“A good report through faith”

Hebrews 11

Session 1: From Abel to Noah

Context



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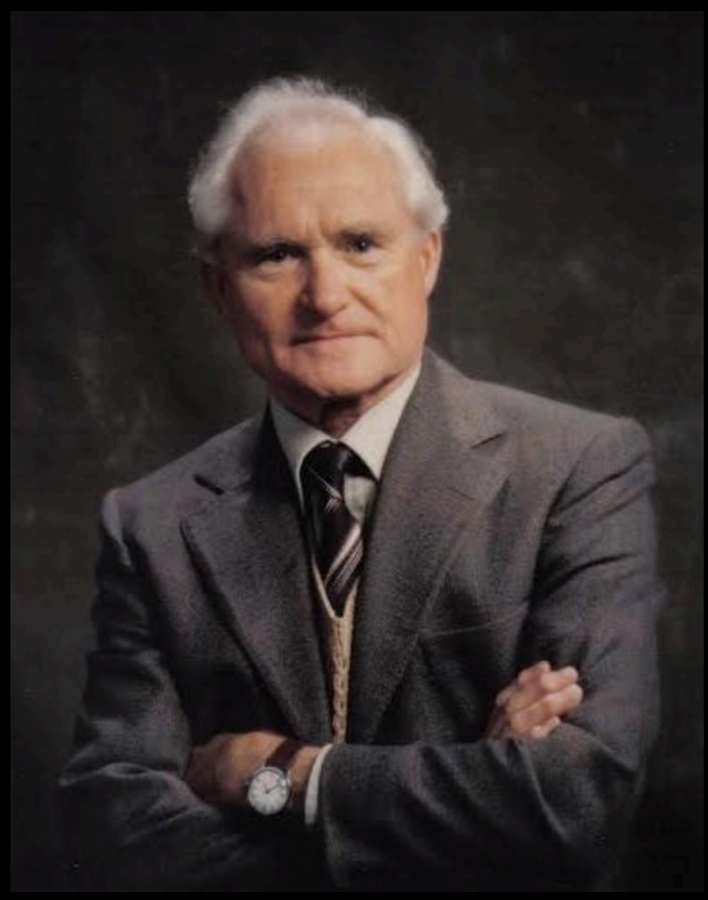
"And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, *Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved" (Acts 15:1)*

"For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, *and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us" (Acts 6:14)*



