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Journey Through Genesis

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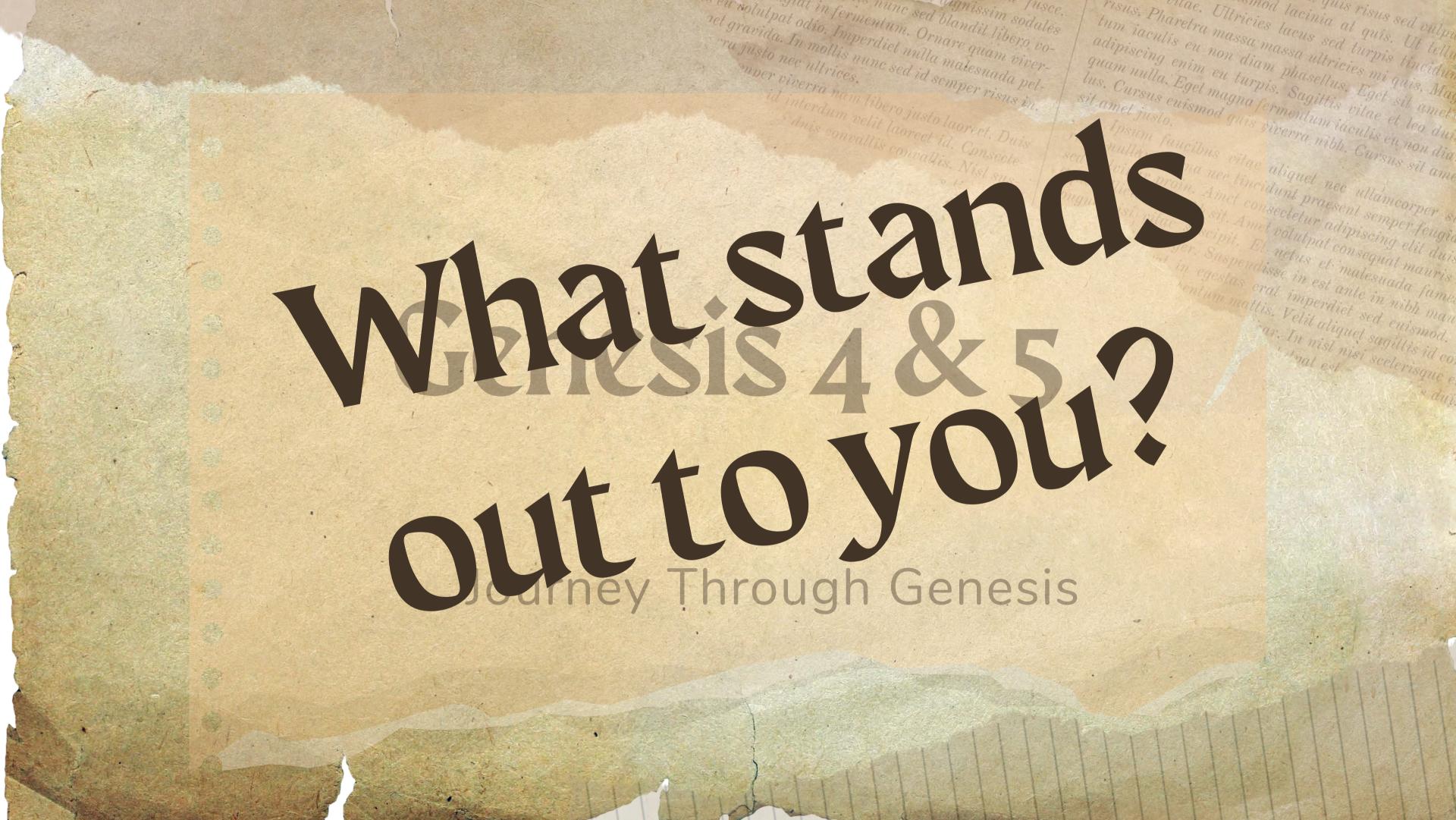
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Genesis 4-5 Overview

"Doublets"

