

Part 2

No 7th-day Sabbath-Keeping Law until Moses

In Genesis 4, we follow the history of Cain's descendants. Not one word is spoken of their obedience or disobedience in regard to Sabbath-keeping. Instead, we have a discourse detailing specific names of sons, certain wives, several occupations, as well as Lamech's murders and boastful threats.

Next, we trace the lineage of Adam through Seth and his son, Enos. It was then, we are told, *men began to call upon the name of the Lord*. However, no time frame is indicated. Had they called upon the name of the Lord on the 7th-day Sabbath? Or had they called upon His name on any of the other 6 days of the week? Or perhaps they called upon His name every day, or every other day, of the week. Scripture remains suspiciously silent on what the SDA considers a crucial point determining eternal life or death.

Genesis 5 introduces us to several more of Adam's progeny, including Enoch, *who walked with God*. Again, no time frame is indicated as to when, exactly, this walk began, other than it was 300 years after the birth of Methuselah. Did they walk together only on the 7th-day Sabbath? Or was it possible they walked together daily, as we Christians do today?

Certainly, by the time Noah comes on the scene we should

have a vivid description of his 7th-day Sabbath-keeping. Curiously, Lamech named him 'Noah,' which translated means 'comfort,' 'repose,' or 'rest'..... *This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord hath cursed.* Can the reader identify another biblical figure who promised to give us 'rest'?

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

And is the rest promised by Christ the same 7th-day Sabbath rest required of the Jews?

Or is the promised rest the rest which we Christians experience daily in our lives..... rest which only comes from the grace of God alone by which we have peace with God through faith alone in the finished work of Christ alone?