

GENESIS Why The Beginning M STUDY 7 THE FAMILY OF Why The Beginning Matters

THE FAMILY OF SIN GENESIS 4-5



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BACKGROUND

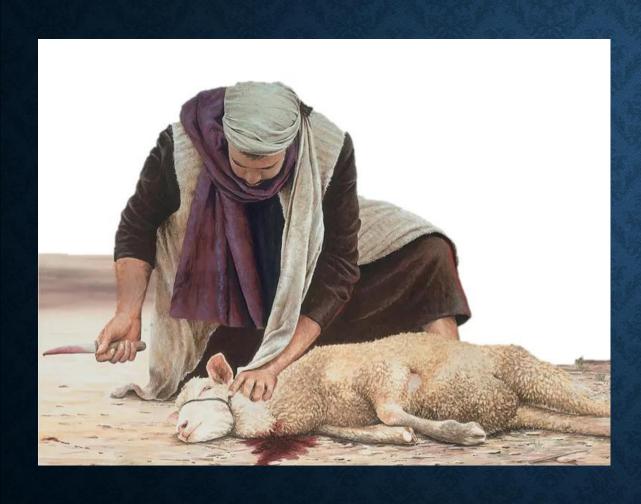
Genesis 4:1-2 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have **gotten** a man with the help of the Lord." 2 And again, she bore his brother Abel.

RELATING BY SACRIFICE

NO INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN

Genesis 4:2-4 Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. 3 In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, 4 and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat pertions 4:4-5 And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, 5 but for Cain and his offering he had **no regard**

ANIMAL SACRIFICE RELATE BETTER?





CROPS FOR OFFERING

Leviticus 2:1 "When anyone brings a grain offering as an offering to the Lord, his offering shall be of fine flour

Leviticus 2:14 "If you offer a grain offering of firstfruits to the Lord, you shall offer for the grain offering of your firstfruits fresh ears, roasted with fire, crushed new grain

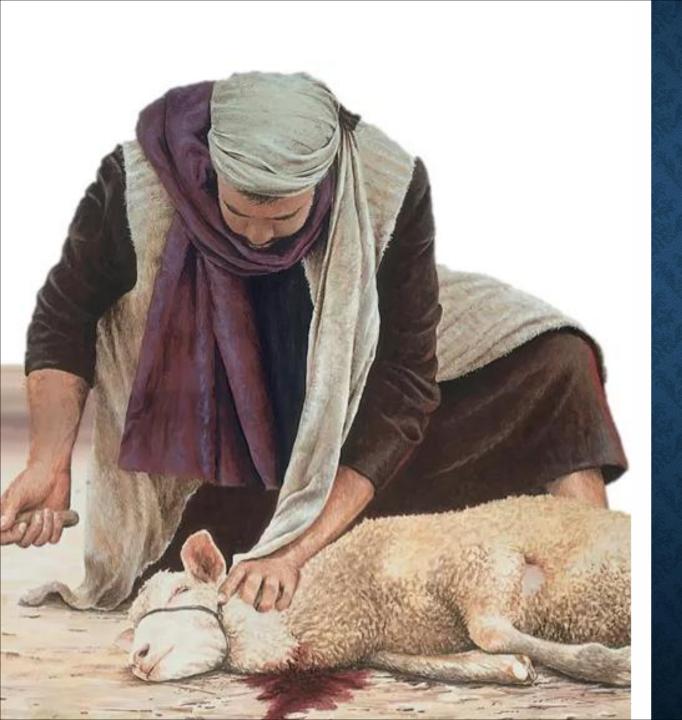
THE BEST

Exodus 23: 19 "The <u>best of the firstfruits</u> of your ground you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God

Leviticus 22:20 You shall not <u>offer anything that</u> has a blemish, for it will not be acceptable for you

IT MUST BE COSTLY

2 Samuel 24:24 But the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will buy it from you for a price. I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing



ANIMAL OFFERINGS

Leviticus 3:3 And from the sacrifice of the peace offering, as a food offering to the Lord, he shall offer the fat covering the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails

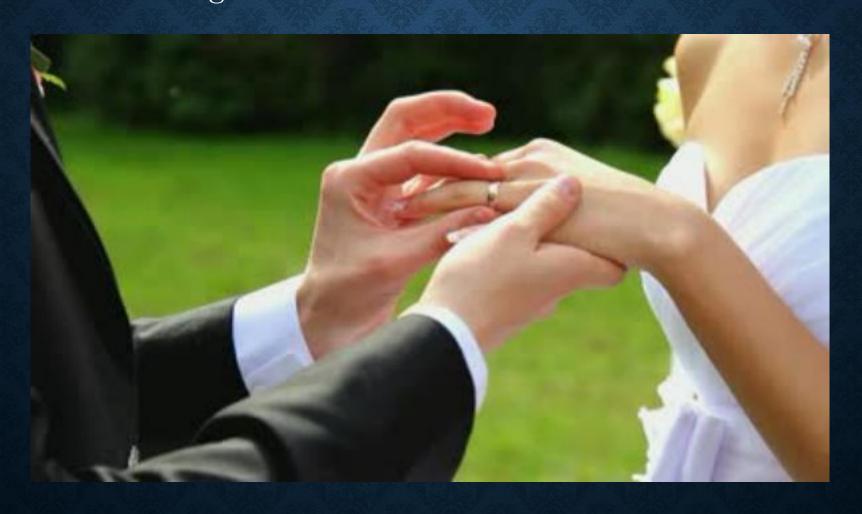
NT EVIDENCE..MOTIVE BEHIND THE SACRIFICE

Hebrews 11:4 By <u>faith</u> Abel offered to God a <u>more acceptable</u> sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as <u>righteous</u>, God commending him by accepting his gifts

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him

DOES THE SIZE OF THE DIAMOND MATTER?

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Ring+ Commitment = Love
Ring+ ····· = Bribe
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NOTICE THE SEQUENCE

It was never about the offering it was about the person's heart

Genesis 4:4-5 And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, 5 but for Cain and his offering he had no regard

Psalms 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise

NT CONFIRMATION

1 John 3:12 We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his <u>own deeds were evil</u> and his brother's righteous

No faith means evil …bribe God

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B. THE TERRIFYING NATURE OF SIN Five features

A. SIN BLINDS

Genesis 4:5-7 So Cain was **very angry**, and his face fell. 6 The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it

B. SIN PRODUCES A FALSE IDENTITY

Identity



Relate to Abel Successful farmer

The essence of sin is to build and identity outside of

THE BOYS

Cain

I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord

Cain - Qayin

Acquire - trust self get, possess



Hebe1

HEBEL

Man is like a <u>breath</u>; his days are like a passing shadow (Psalms 144:4 ESV)

I loathe my life; I would not live forever. Leave me alone, for my days are a <u>breath</u> (Job 7:16 ESV)

