



Line of Messiah: Satan's Attacks & God's Counterattacks: Abel & Seth, Nephilim & the Flood; Pharaoh & Sarai; Ishmael & Isaac

- (18) In the first preemptive strike in history, Lucifer motivated Cain to murder Abel, a crime described in Genesis 4:2-8, and the line of Messiah was temporarily cut off.
- (19) However, God counter-attacked with the birth of Seth, reported in Genesis 4:25-26. Seth was divinely protected from satanic wrath and gave birth to Enosh. The Messianic line continued from Enosh, generation by generation down to the Flood through Kenan, Mahalaleel \ma-hā' la-lē' eɪ\, Jared \je' red\, Enoch \ŋ' nuk\, Methuselah \me-thū' ze-la\, Lamech \lā' mek\, Noah, and Shem.
- (20) At the beginning of Genesis 6 the only people left who were believers in Messiah were Noah, his sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, their wives, and Noah's grandfather, Methuselah who was 869 years old. The Lord told Noah to build the *Ark* and gave him 120 years to complete the project. Methuselah died approximately 20 years before the flood.
- (21) An interesting principle emerges from the extreme longevity of the pre-diluvian saints. It is important to remember that there was no written canon. The way divine standards and mandates were accurately preserved generation to generation was by direct discourse among the relatives who populated the Messianic line. What if longevity was the same today as it was prior to the flood? We would have no constitutional crises, no contradictory amendments, no confusion about the meaning of the Bill of Rights.

We'd just consult James Madison and the other delegates to the Constitutional Convention and get straight from the horses' mouths what their original intent happened to be.

If Noah wanted to know details about divine revelation given to his forefathers, he could ask them fact to face. A summary of this idea is provided by:

Lockyer, Herbert. *All the Men of the Bible*. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1958), 239-40:

The Bible represents human life as vastly prolonged before the Flood. Afterwards it grew rapidly briefer. The longevity of the ante-diluvian races proves that the constitution of man was different from what it is today. With the Flood a change took place so that now the duration of human life is rarely over one hundred years. No strength of constitution, temperance or vegetable diet can add years to such a limit. The instructive register of Genesis 5 shows that the man who lived for the shortest period lived for 365 years, and the one who lived for the longest period lived for 969 years.

The remarkable longevity served a useful purpose in that it made possible the reception and preservation of ancient traditions. Adam lived for about 113 years after the birth of Methuselah, and Methuselah could not have been more than 369 years old when his grandson Noah was born. Thus, Noah conversed with one who had conversed with Adam and Enoch (Methuselah's father) had the privilege of conversing with Adam. God knows how to preserve His truth for the guidance and sanctification of succeeding generations.



And a good thing He did. For by the time of Genesis 6 the only ones who possessed and applied divine thought was Noah's family minus Methuselah who had only just recently died. Methuselah had heard Adam explain the prophecy of Genesis 3:15, the concept of the line of Messiah, and the satanic attacks on that line beginning with Cain.

- (22) Thus, Noah was able to discern what was occurring during the 120 years he was constructing the *Ark*. The angelic infiltration of the human race by the “sons of God”: **בְּנֵי הַאֱלֹהִים** *bene ha' Elohim* in Genesis 6:2-4, was a true alien invasion. Their mission was to cohabit with human women to produce half-breeds, called **נְפִילִים** *Nephilim*, who had a human mother but an angelic father.
- (23) The satanic strategy was to corrupt the human race by causing it to become something other than human. The Messiah had to enter history as true humanity in order to qualify as a Mediator between God and man. He must be undiminished deity but also true humanity, not half-human, half-angel.
- (24) God's counter-attack was preservation by means of the *Ark* followed by the universal flood in Genesis 6-8.
- (25) The line's next encounter with danger occurred during a famine, described in Genesis 12, causing Abram and his wife Sarai to flee to Egypt. Abram assumed that since his wife was beautiful that the Pharaoh would kill him and take her. He therefore tried to pass her off as his sister. The plan didn't work because Pharaoh took her anyhow.
- (26) For Sarai to become a member of Pharaoh's harem was completely outside the plan of God and a violation of the rules of engagement. Consequently, God struck the house of Pharaoh with plagues that resulted in the release of Sarai. Thus the Hebrew matriarch of the Messianic line was rescued for the eventual birth of Isaac.
- (27) The next attack centered on Abraham and his descendants. It marked the point where the satanic assault instituted the concept of racial hatred as a means of destroying the Messianic line and brought about the creation of anti-Semitism. This sin is of satanic origin betrays a lust pattern that will find any excuse to blame Jews, project on Jews, and murder Jews for almost every problem that faces mankind.
- (28) The Abrahamic Covenant included the promise that Abraham would be the father of a great nation. Abram and Sarai were childless and therefore he thought that his heir must be someone he was to adopt. The Lord assured him otherwise in:

Genesis 15:4b - "... one who shall come forth from your own body, he [Isaac] shall be your heir."

- (29) However, time passed. By Genesis 16 Sarai had become impatient and insisted that Abram try to sire a child with their maid, Hagar. Abram considered her proposal, I'm sure for several minutes, and then, stifling a smile and with an air of reluctant agreement finally said, "Well, okay!"



- (30) The result was an immediate pregnancy which caused Sarai to become extremely jealous and she began to treat Hagar harshly, so much so that Hagar fled toward Shur \shōōr\.
- (31) But the Lord intervened in a theophany and insisted Hagar return to Abram and Sarai:

Genesis 16:9 - Then the angel of the Lord [**Jesus Christ in a theophany**] said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself to her authority."