

**Panorama Bible Study**  
***The Plan of the Ages, Study 3***  
 THE DISPENSATION OF CONSCIENCE  
 FROM THE EXPULSION FROM EDEN TO THE FLOOD

1. Genesis 4:1 “Adam **KNEW** Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare **CAIN**...”

Again, the example of “**know**” in the Bible means **UNION and INTIMACY**. To **KNOW** Jesus in the Biblical sense of the salvation experience is to be in **UNION** with Him—intimate and acknowledging His Headship in our lives.

Cain was the **FIRSTBORN**. God is allowing a **PATTERN** to develop in the scriptures: The **FAILURE of the FIRST**, but **God’s MERCY and GRACE in raising up the SECOND**.

Examples: First Adam, then Second Adam, The Lord Jesus Christ  
 First Cain, then Second offspring, Abel (murdered and replaced by Seth)  
 First Ishmael, then Second offspring, Isaac  
 First Esau, then Second offspring, Jacob

*(\*Note: Even in Jacob’s life, God illustrates the pattern of the **FIRST representing the FAILURES, our sinful, fallen flesh nature** and the need for a **CHANGE to the SECOND**. **Jacob’s name** means “**supplanter, deceiver**.” When he was transformed by God, God **changed his name to ISRAEL**. He became a “**spiritual**” man and no longer dominated by his fallen, flesh nature. His new name **ISRAEL** means “**as a PRINCE you have power with God and you have prevailed**.”)*

First Saul of Tarsus, then Paul the Apostle

2. Genesis 4:2 **Abel** (means “breath”) a keeper of **SHEEP**. **Cain** (means “fixed,” “strike fast,” “spear”) a tiller of the **GROUND**.

**IMPORTANT QUESTION:** When Adam and Eve fell in the Garden, WHAT DID GOD CURSE?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. Genesis 4:3-5 **Cain** brings God an offering of the fruit of the **GROUND!!!** **Abel** brings a **FIRSTLING** of his sheep.

God **REJECTS Cain’s** fruit of the **GROUND**, but **ACCEPTS Abel’s** firstling of the **sheep**.

The New Testament Book of Hebrews (11:4) tells us that **Abel**, “**by faith**, offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain.”

**QUESTION:** Why does the Book of Hebrews tell us that **Abel’s** offering was **by FAITH** and that **Abel was RIGHTEOUS** in his offering? (Remember, **without FAITH**, it is **IMPOSSIBLE** to please God. Hebrews 11:6)

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Genesis 4:7 Even after rejecting Cain’s offering from the **CURSED GROUND**, God gave him an opportunity to “**DO WELL.**” God was allowing him time to bring an acceptable sacrifice—a living, substitutionary sacrifice which would show **FAITH in God’s promise of the TRUE SUBSTITUTIONARY SACRIFICE of the SAVIOR**—The **SEED of Woman** He had promised Eve. God warned Cain that unless he “**DID WELL,**” **SIN** was at the **DOOR** of his heart, ready to **OVERTAKE** him but that Cain should **not** allow it and **RULE OVER SIN.**
5. Genesis 4:8 The **FIRST MURDER.** The **CAUSE?** Jealousy and Pride. (Cain was just like his “**spiritual**” daddy, the **Devil!** **Jesus** is referring to this **ORIGINAL MURDER** when He said to the Pharisees and the unbelieving Jews, “Ye are of **your father the devil**, and the lusts of your father ye will do. **He was a MURDERER from the beginning**, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a **lie**, he speaketh of his own: for **he is a liar**, and the father of it.”) (John 8:44)
6. Genesis 4:9 God questions Cain as to Abel’s whereabouts—just like He did with Adam and Eve. The Omniscient God knew where Adam was after the Fall and He knew that Abel was dead at Cain’s hands. God was asking the question in order for Cain to know that He **knew** and to make Cain come face-to-face with his own sinful act of violence. In the illustration with God calling out to Adam and in this illustration of God questioning Cain, we see how the Holy Spirit works in our lives when we sin: The **Holy Spirit** is the **One** who **CONVICTS** us of sin. The Holy Spirit causes us to be introspective. The Holy Spirit “throws the Light” on the problem.

Notice that in questioning Cain, God is giving him the opportunity to **CONFESS his sin, BUT he LIES!!!** It is unfathomable that Cain would **LIE to the God** who knows **EVERYTHING!** This shows that if we harbor sin instead of releasing it to God, the sin/rebellion takes us into complete **DARKNESS** of spirit and soul—an inability to

even “think straight” spiritually—**SELF-deluded**. **Cain** even makes an **ARROGANT** remark to God: “Am I my brother’s keeper?” The right answer to that question for Cain and for all Christians is **“YES.”** Christians are our “brother’s keeper” because we “Keep” or “Hold” the message of salvation that God commands us to share with the world.

