

Use this material as a study guide during your personal bible study time during the week.

Hebrews 11 Heroes

Enoch was the descendant of Seth in whom the righteous “promised seed” of Genesis 3:15 continued. He was the 7th generation from Adam through Seth.

| Generation #1: ADAM | |
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| SETH [Genesis 5:1-32] | CAIN [Genesis 4:12-24] |
| Enosh | Enoch |
| Kenan | Irada |
| Mahalalel | Mehujael |
| Jared | Methushael |
| Enoch | Lemach |

Hebrews 11:4-32 begins a list of named heroes and heroines of the faith.

| Saint | Some Old Testament Scripture passages |
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| 1. Abel | Genesis 4:2-10 |
| 2. Enoch | Genesis 5:21-24 |
| 3. Noah | Genesis 5:30-9:28 |
| 4. Abraham | Genesis 11:26-25:11 |
| 5. Isaac | Genesis 17:19-21; 21:1-11; 22:1-19; 24:4-66; 25:9-11, 19; 26:1-40; 36:28-29 |
| 6. Jacob | Genesis 25:19-35:29; 37:1-35; 42:12, 29-38; 43:6-14; 47:6-12, 27-31; 48:1-50:14 |
| 7. Sarah | Genesis 11:29-31; 12:5-17; 16:1-8; 17:15-18:15; 20:2-21:12; 23:1-19 |
| 8. Joseph | Genesis 30:22-25; 33:2-7; 35:24; 37:2-36; 39:1-23; 40:3-50:26; Exodus 1:5-8; 13:19 |
| 9. Moses | Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy |
| 10. Rahab | Joshua 2:1-24; 6:16-17, 22-25; James 2:25; Matthew 1:5 |
| 11. Gideon | Judges 6:11-8:35 |
| 12. Barak | Judges 4:1-5:15 |
| 13. Samson | Judges 13:1-16:31 |
| 14. Jephthah | Judges 11:1-12:7 |
| 15. David | Ruth 4:17, 22; 1 Samuel 16:1-2 Samuel 24:25; 1 Kings 1:1-2:11; 1 Chronicles 10-23:32; 25:1; 27:23, 32; 28:29-30 |
| 16. Samuel | 1 Samuel 1:9-28:20; Psalm 99:6; Acts 3:24; 13:20 |

Cain is mentioned as a contrast to righteous Abel, the Egyptian pharaoh is a contrast to the Moses, and Esau in contrast to Jacob. These are negative examples of faith. Pharaoh’s daughter is mentioned but only as an illustration of Moses’ choice between remaining the son of an Egyptian princess and choosing to identify with his people’s suffering.

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Hebrews 11:32 begins a list of unnamed heroes of the faith, from the period of the prophets to the period of the Maccabees who are only identified by mention of their suffering and martyrdom. The only unnamed faithful believers in the first section from 11:4-32 are Moses' parents.

| Saints | Scripture Passages |
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| 1. The parents of Moses [Jochebed and Amran] | Exodus 2:1-2 |
| 2. The Old Testament Prophets who conquered kingdoms, did what was righteous, obtained the promises... | 1-2 Samuel; 1- 2 Kings; 1-2 Chronicles; Books of the Prophets |
| 3. Closed the mouths of lions: Samson, David, Benaiah, Daniel | Judges 14:5-6; 1 Samuel 17:34-37; 2 Samuel 23:20; Daniel 6:24; Sirach 47:3 |
| 4. Quenched the power of fire: Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego [Azariah in Hebrew] | The Book of Daniel 3:1-23; the Song of Azariah in the furnace in Daniel 3:23-90 [LXX] and in Catholic Bibles 3:24-90 |
| 5. Some escaped the sword like Moses, Joshua, David, Elijah and the Jews in the time of Esther, but others died by the sword: the Maccabee brothers and their martyred soldiers; Prophets like Uriah; Christians | Books of Exodus, Joshua; 1-2 Samuel; 1 Kings, 1 Chronicles; 1-2 Maccabees The prophet Uriah [Jeremiah 26:20-23]; other prophets [1Kings 19:10; 14; Jeremiah 2:30]; Christians [Acts 12:2] |
| 6. Strong in battle & turned back foreign invaders: Joshua, the Judges, Samuel, Saul, David, Hezekiah, the Maccabees, Judith | Books of Joshua & Judges, 1 & 2 Samuel, Isaiah 36-38; 1-2 Maccabees, Judith |
| 7. Tortured/ scourged martyrs: -Eleazar, the 90 year old scribe who was tortured to death when he refused to violate God's law by eating pork during the persecution by the Greek-Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes. -the 7 sons of the righteous mother who also refused to eat pork during the same persecution | Eleazar the Scribe: 2 Maccabees 6:18-31 The 7 sons: 2 Maccabees 6:30; 7:1-42; Christians, Acts 22:24; Jesus, Matthew 20:19 |
| 8. Righteous who were stoned: Stoned=Naboth, Zechariah son of Jehoiada, Perhaps New Testament heroes like: Stephan and Paul who were both stoned but Paul survived. | Naboth: 1Kings 21:11-19; Zechariah: 2 Chronicles 24:19-22; Stephen: Acts 7:59; Paul: Acts 14:19; 2 Corinthians 11:25 |
| 9. Imprisonment: Jeremiah, Hanani, Micaiah, Paul and Christians | Jeremiah 37:4-21; 20:1-2; Hanani, 2 chronicles 16:7-10; Micaiah, 1 Kings 22:26-27; Paul, Acts 24:27; Hebrews 10:34;13:33 |
| 10. Made powerful out of weakness: David over Goliath; Samson in blindness, Elijah against 450 prophets of Baal, Gideon defeated a large army with a small band, Esther, Judith | Samson in Judges 16:19-30; Gideon in Judges 7; Elijah in 1Kings 18; St. Clement applauds both Esther and Judith in 1 Clement 55:3-6 for being given power out of weakness to defeat Israel's enemies. |

