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When Kenan Had Lived 70 Years, He Became the Father of Mahalalel 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.