

# From Cain to Noah Gen 4&5

The Universal Fall deepens and yet.....

# A new start-fresh choices ? Gen 4 v1-7

- <sup>1</sup> Adam<sup>[a]</sup> made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain.<sup>[b]</sup> She said, “With the help of the LORD I have brought forth<sup>[c]</sup> a man.” <sup>2</sup> Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.
- Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. <sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. <sup>4</sup> And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.
- <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? <sup>7</sup> 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 rule over it.”

# Murder and hardness meets mercy

- <sup>8</sup> Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.”<sup>[d]</sup> While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.
- <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”
- “I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?”
- <sup>10</sup> The LORD said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup> Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup> When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.”
- <sup>13</sup> Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is more than I can bear. <sup>14</sup> 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.”
- <sup>15</sup> But the LORD said to him, “Not so<sup>[e]</sup>; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over.” Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. <sup>16</sup> So Cain went out from the LORD’s presence and lived in the land of Nod,<sup>[f]</sup> east of Eden.

# New Testament explains .....

- Luke 11 v 50 Therefore this generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the **prophets** that has been shed since the beginning of the world, <sup>51</sup> from the blood of **Abel** to the blood of Zechariah, ...
- Heb 11 v4 <sup>4</sup> **By faith Abel** brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.....
- Heb 12 v 24 But you have come to Mount Zion, ... **to Jesus** the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled **blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.....**
- I John 3v15 For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. <sup>12</sup> **Do not be like Cain**, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous.

# Development but more decline

## Gen 4v 17-24

- Cain made love to 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. <sup>18</sup> 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.
- <sup>19</sup> Lamech married two women, one named Adah and the other Zillah. <sup>20</sup> Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who live in tents and raise livestock. <sup>21</sup> His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play stringed instruments and pipes. <sup>22</sup> Zillah also had a son, Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of <sup>[g]</sup> bronze and iron. Tubal-Cain's sister was Naamah.
- <sup>23</sup> 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.  
<sup>24</sup> If Cain is avenged seven times,  
then Lamech seventy-seven times.”
- AND THEN.....

# The promise returns ....

- <sup>25</sup> Adam made love to his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, <sup>[h]</sup> saying, “God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him.” <sup>26</sup> Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh.
- At that time people began to call on <sup>[i]</sup> the name of the LORD.

# Light in the dark and Gods patience

## Gen 5 v 21-32

- <sup>21</sup> When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah. <sup>22</sup> After he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>23</sup> Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years.  
<sup>24</sup> Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.  
HEB 11 v <sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.”<sup>[a]</sup> For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. <sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.
- <sup>25</sup> When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he became the father of Lamech. <sup>26</sup> After he became the father of Lamech, Methuselah lived 782 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>27</sup> Altogether, Methuselah lived a total of 969 years, and then he died.
- <sup>28</sup> When Lamech had lived 182 years, he had a son. <sup>29</sup> He named him Noah<sup>[c]</sup> and said, “He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the LORD has cursed.” <sup>30</sup> After Noah was born, Lamech lived 595 years and had other sons and daughters. <sup>31</sup> Altogether, Lamech lived a total of 777 years, and then he died.
- <sup>32</sup> After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham and Japheth.