

# Community Bible Church

## The Book of Genesis

### Chapter 4-5

**Genesis chapters 4 and 5** describe the offspring of Adam and Eve. Some followed God while others did not. **Cain** was the first human baby born on Planet Earth. He ignored God and made a total mess of his life. **Genesis chapter 4** focuses the spotlight on **Cain**. He is mentioned in this chapter some 16 times! **Abel**, his brother, is mentioned only 7 times. This chapter records the **ungodly nature** of Cain's lineage.

**Chapter 5** highlights another son of Adam and Eve named **Seth**. His family followed God and this chapter describes the **godly lineage** of Seth's offspring. **Chapters 4-5** can be outlined as follows using the stories of Cain and Seth, two of Adam's sons.

<b>The Ungodly Lineage of Cain</b>	<b>Genesis 4</b>
<b>The Birth of Cain and Abel</b>	<b>4:1-2</b>
<b>The Offerings of Cain and Abel</b>	<b>4:3-7</b>
<b>The Conflicts of Cain and Abel</b>	<b>4:8-9</b>
<b>The Curse of Cain</b>	<b>4:10-15</b>
<b>The Offspring of Cain</b>	<b>4:16-24</b>

<b>The Godly Lineage of Seth</b>	<b>Genesis 5</b>
<b>The first pre-flood Patriarchs</b>	<b>5:1-17</b>
<b>The favored pre-flood Patriarchs</b>	<b>5:18-24</b>
<b>The final pre-flood Patriarchs</b>	<b>5:25-32</b>

These two chapters lead to the birth of **Noah** in **5:29**, and to next week's lesson regarding the Great Flood in **chapters 6-8**.

1. Read **Genesis 4:1-4** and write a brief description of this passage.
2. From **4:5-8**, what was God's response, and what was Cain's response?
3. The following passage in **4:9-15** presents a dialogue between God and Cain. Read the passage and give a brief summary of the key points.

4. The family tree of **Cain** is presented in **4:16-25**. Six generations of his family are described from Cain, a liar and murderer, to Lamech, a bigamist and, also a murderer. This family was very secular and there is no mention of God in these verses. This passage will stand in stark contrast to a similar family tree given in **chapter 5** for **Seth**, also a son of Adam. In this passage (**4:16-25**) identify events that confirm the ungodly nature of Cain's ancestors.
  
5. In **4:25-26**, another son is born to Adam and Eve. Who was it? This event led to a number of generations that have been called the "Godly line of Seth." From **4:26**, what characterized this generation?
  
6. **Genesis chapter 5** continues with a detailed genealogical description of the offspring of Seth. Read **5:1-18** and list those born to Seth's offspring. Note that in this pre-flood era, life spans were quite extended.
  
7. Continuing with this genealogy of Seth, read **5:19-27** and list the names of his other descendants. What impressed you about Enoch in **5:22** and **24**? What impressed you about Methuselah in **5:27**?
  
8. More genealogy. Read **5:28-31**. What impressed you about Lamech in **5:29**?
  
9. This chapter ends in **5:32** with a discussion of Noah, and will lead to a lengthy discussion of Noah, his family, and the great flood in **chapters 6-9**. Who were Noah's sons?
  
10. You may have thought you would never read of some of these ancient pre-flood patriarchs again. However, in **Luke chapter 3**, the genealogy of Jesus dating back to Adam is described by Luke. Read **Luke 3:26-28**. Recognize any of these names? And now you know the rest of the story!