Chapter 1 Priestly Chapter 2-4 Non-Priestly **Chapter 5 Priestly**

Genealogies are a way of story telling



And the human knew Eve his woman and she conceived and bore Cain, and she said, "I have got me a man with the LORD." And she bore as well his brother, Abel, and Abel became a herder of sheep while Cain was a tiller of the soil. And it happened in the course of time that Cain brought from the fruit of the soil an offering to the LORD. And Abel too had brought from the choice firstlings of his flock, and the LORD regarded Abel and his offering but He did not regard Cain and his offering, and Cain was very incensed, and his face fell. And the LORD said to Cain. "Why are you incensed, and why is your face fallen? For whether you offer well, or whether you do not, at the tent flap sin crouches and for you is its longing but you will rule over it." And Cain said to Abel his brother, "Let us go out to the field." And when they were in the field, Cain rose against Abel his brother and killed him.

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And the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" And He said, "What have you done? Listen! your brother's blood cries out to me from the soil. And so, cursed shall you be by the soil that gaped with its mouth to take your brother's blood from your hand. If you till the soil, it will no longer give you its strength. A restless wanderer shall you be on the earth." And Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is too great to bear. Now that You have driven me this day from the soil and I must hide from Your presence, I shall be a restless wanderer on the earth and whoever finds me will kill me." And the LORD said to him, "Therefore whoever kills Cain shall suffer sevenfold vengeance." And the LORD set a mark upon Cain so that whoever found him would not slay him. And Cain went out from the LORD's presence and dwelled in the land of Nod east of Eden. And Cain knew his wife and she conceived and bore Enoch. Then he became the builder of a city and called the name of the city, like his son's name, Enoch.

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And Irad was born to Enoch, and Irad begot Mehujael and Muhujael begot Methusael and Methu-sael begot Lamech. And Lamech took him two wives, the name of the one was Adah and the name of the other was Zillah. And Adah bore Jabal: he was the first of tent dwellers with livestock. And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the first of all who play on the lyre and pipe. As for Zillah, she bore Tubalcain, who forged every tool of copper and iron. And the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah. And Lamech said to his wives, "Adah and Zillah, O hearken my voice, You wives of Lamech, give ear to my speech. For a man have I slain for my wound, a boy for my bruising. For sevenfold Cain is avenged, and Lamech seventy and seven." And Adam again knew his wife and she bore a son and called his name Seth, as to say, "God has granted me other seed in place of Abel, for Cain has killed him." As for Seth, to him, too, a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. It was then that the name of the LORD was first invoked.

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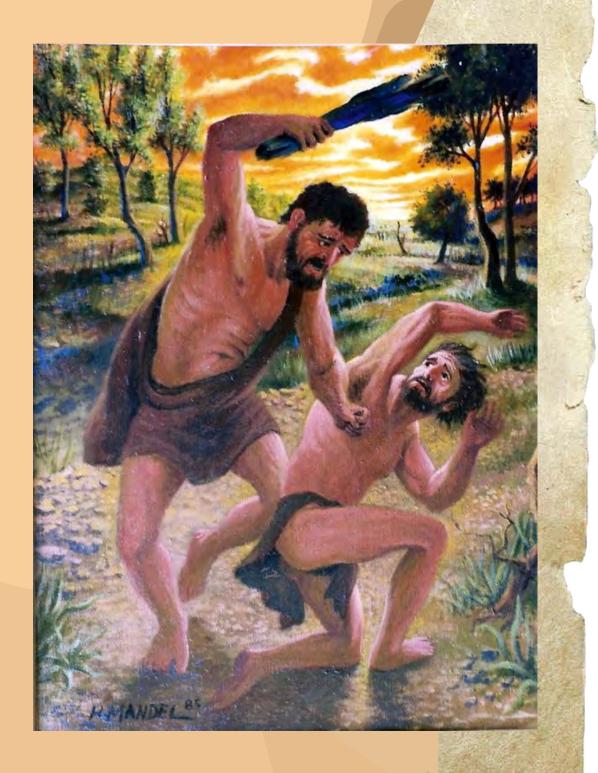
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Moral View