Recommendation





Drawing back unto perdition

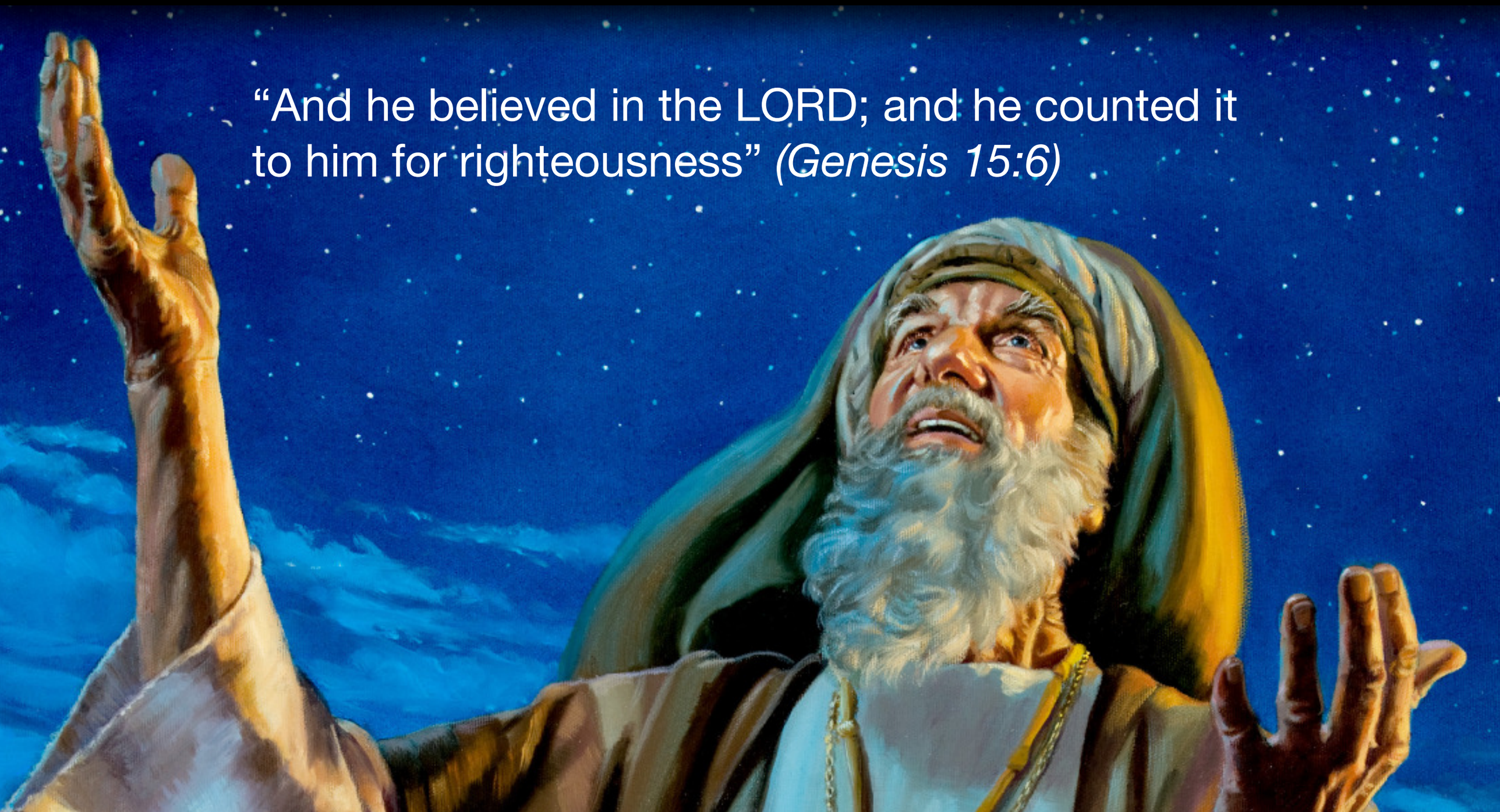
“But we are not of them who draw back unto *perdition*; but of them that *believe* to the saving of the soul*. Now faith….”*

Perdition - Gk. απωλεια - *apoleia*

- To destroy fully, waste, perish
- When exclusion from salvation is a realized fact
- Eternal exclusion from Christ’s kingdom

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What is faith?



"And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness" *(Genesis 15:6)*

What is faith?

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of *things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1)*

- Noah *(Hebrews 11:7)*
- Abraham *(Hebrews 11:8)*
- The patriarchs *(Hebrews 11:13)*
- Moses *(Hebrews 11:27)*
- Ourselves *(2 Corinthians 4:18)*

The worlds were framed

"Through faith we understand that *the worlds were framed by the word of God,* so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear" *(Hebrews 11:3)*

Worlds - Gk. αιων - *aion*

- An age
- Period of time

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Abel



Abel

“By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that *he was righteous,* God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh” *(Hebrews 11:4)*

“That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from *the blood of righteous Abel* unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar” *(Matthew 23:35)*

1 John 3:11,12



Abel

"Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? *Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous" (1 John 3:12)*

- Cain was evil before he slew his brother
- His refusal to offer acceptable sacrifice



