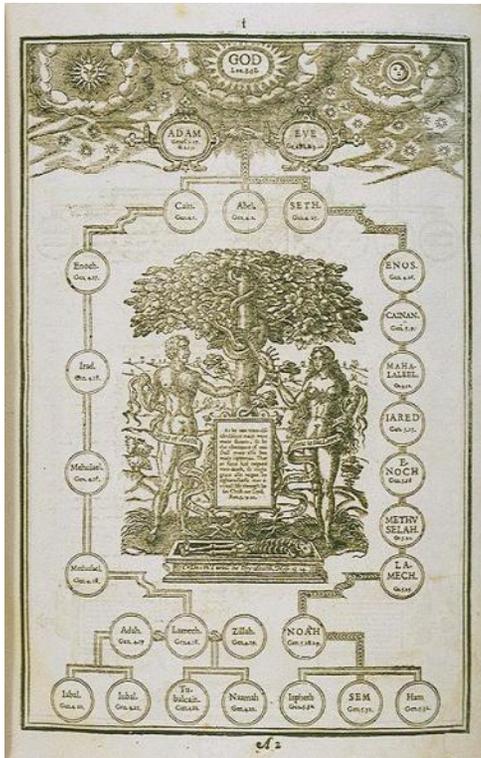


# Meditation on Genesis 1-11

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tion. Adam and Eve had free choice except for one commandment from God. They were not to eat from the tree in the midst of the Garden, which was the Tree to give the knowledge of good and evil. By Satan's persuasion we know that both Eve and Adam did eat of the Tree and sin entered the world. Also, Death, as an animal, had to be killed to provide the skins to clothe Adam and Eve. Two choices: Follow God and obey his commandment or disobey God and follow Satan.

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Genesis 4 – 11 continues to place emphasis on the two choices and the consequences of the wrong choice.

The freedom of choice is demonstrated again with Cain and Abel. Abel's sacrifice of a lamb was accepted by the Lord and Cain's offer of the fruit of the ground was not respected. This led to Cain being very angry against Abel. Satan, working through Cain, killed Abel... again...follow God or follow Satan.

From this time until the flood, Satan used two methods to stop the woman's seed (Jesus Christ) from entering the world as the Messiah. One was to kill, and the other was to corrupt and lead people away from God. This must have been a very successful methodology since all but eight people were destroyed by the flood.

When I was young my family, relatives and friends would meet at our house after Church. I can remember that when a discussion came up about the genealogy of Adam and others, it was said, "who wants to study the 'begats'?" As with everything in the Bible, it's there for a reason. It shows how a line of believers leads to a succession of births to finally the birth of Jesus.

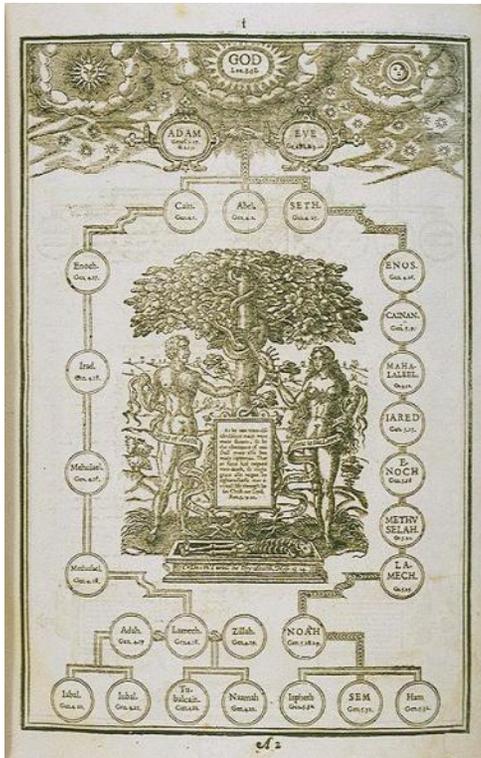
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