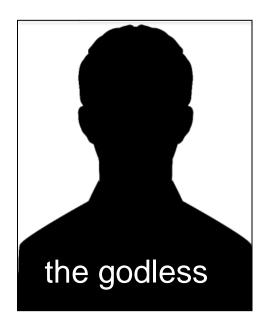
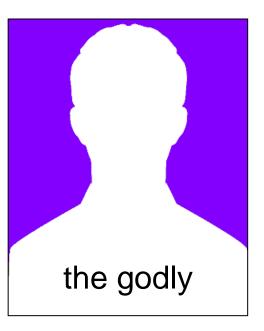
And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; Genesis 3:15

The prophecy begins to take shape through 2 different families





Genesis 4:16 - 26

So Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.



Cain lay with his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch.



Where did she come from?

What's in a name? "dedicated"

Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch.





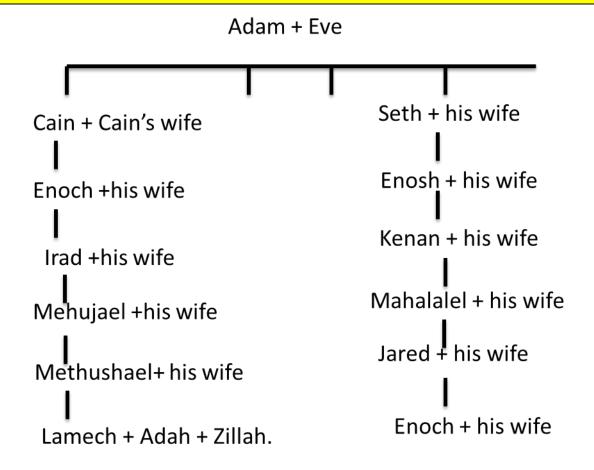
building a "city" ?
Why did he start to build

Fear -> defense? Rebellion?

Building a monument?



To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad was the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael was the father of Methushael, and Methushael was the father of Lamech.



The significance of seven generations from Adam

Lamech married two women.

Lamech is a godless man Breaking God's pattern for marriage (2 become 1)

A bad example that others have followed





Just because it's in the Bible does not mean that God approves it

Lamech married two women.

A bad example that others followed

The worst one was King Solomon 1 Kings 11:1-6

King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh's daughter--Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. They were from nations about which the LORD had told the Israelites, "You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods." Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love. He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray. As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been. He followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molek the detestable god of the Ammonites. So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the LORD;

Lamech married two women, one named Adah and the other Zillah.

Why did he choose them?

"Shady" or "Tinkling"



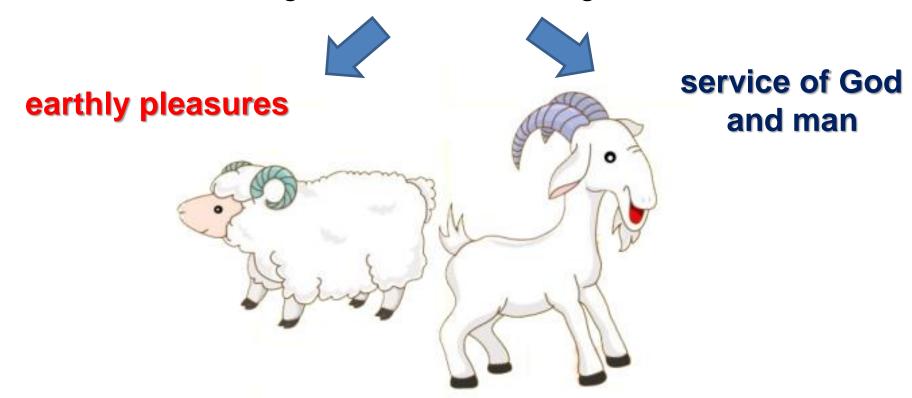




Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who live in tents and raise livestock.

Gifts and skills arise in godless line

All these gifts can be used for good or evil

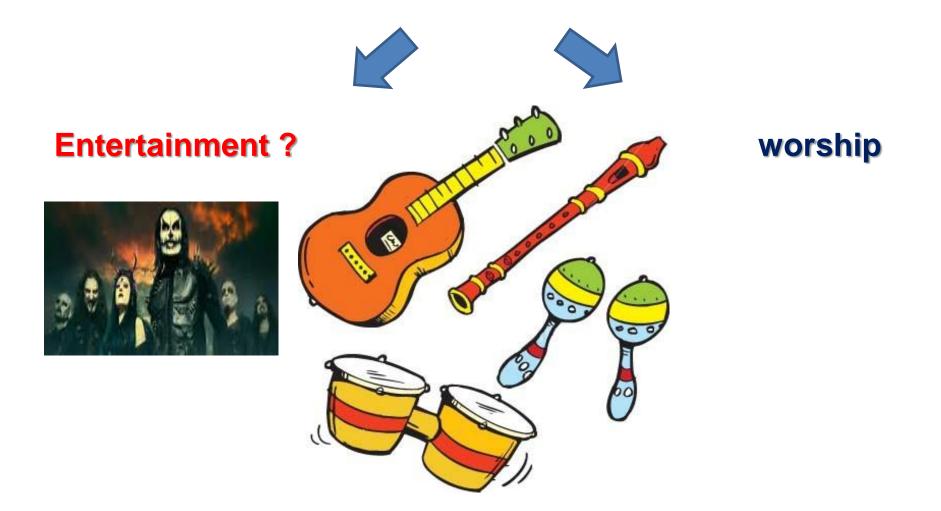


Livestock -> meat eating?

