

ANTEDILUVIAN MISSIONARY EVANGELISM

This lesson will introduce us to missionary evangelism of the Antediluvian civilization. It is established with our lesson text: “And to Seth, to him also a son was born (yalad / pual pf / intensive passive) [AC] and he called his name Enosh. Then men began to call upon the name of the Lord.”

We will examine our lesson text by the following three point homiletical outline.

- **Sethite Race** - then (az) establishes missionary evangelism with Enosh.
- **Spreading the Gospel** - men began (chalal / hophal pf / causative passive) to call (qara / kal infin / periphrastic) establishes the principle of organized missionary evangelism.
- **Salvation in the Antediluvian period** - (call) upon the name of the Lord establishes the importance of faith in grace salvation (Acts 4:12) [no other name].

**This lesson will study SIX aspects of Antediluvian Missionary Evangelism.
How far back in human history did missionary evangelism exist?**

1. The Sethites were the Antediluvian saved lineage of Christ (Luke 3:38).

A new doctrinal concept of missionary evangelism is introduced with the first generation of Sethites –.

It is interesting that it was introduced with Enosh. In Hebrew, Enosh means weak, frail adamic man. Enosh was the first generation in the genealogy of the Sethite race.

After the Flood, this Hebrew word will be commonly used to described fallen mankind (Psa.103:15/ death and mortality). It will become a reference for fallen Adam man (AOS) (Rom.5:12; 1 Cor.15:22).

2. Beginning with Enosh, God decreed all mankind to call upon the name of the Lord to be saved (Gen.4:26).

Peter preached the concept of missionary evangelism on the Day of Pentecost - “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

“Peter cited this from Joel 2:32 on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:21).” (NIV, Rom.10:13)

Paul preached the same message of missionary evangelism - “Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Rom.10:13) Paul cited it also from Joel 2:32.

Where did Joel get this idea for the Postdiluvian civilization? Joel got it from the Gen.4:26 recorded in the Bible that Noah carried with him on the boat to the New World.

3. Calling upon the Lord for salvation does not mean reciting some words apart from faith in the gospel (1 Cor.15:3-4).

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.” (Matt.7:21)

Romans 10:13-15 gives a chain of five aspects of grace salvation of missionary evangelism. Write these five events on the blank lines _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.
[Note they are given in Hebrew order that is backward to Gentile thinking.]

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.” (Rom.10:17)

4. Beginning with Enosh of the Sethite race, people were evangelized by the gospel of Christ.

Missionary evangelism is God sends you and you preach the gospel and they hear it and they believe it and they call upon the name of the Lord, and they are saved (Rom.10:13-15).

Praise is given to gospel preachers: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.” (Rom.10:15; Isa.52:7) “Here it is applied to gospel preachers, who bring the good news of release from captivity of sin.” (NIV, Rom.10:15)

5. It is at this time in human history that God established the importance of the doctrine of the faith. The writer of Hebrews used Abel’s life as an example (Heb.11:4).

The writer of Hebrews also used three believers from the Antediluvian period to teach the importance of the doctrine of faith (Abel, Enoch, and Noah) (Heb.11:1-7).

This same doctrinal principle was carried over to the Postdiluvian period by Noah to Abraham and to us (Heb.11:1, 8-40; Eph.2:8-9; Rom.1:16).

“All persons of faith who had gone before focused their faith on God and His promises. The fulfillment of God’s promises to them has now come in Jesus Christ, and their redemption too is now complete in Him.” (NIV, Heb.11:40)

6. Missionary evangelism was carried over to the Postdiluvian civilization by Noah and the Semites.

Remember that missionary evangelism began in the Antediluvian period with the Sethites race. It was these believers who embraced -“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that He rewards those that who earnestly seek Him.” (Heb.11:6)

- They were preachers of God’s righteousness in Christ (2 Peter 2:5; 2 Cor.5:21).
- They were preachers of the coming judgment of God upon the world of the ungodly (Heb.11:7; Jude 11).
- They were preachers of the historical Coming of Christ (Jude 14-15; Matt.24:35-39).
- They were examples to us of ambassadorship for Christ: “Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” (2 Cor.5:20)