

The genealogy of those who call on the name of God - Tony Pearce

Genesis 4.25-26. Godly line (after ungodly line of Cain). Between fall and flood. Men began to call on the name of the Lord. Significance for our time also.

List of names does not look very promising. But some fascinating things come out of this chapter.

6 Toledoth of Adam. Book of the generations (toledoth) of Adam. Same word used in Gen 2.4 generations of heaven and earth. And 6.9 about Noah. Marks the change in section of Genesis. Book speaks of something written rather than handed down from generation to generation. No reason why writing could not have been known. 2.4-5.1 written by Adam? 5.2-6.9 written by Noah? History of human race, especially of line of promise. Seed of woman prophecy. Messianic line. Recorded in Luke's genealogy of Messiah in Luke 3 as real people.

Genesis 4.

- And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed." ²⁶ And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh. Then *men* began to call on the name of the Lord.

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And so, when we look at this passage it's kind of setting the scene if you like for God's creation. In the first few verses which we read in chapter 4, it speaks about the line of Seth with whom Adam and Eve had to replace Abel who was killed, and this passage comes after chapter 4 which describes the kind of ungodly line, which came after Cain. And it says that, at the end of it, "**at this time, men began to call on the name of the Lord**".

So, as the world was actually going further away from God there was a generation a people who were calling on the name of the Lord. And that also has a message for us today. As we see the world going further and further away from God, we see the majority of people in rebellion against God, and doing things which are contrary to the will of God. God wants to call out a people who will call on His name, who will be His people, who will recognize that there is a God who made us, and there is a Saviour in Jesus the Messiah.

And as it says in the New Testament, '**everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved, shall have eternal life through believing in Jesus**.' So, God has that godly remnant, that remnant who will be those who call on His name. And chapter 5 actually gives you a list of the people who are the line of promise, the line which is going to be those who call on the name of the Lord.

In chapter 5 verse 1, it says this is the book of the genealogy of Adam. The genealogy of Adam. The word which is used in Hebrew is *toledoth* (תולדותה) and – it's interesting – if you go through the book of **Genesis**, you find that, at certain stages in **Genesis**, you have the use of this word *toledoth*, and it's like **Genesis** is kind of divided in these different sections which are the *toledoth*, the generations. It says also that this is the book of the genealogy of Adam.