

Elpis Israel

for Young People

The Antedeluvian Apostasy

Class 17

Introductions:

Pin up sheets – who is joining us.

Review

Last week

- We looked at Cain and Abel
- Looked at how we need to decide if we want to be part of the “seed of the woman” or part of the “seed of the serpent”
- This is a practical decision we make each day of our lives – in how we treat each other, “am I my brother’s keeper”?

The Antedeluvian Apostasy

Antedeluvian

- Ante – preceding (before)
- Apostasy
646 apostasia { ap-os-tas-ee'-ah }
feminine of the same as 647; TDNT - 1:513,88; n f
AV - to forsake + 575 1, falling away 1; 2
GK - 686 { ἀποστασία }
1) a falling away, defection, apostasy

Descendants of Cain

- Didn't have to be physical descendants
 - could resign from the ranks of the “seed of the woman” and join them
 - And visa versa
- **Jude 11** *Woe unto them! for **they have gone in the way of Cain**, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.*
- When we look at the descendants of Cain – we see they followed his “way”

Cain making a name for himself:

Genesis 4:17 *And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and **called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.***

- Cain builds a city or a society
 - He is making a “name for himself”
 - Can be seen in how he names the city

Worksheet:

Enoch

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| 2585 | dedicated - from 2596 - to train, dedicate, inaugurate |
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- This city is dedicated to TRAINING
- This city will be a society of EDUCATION – in the things of the world
 - 1 Cor 1:19-21** *For it is written, I will **destroy the wisdom of the wise**, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? **hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?** For after that in the wisdom of God **the world by wisdom knew not God**, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*
 - The world BY WISDOM – KNEW NOT GOD
- The wisdom of this world is worth nothing to God – it gets in the way of his purposes:
 - 1 Cor 3:19-20** *For the **wisdom of this world is foolishness with God**. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.*
 - It was the WISDOM of the SERPENT that sent Adam and Eve down the wrong path
 - They thought they knew better than God
 - Grasped hold of a PART TRUTH and the invented ideas that went along with it.
- Cain established a society built on this kind of wisdom

Lamech & His Family (Concordance Exercise):

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| Lamech | 3929 | Powerful, overthrower | |
| Adah | 5711 | ornament- to put on something beautiful | |
| Zillah | 6741 | Shade or shadow - a place to run to for protection | |
| Jabel | 2989 | Stream of water - to flow | Father of dwell in tents & have cattle |
| Jubal | 3106 | water - to bring forth | Father of such as handle harp & organ |
| Tubal Cain | 8423 | thou will brought of Cain (the spear) | Father of artificer in brass & iron |

- These are those who “flow from Cain” – the spear
- They are the seed of the “overthrower”

The Character of these men:

- Summed up in Lamech's boast:

Genesis 4:23-24 *And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt. If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.*

RV: *"Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; you wives of Lamech, hearken to what I say: I have slain a man for wounding me, a young man for striking me. If Cain is avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy-sevenfold."*

- Seen in what they become:

Genesis 6:4-6 *There were **giants** [*Nephilim*] in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became **mighty men** [*gibbor*] which were of old, **men of renown**. And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.*

- Renown: 8034 – shem – fame

Genesis 6:11-12 *The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had **corrupted his way** upon the earth.*

- Not the kind of people that God chooses:

1 Cor 1:26-29 *For ye see your calling, brethren, how that **not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called**: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: **That no flesh should glory in his presence.***

Those who called themselves by the name of the LORD

On the other side of the family – the seed of the woman we see a different spirit:

Genesis 4:25-26 *And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: **then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.***

Margin: *“to call themselves by the name of the LORD”*

Rather than trying to make a name for themselves – they were naming themselves after God

- We see this same principle throughout the scriptures:

Isaiah 44:5 *One shall say, **I am the LORD’S**; and another shall **call himself by the name of Jacob**; and another shall **subscribe with his hand unto the LORD**, and **surname himself by the name of Israel**!*

- Called themselves after the name of the LORD
- Called themselves by the name of Jacob
- Subscribe [be **engraven**] with his hand unto the LORD
- Surname himself by the name of Israel – “Ruler with God”

This is part of the promise that is made to true believers – part of our Goal

- Not looking to glorify ourselves – but to glorify GOD! – Fill the earth with his glory!
- We are looking to have a **NEW NAME**:

Revelation 2:17 *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, **and in the stone a new name written**, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.*

- We are looking to be **ENGRAVEN** with the **NAME OF MY GOD**

Revelation 3:12 *Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and **I will write upon him the name of my God**, and **the name of the city of my God**, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and **I will write upon him my new name**.*

- This name is written in our foreheads

Revelation 22:4 *And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.*

- Do you think we will really have a name branded into our foreheads?
- What does this mean?

- It means to have the MIND OF CHRIST:

Phil 2:5-8 ***Let this mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the*

likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

- With this name in our minds – it will dictate how we live – day by day:
Phil 2:15-16 *That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, **in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life;** that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.*
 - Very similar to the picture of Noah's day – a crooked and perverse nation
- The NEW NAME – linked with the NEW MAN – the SEED OF THE WOMAN – Born of the WORD OF GOD:
Col 3:10-16 *And **have put on the new man,** which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And **let the peace of God rule in your hearts,** to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly** in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*
- This name will eventually change our mortal bodies.... If we manifest the God now in our lives – identifying ourselves with him
 - Being “called by his name”
 - We will be changed:**1 John 3:2** *Beloved, **now are we the sons of God,** and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, **when he shall appear, we shall be like him;** for we shall see him as he is.*