## ~JABAL (26) (Ja'bal)

- A descendant of Cain, son of Lamech and his first wife Adah.
- Afterward Cain had intercourse with his wife and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Then he engaged in building a city and called the city's name by the name of his son Enoch. (Genesis 4:17)
- And Lamech proceeded to take two wives for himself. The name of the first was Adah and the name of the second was Zillah. (Genesis 4:19)
- In time Adah gave birth to Jabal. He proved to be the founder of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. (Genesis 4:20)
- Jabal is called, the founder of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. Jabal was not the first shepherd, for Abel had been one previously, but Jabal evidently began or was predominant in nomadic livestock raising as a way of life. He perhaps invented tents, which would be much easier to move than permanent dwellings when a certain pasturage gave out.