

## Genesis 4-7

### ***An overview of Chapter 4***

Adam and Eve have two children, and because of Eve's sin the birth was painful. The two sons grow up to be different, Cain is a farmer and Abel is a rancher. Both brothers bring an offering to the Lord, but only Abel and his offering are acceptable. God shows his love to Cain by consoling and advising him. In verse 7 the Lord gives Cain two pieces of advice: if you do well then you will be happy, but if you do not do well then sin is waiting for you and you will need to overcome it.

Cain does not take God's advice and allows his jealousy to build to the point that he kills his own brother. The Lord speaks with Cain again, but this time it is to punish him. Cain will be a wanderer and the land will no longer yield much produce to him. When Cain complains that the punishment is too severe God shows some grace to him. Cain then leaves the presence of the Lord.

Cain has a family and Adam and Eve have another child whom they name Seth.

### ***An overview of Chapter 5***

The first 28 verses of this chapter is a genealogy. One of the most important parts of this genealogy is the phrase, "*and he died.*" Adam dies showing God's word to be true, and this pattern continues for each generation after that. One exception is found in verse 24 where it says "*Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.*"

We are introduced to Noah about whom we are told, "*This one will give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands arising from the ground which the Lord has cursed.*"

### ***An overview of Chapter 6***

God ordained the marriage relationship in chapter 2 to be between a man and a woman, but that is deviated from here as the angels begin to marry females. The offspring of this type of unholy marriages is called Nephilim, and they are mighty people.

*"The wickedness of man was great on the earth."* Because of this, wickedness the Lord says he is sorry and grieved that He made humans. The Lord decides that 120 years from now He will destroy humankind by sending a flood over the entire earth.

Noah was different than the rest of the people on earth, he walked with God, was blameless, and righteous. God decides to save him from the world's destruction and start the world over with him. God gives him the instructions for building an ark and tells him to bring two of every kind of animal onto the ark.

This chapter ends with a phrase that hopefully could be said about each of us someday, "*Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him.*"

### ***An Overview of Chapter 7***

Now that the ark is built the Lord gives further instruction to Noah that he is supposed to bring seven of the clean animals in and 2 of other animals. Noah completes this task and enters the ark, and the Lord closes the door behind him.

For the first time it rains on the earth and it lasts for 40 days, and there was so much water that all the mountains were covered. All human and animal life were destroyed except Noah and his family. The water remained for 150 days.

***Reflection***

When you bring an offering to God, do you understand that God looks at you. If you are struggling with happiness are you "doing well." When the Lord instructs you to do something, do you do it? Do you walk with the Lord and live a righteous and blameless life?

***For Further Study***

Cain and Abel: Hebrews 11:4, Hebrews 12:22-24, 1John 3:11-12

Death: Psalm 23:4, Romans 5:12-21, Romans 6:23, 1Corinthians 15:26, 54-57

Nephilim: Numbers 13:33

Noah: Matthew 24:37-39, Hebrews 11:7, 1Peter 3:18-20, 2Peter 2:4-10