cities (**2 Peter 2:7**). We see the conflict between Noah and the world (**Hebrews 11:7; 2 Peter 2:5**). There will always be a group of people that follow and worship the One True God and the other group who reject God.

Background

We are coming to the part of Genesis where Moses lists the genealogies of the two different families before the Flood. It is interesting because the Flood has destroyed every record of that time. We have no information about the humanity in the pre-Flood era—no buildings, no pottery, no writings. The only information we have of the pre-Flood era is what is written in Scripture, and it is used for our benefit.

This was an era of time where people were genetically and physically perfect. There were very little mutations or flaws happening due to Adam and Eve's perfection. This was the pinnacle of human endeavor and accomplishments. This was a world where people were highly skilled because of their long life. They were also highly intelligent ...far more intelligent than the people today. They lived in a time where there was no rain, which meant that there were little to no extreme weather patterns. It was a lush, well-watered world.

Genesis 2:5 *and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no man to work the ground,*

Because of this long life, few extreme weather, and well-watered world, people flourished. Some Bible scholars estimated that there were perhaps millions, perhaps billions of people who lived before the Flood (we cannot know for sure because Scripture does not tell us).

Moses gives us two genealogies—the line of Cain and the line of Seth; the people of Satan and the people of God. We have seven generations from Cain to Jabal and his brothers and sisters. We have 10 generations from Seth to Noah's sons. Here Moses tells us about Cain and his descendents. Interestingly, he does not list their age or their death. They are of the devil their father (**John 8:44**).

I. Satan's Family (4:17-4:24)

Genesis 4:17-24 *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. 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. **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."

- Cain

- He left the presence of the Lord

Genesis 4:16 So Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

- He was driven away and he left on his own
- He wanders around the country unable to settle down

Genesis 4:14 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."

- Cain finds a wife
 - Who is Cain's wife and where did she come from?
 - Simple
 - Cain's sister

Genesis 5:4 After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters.

- God did not prohibit this
- Why? Genetically purity
- Cain builds a city
 - "City" in Hebrew—means walled in place
 - Collection of buildings within a wall
 - The Hebrew phrase—was building a city
 - Implies that Cain never finished building the city
 - Why?
 - Because of his wandering
 - He names it after his son, Enoch

- Cain's family

Note: Some people become confused about the names in Genesis, thinking that Moses was talking about the same person. They often accuse the Bible as being inaccurate or being wrong. This is easily explained since these are common names for men. For example: Cain's son Enoch is not the same Enoch that walked with God (**Genesis 5:19-24**).

Note 2: These people during the pre-Flood time did not speak Hebrew. They spoke another language.

- Enoch
 - Means "to dedicate" (similar to Hanukkah)
 - Enoch is the owner of the city
- Irad
 - Could mean "city dweller"
 - Irad was the townsman, of the city

- He could be a merchant
 - Mehujael
 - Ends with “el” which means God
 - Could mean “life of God”
 - Methushael
 - Best guess meaning—“man of God”
 - However, this does not mean that they followed God
- Lamech
 - His family
 - His two wives
 - First recorded polygamy
 - Far from God’s original intent
 - Adah
 - Means “beauty”
 - She was a beautiful woman
 - Zillah
 - Means “tingling of the ears” or pretty voice
 - It is possible that Lamech married them because he liked the way they looked
 - Trophy wives
 - His children
 - With Adah
 - Jabal
 - Livestock (animal husbandry)
 - Cattle, sheep, etc
 - He figures out how to breed animals and take care of them
 - Jubal
 - Invents musical instruments
 - Perhaps he invents music
 - With Zillah
 - Tubal-Cain
 - Metal-making
 - He learns how to create iron and bronze
 - This is an astonishing endeavor!
 - Naamah
 - Means “beautiful”
 - Highly skilled group of people!
 - They are image bearers of God
 - Immense creativity and logic
 - These are not “cave-men” or “simple brutes”
 - These are highly intelligent men and women
 - His boast

Note: This is a poem. Again, these people are highly intelligent and are able to create beauty from objects and from words.

- Evil boasting to his wives
- Lamech is far from God
- Pay attention to my words
- I killed a man, struck a boy
 - Killed a young man

- Why?
 - For touching him (light wound) (for whatever reason)
- Cain = 7 times; Lamech = 77 times
 - He celebrates his murder as a trophy
 - Very proud and vicious man
- Way of Cain
 - How does this genealogy apply to us today in 2017?
 - Jude tells us that what Cain started—he calls it the way of Cain

Jude 10-11 *Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they do not understand; and what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals—these are the very things that destroy them. 11 Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion.*

- This is a secular society who has left God
 - This is very much like our society in 2017
 - People have rejected God
- This is a society that flourished; however it is apart from God
 - God gives them grace (which we call common grace—grace to all people: both believers and unbelievers)

Matthew 5:45 *that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.*

- They experience God's blessings; however it is only for this life
 - They will not experience God's blessing in eternity
- Moses ends with Lamech's boast—we never see Cain's family again
 - They were all destroyed by the Flood
 - They were all judged by God