

Shalom! Today, we have been granted another new day by the boundless grace of our Lord. I invite you to reflect with me on the great Word of God today, especially as a special day approaches.

Today, we will revisit the book of Genesis, focusing on the paths of two men whose lineages we will later see in the seventh generation: Cain and Seth.

As we know, Cain was the first person to experience God's curse in his life. He was warned that he would be a restless wanderer on the earth (Genesis 4:12). When we reflect on Cain today, he often appears wild or isolated from society. Yet, if people had lived at that time, many would have been fascinated by Cain, particularly those who measure success by earthly blessings.

The Bible shows us that Cain not only progressed personally but that his descendants were wise, skilled, and inventive (Genesis 4:16–24). In this sense, if we look at blessings from both material and spiritual perspectives, Cain could be considered more materially blessed than Seth.

However, when we turn to Seth, who was born to replace Abel, the picture is different. Immediately after the birth of his son

Enosh, Seth began to ponder life deeply:

“Why is life not as it should be? Why does everything feel empty without God, no matter how hard we try? Why is the Lord silent while we go on as if nothing matters?”

Seth began a search for God. He and his descendants learned to pray, fast, live righteously, and offer sacrifices. They called earnestly on the Lord's name.

“Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. At that time, people began to call on the name of the Lord.” — Genesis 4:26

Unlike Cain and his descendants, Seth's line did not focus on worldly progress but on the pursuit of God. Their society centered on faith and the fear of God, not merely material accomplishments.

Looking at the seventh generation, Seth's seventh descendant was Enoch, who walked faithfully with God and was ultimately taken by Him, showing that steadfast pursuit of God is rewarded:

"Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away." — Genesis 5:24

In Cain's lineage, the seventh descendant, Lamech, was far more violent and morally corrupt. He had multiple wives and was known for vengeance. Yet, his line prospered materially and technologically:

"Lamech married two women, Adah and Zillah. Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who live in tents and raise livestock. His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play the lyre and pipe. Zillah also had Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron. Lamech said to his wives: 'Listen to me, you wives of Lamech; hear my words. I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for injuring me. If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech seventy-seven times.'" — Genesis 4:19-24

Dear brothers and sisters, these two lines still exist today. But the Christian lineage begins with the Church of the Apostles in Ephesus and continues to the seventh and final church, Laodicea (Revelation 3).

One day, the righteous in these last generations will be suddenly taken, an event known as the Rapture. The world will experience great tribulation, but believers will be delivered.

The line of Satan focuses on worldly things—education, wealth, prosperity, success. When God's Word is preached to them, they scoff and mock.

We are living on the threshold of the end times. If you are a Christian, call on the Lord's name continually while you still can, so that, like Enoch, you may be taken and spared from suffering. If this message has been ignored, now is the time to turn to Christ and repent.

May God bless you.

Then People Began to Call on the Name of the Lord

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