

The 1st Polygamist [Lamech-Cain]

The progression from Cain to 'Lemek with the 2 wives':

{This is written in story format. It covers Genesis 4:16-24. The 'in-between the lines' information are possibilities, & they are based on the interpretation of the names given in that portion of scripture. Please keep in mind that in the actual events mentioned in scriptures, that the 'in-between the lines' details could have been quite different from this story page.}

The 'cat' caught **Spear(Cain)** and devoured him! The **serpent** wanted to rule the earth and he saw his opportunity through **Spear**. **Adam** had sought to be restored to YAHVEH even after he sinned, but **Spear** left YAHVEH'S presence, and didn't want anything more to do with Him. He had been totally eaten up by rebellion. It wasn't a matter of **Spear(Cain)** not believing in YAHVEH'S existence. He believed in YAHVEH'S existence more than most people do today. He had even heard His voice more than once. Not many people can say that! His problem was that he wanted to live by his own rules and not YAHVEH'S. He didn't believe that YAHVEH'S method of sacrifice would benefit him. [Heb 9:22] He didn't believe YAHVEH'S way was right. He believed his own way was right. **Although he greatly feared YAHVEH, he didn't put his trust in Him.** He depended on his own way instead. Because of this, **the deceiver** became his friend, and together they waged war against **The Creator**.

[**Spear/Cain** either married his sister or his niece. Most likely, he married the first girl born to Adam & Eve.[5:4] They didn't have a problem with recessive genes back then. Later on in Genesis we read that Sarah was the half sister of Abraham. Genesis 20:12. Later Moses forbid these kinds of marriages Lev 18:7-17]

Spear, now had to depend on other people because the ground wouldn't grow anything for him. After he left the land of Eden, he began to build a city in the land of '**Nod**' or '**Aimless Wandering**'. It was a fortified city because **Spear/Cain** was afraid that somebody or some critter would take revenge on him for killing his brother. He named it after his son **Chanok/Enoch**. [That's not the same guy as Methuselah's Dad.] The name itself meant '**To wet the palate**', as in 'to give you a taste for something so that you would desire more'..... to entice you! Maybe it would be called '**Enticement**' or '**The City of Enticement**' or '**Los Vegas**' in your language! It would begin as a market place where everybody could bring their stuff and trade it for other stuff. As the population grew, his idea gained success through his sons. (**Spear** himself never really settled down anywhere permanently.) This city was far enough away from Eden that The Presence of YAHVEH was not an influence over people's hearts. The altars of sacrifice were back in Eden, and because of **Spear's** hardness of heart, new ones to YAHVEH were not built in the land of '**Nod**'. The accountability of confessing one's transgressions before YAHVEH was not there! This left **Spear's** descendants **aimlessly wandering around**, and always missing the target. They had no training for hitting the target that YAHVEH wanted them to hit, so instead of hitting it, they now became the target of **the deceiver**. [In both Hebrew & Greek the word for 'sin' means to 'miss the target']

Eventually **Spear's** descendants began sending traders into farming communities, because it was often easier for the traders to go to the farmers, than for the farmers to go to 'The City of Enticement' in 'The Land of Aimless Wandering'(Nod). The traders would trade goods and exchange ideas. The Eden farmers could influence the traders towards YAHVEH'S ways, or the traders could influence the farmers towards the ways of **Spear**. At first YAHVEH was able to use the situation to bring some of **Spear's** descendants to repentance, but after a while things began to change for the worst..."

Spear's son 'To Wet The Palate' in the land of 'Aimless Wandering' had a son whom he named 'Townsmen' (Irada, pronounced 'ear-rad'). Now 'Townsmen' did not toil for his food the way his Great Grandfather **Adam** did. He didn't toil in the field by the sweat of his brow! Instead, he organized the traders. They did the labor for him! His life was easy compared to **Adam's**! To promote the 'The City of Enticement' he named his son 'M-coo-yael!' (Mehujael) which means 'From-the-very-first-and-strongest-village!' When this kid grew up people called him 'M-key-yael' which means 'From-the-first-born-living-person!'. Apparently **Spear/Cain** died around the time of the birth of one of 'M-key-yael' sons, so he named that particular son **Meth-u-shael** which means 'His death also demanded'. When **Meth-u-shael** grew up he named his son **Lamech** which means 'The Powerful One, The Conqueror!'

[There's **2 Enochs/Chanoks** & there's **2 Lamechs** mentioned **before the Flood**. The first pair are mentioned as the descendants of Cain/Spear. The other 2 are Noah's Dad & Great Grandfather.]