Provision for mankind

His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play stringed instruments and pipes.

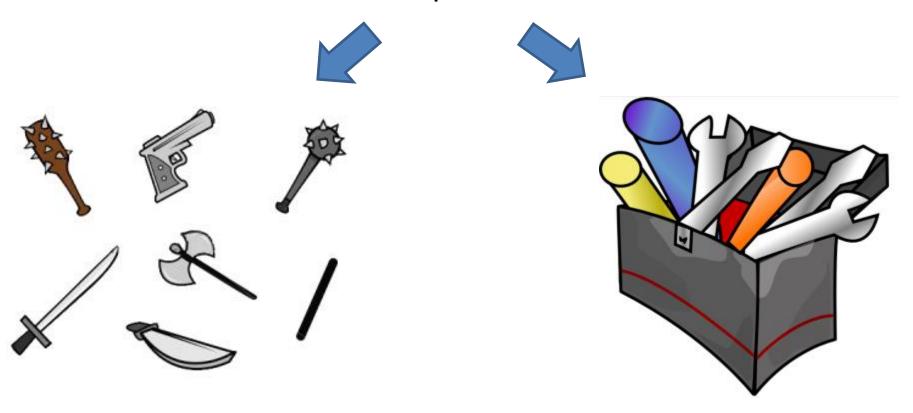
Music & instruments



Zillah also had a son, Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron. Tubal-Cain's sister was Naamah.

Technology – very creative humans

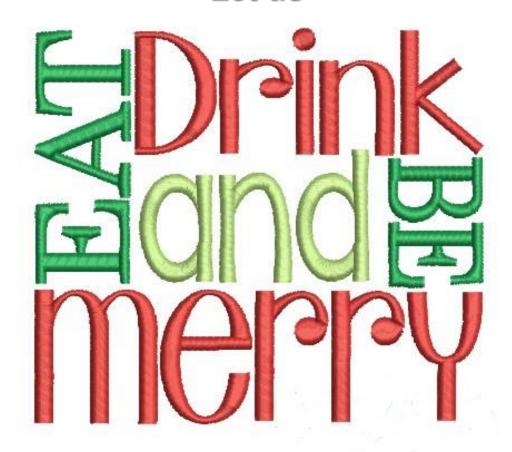
Note: Metal work pre-flood: lost till much later



Why is Naamah (lovely) mentioned?

All these gifts appear to be used to make earthly life as pleasant as possible

"Let us



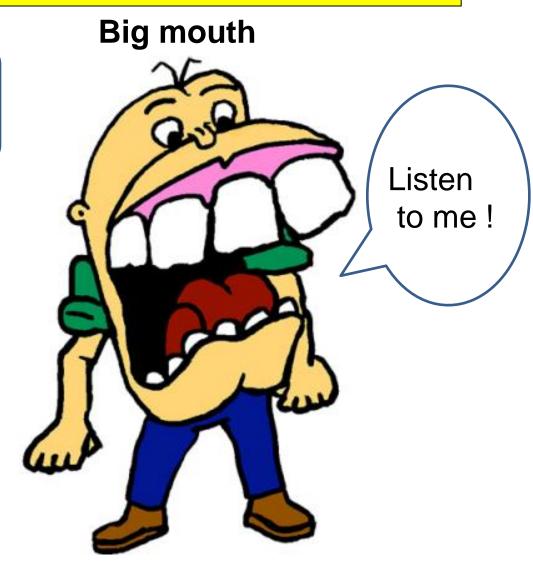
for tomorrow we die"

1 Corinthians 15:32 (no 'be merry')

Lamech said to his wives, "Adah and Zillah, wives of Lamech, hear my words."

'he will rule over you.' Genesis 3:16

Lamech the threatening bully



"I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for injuring me. If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech seventy-seven times."

Facts or Bravado? In poetry!



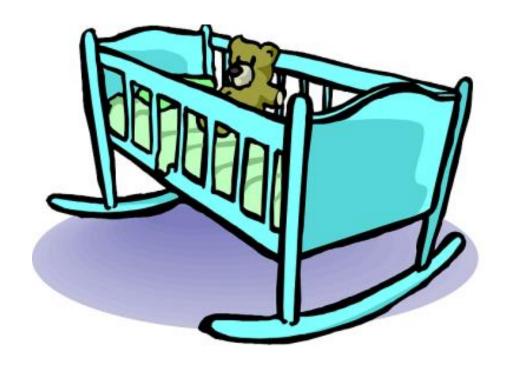
Using God's warning as an excuse for greater violence

Contrast this with Matthew 18:21-22!

A breath of fresh air !!!

Adam lay with his wife again,

Were there other children before Abel's death?



"again" ?
Perhaps the shock of Abel's murder – put them off for a time?

and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, "God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him."



What's in a name ? 'Substitute' vs. 'Empty'

He replaced Abel – continues Abel's faith?

Prophetic – godly line continues

Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh (mortal man). At that time people began to call on the name of the LORD.

What does 'to call on the name of the Lord' mean?



True religion and worship is seen in this family

God's plan ... a people for himself

As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