7. Genesis 4:10 The Bible tells us that the **“Life is in the blood.”** God says that Abel’s **BLOOD** cries up to Him from the ground.
8. Genesis 4:11 God tells Cain that he is **“CURSED from the earth**, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother’s blood from thy hand.”
9. Genesis 4:13 God extended a measure of Grace and Mercy unto Cain in giving him physical protection from those seeking to kill him. The **“mark”** placed on Cain is **NOT identified** in the scriptures. Other scriptures use the word **“mark”** in a spiritual sense of God’s Hand upon that person and no visible sign. (See Ezekiel 9:4)

Notice on the Panorama illustration of study 3 that Cain multiplied, but the same earth that opened her mouth to receive his brother’s blood, opened her mouth during Noah’s flood and **all of Cain’s descendants PERISHED**.

**\*Lesson Learned:** Thank God we are **NOT CURSED** but **BLESSED** by HIM, all because of the **OBEDIENCE of JESUS CHRIST!!!**

10. Genesis 4:16 A very sad scripture. Cain **WENT OUT FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD**.

**\*Lesson Learned:** Sin **DRIVES** us **FROM** the **PRESENCE** of the Lord.

11. Genesis 4:17 Cain’s **WIFE!**

**QUESTION:** Who was Cain’s wife?

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

Most scholars believe that Cain’s wife was either a sister or a niece, since Adam and Eve continued to have children and, with the length of time that had passed, Cain’s wife could have been a niece. But there is no getting around the fact that Eve was the “mother of all living” and that God initially permitted the intermarrying at this stage in order to begin the human race. As evidenced by the long life span of these people, the degradation of the

human genetics and DNA caused by sin and Fallen bodies was slow, since Adam and Eve had originally been created in perfect physical condition and had access to the longevity granted by the Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden. Therefore, the “effects” we see today from people of close kinship marrying and having offspring with handicaps and defective genes, didn’t occur immediately after the Fall in the Garden. Again, God permitted this to establish the human race, but as soon as the earth was sufficiently populated and the effects of sin upon the human body began to be evident in those of close kinship intermarrying, God introduced the law of Moses prohibiting marrying close relatives. (Leviticus 18:20)

12. Genesis 4:25 God gives Adam and Eve another child, **Seth** (means “appointed,” “seedling”). **He would be the beginning of the seed of the Messiah, Jesus. \*\*Follow the red line in the Panorama.**

13. Genesis 4:26 The lineage of Seth began to “call upon the name of the Lord.”

14. Genesis 5:1-2 **VERY IMPORTANT WORDING ABOUT HOW GOD CREATED MANKIND.**

“...in the day that God created **MAN**, in the **LIKENESS of GOD**, made He him; **MALE and FEMALE** created He them; and blessed them, and called **THEIR NAME ADAM**, in the day when they were created.”

**QUESTION:** How did God create man in verse 1 above?

**ANSWER:** In the **LIKENESS of GOD**.

**QUESTION:** So, how did God make MAN in order for man to be IN GOD’S LIKENESS?

**ANSWER:** Male and female God created **HIM**.

God called **THEIR NAME ADAM!!!** This is **NOT** saying that Adam physically looked both MALE AND FEMALE when God created him. It is showing, however, that God “pictured” **Eve IN Adam**, even *before* the rib was removed. She is in every way representative of humanity as Adam is. In fact, it takes considering **BOTH Adam and Eve**, in their original sinless state, for us to see what God is like **SPIRITUALLY** (His character, attributes, essence, etc.), since they were “made in the image of God.”

By God **calling them both ADAM** and, therefore, God “picturing” **Eve IN Adam before** she was brought forth, God is giving us a “picture” of seeing the **“Bride of Christ,”** (us, “Spiritual Eve”) **IN Second Adam, Jesus Christ**. Look at the following scriptures which support this:

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are **IN Christ Jesus**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” (Romans 8:1)

“So we, being many, are one body **IN Christ**, and every one members one of another.” (Romans 12:5)

“For as **IN Adam** all die, even so **IN Christ** shall all be made alive.” (I Corinthians 15:22)

Just as Eve was **IN Adam** and was brought forth not only as a “**help-meet**,” but also to bring forth **LIFE upon the Earth**, God says the **Christian is IN Christ** and we are brought forth as “**helpers**”-- to bring the **ETERNAL LIFE of the everlasting Gospel to the world**. (Scripture interprets Scripture. Scripture lays down types, shadows, profiles, metaphors, patterns that build on prior Scripture.)

