

**~LAMECH 1 (68)**  
**(La'mech)**

- The son of Methushael and a descendant of Cain.
- 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)**
- Later there was born to Enoch Irad. And Irad became father to Mehujael, and Mehujael became father to Methushael, and Methushael became father to **Lamech**. **(Genesis 4:18)**
- His lifetime and Adam's overlapped. **Lamech** had two wives, Adah and Zillah, at the same time and is the first polygamist of Bible record.
- 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)**
- By Adah he had sons named Jabal, the founder of those who dwell in tents and have livestock, and Jubal, the founder of all those who handle the harp and the pipe.
- 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)**
- And the name of his brother was Jubal. He proved to be the founder of all those who handle the harp and the pipe. **(Genesis 4:21)**
- By Zillah, **Lamech** became the father of Tubal-cain, the forger of every sort of tool of copper and iron, and a daughter named Naamah.
- As for Zillah, she too gave birth to Tubalcain, the forger of every sort of tool of copper and iron. And the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah. **(Genesis 4:22)**
- The poem that **Lamech** composed for his wives,

- Consequently **Lamech** composed these words for his wives Adah and Zillah; Hear my voice, you wives of **Lamech**; Give ear to my saying; A man I have killed for wounding me, yes, a young man for giving me a blow. (**Genesis 4:23**)
- If seven times Cain is to be avenged, then **Lamech** seventy times and seven. (**Genesis 4:24**)
- Reflects the violent spirit of that day. **Lamech's** poem ran, Hear my voice, you wives of **Lamech**, give ear to my saying; A man I have killed for wounding me, yes, a young man for giving me a blow.
- If seven times Cain is to be avenged, then Lamech seventy times and seven. Evidently **Lamech** was presenting a case of self-defense, pleading that his act was not one of deliberate murder, like that of Cain. Lamech claimed that, in defending himself, he had killed the man who struck and wounded him.
- Therefore, his poem stood as a plea for immunity against anyone desiring to get revenge against him for killing his attacker.
- It appears that none of Cain's descendants, which would include **Lamechs** offspring, survived the Flood.