Abel

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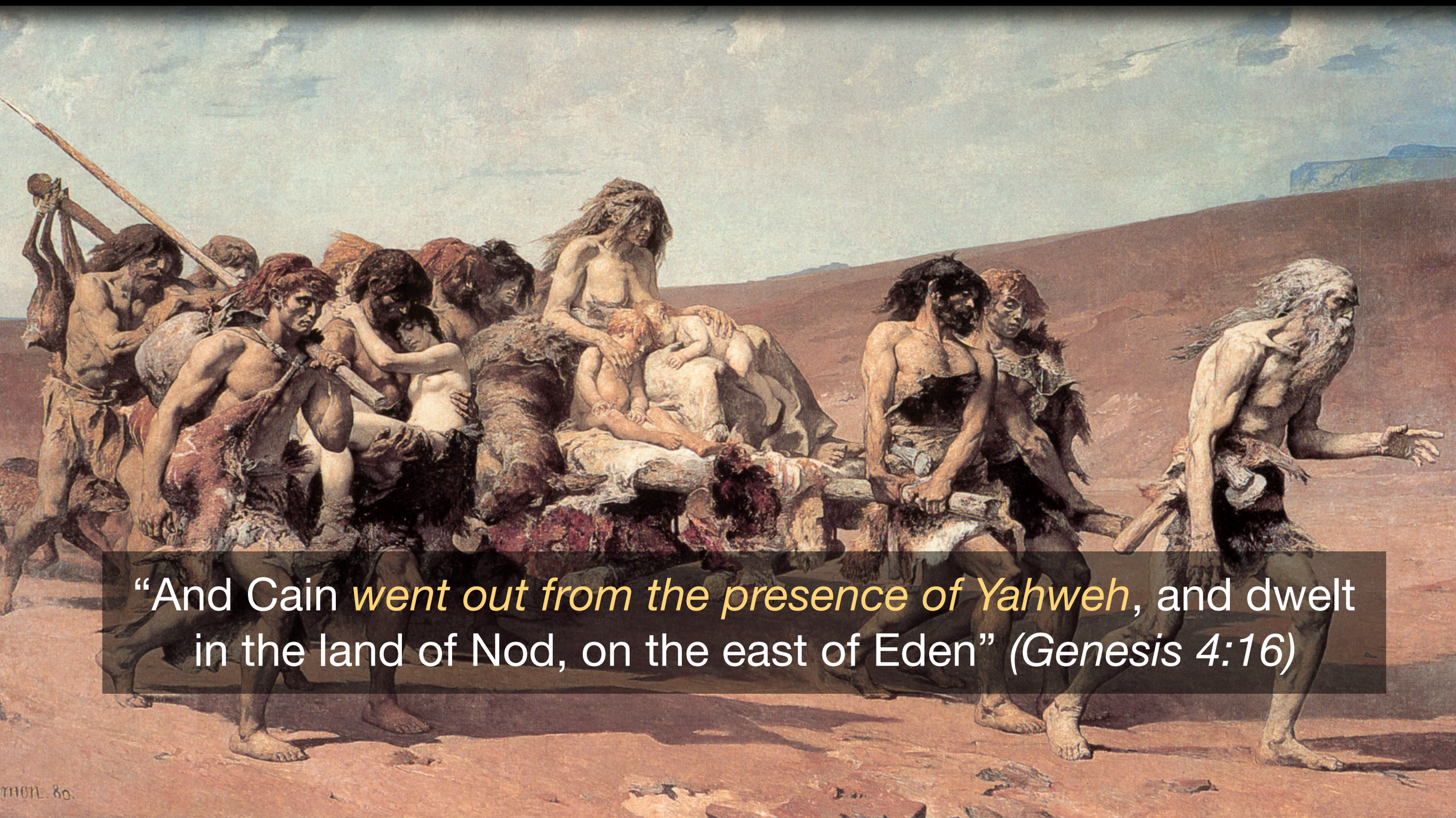
- "Slew" - Gk. = σφαςω, *sphazo*, to butcher, slit the throat

"...Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel" *(Hebrews 12:24)*

"And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been *slain" (Revelation 5:6)*



Cain



"And Cain *went out from the presence of Yahweh*, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden" *(Genesis 4:16)*

A fugitive and a vagabond

"And Cain went out from the presence of Yahweh, and dwelt in the land of *Nod*, on the east of Eden" *(Genesis 4:16)*

Nod - Heb. נוד

- To wander
- "Thou tellest my *wanderings*: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?" *(Psalm 56:8)*

Enoch

“By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God” *(Hebrews 11:5)*

- “Dedicated”
- “And Enoch walked with God” *(Genesis 5:22,24; 6:9; Malachi 2:6)*
- “He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, *and to walk humbly with thy God?” (Micah 6:8)*

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- *“These all died in faith,* not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth” *(Hebrews 11:13)*
- “Nevertheless *death reigned from Adam to Moses” (Romans 5:14)*
- *“All the days of Enoch* were three hundred and sixty and five years” *(Genesis 5:23)*

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“Translated” - Gk. μετατιθημι - *metatithemi*