- Cain and Able (Sacrifice vs Selfish)
- The undoing of Creation leading to Lamech
- **Social View**
 - Hunters vs Farmers
- **Comparative Myth**
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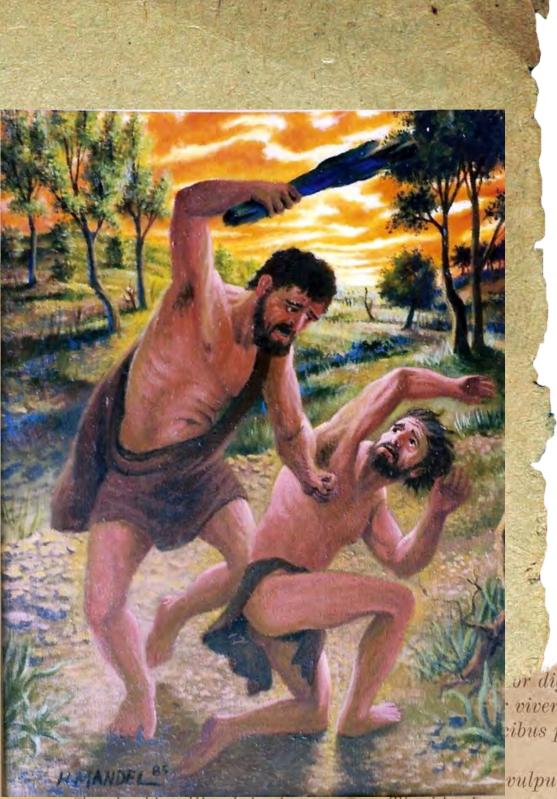
Moral Points in the Story

Animals vs Plants

Sacrifice

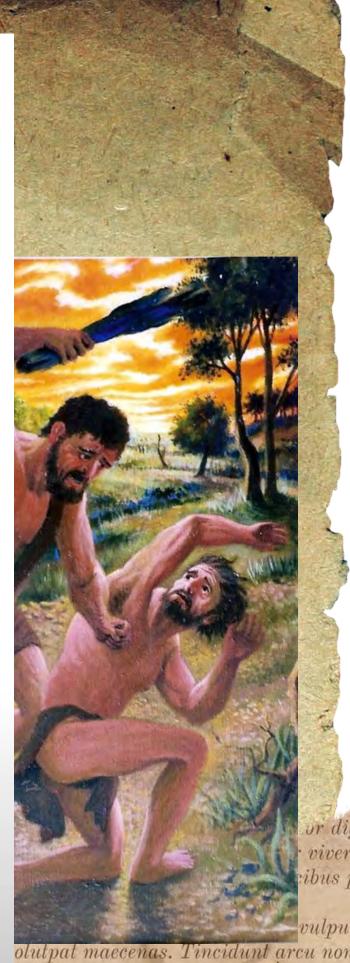
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Undoing of Creation



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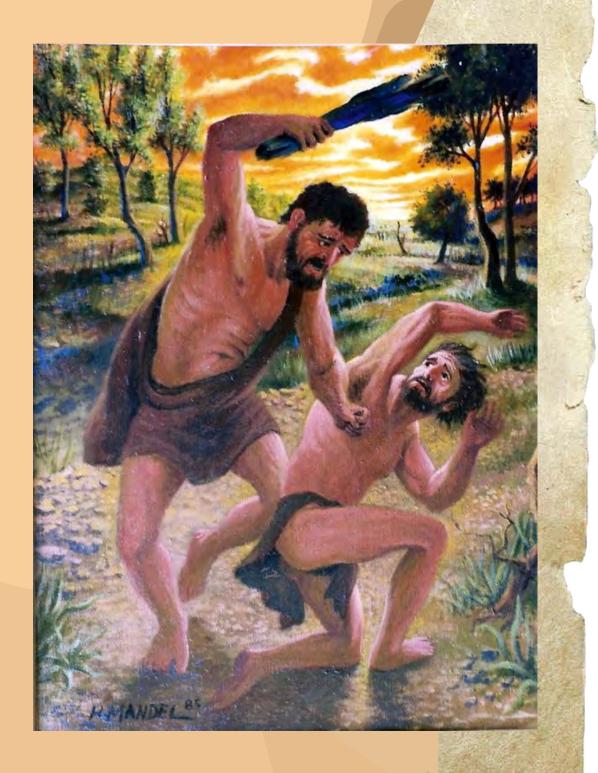




