

The Torah Project

Genesis 4b-5

Genesis 4:15

ADONAI answered him, “Therefore, whoever kills Kayin will receive vengeance sevenfold,” ...

1. קַיִן	<i>Kayin</i>	“Acquire”
2. חֲנוּךְ	<i>Chanoch</i>	“Appointed/ Dedicated”
3. עִירָד	<i>Irada</i>	“Wild donkey”
4. מַחֲוִיָּאֵל (מַחֲוִיָּאֵל)	<i>Mechujael</i> (<i>Mechijael</i>)	“Blotted out [by] God” (-active form of above-)
5. מִתּוֹשָׁאֵל	<i>Metushael</i>	“Seeking death”
6. לָמֶךְ	<i>Lamech</i>	“Destroyer/Stuck” “Reduced/To the poor”
7. יָבֵל	<i>Yaval</i>	“Produce” Cattle breeder FOOD
	יֻבָּל	<i>Yuval</i> “Production” Musician PLEASURE
	תּוּבַל קַיִן	<i>Tuval Kayin</i> “Product of Cain” Metalworker POWER

The Song of Lamech

(Genesis 4:23-24)

***“Adah and Zillah, Listen to my voice,
You wives of Lamech, Give heed to my speech,***

***“For I have killed a man for wounding me;
And a boy for striking me;***

***“If Cain is avenged sevenfold,
Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.”***

Attributes: Confusion, No instruction, Assault, Death, Fear, Vengeance, Self-justification

But: Preserved in poetry!

Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came and said to Him, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” Yeshua said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.”

Unforgiveness = The Fate of Lamech

The 10 Generations of Adam

(Genesis 5)

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| 1) | אדם | <i>Adam</i> | “Adam” |
| 2) | שת | <i>Seth</i> | “Appointed” |
| 3) | אנוש | <i>Enosh</i> | “Frail/Mortal” |
| 4) | קינן | <i>Kenan</i> | “Lamenting” |
| 5) | מהללאל | <i>Mahalalel</i> | “From the praise of God” |
| 6) | יֵרֵד | <i>Yared</i> | “One descends” |
| 7) | חֲנוֹךְ | <i>Chanoch</i> | “Dedicated” |
| 8) | מתושלח | <i>Methusaleh</i> | “Dying he shall send” |
| 9) | לֹמֶךְ | <i>Lamech</i> | “To the poor” |
| 10) | נח | <i>Noah</i> | “Rest” |

Cain's Line

Kayin (קין)

Mechuyael (מחויאל)

Irada (עירד)

Chanoch (חנוך)

Metushael (מתושאל)

Lamech (למך)

- Yaval (יבל)
- Yuval (יובל)
- Tuval Kayin (תובל קין)

Adam's Line

Adam

Seth

Enosh

Kenan (קנין)

Mahalalel (מהללאל)

Yared (ירד)

Chanoch (חנוך)

Methuselah (מתושלח)

Lamech (למך)

Noach (נח)