MEANING

Hebe1



Fleeting ..transient
---short life



Fleeting .. transient
---insubstantive
useless

IDENTITY



Abel

Nobody

IN GOD'S EYES

Cain

Nobody



Abe1

Somebody

BALLOON DEFLATES IDENTITY THREATENED

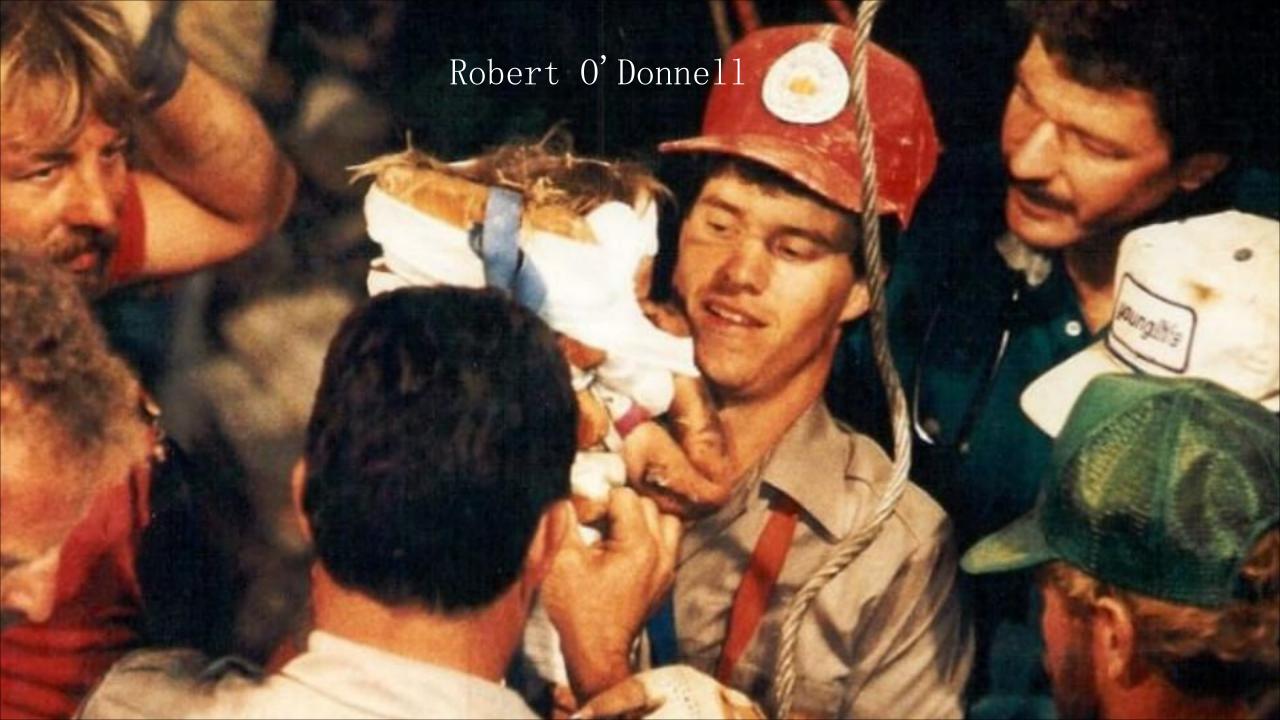


CONSEQUENCES OF A FALSE IDENTITY

Identity
Threatened



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C. SIN IS HIDDEN

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Things that most destroy you you don't think are that bad..excuses for I AM NOT IAM Workaholic Productive Ruthless -Efficient, good businessman Stingy Prudent

CROUCHING SINS



Half heartedness

Envy

Grudge

Self pity

Pride

SIGNATURE CROUCHING SINS

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us Constricting sin





D. SIN IS A POWER



- Creates a power that stays..devours
- Life of its own
- Addictive
- Bad habits

CS LEWIS



At first the Nazis
killed the Jews because
they hated them but
eventually they hated
them because they killed
them..

(need to justify their
actions)



Identity Threatened

Hostility

Not due to violent urge Effort to preserve false identity

E. Sin destroys

Genesis 4:8 Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him

ENDLESS REVENGE AND VIOLENCE

Genesis 4:23-24 Lamech said to his wives: "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say:

I have killed a man for wounding me,

a young man for striking me.

24 If Cain's revenge is sevenfold,

then Lamech's is seventy

THE TERRIFYING NATURE OF SIN

- A. Sin blinds
- B. Sin produces a false identity
- C. Sin is hidden
- D. Sin is a power
- E. Sin ultimately destroys

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BEFORE THE SIN

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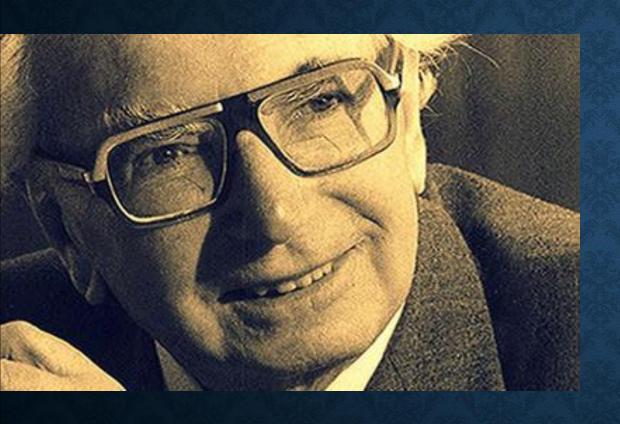


God comes as counsellor Not teacher-assumes lack knowledge Counsellor uses questions to affirm their ability to get it

IDENTIFY THE DANGER

Genesis 4:7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it."

