

SERIES: GENESIS
GOD'S EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

Genesis 4:26

And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh. Then men began to call on the name of the Lord.

PASSAGE	VERB FORM	GRAMMATICAL STRUCTURE	MEANING / NUANCE	WHO IS "LORD" (ΚΥΡΙΟΣ)?
Gen 4:26 LXX	ἐπικαλεῖσθαι (present infinitive)	Infinitive of purpose / beginning of action	"began to call upon / invoke"	Yahweh
Joel 2:32 LXX	ἐπικαλέσεται (aorist subjunctive)	Indefinite relative clause + ὅν	"whoever shall call upon" (future promise)	Yahweh
Acts 2:21	ἐπικαλέσεται (same as Joel)	Same as Joel	Same promise, applied at Pentecost	Jesus (in context)
Romans 10:13	ἐπικαλέσεται (same as Joel)	Same as Joel	Universal salvation through calling	Jesus (explicit in context)

1 John 2:15-17

2 Timothy 3:15-17

Genesis 5:28-29

Genesis 6

1 Now it came to pass, when men [adam] began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,

2 that the sons of God saw (raw-aw') the daughters of men, that they were beautiful (tobe); and they took (law-kakh) wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

[Deuteronomy 14:1; Genesis 16:7, 22:11-15, Genesis 21:17; Genesis 31:11 Genesis 3:24; Exodus 25:18-22; Exodus 37:7; Hebrews 1:7, 13-14 Genesis 18:1-8; Genesis 19:1-3; Leviticus 17:7; Deuteronomy 32:17 Numbers 20:16; 1 Corinthians 10:20]

3 And the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man [adam, humanity - Moses never used this word for anyone but man] forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

[Deuteronomy 7:3-4]

4 There were giants [nephîyl, Tyrants / mighty warriors / bullies / giants, Numbers 13:31] on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men [gibbôr, by implication a warrior, tyrant - champion, chief, strong (man), valiant man, Nimrod, Genesis 10:8; David had mighty men, 2 Samuel 16:6] who were of old, men of renown.

5 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man [adam] was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And the Lord was sorry that He had made man [adam] on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

7 So the Lord said, "I will destroy man [adam] whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man [adam] and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

1. God's early warning system is loud and **clear**

Genesis 3:6

Genesis 6:2

1 Corinthians 10:11-12

1 Corinthians 10

11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

2. God's early warning system is for both **sinners** and **saints**

John 16

8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Romans 8

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

3. God's early warning system provides a **way of escape** from the temptation to sin

1 Corinthians 10

13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.