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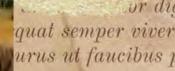
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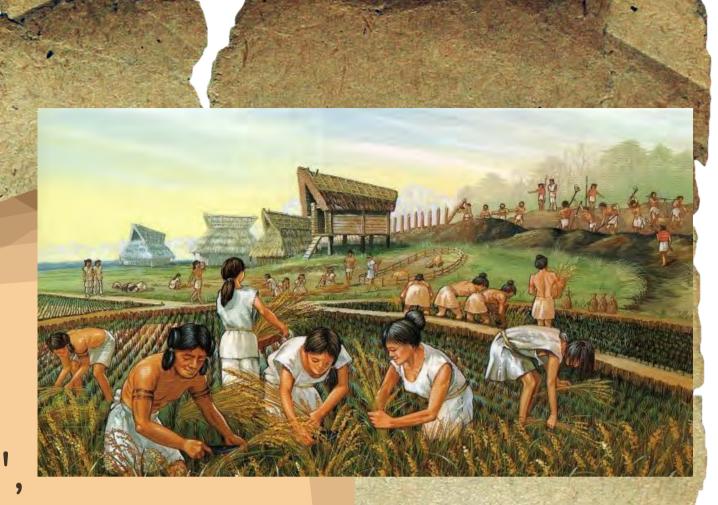


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Social View

Hunter Vs Farmer

Abel (meaning vain) (hbl) is thought to derive from a reconstructed word meaning 'herdsman', with the modern Arabic cognate ibil now specifically referring only to 'camels'. Cain (qyn) is thought to be cognate to the mid-1st millennium BCE South Arabian word qyn, meaning 'metalsmith'. This theory would make the names descriptive of their roles, where Abel works with livestock, and Cain with agriculture —and would parallel the names Adam (אדם, 'dm, 'man') and Eve (חוה, hwh, 'life-giver')

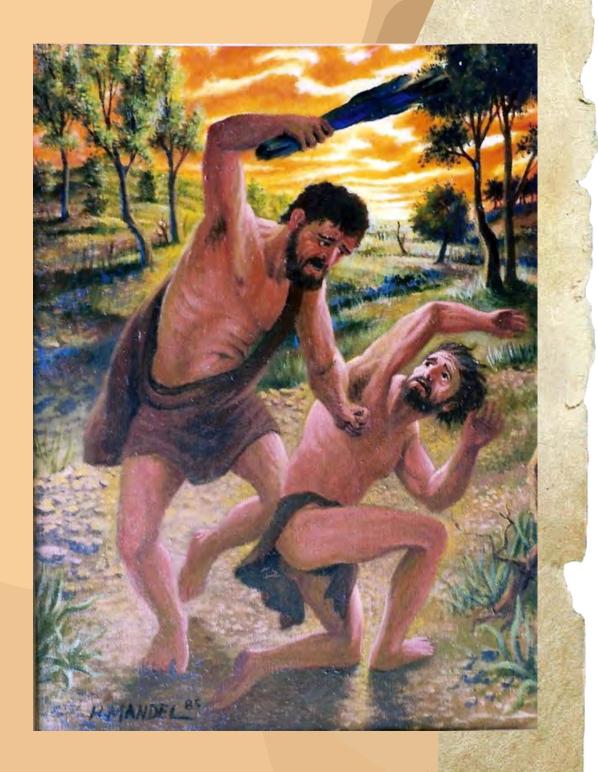


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Comparative Myth

Cain and Able Playing of Sumerian Myths

Courtship of Inanna and Dumuzid

The shepherd Dumuzid and the farmer Enkimdu compete for the affection of the goddess Inanna, with Dumuzid (the shepherd) winning out.

