

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

Sin, Judgment & Glimpses of Grace
(Genesis 4-11)

The Kingdom of God

*God's people in God's place under
God's rule and blessing*

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KINGDOM THEME	Modeled (Gen. 1-2)	Lost (Gen. 3-11)
God's People	Adam & Eve	Noah (?)
God's Place	Garden of Eden	Nowhere
God's Rule	Life under His direct word	Disobedience to His word
God's Blessing	God's presence and provision	Curse and judgment

Life in Exile

Chapters 4-11: Structure

- Four genealogies
 - contrast the line of the “seed” of the woman and the line of the other “seed”
- Interspersed by three narratives:
 - Cain's murder of Abel
 - The flood account
 - The tower of Babel

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Cain: Sin's Progression

1. Cain's sin and punishment

- close parallels with the story of the Fall
- notable dissimilarities with the first sin

Sin is more firmly entrenched and man is further alienated from God

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Cain: Sin's Progression

2. Cain's descendants (“seed”)

- not part of the line of the promised “seed of the woman”
- represents those opposed to the line of the promise (1 John 3:12)
- The beginning of civilization is tainted by sin and grows progressively worse

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Seth: The "Seed" Preserved

1. Eve's expression of faith
 - Seth is the replacement "seed" of Abel
 - Through the line of Seth, God's promise will be fulfilled

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2. The Line of Seth
 - indication of the godliness of this line
 - seen in contrast to the line of Cain
 - God is pictured specifically as the father of this line

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3. The birth of Noah
 - named in hope that he would be the one who delivers from the curse
 - he becomes a fulfillment of the promise of the seed

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Enoch: An Exception

- Enoch is an example of one who found life amid the curse of death
- Reason for not dying? He "*walked with God*"

Enoch is a paradigm for all who seek life:
The way – walk with God!