**15.** Genesis 5:4 States Adam and Eve had other sons and daughters. Therefore, this is why Cain’s wife could have been a niece.

**16.** Genesis 5:5 **Adam** lived to be **930 years old**, but he was **NOT** the oldest who ever lived. Given his age, scholars have estimated that the earth could have easily been populated to the number we see portrayed by the time of the flood.

**17.** Genesis 5:7 Is a careful detailing of the **generations of the LINE OF THE MESSIAH coming through SETH, beginning with his firstborn, ENOS.**

**18.** Genesis 5:21-23 Seth’s line continues until we come to **ENOCH** who had **METHUSELAH, the oldest man to ever live. 969 years!!**

There is special attention given to **ENOCH** and his son, **METHUSELAH**, because their **NAMES** and their **LIFE-SPANS** are **PROPHETIC!!!** It records that **ENOCH** was a very **Godly** man. It uses the same terminology in describing Enoch and God that was used of Adam in communion with God in the Garden of Eden—**WALKING** together:

**19.** Genesis 5:24 “And **Enoch WALKED** with God: and **he was NOT**; for **God TOOK him.**”

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*** This is the **FIRST** recorded “**TRANSLATION**” of a **human being** in the Scripture and is recorded for a reason!!! (Note: The word “**translation**” in this context means to “**Transport and change.**” Enoch **NEVER DIED**, but was “**changed and transported**” to Heaven!!! The New Testament Book of Hebrews tells us how this occurred:

“**By faith Enoch was translated** that he should **not see death**; and was **not found**, because **God had translated him**: for before his translation **he had this testimony, that he pleased God.**” (Hebrews 11:5)

So **FAITH**, the way to please God, **has always been available to humanity**. Since **Enoch** lived to be **365 YEARS old**, some scholars think the **365 is representative of the DAYS IN A YEAR**. With the Law of Moses and the worship God instituted under Moses, the **SPIRITUAL LIFE** of the Hebrew people was centered around a **RELIGIOUS YEAR** of 7 Feasts scheduled throughout the year. Perhaps Enoch is a picture of the completion and fulfillment of all that the religious year and feasts symbolized—**FAITH IN THE COMING REDEEMER**. Like **ENOCH’S life** illustrated, this **FAITH** would **TRANSFORM** and **TRANSLATE** the **believer** into a **NEW CREATION**, fit for the **PALACES** of **HEAVEN!**

**20. Genesis 5:27 METHUSELAH’S name** means “**When he is dead, it (the flood) will come.**”

Imagine that!!! Every time Methuselah’s name was called they were saying, “Hey, you! ‘Mr. When He is dead, It will come.’” Every time Mrs. Methuselah called him for dinner, she was saying, “Honey, ‘Mr. When He is dead, It will come.’ Dinner’s ready!” What a reminder God was giving everyone who heard his name!!!

**QUESTION:** Since God gave Methuselah’s name to indicate that at his death the flood was coming, what do you think God was saying to us when He allowed Methuselah to live the longest of any human being in the Bible?

**ANSWER:** (See Romans 2:4)

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**21. Genesis 5:28-29 Methuselah had Lamech and Lamech had NOAH** (means “rest”)

Lamech spoke prophetically of his son, Noah, saying that “this same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the **GROUND** which the Lord hath **CURSED.**” Remember, the **GROUND** would later be **FLOODED**. It is prophetically noteworthy that Lamech lived to be the “trinity” number of God’s completion/perfection: **777**. Some scholars think the **perfect number of 777** indicates the **PERFECTION of the plan of God** in ultimately judging the world at the **CROSS** and **FLOODING SIN** with His **JUDGMENT** but also **FLOODING us with His Grace/Redemption**. That number stands in stark contrast to the “trinity” number of the **beast in the Book of Revelation: 666, the number of rebellion, self-rule, disorder.**

