

Genesis, Chapters 3-5

- ❑ Monday - Two Seeds / Two Families.** Genesis 3:15
Starting in Genesis 3:15 we read of two “seeds”: [1] The seed of the serpent (devil) which are unbelievers (cf. Matt. 23:33, John 8:44, 1 John 3:10); and [2] the seed of the woman, referring to not all of Eve’s seed, but those who trust and obey the God of the Bible (cf. Rom. 16:20). These are the only two families on earth: the righteous and the wicked (Proverbs, 53x), wheat and tares (Mt. 13:24-30), sheep and goats (Mt. 25:32-33), believers and unbelievers (2 Cor. 6:15), children of God and children of the devil (1 John 3:10). To which family do you belong? Examine yourself! Read 2 Corinthians 13:5

❑ Tuesday - The Line of Cain. Genesis 4:1-24
Cain’s, “deeds were evil” because he “was of the evil one” (1 John 3:12). He murdered his brother, Abel (Gen. 4:8), and “went out from the presence of the Lord” (Gen 4:16), and became a “vagrant” and a “wanderer” (Gen. 4:12, 14). From Cain descended shepherds (Gen. 4:20), musicians (4:21), metal-workers (4:22), and more murder (4:23). Cain practiced religion on his own terms. “The way of Cain” discussed in Jude 1:11 is outward religion from an unconverted heart, and for all such religious hypocrisy the Lord has “no regard” (Gen. 4:5). Read Psalm 51:17, Matthew 15:8, John 4:23-24

❑ Wednesday - The Line of Seth. Genesis 4:25-5:32
“To Seth a son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then men began to call upon the name of the Lord” (Gen. 4:25-26). In the 1600 years between Creation and the Flood, as the world became increasingly corrupt, one single line from Seth through Noah trusted in God. And here, 6000 years later, what the church needs today are men and women who are willing to stand-alone for Jesus Christ against a global pandemic of moral corruption. Read Joshua 24:15, Romans 12:2

❑ Thursday - Two Genealogies in Contrast. Genesis 4:1-5:32
The genealogies of Cain and Seth are set side-by-side in Genesis 4 and 5 to paint a contrast: [1] Cain was a wanderer, Seth was settled. [2] Cain’s line went out from the presence of the Lord, Seth’s line called upon the Lord. [3] Cain built a city *for* his son (Gen. 4:1), Seth built *into* his son. [4] 1600 years later, Cain’s genealogy ended at the flood, but Seth’s line lived on through Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, and Christ. Read Psalm 103:17

❑ Friday - Enoch Walked With God. Genesis 5:21-24
Seth’s line was a line of faith: “By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death; and he was not found because God took him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God” (Heb. 11:5). I cannot help but wonder what closeness and wonderful fellowship this primitive worshiper had with God, that Yahweh should want him home (in the prime of his life --- he was only 365, lol). A saintly friend recently said to me, “God took him because he was closer to home.” And so I ask myself, “Am I closer to heaven or [the things of] earth?” Read Colossians 3:1-4