

Week 7 – Fun with Genealogies

Genesis 4:17-6:8

- I. **Cain's lineage:** _____ **development, polygamy, and**
_____. **(4:17-24)**
- a. Note the cultural contributions of Jabal, Jubal, Tubal-Cain:
- b. The stand-out name in Cain's genealogy is Lamech . . . The _____
of sin is in full view here: Where Cain had succumbed to sin, Lamech
_____ in it.
- c. Prosperity vs. God's blessing
- i. Prosperity is man-centered; blessing is _____-centered
 - ii. Prosperity says "Look what I did!"; blessings says, "Look what _____ did!"
 - iii. Prosperity accumulates wealth; blessings accumulates _____
 - iv. Prosperity fills your wallet; blessing fills your _____
 - v. Prosperity secures an immediate reward; blessing secures an
_____ reward
 - vi. Prosperity can secure peace and order in our environment; blessing secures
peace and order in our _____
 - vii. Prosperity often corrupts; blessings always _____
- d. Cain's lineage teaches us that prosperity apart from God is never
_____. When all is said and done, cultural advancement
offers no _____.
- e. Psalm 37:1-11
- II. **Seth's lineage: restored** _____, **godliness, and** _____
(4:25-5:23)
- a. "Cain's firstborn and successors pioneer cities and civilized arts, but Seth's firstborn and
successors pioneer _____." (Kenneth Matthews)

- b. There is a set structure for each name in the genealogy:
 - i. Age when the first son was born
 - ii. Subsequent lifespan
 - iii. The fact that they had other sons and daughters
 - iv. Age at death
 - v. The phrase “and he died,” which is actually one word in Hebrew. ***Death literally has the last word in each refrain!***
- c. The major exceptions to this structure: Enoch and Lamech

III. Corrupted lineage: rebellion, depravity, and _____ (6:1-7)

- a. There are essentially two views of these verses held by leading conservative OT scholars:
 - i. The fallen angel view
 - ii. The mixed marriage view
 - iii. Whether demonic powers have taken over or the Sethites have betrayed their calling, the “plain thing” of this section is that mankind has been corrupted _____.

- b. The Nephilim: All we know for sure is that the Nephilim and the “mighty men” (if in fact they are different) illustrate the profound corruption of the human race that was brought about by these unholy marriages and help reveal the moral justification for the judgement that follows.
- c. What does it mean for God to be sorry/regret in verses 6, 7?
 - i. God does not make mistakes! Unlike us He makes decisions with perfect _____, perfect _____, and perfect _____. (Num. 23:19; 1 Sam. 15:29; Ps. 11:4)
 - ii. Consider the context! Verse 6 is not a statement about God’s decision-making, it’s a statement about the _____ anguish He feels over what has become of creation.
 - iii. “God’s response of grief over the making of humanity is not remorse in the sense of sorrow over a mistaken creation. Our verse shows that God’s pain has its source in the perversion of human sin. The making of ‘man’ is _____; it is what ‘man’ has made of _____.”(Kenneth Matthews)

IV. Noah’s lineage: _____, grace, and _____ (6:8)

- a. Left to himself, Noah would have perished like everybody else, but through _____ he receives God’s favor and grace and becomes an instrument through which God would accomplish _____.
- b. Luke 3:23-38