22. Genesis 5:30 Noah had family members who did not make it into the Ark.
23. Genesis 5:32 **IMPORTANT: Noah's 3 sons** will be the **FATHERS** of **all** the **racess/nations** that currently populate the earth:
- (1) **SHEM**: The line of the **REDEEMER**. Is why the people of **Israel** are sometimes called **SEMITES**. (The letter "H" is left out in contemporary spellings. It is where we get the word "**anti-Semitism**." It means **Anti-SHEM**.)
  - (2) **HAM** (See Panorama illustration for the nations populated by the descendants of Ham.)
  - (3) **JAPHETH** (The lineage of most Americans and Europeans.)
24. Genesis 6:1-3 The intermarriage of the Godly with the Ungodly. This is **Satan's** attempt to **CORRUPT the line of the SEED of the REDEEMER** which was promised to Eve in the Garden. Satan understood that prophecy and tried to destroy it throughout the Old Testament and even into the New Testament when he was the influence behind the slaughter of the infants at Jesus' birth.
25. Genesis 6:3 God introduces His **PATTERN** in the **FIRST** usage of the **number 120**. The number **120** will be used throughout the Old Testament to symbolize **THE LAW AND JUDGMENT**. God graciously gave mankind 120 more years to repent, but they would not. The New Testament states that Noah was a "Preacher of Righteousness" during this time as he and his sons faithfully constructed an **ARK** on dry land and not near a large body of water.
26. Genesis 6:4 I do **NOT** believe the "sons of God" in this scripture refer to **FALLEN ANGELS** cohabitating with mortal women and sexually reproducing **GIANTS**. Some respected scholars teach this. I believe it just indicates that the Godly people were being corrupted by the Ungodly. There were "**GIANTS**" even **AFTER the FLOOD**. David killed **Goliath, a GIANT**. So I don't think this is one of the reasons God **FLOODED** the Earth. As discussed earlier, the effects of sin upon our physical bodies and genetics over a period of time begin to manifest in human physical conditions that were not God's original design in the Garden of Eden.
27. Genesis 6:5 Great wickedness in the earth. **EVERY IMAGINATION** of the **THOUGHTS** of man's heart was **ONLY EVIL CONTINUALLY**.

- 28.** Genesis 6:8 THANK GOD FOR **ONE** PERSON WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR ALL OF US who would COME AFTERWARD!!! Noah found **GRACE!!!**
- 29.** Genesis 6:13 The earth is “filled with **VIOLENCE.**” Jesus said during His ministry that as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be when he comes.
- 30.** Genesis 6:14-17 **Noah’s Ark** would be a physical illustration of the **SALVATION** found IN Jesus Christ. His was the **ONE and ONLY ARK**, just as Jesus is the **ONE and ONLY SAVIOR!** The wood was **incorruptible wood**—just as **Jesus’ human nature** was **incorruptible** (sinless). The **Ark had ONE window** which illustrated that our focus must **stay Heavenward**, upon **THE ONE**, Jesus Christ. It had **ONE DOOR**. Jesus said in the Book of John that **He is THE DOOR** to Heaven.
- 31.** Genesis 6:18 This is called the **NOAHIC COVENANT** because God states He will enter into **COVENANT with Noah.**
- 32.** Genesis 7:6 Noah **was 600 years old** when the flood came. The **number 6** is always associated with **fallen man**, deserving judgment, one short of the perfection of 7. Again, the beast in Revelation is 666.
- 33.** Genesis 7:10 Noah, his wife, their 3 sons, (Shem, Ham, Japheth) and the sons’ wives (**8 people**) were **shut up in the ARK for 7 DAYS before the Flood began!!!**

**QUESTION:** What was the significance in God making them sit in the ARK for **7 days** before anything happened? (Think about the days of creation in Genesis Chapter 1 & 2)

**ANSWER:** \_\_\_\_\_

- 34.** Genesis 7:11 Note that God was **METICULOUS** in the **CALENDAR** of these events. We will see these **same MONTHS and DAYS** used again by Him when He later calls Moses to lead His people out of Egyptian bondage and begin a system of worship involving Feasts at certain times of the year and offerings. The **flood begins** in the **SECOND MONTH, 17<sup>th</sup> DAY of MONTH.**

- 35.** Genesis 7:16 **WHO** shut the **DOOR** of the **ARK?** \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTION:** What is the spiritual significance in this?

**ANSWER:** 

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**36.** Genesis 7:21 The **purpose** of **THE FLOOD** was to **KILL ALL FLESH**. Remember, the **FLESH** is also used to symbolize our **SIN NATURE**. This is a picture of the **FLOOD OF GOD'S JUDGMENT at the CROSS of CALVARY DESTROYING SIN!!!** This analogy is clearly pointed out in 2 Peter 2:5:

“...And spared not the old world, but **saved Noah** the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the **flood upon the world of the ungodly...**”