

Q. What became of the children of Adam after his death?

A. Seth, his third son, succeeded him in the office of Patriarch, and imitated the piety and virtue of his brother Abel. It was his son, Enos, who first began to invoke the Lord by public worship, and Enoch, one of his descendants, lived so holily, that he was taken up alive to heaven, whence he is to be sent at the end of the world, to prepare men for the final coming of the Redeemer.

Q. In what year did this event occur?

A. It occurred in the year three thousand and seven-hundred and sixteen before Christ.

Q. Did the race of Seth always continue faithful to the Lord?

A. For a long time they did, and were known on the earth as the children of God; whereas, the descendants of Cain, following in the footsteps of their progenitor, were called the children of men. But in course of time, the two races began to form alliances, and marry one with the other, when the children of Seth soon became corrupted, and forgot the duty they owed to God.

Q. What men were born of these alliances between the two races?

A. Men whom the Scripture calls giants, on account of their enormous stature. They were an exceedingly wicked race of men, and from them, corruption became so general, that God found but one just man on the earth.