Enlil Chooses the Farmer-God

The shepherd-god Emesh and the farmer-god Enten bring their dispute over which of them is better to the chief god Enlil, who rules in favor of Enten (the farmer).

"Two Brothers" Stories are numerous and tell you which of two people is better

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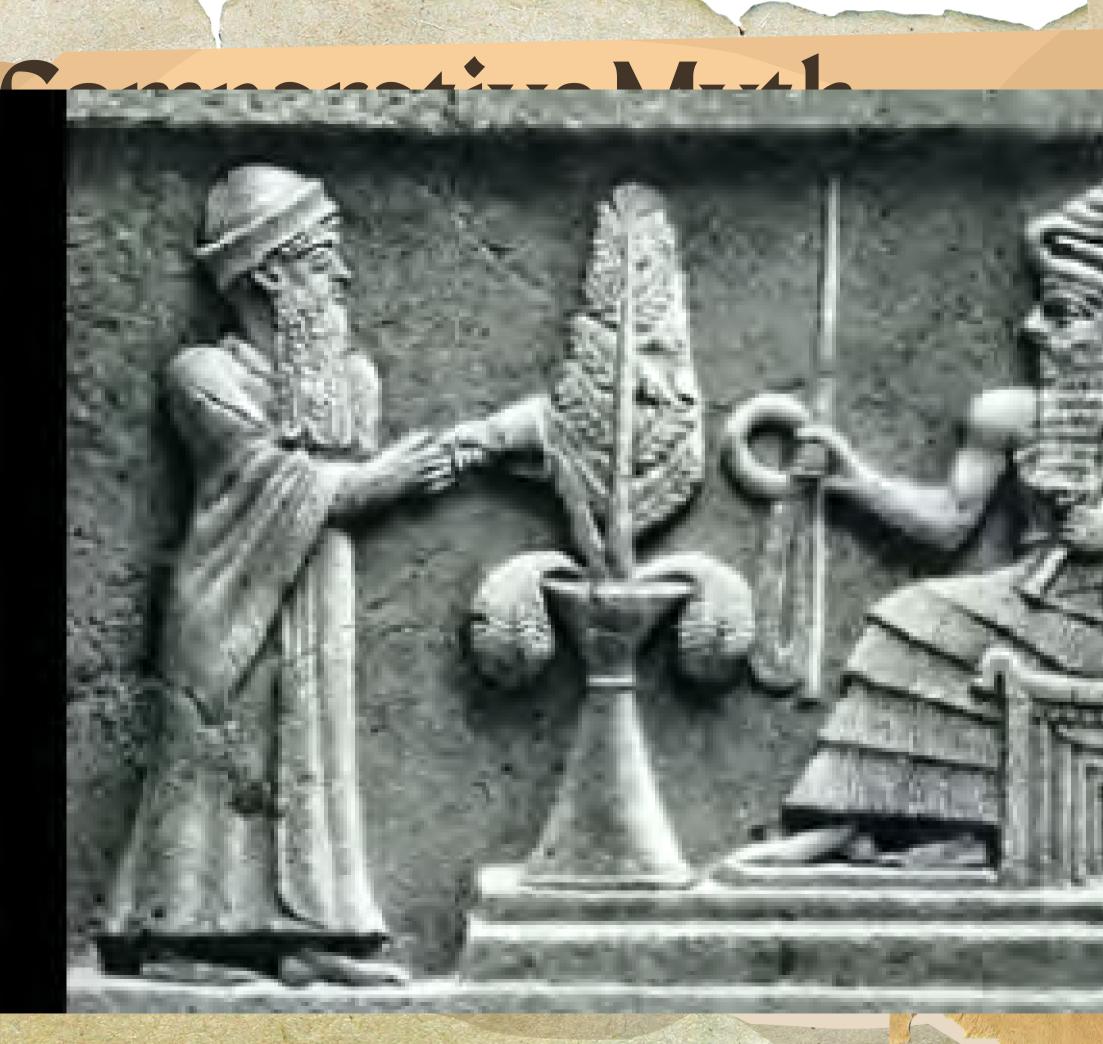
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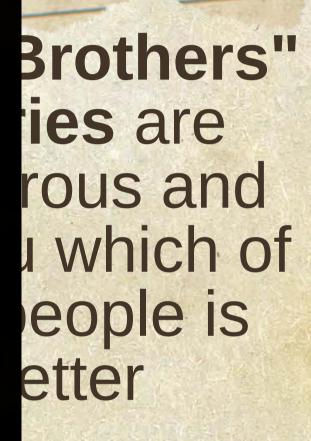