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This **Lamech** married two women and they were both his wives at the same time. It was an act of rebellion against YAHVEH. When YAHVEH put the first couple together, He said that they were to be one flesh. A man who has two wives cannot be one flesh. It just doesn't work! How can you possibly be one flesh with two women? That is not what YAHVEH wants, and He never intended marriage to be that way. There's a God given intuition that a wife usually has towards her husband that makes her his help mate. It is part of being the rib cage around a husband's heart. It's there to protect him. If a wife has to compete with another wife, or wives, this intuition is rendered ineffective because now she says and does whatever pleases him in order to become his favorite wife among the many. Instead of his wife being the one he confides in, he now has to stand alone because the wives are now focused on their rivals, instead of being completely focused on him. The wives' influence are now motivated by selfish competition because of their rivals and their rival's children. He now has a war under his own roof. It is a consequence of his own lust! Because of the competition among his wives, there is no wise counselor or confidant that he can depend on. He ends up heading straight for trouble, and doesn't hold back, but goes after and gets whatever his own lusts dictate. His sons follow his example. Two or more wives are not YAHVEH'S way. It just doesn't work. YAHVEH never intended for marriage to be that way.

Lamech's second wife's name was 'Zillah'. 'Zillah' means 'Shade or darkness' as in darkness that is produced when an object hides the light, and just like her name, he now had darkness under his own roof, because he had hidden the ways of The Creator with his own disobedience. He named the prominent son that she bore to him 'Reply By Spear' ('Tubal-Cain) as a warning to others that he was going to get even with them if they harassed him about having two wives at the same time. Their names became a prophesy of the darkness to come!

Three of Lamech's sons were inventors:

Yubal, whose Mother's name was 'Adornment' (Adah), invented musical instruments (both string and wind). Another one of her sons, Yabal, raised livestock and was the first to live in a tent. The reason that he did that was so that he could move around in the grasslands feeding his livestock. Cattle and horses eat lots of grass, whereas sheep and goats don't. He was raising a multitude of large domestic animals so that he could sell them. The cattle were sold for their hides and for pulling plows and carts. The horses and other pack animals were sold mainly for transportation. His half brother, 'Reply By Spear' was a master metal craftsman of all kinds of implements of bronze and iron. He was the master instructor of the trade.

[Jabal/Yabal & Jubal/Yubal & Tubal-Kayin/Tuval-Kayin all 3 come from the same Hebrew root word that means 'to flow'. It promotes the idea that Lamech had the notion that his strength or power was derived from the amount of sons that he had. Jabal means 'stream, river' & Jubal means 'river' [maybe they were twins!] & Tubal-Cain has the same concept & means 'propagation of Cain'. Apparently these were the first born sons. There's a lot more information in the 'Over Every Stone Hebrew Project' of this web site. Look up the related passages of scripture in the Hebrew Text.]

The names tell the story...

Spear { 2nd generation)

To Wet The Palate (Enticement) { 3rd generation)

Townsmen { 4th generation)

From The Very First & Strongest Village...From The Very First Born Living Person { 5th gen.)

His Death Also Demanded { 6th generation)

Conqueror { 7th generation)

Stream(Yabal), { 8th}

River(Yubal), { 8th}

Flow or Propagation-of-the-spear (Reply-by-Spear)(Tubal-Cain) { 8th}

One day Lamech got into a fight with a young man, and used one of the metal tools that 'Reply By Spear' had made, to kill him. The young man wounded Lamech, and in self-defense, Lamech killed him. Then he got the notion that he was invincible. Killing his foe using his son's metal implements had been so easy! Lamech now had the notion that he was incapable of being conquered. He had gotten away with marrying two wives and one

of the sons of those marriages had provided him with tools that gave him superiority over every one else. He could reply by spear, he could reply by force through his son of **Darkness**. His son **Yabal** could provide him with horses and camels, which now gave him the ability to conquer all those around him. One could strike one's enemies swiftly using horses and camels! His son **Yubal** provided musical instruments so that he could sing about it, and sing about it he did! - To his two wives!

He said to them:

"**Adornment(Adah)** and **Darkness(Zillah)**

hear my voice!

You wives of The Powerful One, The Conqueror (Lemek)!

weigh & consider my declaration!

because I have killed a man for wounding me,

And a boy for striking me.

because **The Spear(Cain)** will be avenged sevenfold,

and The Conqueror (Lemek) seventy-sevenfold."

This song had begun as a speech he had made to his two wives because of their concern of the possibility of somebody seeking to avenge the young man's death on **Lamech**. He told them that they had nothing to worry about! 'Reply-By-Spear' had a sister whose name was '**Delightful Pleasure**' (**Naamah**). She too was the daughter of **Darkness(Zillah)**. She would sing the song along with her father. She and **Yubal** became a team. She would sing and **Yubal** would play his music and sometimes he would sing too. People would come just to hear them sing and make music. Soon **Lamech** became so influential and powerful that he became the leader of the descendants of **Spear**. The problem was that he was leading people away from YAHVEH'S ways. People looked at him and said, "Look, he has two wives, yet he is prospering. Surely it is acceptable to have more than one wife! Look at how strong he is. He has a swift army! He has music and singing! He has **Delightful Pleasure!** (**Naamah!**). **Darkness** has given him **delightful pleasure!!**" Then the people began to follow him. His notion that he was invincible caused him to turn completely away from YAHVEH and align himself with the **Serpent**. Things progressively got worse from then on.