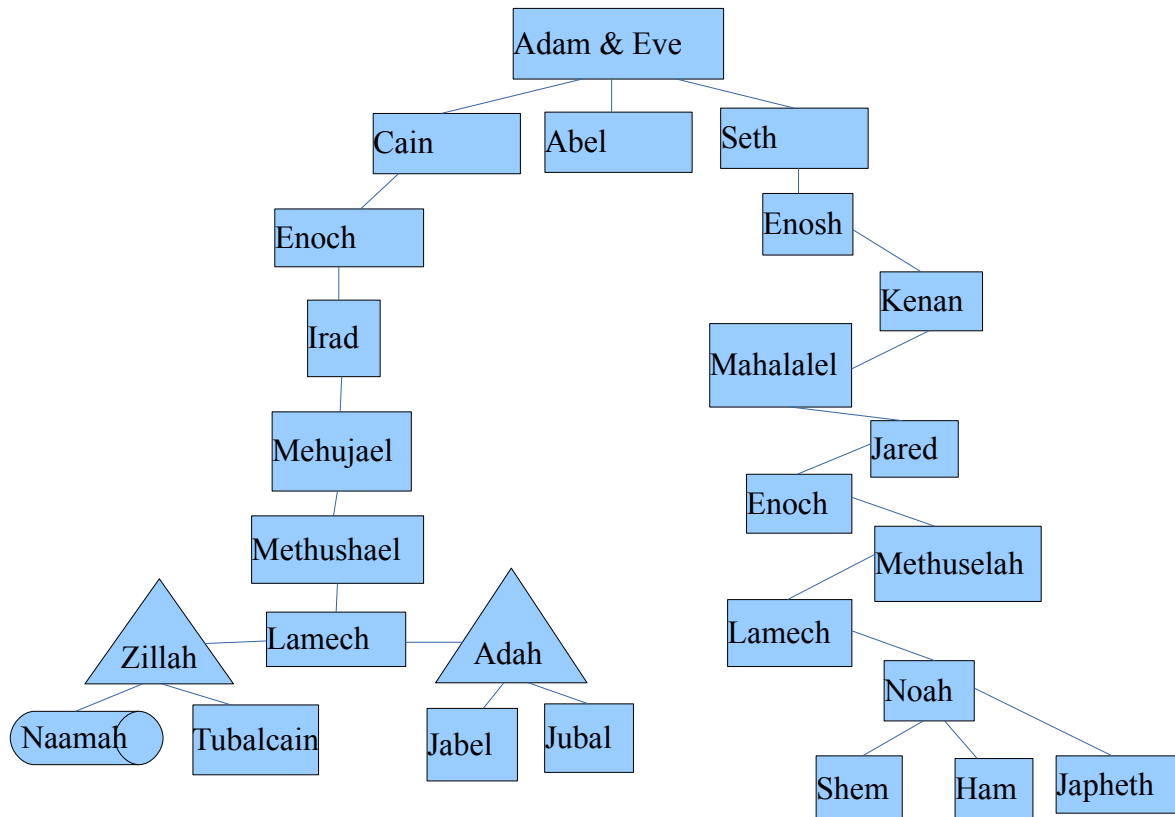


Noah Week 2 Discussion

Video Clip: Start: 13:43; End: 16:59 (Noah getting punched)

Intro to the Clip: Noah has seen a vision that he doesn't understand. In order to figure out what it means, he and his family are going to see his grandfather.

- The little girl says, "My name is Ela." To this, Noah's wife responds, "This is Shem. He's going to hold your hand tight and he won't let go." Who is Shem?
 - To figure this out, we're going to draw a family tree from Adam to Shem. To help us, scan Genesis 5 and let me know who goes where.



- Where does Ela fit into this family tree?
 - She doesn't.*

Video Clip: Start: 20:34; End: 23:21;

Intro to Clip: After running from their attackers, the Watchers cast Noah and his family in a pit, where they are left to die... Until one watcher returns.

2. Who are the watchers?
3. Are the watchers found in Scripture?
4. Read Genesis 6:4. Who or what are the Nephillim?
 - *According to theologian Tony Jones: “There is not one Bible professor on the planet who has a friggin’ clue what the Nephilim are. They are a complete mystery.”*
 - Is it possible Noah's “watchers” are the Nephillim of Genesis 6?
 - *According to theologian Tony Jones: “Aronofsky has as much right as anyone to decide that they are fallen angels who tried to help humans but instead became like human and were therefore encased in stone as a punishment. And now they kick ass.”*
5. The watcher tells Noah, “The Creator formed us on the same day, the day he made heavens.” Who is the Creator?
 - Throughout *Noah*, God is called the creator. Why do you think this is?
 - Creator is but one facet of God. Which facet of God do you relate to most? Why?
 - When did God create the watchers?
 - *If the watchers are even Scriptural, we have no idea when / how God created them.*
 - *Throughout the creation account in Genesis, we have no record of God creating angels.*
6. According to the watcher, “With our help, they rose from the dust and became great and mighty. Then they turned our gifts to violence.” When else have people turned what was meant for good into violence?
7. According to the watcher, “Only one man protected us, your grandfather Methuselah. We were hunted; Most of us killed. Those who lived were left prisoners in these stony shells, marooned upon this barren land. We begged the Creator to take us home, but he was always silent.” Describe a time when, like the watchers, you've begged God for something only to hear silence. What was that experience like for you? How did it affect your faith?
8. According to the watcher, “And now you claim that you have heard his call. Some of us cannot accept this. A man, when it was man who broke the world? But I look at you and I see a glimmer of Adam again, the man I knew, the man I came to help.” What do you think it means that man “broke the world”?
 - Read Genesis 6:5-6. According to this passage, how did man “break the world”?
 - Do you think the world is again broken today? Why or why not?
 - How can you fix some of the brokenness that is in our world today?

Video Clip: Start: 25:49; End: 26:40:

Intro the Clip: To figure out what is going to happen, Noah and his son, Shem, go visit Noah's grandfather, Methuselah.

9. Methuselah says, "Before he walked on, my father Enoch told me that if man continues in his ways, one day the Creator would annihilate this world." What does it mean that Enoch walked on?
 - Read Genesis 5:24. Based on this passage, what do you think it means that Enoch walked on?
10. Noah says, "Then what I saw is true. All of life blotted out. Can it not be averted?"
 - Skim the creation story in Genesis 1. What does God call everything he creates?
 - If everything God created was good, why do you think God is willing to destroy ALL of creation?
 - Read Genesis 6:7. Based on this, do you think it was easy or difficult for God to destroy the world? Why?
11. Methuselah responds, "Noah, you must trust that he speaks in a way that you can understand." In Old Testament times, what were some of the ways God spoke to people?
 - *He walked with them in the Garden (Genesis 2)*
 - *Through dreams (Joseph)*
 - *Through visions*
 - *Through angels (Abraham)*
 - Today, how does God speak to people?
 - *Through Scripture*
 - *Through other people*
 - *Through prayer*
 - Do you think God speaks in a way that you can understand? Why or why not?