



SoulShare

October 8, 2022, 9:00—10:30 am Breakfast & Discussion

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I am called Seth. My name means “appointed” or “granted.” I have several sisters and when I started to notice that I was a boy and they were girls, I asked if there were any other boys to play with. I learned that I had two older brothers. One had gone away and one was dead. Mom and Dad always cried when I asked about them.

Finally, when they thought I was old enough, they told me the full story of creation, sin, the curse, animal sacrifice and the expulsion from the Garden. God had put Mom and Dad in a perfect environment but allowed them to choose whether to obey or disobey. Their choice changed the entire creation! Then the choice of their first son, Cain, to kill his brother, Abel, not only ended that brother’s life, but changed the life of the murderer as well.

We had serious family discussion about sin and its consequences. I was scared that I might do something terrible. Dad told me to be careful to obey the LORD. To do that I must call on his name and worship him. We all did that regularly.

Mom and Dad had told us the revelation they received from the Creator. He created everything -- out of nothing -- in 6 days and on the seventh day, he rested. That seemed like a good pattern. We were reminded of our debt of gratitude to the One Who not only made us but continued to sustain us with food and strength even after sin. Rest every seven days also refreshed our bodies from the strain of continuous work.

Dad had also made records of his life and that of his sons. He knew that death was prophesied for him and Mom and that violent death was a real possibility. So, he wanted the descriptions of the past to be preserved for children born in the future. I was to safeguard these documents and pass them on to someone who could pass them further.

Dad and I looked at the stars and could imagine pictures that reminded us of the prophecy he had been given regarding a coming descendant who would crush the serpent’s head. I used these pictures to teach my children and grandchildren that there was hope. We wanted to know more of the Creator who made us and had a plan for the future.

Our family kept the tradition of worshipping the LORD. But the family of Cain did not seem interested. They were angry at the LORD. They failed to acknowledge His continuing care. After all, His world retained beauty and pleasure, even for those who did not acknowledge or obey Him. Praise the name of the LORD! Genesis 3, 4 and 5

Seth Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Can you imagine becoming aware of a dark history in your family?

Do you have a “black sheep” in your own family?

Does it worry you?

What does it do to your concept of life and choices?

Do you suppose Adam and Eve made use of teachable moments to include talking about their own sin at some point in Seth’s development?

What might be the reason Seth’s descendants continued to “call on the name of the LORD”?

Is it important to instruct children in the consequences of sin?

Is it reasonable that Adam and Eve would have shared the revelation the LORD gave them regarding the origin of all things?

Is there any Scriptural evidence for written records of these things?

Is there reason to believe that the constellations could have been used as memory devices for telling the story of the prophesied solution to the sin problem?

Is it reasonable that ancient parents could have answered the questions of their children about evil in the world by including the prophecies of hope and noting that the stories developed about the stars can be used to remind us?

Although astrology – using stars to predict personal future – was forbidden, might the stars creation as “signs” include being clues to prophecy, such as crushing the serpent’s head – the first prophecy given to Eve?

The ancient Zodiac starts with Virgo the Virgin and ends with Leo the triumphant Lion, going through evil figures conflicting with heroic figures. Ophiuchus holds the Serpent and crushes the Scorpion with his heel. Orion is crushing an enemy with his heel. Although there is disagreement about the evidence, a pattern seems evident. See “Gospel in the Stars” by Joseph Seiss. <https://www.tccsa.tc/articles/index.html#stars>