

There Were Two Enochs!

The earth was without form and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "let there be light; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness" (Gen. 1:2-4 NKJV).

Then God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. (Gen. 1:16 NKJV)

In the beginning, God, separated the light from the darkness. In this act of sovereign power, two realms of matter were created in both the spiritual and natural domains - the kingdom of God (revealed as light) and the kingdom of darkness (hiddenness overcoming the dark). Light is always dominate over darkness as God Himself is light! He reveals this in the lesser light that rules by night - this light is revealed in the darkness drawing a path to the lesser light of the night. The lesser light is a revelation of being drawn to the light while perceiving it to be in darkness.

Part of the revelation of living a godly life is the establishment of God's kingdom of light causing those who walk in His light to become children of the light. Job states that God watched over him, "When His lamp shone upon my head, and when *by His light I walked through darkness*" (Job 29:2, 3). Job makes it very clear that when he was in fellowship with God - His light shone upon his head, causing Job to be able to walk through darkness! The Psalmist states, "For You (God) will light my lamp; The Lord my God will enlighten my darkness" (Psalm 18:28 emphasis added). This being true how can we as children of the light have fellowship with darkness?

There are times when believers (the children of light) are tempted or deceived causing them to turn toward the darkness. But God in His grace and mercy promises to *enlighten us* and *cause us to walk through that darkness* when we walk with him in the light. According to the above scripture this was God's intent from the beginning. The Lord has not changed and light and darkness remain with us! We must continually be enlightened to the manifest truth of the kingdom of light - God's holy kingdom!

The Kingdom of Cain

After man's fall, God granted Adam two sons, the elder Cain, and the younger, Abel. Cain was a tiller of the soil and Abel was a keeper of sheep. Cain (*Qayin*), in Hebrew means *possession*, just as Eve said at his birth, "I have acquired a man from the Lord." Abel (*Habel*) in Hebrew, means *breath*. Breath in Hebrew thought can also refer to the things of God's Spirit (the *Ruach*). As it happened in the process of time Cain brought an offering to God from the ground (the labor of his own hands). While his brother Abel brought an offering of the *first born* of his flock as his offering. God in His wisdom looked to Abel and his offering but did not look to (regard) Cain and his offering. This caused Cain to be angry toward God and his countenance fell. God's response to Cain's demeanor was, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, *sin lies at the door*. And it's desire is for you, but you should over rule it" (Gen. 4: 6,7). By God's design, Cain was to over rule sin's desire to rule over him. He was to walk toward the light.

Instead he chose the kingdom of darkness and sin overtook him. The Hebrew thought here is *not just to over rule sin* but to master it! God's intent for mankind was to be a master over the entrance of sin in our lives!

Cain killed Abel out of a rage of jealousy over a sacrifice that God did not regard. Why couldn't the Lord look at or regard Cain's sacrifice? God had already cursed the ground at the fall of mankind and said that, "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life" (Gen. 3:17). Cain brought the fruit of his own work to God as a sacrifice from something God had cursed. This was man's provision through his own work! This principle holds true today - we cannot bring the fruit of our own labor to God as a sacrifice. He will not look at or regard it with favor. This was the beginning of man embracing the kingdom of darkness and laboring for his own glory on the earth. Cain's heart was in his own gain and not in the humility of bringing an offering to God. It is significant to note that all future off-springs that came from Cain's loins were of that kingdom.

This action is such a significant prophetic picture the Lord has painted for us that the blood of Abel (Habel - *breath*) cried out to God from the ground that was cursed. A few years ago God granted me a prophetic picture of the blood of His Jewish people crying out from the ground of a war torn Germany. My wife and I were walking and praying in a forest surrounded by farm land near a large city in northern Germany. As we were walking and praying for the Jewish people and our trip to Israel, suddenly I was startled by a reality in a vision. I felt as though I had literally stepped in a pool of blood on the trail. I knew in my spirit that it was Jewish blood crying out for redemption from a land that had cursed them as God's people. Immediately my thought's focused on the scripture where God heard the voice of Abel's blood cry out to Him from the ground. Prophetically that voice was saying, "Where is my redeemer O' God. Why does my life lay in the darkness of this cursed ground?" Innocent blood cries out for a release from the kingdom of darkness and God responds by sending a redeemer!

