

Two Lines of Humanity

Gen 4 ¹⁶ Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden. ¹⁷ And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son—Enoch. ¹⁸ To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech. ¹⁹ Then Lamech took for himself two wives: the name of one was Adah, and the name of the second was Zillah. ²⁰ And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. ²¹ His brother's name was Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and flute. ²² And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal-Cain was Naamah. ²³ Then Lamech said to his wives:

“Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;
Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech!
For I have killed a man for wounding me,
Even a young man for hurting me.
²⁴ If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold,
Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.”

²⁵ And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, “For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed.” ²⁶ And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh. Then men began to call on the name of the LORD. ^{5:1} This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. ² He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created. ³ And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. ⁴ After he begot Seth, the days of Adam were eight hundred years; and he had sons and daughters. ⁵ So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died. ⁶ Seth lived one hundred and five years, and begot Enosh. ⁷ After he begot Enosh, Seth lived eight hundred and seven years, and had sons and daughters. ⁸ So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years; and he died. ⁹ Enosh lived ninety years, and begot Cainan. ¹⁰ After he begot Cainan, Enosh lived eight hundred and fifteen years, and had sons and daughters. ¹¹ So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years; and he died. ¹² Cainan lived seventy years, and begot Mahalalel. ¹³ After he begot Mahalalel, Cainan lived eight hundred and forty years, and had sons and daughters. ¹⁴ So all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years; and he died. ¹⁵ Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and begot Jared. ¹⁶ After he begot Jared, Mahalalel lived eight hundred and thirty years, and had sons and daughters. ¹⁷ So all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years; and he died. ¹⁸ Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and begot Enoch. ¹⁹ After he begot Enoch, Jared lived eight hundred years, and had sons and daughters. ²⁰ So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years; and he died. ²¹ Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. ²² After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. ²³ So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. ²⁴ And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

* **What is** our text showing us, big picture?

* **Where do** we see evidence of Adam's and Eve's faith?

* **What is** the biblical significance of “7” and the two lines of 7 generations that our text gives us?

* **How do** the names in our text show us God is not concerned with mere externals? (4.17; 5.28)

* **Unbelieving line:**

– Who is the “rear sight”?

– Who is the “front sight”?

– Where does the line go?

* **How does** Paul summarize all this?

*Rom 2 ⁶ [God] “will render to each one according to his deeds”:
⁷ eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good
seek for glory, honor, and immortality; ⁸ but to those who are self-
seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—
indignation and wrath*

* **Believing line:**

– Who is the “rear sight”?

* **How does** our text touch on technological advancement and achievement? (4.17, 20-22)

– Who is the “front sight”?

*Jude ¹⁴ Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied ...,
saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His
saints, ¹⁵ to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are
ungodly among them*

*Heb 11 ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not
see death, “and was not found, because God had taken
him”; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he
pleased God.*

*Prov 13 ²² The wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous
... ²⁵ The righteous eats to the satisfying of his soul, but the
stomach of the wicked shall be in want.*

*Psalms 37 ¹ Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the
workers of iniquity ... ³ Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in
the land, and feed on His faithfulness ... ⁹ For evil-doers shall be
cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, They shall inherit the
earth.*

– Where does the line go?