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When Lamech Had Lived for 182 Years, He Had a Son and Named Him Noah 5: 28-31

When Lamech had lived for 182 years, he had a son and named him Noah DIG: Who were the four generations of godly men to preach to four wicked generations before the Flood? What is the play on words with Noah's name? What does that point to? How did Lamech make the same mistake Eve made? What happened to all of Noah's brothers and sisters? Why isn't Mrs. Noah mentioned?

REFLECT: Is there a godly line in your family? Or do you hope to start one? How do you think this generation compares to the one that Noah preached to? What are the similarities? What are the differences?



Lamech is the **ninth generation** and means *conqueror*. Methuselah's **son Lamech**, like his grandfather **Enoch**, was a prophet of **God** (prophesying at least concerning his own son). **Lamech** named his son **Noah**. He said: **[Noah] will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the LORD has cursed**. **Lamech** was aware that **the ground** was under a curse from **the LORD**. Unlike **Enoch**, however, **Lamech** boasted of murder (**4:23**). A descendent of the peaceful Seth, nevertheless, **his** flagrant lawlessness was characteristic of the civilization in which **he** lived.

There was a whole succession of preachers and godly men to before the Flood. We know that **Enoch** (*dedication*) was a preacher (**Jude 14-15**), and I believe that **Methuselah** (*when he dies, then it shall be sent*) was a preacher as stated previously; **Lamech** (*conqueror*) prophesied concerning **his son Noah** (*comfort or rest*), and the Bible teaches us that **Noah** was a **preacher of righteousness (Second Peter 2:5)**. **Enoch** and **Methuselah** were godly men, but when **Lamech** grew up, things started to change. **He** and his generation got only worse. During **Noah's** lifetime, **the LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time (to see link click [Cb](#) - But Noah Found Grace in the Eyes of the LORD)**. **Lamech** characterized that generation. So **God** determined to drown the whole world.

When Lamech had lived 182 years, he had a son. He named him Noah, which means *comfort or rest*. There is a play on words here because **Noah's** name means **comfort** (*or rest from nuach*), and **Lamech** said: **He will comfort** (*nachem*) **us**. Again, this points to the fact that Hebrew was the first language because the word play makes no sense except in Hebrew. **He** said of **his son Noah**: **He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the LORD has cursed**. What happens here is that **Lamech** made the same mistake that Eve made. When Cain was born, Eve thought he was **the Messiah**. When **Noah** was born, **Lamech** recognized that **God** had a special plan for his son's life. **The rabbis teach that the reason Lamech knew that Noah would be special was because he was born already circumcised**. But **he** misinterpreted that role, thinking that his **son** would be the Messiah and remove the curse from **the ground**.

However, a change did indeed take place during the lifetime of **Noah**. By judgment of the Flood the corrupt race was all but exterminated, and **Noah**, who was preserved because of his blameless walk with **God**, secured the restoration of the human race in the ark with his family. The effects of the curse were not removed. But when **ADONAI** made the covenant **with Noah** after the Flood (**9:8-17**), there was hope of the eventual removal of that curse.

After Noah was born, Lamech lived 595 years and had other sons and daughters. These are **Noah's** brothers and sisters and it seems that they all **died** in the Flood. **Altogether, Lamech lived 777 years, and then he died.**