

The Events That Led Up To The Flood (putting all the pieces together...)

[The research for this is scattered throughout this web site. The way to find each piece is to both look up the Hebrew text in the 'Turning Over Every Stone' section, & also look up the name in the appropriate Grandpa sections.]

Eden itself encompasses the general area of the Middle East. The Garden that God planted encompassed both Northern Israel & Lebanon. It may have extended further than that, but the Scriptures say that it's buried underneath that area. It's possible that somehow the area of Tyre was a part of it too, but was 'cast out' during the Flood. God's garden was an enclosed area that could only be entered from the East at a certain location. There was a river that flowed into it from the Land of Eden. Apparently where the river flowed into the Garden was destroyed during Noah's Flood. Somehow as it exited the Garden the river divided into four separate rivers. The Tigris & the Euphrates descended from the Garden in one direction & the other two rivers descended in the opposite direction. The Jordan may have been the river that flowed through the Garden.

After Adam & Eve disobeyed, God shed the blood of some animals to make a covering for their sin. He then clothed them in garments that He had made out of the hides of those animals. (Notice that He didn't make them coverings out of plants.) He then drove them out of the Garden because He didn't want them to also eat from The Tree of Life in their unredeemed state. He set a guard at the entrance to the Garden so that there was no way that they could re-enter it. The Scriptures don't say how long they were in the Garden before they disobeyed. It could have even been up to almost a hundred years. Apparently they didn't consummate their marriage until after they left the Garden. At that point Eve became pregnant with Cain, & possibly Abel. (They may have been twins.) Cain was the first born. They also had many other children. When Cain & Abel grew up, Cain was a farmer & Abel was a Shepherd. Apparently there was a set time to offer sacrifices. Maybe this was something that the whole clan participated in. At that time Cain brought the stuff he had grown, but refused to bring a blood sacrifice to go with it. His brother Abel brought the best of his first born lambs. God accepted Abel's offering, but refused to even look at Cain's. Because of this, Cain got upset. So God told him that if he did it right, he would be forgiven, but if he didn't, sin was crouching at his door & was ready to consume him. Apparently he confided in his brother Abel, & Abel encouraged him to do what was right. Cain at that point didn't want to hear what his brother had to say anymore, so he silenced him by taking his breath away. [He may have slit his throat just like what is done with a sacrifice.] Even though he tried to shut his brother up, his brother's blood cried out to God from the ground.[And the scriptures say that Abel still speaks!] After that God told him the ground would no longer grow things for him & then He put a mark on him, so that if anybody found him, they wouldn't slay him in revenge for his brother. It's possible that the mark was two parallel lines, which was later developed into the number 7 & the letter z, & a picture of a weapon, all in the Hebrew letter 'zayin'. God said that if anybody slew Cain, God would avenge his blood sevenfold.

From this point on, Adam's family divides into two separate groups. We'll start with Cain's clan, and then we'll get back to the clan of Seth (Everybody who is alive today came from the clan of Seth.) The names in the two genealogies tell the story. Cain's genealogy is in the 4th chapter of Genesis. Seth's genealogy starts at the end of the 4th chapter of Genesis & continues through the whole of the 5th chapter. The Nephilim then enter the picture in the first part of Genesis chapter 6.

After God put a mark on Cain, he left (more like he fled out of fear) the land of Eden, & went into the land of Nod. Nod means 'aimless wandering'. He took his wife with him. (She was either his sister or his niece.). He then began building a fortified, walled city, because he was afraid that somebody or some critter was going to kill him. He eventually named it 'Enoch' after his first born son. The name means 'to wet the palate' or 'to entice'. His plan was to entice people to bring their goods into the city to trade them for other goods. In other words, his goal was to make it into a market place, because the ground would no longer produce it's crops for him. (Apparently by this time his fear had subsided to some extant.) Apparently his plan succeeded because his son 'Enoch' names one of his sons 'Townsman' (Irad). By the time Townsman reached adulthood the city of Enoch or Enticement had become very successful, so it's citizens began to boast about it's status. Townsman named one of his sons 'M-coo-yael!' (Mehujael) which means '**From-the-very-first-and-strongest-village!**' By the time this kid grew up, people weren't afraid to say that Cain (which means 'spear' or 'lance') was the founder of the city, so they changed M-coo-yael's name to 'M-key-yael' which means '**From-the-first-born-living-person!**' They honored Cain/Spear & his ways. Apparently at that point in time, God put a damper on their boast, because M-key-yael then has a son whom he names '**Meth-u-shael**' which means '**His death also demanded**', which indicates that 'the first born living person' was no longer living! Maybe the critter waiting at his door to devour Cain finally caught up with him. (Either that, or he may have gotten underfoot of a dinosaur & was deeply impressed!) Well **Meth-u-shael** was not to be deterred! He then goes on to name his son '**The Conqueror!**' (**Lamech!**) The attitude of Cain's descendants gradually becomes a full scale rebellion against God. **Lamech the Conqueror** breaks loose by taking two wives at the same time! The first one is named 'Ornament' (Adah) & the second one is named 'Shade' with the idea of shielding something from the brightness of the light (Zillah). Adah bears him Stream (Yabel) & River (Yubal) [They may have been twins.] & Zillah bears him 'Flow (Tubal)-Spear (Cain)'. It could be translated as 'Propagation of Spear'. It's my guess that these 3 sons were born around the same time. Zillah also bears him a daughter whom he names 'Delightful Pleasure' (Naamah). When these kids grew up, Tubal-Cain became a 'loteish' [Somebody who sharpens metal objects.] His half brother Yabel raised livestock and was the first to live in a tent. His brother Yubal invented musical instruments, both wind & string. **So.. Lamech now has weapons from Tubal Cain, & transportation from Yabel & music to sing his boasts from Yubal.** One day a young man clobbered him. (It may have been deliberate, or it may have been accidental.) He retaliated by killing the young man. He then declares to his two wives that it's because Cain/Spear will be avenged sevenfold and Lamech the Conqueror seventy-seven fold. [Apparently whatever was the cause of Cain's death had not been avenged up until this point. The Hebrew is future tense. The KJV brings this out.] It may have been that the young man or his family was somehow responsible for Cain's death. Whether or not this is true, it was at this point in History that the pre-Flood world began to grow violent. Through his sons talents Lamech would have been able to have his own army & conqueror those whom he wanted to take vengeance upon.

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