You real problem is not Abel it is you it is sin, …the real enemy
Your real problem is not what God has done to you or what Abel has done to you it is
sin within you .. you are the victim
You are not miserable because of what happened to you ,, you are miserable because of
what is in you ,



Victor Frankl

CHOICE

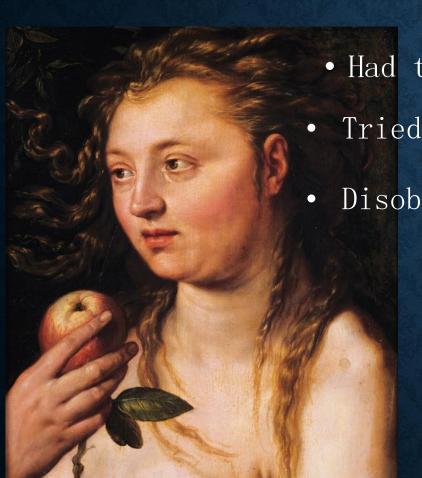
"Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom."







REJECTING GRACE HARDENING PROCESS



• Had to be talked into sin

Tried to blame but owned up

• Disobeyed God..rebelled

Despite the grace of God counselling him

Could not be talked out of sin

Lies and never admits sin

• Killed brother image of God

RUIN OF CAIN

Grace of God gives him every bit of space

Genesis 4:9 Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's

keeper?"

Sin is man curved in himself..placing self in the center only concerned about himself. We are our brothers keeper

THE PUNISHMENT

In Adam ground cursed now Cain is cursed .. alienated from ground



Genesis 4:11-12 And now you are <u>cursed</u> from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth

HE IS NOT REPENTING—SELF PITY

Genesis 4:13-14 Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. 14 Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me

