

BIB 201 The Pentateuch

Lesson 3

**Human History part II: From the Fall to the Flood**

Intro. Now that the origin of the universe has been established, the next step in the progression is Human history. What happened since the inception of sin into the universe. We follow this line unto the destruction of the entire earth by the flood.

The world is to be divided up into two lines Cain and Abel and later Cain and Seth. From these two lines are the ungodly and the godly, the unsaved and the saved.

“The Bible is written with a single purpose in view, to make known to man the redeeming love of God, and to present the unfolding of the way of salvation along a chosen Messianic line. Everything in the record is subjected to this purpose. Had it been the intention in these Writings to outline the history of the world, much that is in them would have been omitted, and much that is omitted would have been included, and much that is included would have been elaborated, and much would have been condensed.”  
Scroggie

Foreshadowing = to shadow or typify beforehand. This is the key to understanding the book of Genesis.

1. Cain and Abel and their offerings - foreshadowing propitiation and persecution Gen. 4:1-15
  2. The approach toward God - religion or righteousness Philippians 3
    3. There was a place, (likely the East of Eden) There it appears there was an altar and an appointed time to offer (sabbath) as they had obviously received instruction relating to their offerings.
    4. God would accept the offering by sending fire from heaven. Imagine Cain's displeasure as no fire came and he looked foolish.
  5. The attitude toward grace - refusing or accepting a sacrificial substitute (Christ)
  6. The animosity toward godliness
    7. Verse 7-8 Cain refused to offer the appropriate blood sacrifice and would lose the right of rule of the firstborn to Abel which he refused to submit to and chose to kill him instead.
    8. II Tim. 3:12 *“yea and all that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution”*
    9. I John 3:11-15

Note: Heb. 12:24 Abel's blood cries out for vengeance; Christ's blood cries out for justification and forgiveness!

Note: the descendants of Cain were the originators of music and images 4:21-22. Is it possible these were ways of easing the conscience from the guilt of sin. Modern emphasis upon music and images. Certainly nothing wrong with music.

2. Genealogies of Cain and Seth - foreshadowing perpetuity  
Gen. 4:16-5:32
  - the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent
    - a. the sinful line Genesis 4:16-24 Cain father of flesh
    - b. the Sovereign line Genesis 5
    - c. the Savior's line Mt. 1 Luke 3

Note: notice that here and throughout the bible when genealogies are given they always start with the sinful line and end in the Savior's line.

Note: Enoch pictures a translation to heaven before death

3. The Great Apostasy - foreshadowing peril  
Gen. 6 - 8:14

Note: Comment on the sons of God going into the daughters of men

Note: Methuselah - when he is dead it shall be sent. Flood comes the year he dies

- a. the wickedness of man Mt. 24 the days of Noe - when there is no longer enough salt to prevent the rotting of a society Divine judgment is looming.
- b. destruction of earth II Peter 3:5

4. The Great deliverance - foreshadowing preservation

5. the grace of God I Peter 3:20 II Peter 2:9
6. provision is made in the ark - a type of the cross

Note: Quite possibly foreshadowing the rapture of the saints prior to the destruction of the earth. Noah is in the ark seven days prior to the flood

Note: Worldwide flood Gen. 7:23 else why take animals on ark if it is regional

Conclusion

The first part of human history foreshadows the ultimate fate of this earth in a few short chapters. This reveals the cyclical nature of the Bible revelation. The entire destiny starts with sin and ends in destruction.