

## **THE LAMECH DYNASTY**

The Antediluvian civilization extended from the fall of Adam to the Noahic flood (Gen.4-8).

It was one of three biblical civilizations of fallen mankind: Antediluvian; Postdiluvian; and Millennium. It consisted of three races: Cainites, Sethites, and Nephilim (Gen.4-6).

The Sethites were the messianic lineage as well as the divine agency of the Antediluvian period (Luke 3:23-38).

The Cainite race was anti-word of God, anti-establishment, and anti-Christ. Their history reflected Cain.

(1 John 3:12) “Not as Cain, who was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother’s were righteous.”

(Gen.4:23-24) This is reflected in Lamech

Nephilim (fallen ones) were the seed of Satan when the sons of God (fallen angels) co-habited with the daughters of men (Matt.13:38; Gen.3:15; Gen.6-8; 2 Pet.2:4-5; Jude 6, 14).

Only eight Sethites survived this attack upon the seed of Christ (Gen.6:9-13; 7:1).

<p><b>This lesson will study SIX aspects of the Lamech Dynasty.</b></p>
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### **1. Lamech and his sons are the last of the Cainite lineage recorded in Gen.4:17-24.**

The Cainite progeny consisted of seven generations (Gen.4:17-18, 20-22).

Land of Nod (wandering or exile) became the region for the Cainites because Cain was exiled for killing Abel (Gen.4:14-16).

### **2. The Lamech and his sons developed into a dynasty in the Antediluvian period (Gen.4:19-24).**

It accomplished great human achievements such as urbanization, commerce, arts and music, and science and technology, inventions, great wealth, and beauty (4:20-22).

### **3. The Lamech dynasty reminds us that unregenerate people can be intelligent and successful in life.**

They can be wealthy and enjoy the fruits of their labors as unbelievers. Solomon refers to it as “Chasing after the wind” with divine purpose (Eccl.2:11, 24-26).

The Rich Young Ruler is an example of it (Luke 18:22-30; 1 Tim.6:17).

Jesus asked, “What does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Mark 8:36-37)

**4. The Lamech dynasty epitomized the spirit of Cain such as anti-word of God and anti-establishment and anti-Christ.**

The Lamech's dynasty reflected his spiritual defiance and arrogance. Apparently, his wives reflect disgust for his ego and power lust. He apparently was an ego-centric bully who threaten them verbally with, "you better pay attention or else!" It was always a one-way communication. (James 4:6; 1 Pet.5:5). He typically spoke (at) rather than (to).

This is seen in his poem after committing a double homicide (Gen.4:22-24; 4:15; 9:6). "If Cain is avenged sevenfold, then Lamech seventy- sevenfold." (Gen.4:24; Matt.18:21-22)

**5. The Lamech dynasty was the period when fallen angels co-habited with the daughters of men and produced the Nephilim race.**

This brought divine judgment upon the Antediluvian civilization. (Gen.6:1-5).

(Gen.6:5) "Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Rom.1:24-27)

(Gen.6:8-9) "But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God."

**6. The Sethites were the divine agency (custodians of the word of God and evangelism) to the Antediluvian civilization (Luke 3:23-38; Matt.24:37-39; 2 Pet.2:4-5; Jude 14-15).**

Enosh was the first generation of Sethites. They were commissioned with the responsibility of evangelism in **Gen.4:26**. He and Noah are mentioned in the Hall of Faith in Heb.11:5-7.

(Gen.4:26) "To Seth, to him also a son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then men began to call upon the name of the Lord.

This was the Scriptural background for Joel (Joel 2:32) and Peter (Acts 2:21) and Paul (Rom.10:10-15; Gal.3:8).