

Spiritual Conflict Genesis 4:25-6:22

I. The Seed Line – Gen. 4:25-5:32

1. Predicted by God in Genesis 3:15
Woman's seed in conflict with Serpent's seed
2. God gave Eve Seth to replace Abel – 4:25-26
Seth's son Enos begins the godly line – 4:26
3. Seed line is traced back to Adam – 5:1-5
Line begins with Seth – 3
Adam had other children but line is in Seth – 4
Not a list of all who lived, but Messianic line
4. Seth's line is traced to Noah – 5:6-32
In each generation one son is named
5. Enoch stands out in this line – 5:19-24
He is said to have "walked with God" 22, 24
He spoke of God's coming judgment- Jude 14-15
He was taken from earth before judgment came
6. Methuselah, Noah's grandfather – 5:21-32
Methuselah lived 969 years – 27
He lived 782 years after Lamech was born – 26
Lamech lived 777 years and then died – 31
Methuselah out-lived his son by 5 years
Lamech lived 595 years after Noah was born– 30
Noah was 600 years old when flood came - 7:6
Thus Methuselah died the year the flood came
Oldest man marks God's grace withholding judgment

II. Corruption of Human Race – 6:1-7

1. Counter-culture of Cain recorded – 4:16-24
Wickedness continued to increase – 6:5
With long life wickedness only grew worse
2. Satanic plan, corrupt human race – 1-2
Sons of God took daughters of men – 2
Some interpret as line of Seth with line of Cain
O.T. uses "sons of God" to mean angels
Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7; Psa. 89:6 (sons of the mighty)
This would certainly corrupt the human race
God could not bring Christ from such a line
3. Angels bound in pit – Jude 6; 2 Pet. 2:4-5
These angels did something to be bound in the pit
This union produced giants, superhuman - 6:4
Is this source for much mythology?
3. Corruption of earth must be judged – 6:5-7
God will wipe away humans & cleanse the earth
4. God will begin anew with Noah – 6:8-9
He is a righteous man, uncorrupted
He, like Enoch, walked with God
He "found grace in the eyes of the Lord"
Flood is necessary for man's redemption

III. God's Plan – Gen. 6:11-22

1. Corrupt must be judged – 6:11-13
Wickedness and violence fills the earth
2. Directions given to build an ark – 6:14-16
Large enough to save human & animal life
3. Flood to destroy life on earth – 6:17
Animals and humans will die in the flood
4. God's covenant with Noah – 6:18-22
Ark is place of safety for his family - 19
All living creatures to be saved – 19-20
Take enough food for humans & animals