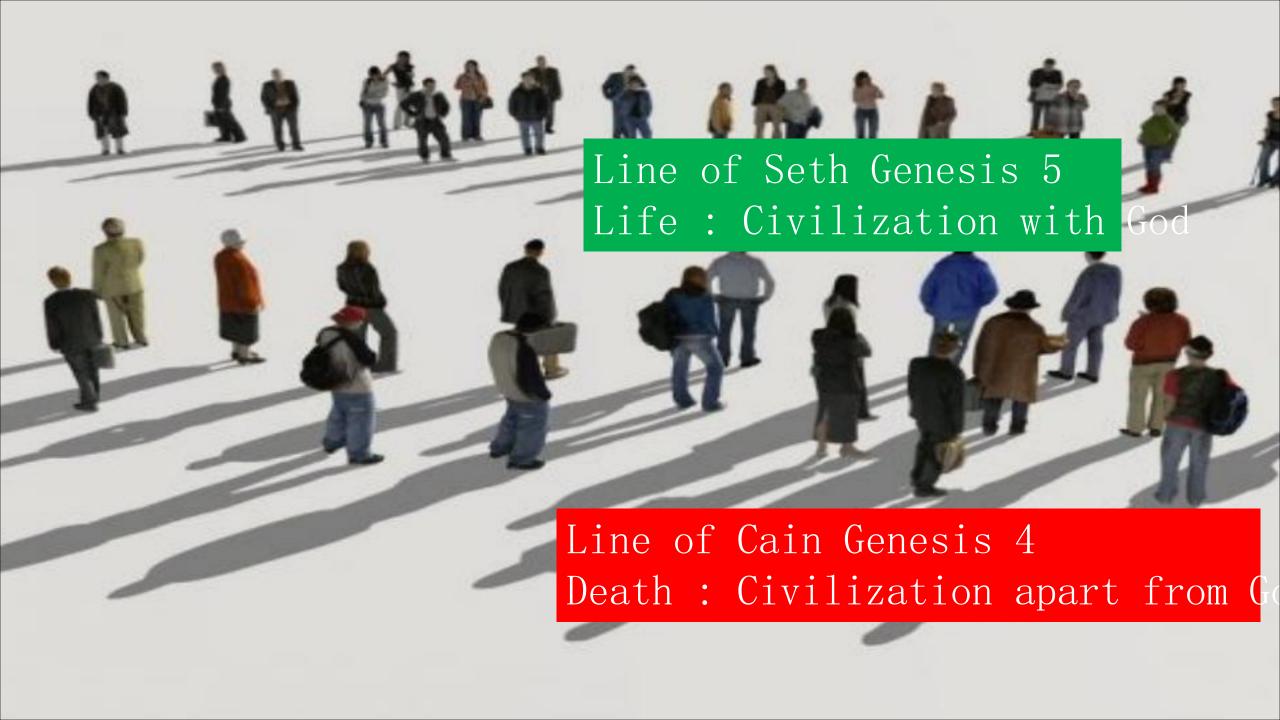
He cannot repent... sorry he got caught

GRACE

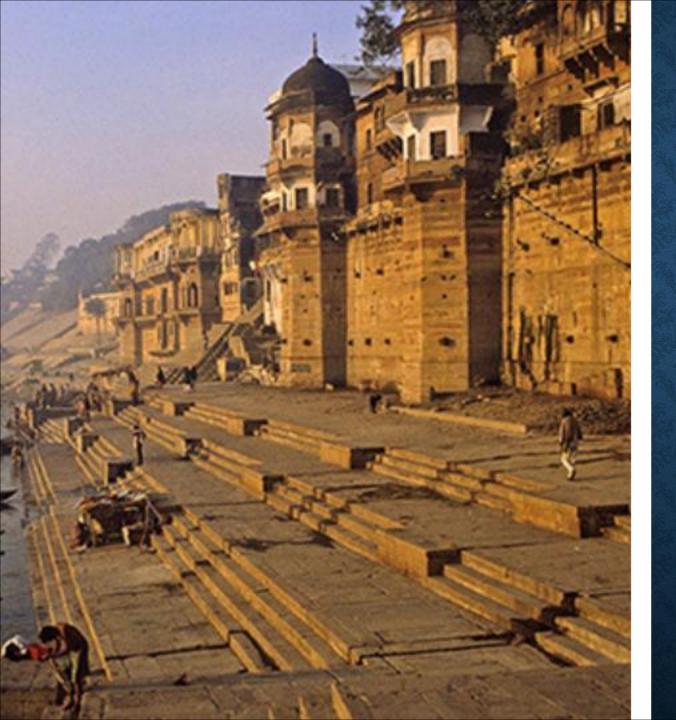
Genesis 4:15-16 Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. 16 Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden

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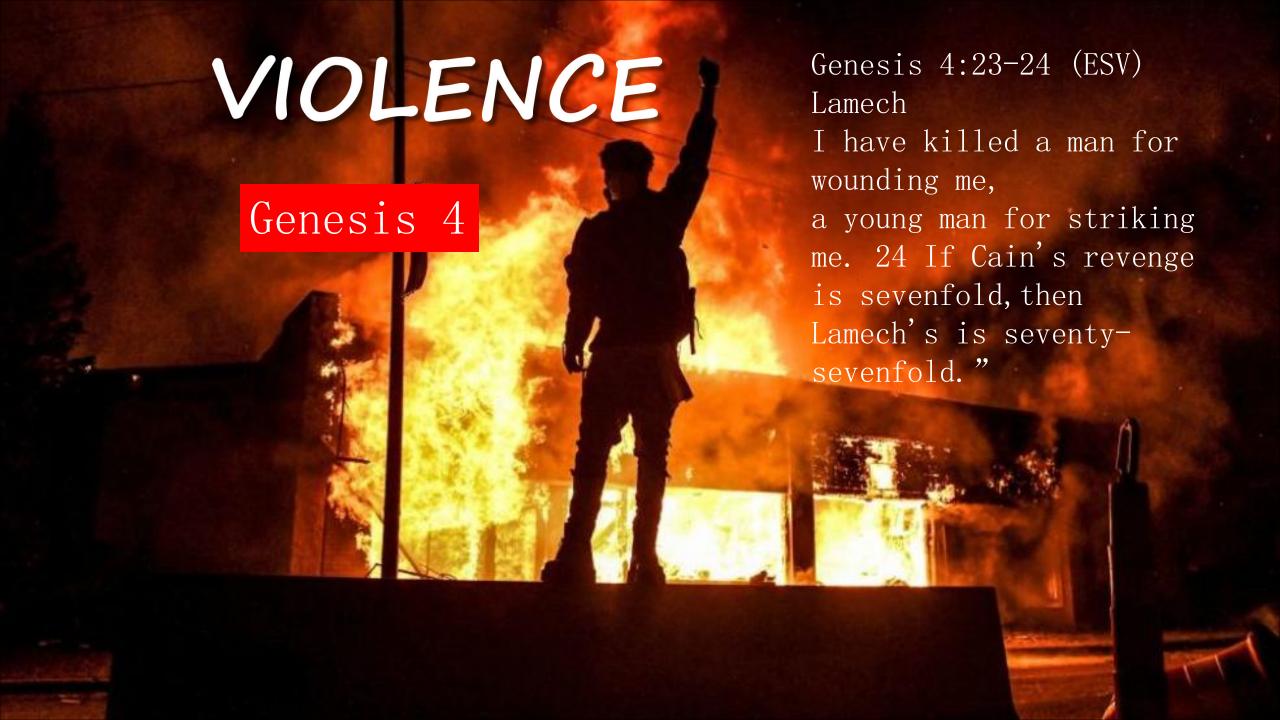


ITS ALL ABOUT YOU

Genesis 4:17 (ESV) Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. When he built a city, he called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch



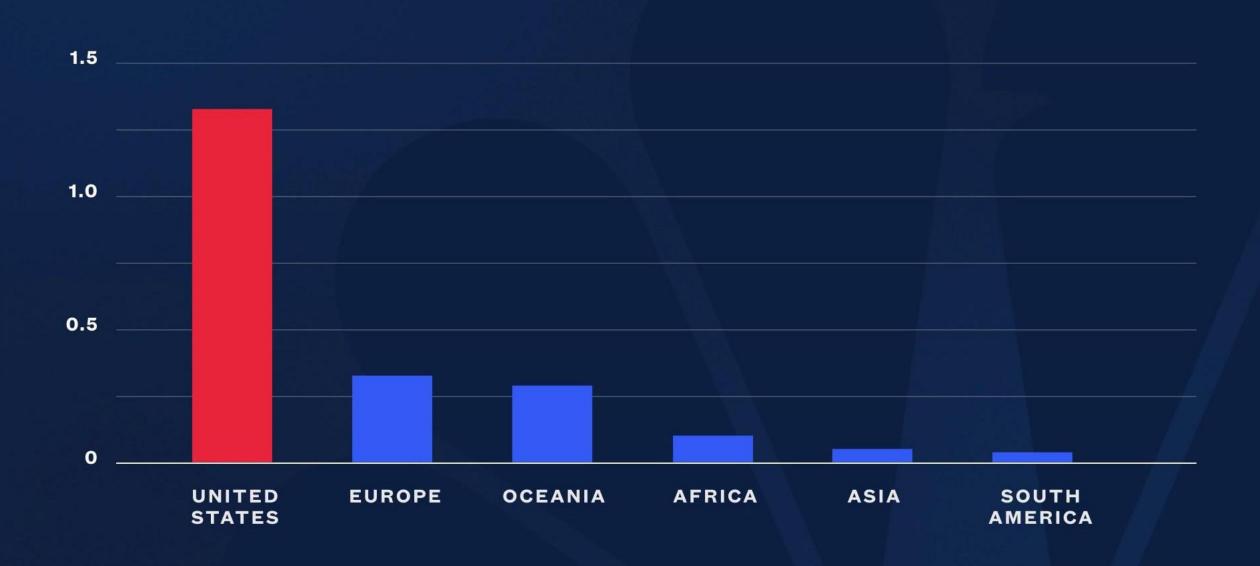




NUMBER OF PUBLIC MASS SHOOTERS

ECON JOURNAL WATCH
ADAM LANKFORD

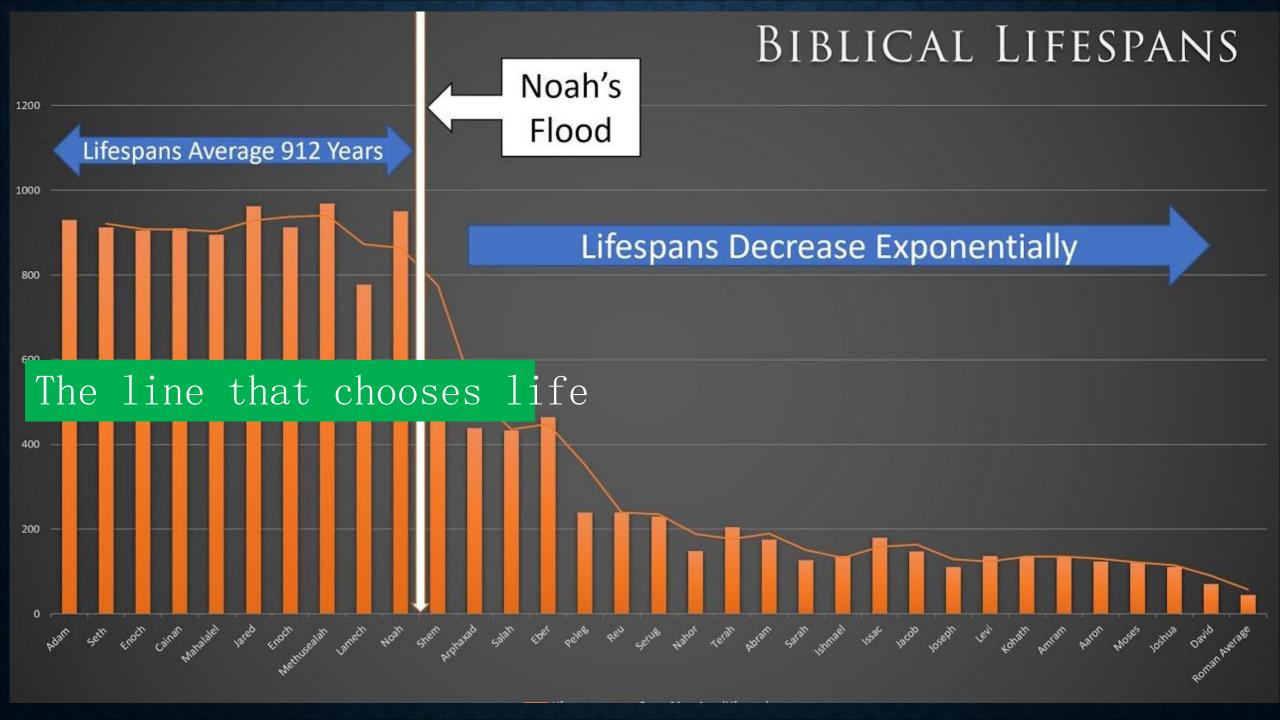
PER 10 MILLION PEOPLE



SETH=GOD GAVE

Genesis 4:25-26 (ESV) And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, "God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him." 26 To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD. CHOOSE LIFE

Genesis 5:1-5 This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. 2 Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created. 3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. 4 The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters. 5 Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.



ENOCH

Genesis 5:23-24 (ESV) 23 Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. 24 Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him

Death may not be irrevocable for all or is the last word

PROMINENCE OF FAITH

Hebrews 11:5-6 (ESV) By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him

CHOOSE WHICH CULTURE?