Abel's sacrifice was looked at because it came from God's provision for sacrifice. It had nothing to do with the labor of Abel's hands but rather the provision of life that God had created for man to rule over. Abel was ruling over and nurturing the flock so that it could be fruitful and multiply. He had taken a stand to rule over the kingdom of darkness where sin might have overtaken him. This provision of God also points to redemption from the kingdom of light that always overcomes the darkness. The animal sacrifice represented the shedding of innocent blood to provide a covering for the guilty. Had Abel lived he would have been a father in the Messiah's (the redeemer's) lineage. But his brother Cain killed him and God later gave *compensation* for the innocent blood that was shed.

By grace as the motive, Cain was granted to live but lived on in a state of darkness - cursed by God! "So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth" (Gen. 4:11, 12). God then marked Cain as a condemned man and if anyone killed him, God's vengeance would be sevenfold on that person. **"Then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord" (Gen. 4:16).** When one goes out from the presence of the Lord he turns from the light and walks into the kingdom of darkness. This was the kingdom of darkness and curse where Cain and his generations would walk all the days of their lives.

The Generations of Cain

When Cain went out *from the presence of God* (literally - *the face of*) he dwelt in the land of Nod (wandering) east of Eden. Eden in the Hebrew tongue means *a pleasant place* or *a place of God's pleasure*. We must take heart of those who walk away from the face of God for they are walking away from a *pleasant place* where *God's pleasure* exist. Turning from God is walking into the darkness which is void and without form! That darkness is a place of creation where the face and presence of God is not seen or experienced. Cain was cursed to be a fugitive and a vagabond. He could not live for the glory of his creator but only for his own glory which he was now destined to make.

In his place of wandering Cain's wife bore him a son and they named him *Enoch*. Enoch (*Chanouk*) means *dedicated*. Then Cain built a city and called the name of the city after his son - Enoch. This son and this city were *dedicated* to the work of the generations of Cain.

Enoch then bore a son named Irad (*fugitive, fleet*) and Irad had a son named Mehujael (*smitten by God*). Mehujael had a son named Methushael (*who is of God*). Methushael had a son named Lamech (powerful). Lamech took for himself two wives, Adah who bore him two sons, Jabal and Jubal. Jabal lived in tents and raised livestock while Jubal was the father of all who played the harp and flute. Lamech's wife Zillah bore him a son named Tubal-Cain meaning - *thou shall be brought of Cain*. Tubal-Cain was also an instructor of craftsman in bronze and iron. All of these generations pointed to the work and glory of the hand of man, for they were under the curse and kingdom of their father Cain. There was not yet a redeemer for those in the kingdom of darkness.

Then Lamech killed two men because they had wounded him. He tried to justify himself by telling his wives it was done in self defense. He brought further self justification because of the sevenfold vengeance curse upon Cain. Lamech now proclaimed in a dramatic poetic form - that anyone attempting to kill him - God's vengeance to them would be seventy sevenfold. This is deception, not the voice of God, but the voice of the deceiver in the kingdom of darkness. We must remember that the generations of Cain were under the curse of being vagabonds and fugitives in the earth. They dwelled in the kingdom of darkness and, by their names and professions, were *dedicated* to the work of their own hands just as their father. . . . even in the continuous act of self justified murder.

The Compensation of God

God's grace was in Himself in the beginning and the truth of God's grace came through the Messiah, the redeemer of grace. By grace the lineage of the Messiah came through the fallen Adam. It is **Jesus, the truth of grace**, that enlightens and brings the manifest light to God's kingdom today!

After the death of Abel, Adam once more knew his wife and they had a son named Seth (Sheth - *compensation*). Compensation means a payment for damage. Seth was the compensation for Abel's unjust death. Eve, the mother of Seth stated, "For **God has appointed another seed for me** instead of Abel, whom Cain killed" (Gen.4:25 emphasis added). To Seth a son was also born and his name was called Enosh (*man*). This was the beginning of the restoration of the kingdom of light. For when Enosh was born, the time began, that men once again called on the Name of God (*Yahveh*; see Gen. 4:26).