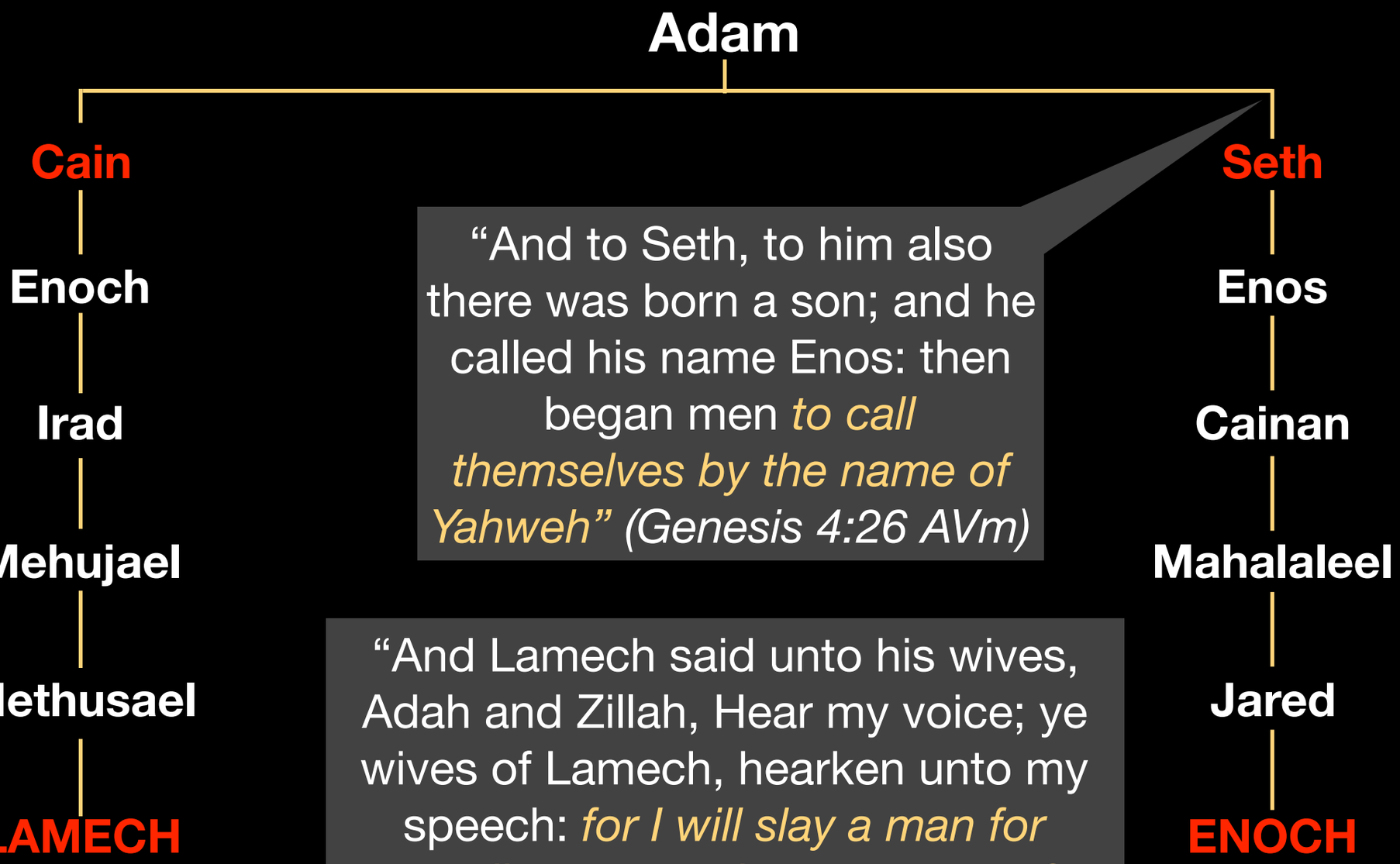
- To transpose, put in another place and hence to transport

