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God called both Adam & Eve "Adam"

Genesis 5:2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and **called their name Adam**, in the day when they were created.

(Many translations render this "man" or "human", but the Hebrew is "Adam".)

Was Cain Adam and Eve's first child?

Genesis 5:2

By implication we conclude that Cain was Adam & Eve's first son (Genesis 4:1) because this is the first mention of Eve becoming pregnant, but this is not a necessary conclusion. Also, while possible based on the text, though not likely, Adam and Eve could have had a daughter first.

Abel was not necessarily Adam and Eve's second son.

Genesis 4:2 does not even require that Abel was Adam's second son! Only that at some time later, Abel was born. His birth is being mentioned because it leads into the account about the first murder.

Significance of Seth:

A son that looked like Adam. Genesis 5:3 Also, he was the first son born to Eve after Abel was murdered.

Seth was not Adam's third son. Genesis does not say he was, nor does it make sense that he could have been.

He was born when Adam was 130 years old indicating that approximately nine months before is when Cain killed Abel. Genesis 4:25 with Genesis 5:3

But Adam's children by this point were likely numerous. And *their* children were numerous. This explains where Cain got his wife. Yes, in this time, the marrying of siblings was not forbidden -- in fact, it was not even "risky" because the gene pool was not corrupt. It was nearly perfect.

The main reason Seth is even mentioned is to show the lineage of Noah. Genesis 5:3-29 This is the only line that came through the flood (except for genes from Noah's wife and his son's wives).

By the same line of reasoning, Seth did not live 105 years before having his first child, but mentioning his other children was not relevant to the account being told. This child was the ancestry of Noah.

Likewise, Noah did not live 500 years before having any children. But that at 500 years, he had Shem, Ham, & Japheth. (Genesis 5:32 & Genesis 8:10,18)

Taking this line of reasoning further, it is possible that those three had children by the time the ark was completed, but that the children were unrighteous, and did not board the ark.

However, Genesis 7:1 seems to disagree:

"The LORD then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation."

But this may be due to improper translation in the NIV. Other translations say "household," which would indicate those living with Noah. Also, Genesis 9:18 says, "The sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem, Ham and Japheth." This is consistent with them not being Noah's only offspring.

Death penalty authorized by God:

Genesis 9:6"Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man."

Promise might have gone to Terah

It appears as if Abram's father, Terah, was first given the suggestion by God to go to Canaan.

Genesis 11:31-32 For some reason Terah took his immediate family and they were headed to Canaan, but settled in Haran. Then God made the offer to Abram.

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God gives the ungodly the task of generating wealth to eventually hand over to the Godly.

Ecclesiastes 2:26 To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but *to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God.*

Food Jesus ate

The only food we have documented that Jesus ate is fish!

Luke 24:41-43 41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, [43] and he took it and ate it in their presence.