

THE SETHITE RACE

The Cainite claim to fame was that they were a genius, inventive, and creative people. However their lives were void of a personal relationship with the living God in time and eternity (Gen.4:14-16; 1 John 3:12). The Noachic flood destroyed all the ungodly (Matt.24:37-39; 2 Pet.2:5).

However, the Sethite claim to fame was their personal relationship with God. They were God's appointed successor to Abel in the messianic lineage (Gen.3:15; 4:2, 25-26; Heb.11:4 -7). Seth is listed in Luke's genealogy of Jesus Christ (Luke 3:36-38).

This lesson will study SEVEN aspects of the Sethite Race and their importance in the messianic plan of God.

1. The Sethite history went from Adam to Seth to the Noachic flood. It covered the ten generations of the Antediluvian period.

The Bible is the only recorded data of the existences of the Antediluvian civilization. It is recorded in three messianic genealogies (Gen.5:1-32; 1 Chron. 1:1-4; Luke 3:36-38). Gen.5 and 1 Chron.1 record Noah and his three sons closing the Antediluvian period of biblical history.

However, Luke recorded only one Sethite son of Noah (Shem) (Luke 3:36-38). We will learn that the Shemites will carry the messianic genealogy until Abraham and the Postdiluvian period.

2. Each of the ten Sethite Hebrew names gives historical insight into that generation role in the plan of God.

- **Adam** (ground) – creation and fall (Gen.3:19; Eccl.12:7; Gen.5:1-5).
- **Seth** (appointed one) – messianic lineage (Luke 3:36-38).
- **Enosh** (weak) – fallen mankind must call upon the Lord to be saved (Gen.4:26; Rom.10:13).
- **Kenan** (acquire wisdom) – importance of word of God for life and death (Prov.4:1-9; James 1:5).
- **Mahalalel** (God be praised) – fourth generation and need for spiritual awakening (Gen.15:16; Ex.20:5; 2 Kings 10:30).
- **Jared** (descend, decline) – fallen angels descend upon fallen mankind to corrupt the messianic lineage (Jude 6; 2 Pet.2:4; Gen.6:5).
- **Enoch** (dedication) – prophet who walked with God and preached the coming of divine judgment (Gen.5:21-24; Jude 14-15).
- **Methuselah** (when he dies, it will be sent) – when he died the flood began (living prophetic clock); oldest (969 yrs; 2 Pet.3:9).
- **Lamech** (strong, conqueror) – generation of wickedness like Cainites that led to the flood (Gen.5:28-31).
- **Noah** (rest) – preacher of God's righteousness who walked with God and built the ark of safety from the flood (Gen.6:5-9; Heb.11:7; 2 Pet.2:5; 3:3-13).

3. Seth was the first of the lineage of Christ of the Antediluvian civilization (Luke 3:36-38).

Noah was the last generation of Sethites of the Antediluvian civilization (ten generations from Adam to Noah) and the first generation of the Postdiluvian civilization. We will later learn that there were ten generations of Shemites (Shem to Abraham). Shem was the first of the lineage of Christ of the Postdiluvian civilization (Luke 3:36-38).

4. The Sethites and Shemites make-up the biblical period known as the Gentile Age.

Noahic flood separated the Gentile Age into two civilizations (Antediluvian and Postdiluvian). Abraham will be the last generation of Shemites (Gentile Age) and the first generation of Israelites (Jewish Age) (Gal.3:8).

5. The genealogy history of the Sethites is unique because it is recorded by ages. Each generation is given the same three-fold description (First-born; Family; and Funeral).

Example of Seth (Gen.5:6-8)

- First-born (105) father of Enosh
- Family (807) sons and daughters after Enosh
- Funeral (912) total years

Two of ten generations of Sethites had additional information (Enoch-5:21-24; Jude 14) and (Lamech-5:28-31) while Noah had less information (Gen.5:32).

6. The Sethites were the divine agency and thus custodians of evangelism and the teaching of the word of God to the Antediluvian civilization.

“And to Seth, to him also a son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then men began to call upon the name of the Lord.” (Gen.4:26; Joel 2:32; Rom.10:13-15). We studied this doctrine last week.

7. An interesting pattern occurs in the genealogies listed in the Book of Genesis. The unbeliever’s genealogy is always listed before the believer’s.

Note the following five examples.

- Satan’s seed before woman’s seed (Gen.3:15)
- Cainites before Sethites (Gen.Ch.4-5)
- Japheth and Ham before Shemites (Gen.Ch.10)
- Ishmael before Isaac (Gen.Ch.25)
- Esau before Jacob (Gen.Chs.36 and 46)

Secular history precedes redemptive history. Unsaved history precedes saved history. God’s grace precedes God’s judgment - “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any perish, but that all should come to repentance.”(2 Pet.3:9)

Please note that the background of 2 Pet.3:9 is the Antediluvian period (2 Pet.3:5-9).

**“Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,
that we should be holy and blameless before Him.”
(Eph.1:4)**