

Giants

Genesis 4:17 – 6:4

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Cain and his wife had a son named Enoch. Cain then founded a city, which he named Enoch. One of Cain's descendants, the seventh generation from Adam in the line of Cain, was a man named Lamech. He was arrogant and self-centered, the quintessence of evil.

Lamech married two women and had children with both of them. One day Lamech said to his wives, "Listen to me. I, Lamech, have killed a young man who attacked and wounded me. God said, 'If anyone kills Cain, he will be punished seven times over.' Well, I say, 'If anyone kills me, he will be punished seventy-seven times over.' "

After the death of Abel at the hands of his brother Cain, God granted Adam and Eve another son whom they named Seth. His descendants prayed and worshiped in the name of the Lord.

The seventh generation from Adam in the line of Seth was a man named Enoch. Enoch was the father of Methuselah. Although most people at the time lived for hundreds of years, Methuselah was the longest-lived of all – 969 years. Enoch lived in close fellowship with God; God was pleased with him. Then one day he was simply gone; God took him.

As the human population of the earth continued to grow, some of the upper echelon of spiritual beings, members of God's Divine Council, saw how beautiful human women were. They put on the physical form of men and took any women they desired. The offspring of these unions were giants, admired for their size and their strength, the heroes and famous warriors of ancient times.

But the Lord said, "I will not allow my life-giving breath to remain in these people forever; they are wicked – given over to sensual appetites. In the future, their normal lifespan will be no more than one hundred twenty years."