From Adam came Seth (*compensation*), from Seth came Enosh (*man*), from Enosh came Cainan (*possession*), from Cainan came Mahalalel (*praise of God*), from Mahalalel came Jared (*descent*), and from Jared came **Enoch** (*dedicated*). All of these off-springs died except Enoch, the seventh from Adam. Enoch was the prophetic fulfillment of; “walking with God” in the kingdom of light.

The Seventh from Adam

Another prophetic picture is being framed for us if we look at the names of the sons under the curse of Cain and the generations of Adam’s sons. Seth was the *compensation* for the unjust death of Abel. He was not the redeemer but through his compensated lineage would come the redeemer for all fallen men.

Cain’s firstborn was Enoch (*dedicated*). He was not dedicated to the things of God but to the things of man. He was the beginning of *man’s dedication to himself* walking in the kingdom of darkness. All those from that lineage were dedicated to the work and glory of fallen man. From Lamech (*powerful*) came the sin to dominate other men and having two or more wives. He was the beginning of the *false power* of man to change and make his own way in the earth. He was a murderer like his grandfather Cain and rebellion toward God was the inward motivation of that kingdom.

Another **Enoch**, the seventh from Adam, fulfilled a different kingdom on the earth. The number seven in scripture marks the end, rest, or fulfillment of God’s hand. The prophetic picture of the names of Adam’s sons leads us toward the redemption of man. God in His grace brought forth *compensation* which brought forth a new *man* who began to call on the name of the Lord. From that *man* came *the praise of God* and from that praise came the *seventh* from Adam’s *descent* - from which came the second **Enoch**, *dedicated to the kingdom of God (light)*.

When this second **Enoch** turned sixty five he had a son whom he called Methuselah (Methuwshelach - *man of the dart*). When we think of a dart we think of *hitting the mark* or bulls eye of a target. Often in Hebraic thought sons and daughters are named in accordance to their prophetic destiny. This Methuselah was a son destined to hit the mark. He was a *man of the dart*, thrown from the loins of one destined to walk with God. His father Enoch was the first of two prophets who walked with God in such personal intercourse that pleased God, that He took them to Himself without their experiencing the death that had come to all men by the fall of the first man Adam. *Grace* is with those who *walk with God* - turning into the light, and rejecting the slightest glimpse of darkness.

A Coming Generation of Light

According to Jude (Judah - *he shall be praised*) in verses 14, 15, Enoch prophesied about a coming generation from God’s kingdom of light, saying, **“Behold the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”** Was this prophecy fulfilled in Moses’ time (Deut 33:2) or is it yet to come in the end times. In the context of Jude’s writing, he refers to false teachers and mockers in the last time

(Jude 18,19), those who embrace the kingdom of darkness but claim to be part of *the light*, yet are without the Spirit. Is this not the same spirit that was upon the sons of Cain and passed down through the generations? And even today this *spirit of man* has crept into the church unnoticed, “**who long ago were marked out for this condemnation**, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ” (Jude 4, **emphasis added**). We see this same spirit of man being revived in our current political situation in America and the world. The spirit of the first Enoch was to build a kingdom where all men could attain self recognition. In that kingdom every man could be known by his own achievements through fleshly gifts and desires and do as he pleased without the intervention of God.

However, God through Jude encourages the believer, to build themselves up on their most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit, keeping themselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of Jesus Christ (the Messiah) unto eternal life. Doing these things, and knowing who we are in Him and He in us, will compel us to continue as **Enoch** (dedicated) to *walk with God*, pressing daily into the light, and giving no heed to darkness.

Light always overcomes darkness! This is an eternal decree of God and we as believers must **pursue the light until we have the heart of Enoch** the prophet. Our destiny comes from his loins as Messiah Jesus the Son of Man, the Son of God, Himself began his ministry at about thirty years of age, “being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli - *and on down the lineage to* - the son of **Enoch**, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Cainan, the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.” (see Luke 3:23-38 *italics added*) This was the lineage of the kingdom of light - and we who believe must walk in the light of Jesus the Messiah - where no darkness can dwell!

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