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THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS – Genesis 4:17-26, Message 20

The direction of our world today continues to go down the path of the secular and carnal. It seems that every aspect of our civilization is headed farther and farther away from the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. Today in our study of Genesis, the narrative will expose the origins of this godlessness as we trace the effects of \_\_\_\_\_ on humanity. Concerning Genesis 4 one commentator writes,

“Having cast off the only reliable account of man’s first deeds and achievements, practically all writers of the present then proceed to draw very largely upon their imagination, which happens to be cast into the thought patterns of evolutionistic conceptions. Then they misread the available archaeological hints—for actual archaeological evidence for earliest man is not available—and the result is a highly fantastic and entirely incorrect story of man’s development from the caveman stage, as it is claimed, to the point where the first higher cultural achievements are found and the historical period actually begins... the value of Genesis 4 is completely lost sight of. For man did not start on the low anthropoid or simian state that is usually assumed, but as a human being he at once stood on the high intellectual and physical level that the preceding chapters of Genesis described...whereas man was not an inferior being on a lower level, such writing of history degrades without warrant. Whereas he was brought low by the fall, this pseudo-science ignores his true degradation. In both respects the chapter before us, being strictly historical and entirely correct, serves to set the student of the history of mankind right; and at the same time it gives to all men a clear account as to how man progressed and how sin grew.”

The so-called educated humanistic elite say that our world today has greatly progressed; and scripture agrees with a resounding—\_\_\_\_\_, but the progression is from sin to \_\_\_\_\_ sin. Even the earliest man was not as corrupt as he would one day grow to be (*2 Timothy 3:13*).

## THE WAY OF CAIN – THE FIRST GODLESS METROPOLIS

1. \_\_\_\_\_ toward God – verses 16-17

- Cain departs eastward from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord – Is. 53:6; Ro. 3:10-12; Eph. 2:2; 1 Jo. 2:15
  
- He has a \_\_\_\_\_ named Enoch
  
- He builds a \_\_\_\_\_ and names it Enoch
  - *The \_\_\_\_\_ is simultaneously a king (Enoch) and a kingdom (Enoch) – Rev. 12-13; 17-18; Da. 7:7, 17, 23; Ezekiel 27:3; 28:12, 14, 17; Is. 14:12-14, 22*
  - *Although Cain is a fugitive and a vagabond, he seems to settle down in \_\_\_\_\_ place*
  - *He surrounds himself with \_\_\_\_\_...*
  - *He builds a commercial \_\_\_\_\_ center*
  - *He is making things \_\_\_\_\_ for himself*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ from God – verses 18-22

*Autonomy means: \_\_\_\_\_, self-sufficiency, self-government, self-rule, and sovereignty.*

- The lineage of Cain
  - Adam (1) begat Cain (2)
  - Cain begat Enoch (3)
  - Enoch begat Irad (4)
  - Irad begat Mehujael (5)
  - Methusael begat Methusael (6)
  - Methusael begat Lamech (7)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ is the seventh from Adam – Genesis 5:18; Jude 14
  - Lamech is the first recorded bigamist (two wives – Adah and Zillah)...
  - Lamech has recorded three sons – Adah bare Jabal and Jubal; Zillah bare Tubal-cain (and his sister Naamah)
  
- The founders of human civilization – Romans 1:21-25; Genesis 6:5-7
  - Jabal – The father of \_\_\_\_\_ and agriculture
  - Jubal – The father of \_\_\_\_\_
  - Tubal-cain – The father of \_\_\_\_\_ and industry; his sister is Naamah

3. \_\_\_\_\_ before God – verses 23-26

- Lamech does \_\_\_\_\_ repeat the sin of his grandfather Adam – Genesis 3:6; 4:23
  
- Lamech is a \_\_\_\_\_ just like Cain
  - He personally claims a \_\_\_\_\_ vengeance than God set for Cain
  
- Lamech is \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of God – Mt. 24:37; Lu. 17:26