

- OVERVIEW FOR GEN 4-11 - One theme

- 4 Murder of Abel
- 5 Genealogies
- 6 Weird giants and bad people
- 6-8 Noah almighty & the ark
- 9 Noah gets drunk; curses *wrong* guy
- 10 Genealogies
- 11 First skyscraper project goes bad

*I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring (seed) and her offspring (**seed**) ; he shall bruise your head,* Gen 3:15 (FIRST GOSPEL)

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only **Son**, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.* John 3:16

- The only way a person gets saved is by grace through faith, believing the promises of God for a Savior. Were people in the OT saved by keeping the law? No, they believed the promise that God was going to send this “seed” and crush the head of the snake.
- The bad news in v 19. Adam’s **submission** to God turns to **rebellion** and the Ground **rebels** against Adam, a gift in that working so hard restrains sin.
 - Work ... TOIL.
 - Life ... DEATH

By the sweat of your brow you will eat food until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you will return.”

*The man names his wife **EVE**, because she would become the mother of all the living.* Gen 3:19-20

- Eve - named “life giver”, right after Adam found out he was going to die. Statement of faith: through Eve will come the seed who will smash the serpent and give life back based on God’s response.

The Lord God made garments from skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them. Gen 3:21

- God’s response in v 21 to Adam’s statement...The Lesson... Adam is going to die but believes through Eve will come life (expression of faith), so God says “Ok, I will cover your sin”. Adam believed in the coming Messiah and God saved him.

- Summary of 3:19-21 - The first salvation!
 - 3:19 News of Adam's **death**
 - 3:20 Expression of **faith** in promise
 - 3:21 **Covering of sin** with death of innocent substitute
- Adam's probable next question ... "Can I have the Scepter back now?!" No!

*Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" therefore the Lord **God sent him out from the garden of Eden** to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life. Gen 3:22-24*

- **WHAT DOES THE TREE OF LIFE REPRESENT?**

It's not just endless life, but fullness of life. The absolute satiation of the deepest desires... aesthetic desires for beauty, romantic desires for love, epistemic desires for knowledge, absolute satiation a million times over of the greatest amount you could want.

The tree of life represents immortal, eternal, but also irretrievable loss. A cosmic nostalgia, a longing for something we remember yet never have. In all the music you go to, to give yourself a "high", you're actually looking for a song you remember but never heard. What you're looking for in love is for arms you remember but you never really had. It's like there's a cosmic sense that everybody has that there is something more

"Most people, if they had really learned to look into their own hearts, would know that they do want, and want acutely, something that cannot be had in this world. There are all sorts of things that offer to give it to you, but they never quite keep their promise. The longings which arise in us when we first fall in love, or first think of some foreign country, or first take up some subject that excites us, are longings which no marriage, no travel, no learning, can really satisfy. I am not now speaking of what would be ordinarily called unsuccessful marriages, or holidays, or learned careers. I am speaking of the best possible ones. There was something we grasped at, in that first moment of longing, which just fades away in the reality. Our lifelong nostalgia, our longing to be reunited with something in the universe in which we now feel cut off. Our longing to be inside of some door which we always see from the outside." - C.S. Lewis

*But I still haven't found what I'm looking for.
 (this world is not our home, there's something out there)
 But I still haven't found what I'm looking for
 I believe in the Kingdom Come (there's a Messiah coming back)
 Then all the colors will bleed into one. Bleed into one.
 But yes, I'm still running.
 You broke the bonds and you loosed the chains
 Carried the cross of my shame
 Of my shame, you know I believe it. U2*



- **The tree of life represents the fullness of satisfaction that only comes from being in the presence of Christ.**
- Is Jesus not enough?
 - Yes... But until he returns... the curse, sin, Satan and distance from Jesus remain.
 - This produces a “holy discontent” (separation, sadness, suffering) with this world where the godly “mourn for they will be comforted,” when he returns. If you’re not motivated by that you’ll never say... Thy Kingdom come.
 - God is actually ‘passing the baton’

Gen 1 Gen 3 (sin curse  sin curse) Rev 19 Rev 21

On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. Rev 22:2

- Adam can not have the Scepter back because there’s another tree that has to come. Jesus’s obedience to the cross.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

- Do you assume there is a dream waiting for you that will give you lasting satisfaction? A marriage, a job, fame? None of those ultimately satisfy. You’ll set expectations that will ultimately cause you to question if there’s something wrong with you, your marriage, your job or this life.
- Set your hope completely on when Jesus comes back a second time.

3:22-24

- **Problem:** We’ve been kicked out of our home & the tree! God left it there so they will know what they have lost.
- **Goal:** Let’s get back in!
- **How:** The seed, the second tree. Adam and Eve must have children.

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As we study the Bible what exactly is it that God wants us to see?

“Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another, showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God’s way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.” 2 Tim 3:16-17 —The Message

The most common answers are either history or morality and that’s why most people never make it past Leviticus.

1. **Historical**– inform the reader about facts that happened in the past
What’s good about this? The Bible is true and accurate
What’s the problem?
2. **Moral**– inform the reader about how to behave
What’s good about this? Most of us need to behave better
What’s the problem? Every story does not prescriptively tell me how to . . .
 And becoming a nice person isn’t really what God cares about most
3. **Theological**– revealing WHO God is to draw the reader . . .
What’s good about this?
What’s the problem?

1B The Word of God Is Fulfilled in the First Generation of the Seeds, 4:1-26

1C The growing conflict caused by the evil seed, 4:1-24

What was Eve thinking in 4:1?

How do the sacrifices clue us into color?

What do we learn about God’s character?

What is the big idea of the story?

2C The preservation of the righteous seed, 4:25-26

2A God's Word Selects One in Each Generation as His Seed in the Progressive Conflict with Evil, 5:1—6:8

1B *The Election of the Godly Seed From Adam,* 5:1-32

Why does 5:1 repeat the words of 1:26-27?

Does chapter 5 chronologically come after chapter 4?

Who is the seventh generation in chapters 4 and 5?

2B *The Conflict Deepens the Break Down in the Created Order,* 6:1-8



3A God's Word Brings Judgment on Evil and Deliverance of Righteous Noah Through the Flood to Introduce a New World, 6:9—9:29

1B *God's Word of Preparation,* 6:9—7:9

2B *God's Judgment,* 7:6—8:19

3B *The New Order of Life* 9:1-17

After reading 9:1 would you think Noah was “the one”?

After reading 9:2 would you think Noah was “the one”?

4B *God's Word Through Noah Separates Shem From Canaan* 9:18-29

Does this story make God look fair?

Who “does the deed”

Who gets blessed?

Who gets cursed?

If the question is *not* “Is God fair?”, what *is* the question that Moses is answering for us?

4A God's Word of Judgment Comes upon the Families Which Settle in the New World in Order to Thwart Corporate Rebellion, 10:1—11:9

Whose name were the Babelites working for?

Where did they find security?

Were these goals wrong in themselves? What made them wrong?

5A God's Word Continues to Select One of Each Generation as His Seed until Abram, 11:10-26