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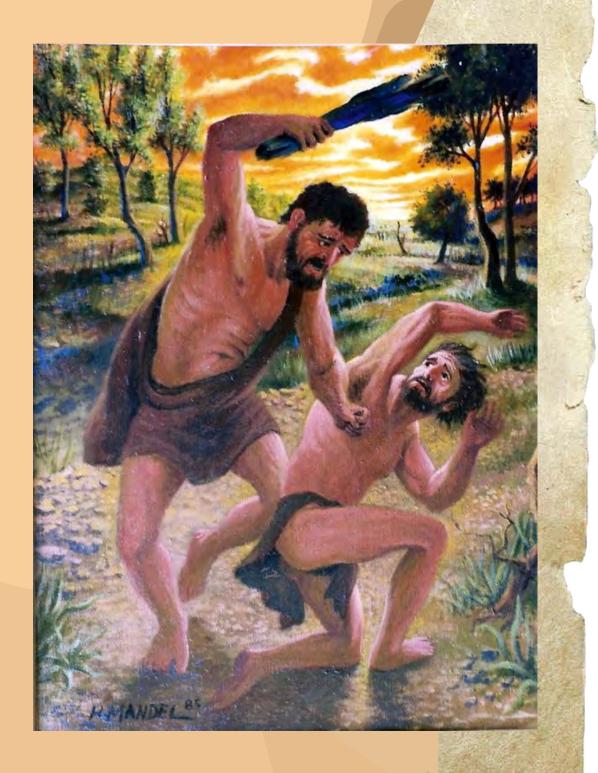
Enoch and Enmeduranki

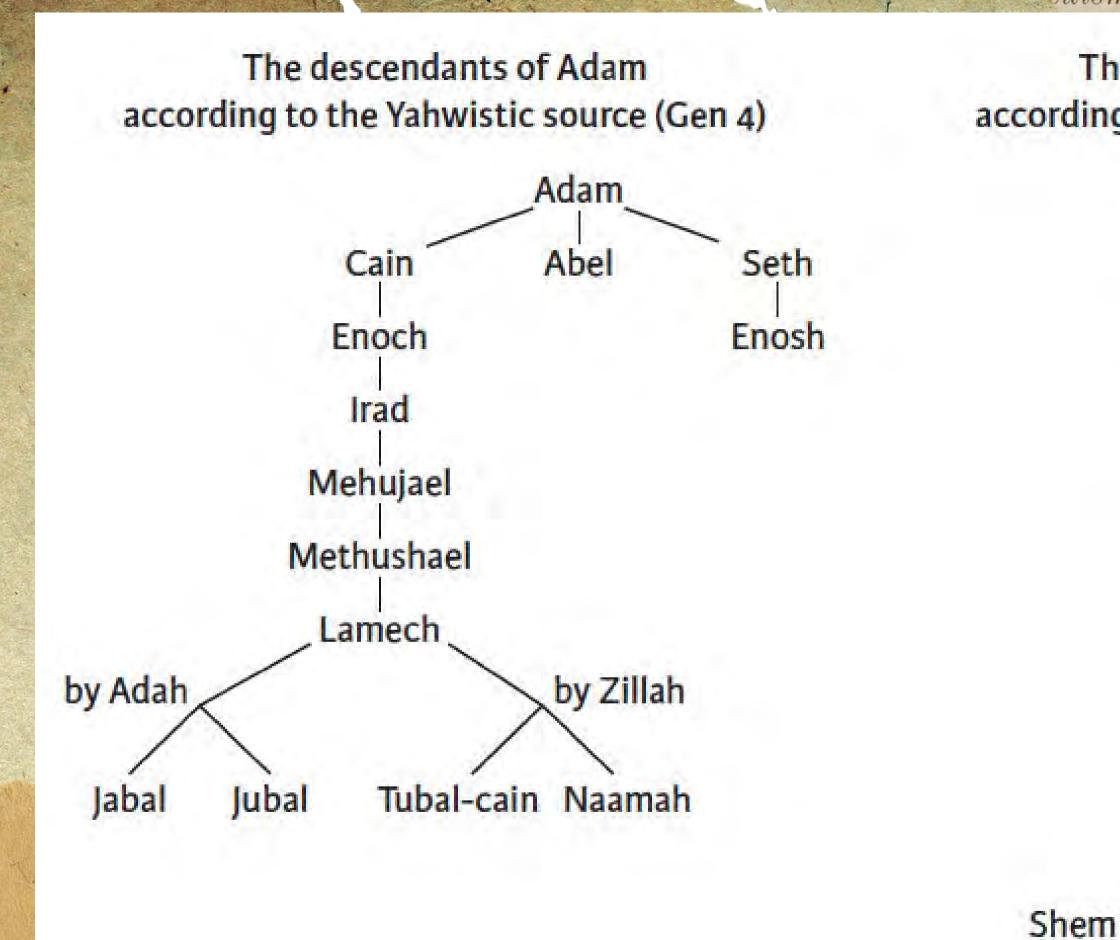
Enoch is the seventh generation from Adam, and some scholars have seen an instructive analogy in a Mesopotamian list of kings before the Deluge, in which the seventh antediluvian king, a certain Enmeduranki, is taken up to sit before the gods Shamash and Adad, and is granted preternatural wisdom. Shamash is the sun god, and the biblical Enoch lives as many years as the days of the solar year.

