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5: 12-14

Kenan is the **fourth generation** and his name means *smith*. A *smith* is a *metalworker* and Cain's son Tubal-Cain was identified with metal works: **he forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron (4:22a)**. His name is similar to **Cain**, so perhaps **they** were related. All ten of the names in this genealogy are Hebrew and all existed before the Tower of Babel in **Chapter 11**. This is another indicator that the first language was Hebrew. **When Kenan had lived 70 years, he became the father of Mahalalel**. Kenan lived **840 years** and had other sons and daughters. **Altogether, Kenan lived 910 years, and then he died.**