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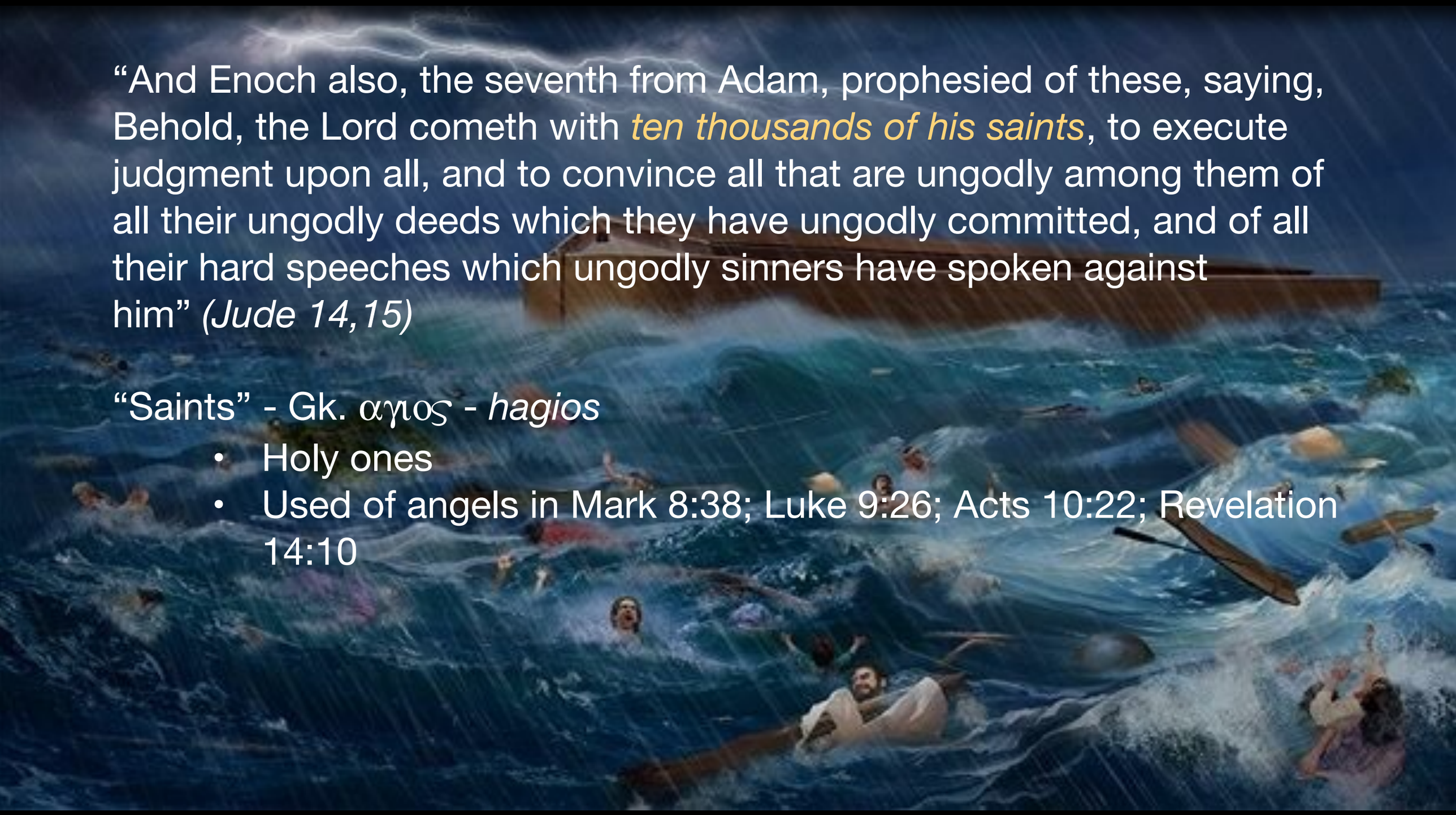
“And he was not; *for God took him”* *(Genesis 5:24)*

“And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord *caught away* Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was *found* at Azotus” *(Acts 8:39,40)*

Enoch


Adam
Cain
Enoch
Irad
Mehujael
Methusael
LAMECH
Seth
Enos
Cainan
Mahalaleel
Jared
ENOCH
“And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call themselves by the name of Yahweh” (Genesis 4:26 AVm)
“And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I will slay a man for wounding me, and a young man for bruising me. If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold. (Genesis 4:23,24 RV)

Enoch



“And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with *ten thousands of his saints*, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him” *(Jude 14,15)*

“Saints” - Gk. αγιος - *hagios*

- Holy ones
- Used of angels in Mark 8:38; Luke 9:26; Acts 10:22; Revelation 14:10

Noah

"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith" *(Hebrews 11:7)*

- "For the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground" *(Genesis 2:5,6)*
- "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth" *(Genesis 9:13)*
- "And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, *a preacher of righteousness,* bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly" *(2 Peter 2:5)*

Lesson for us