Sumerian Kings live 1,000s of years

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The descendants of Adam according to the Priestly source (Gen 5)

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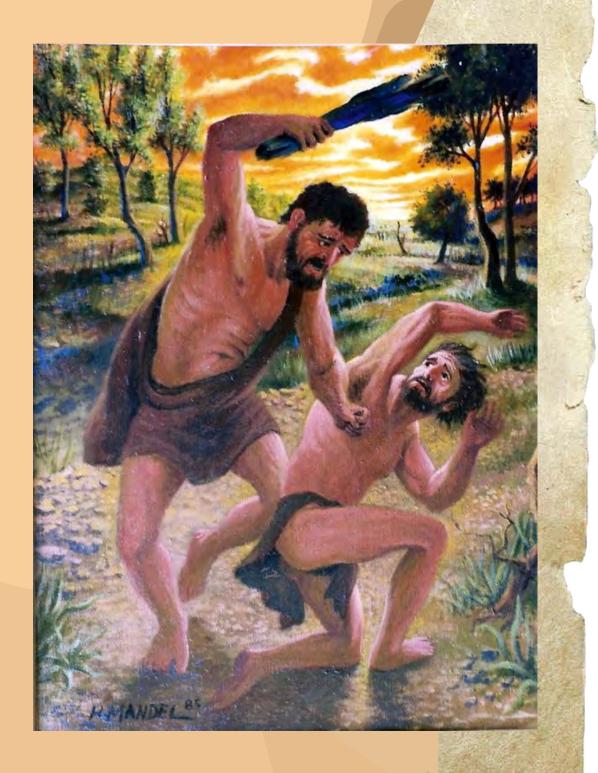
Chapter 5 is priestly and more stylistic 7 Generations Vs 10 Generations Chapter 4: Cain Chapter 5: Seth Numbers in chapter 5: Lamech lives 777 years Enock is the 7th generation

Noah had kids at 500



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Genesis 4-5

Honourable Mentions

"in his likeness by his image". Adam, then, replicates God's making of the human being (with the order of "likeness" and "image" reversed) in his own act of procreation.

Other people around..... Not just Adam and Eve's kids (no incest allowed)

Expanding civilization = violence

God's name first used (compare to Exodus 6:2-6)