

Genesis 4

The First Murder and Continuation of the Messianic Promise

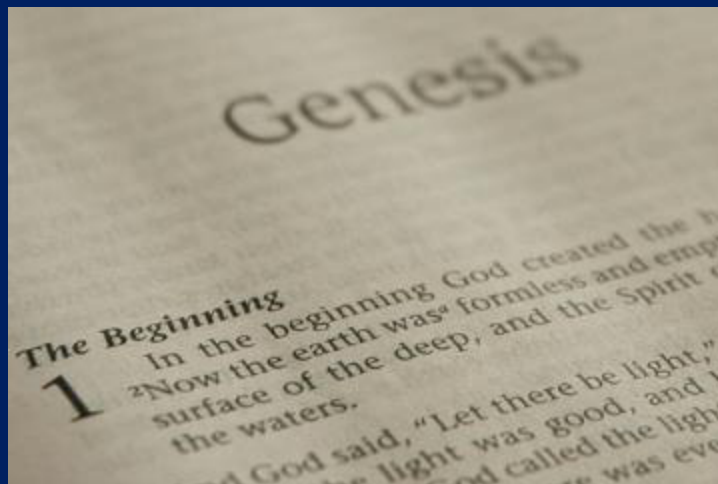


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GENESIS STRUCTURE

- I. Beginning of the Human race (Gen. 1–11)
- II. Beginning of the Hebrew race (Gen. 12–50)



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B. Fall (3-5)

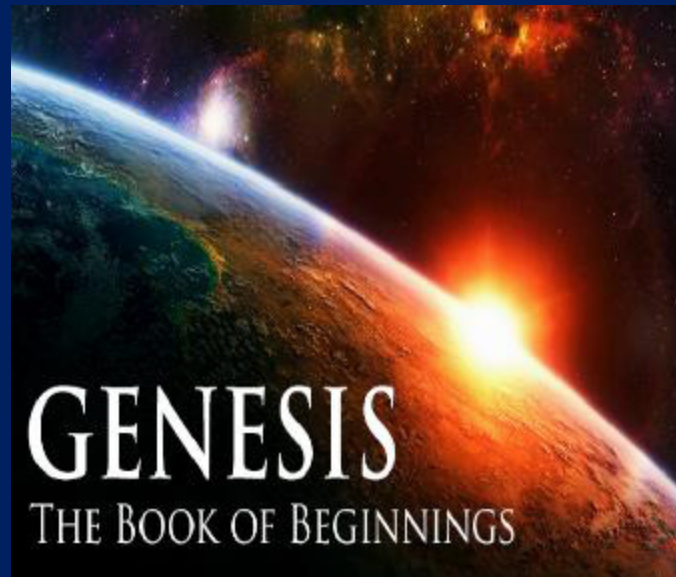
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Contradictory Account of Creation?

- Genesis 1 – Overview of the whole creation
- Genesis 2 – Details surrounding the creation of the garden, the first man, and his activities on day 6



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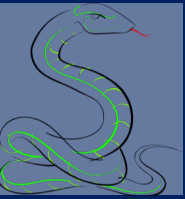
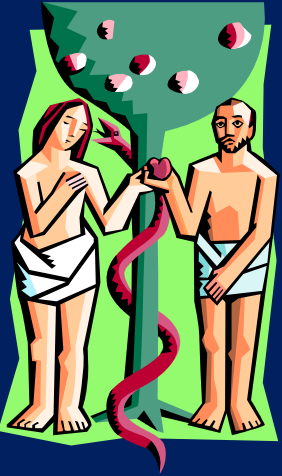
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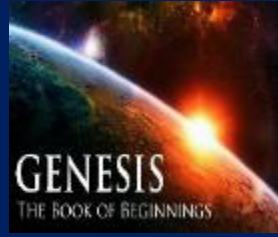
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THE BOOK OF BEGINNINGS

- 3:1-5 Temptation by the serpent
- 3:6 Sin of Adam and Eve
- 3:7-13 Results of the sin
- 3:14-19 Imposition of divine judgments
- 3:20-24 God's provision in spite of the sin

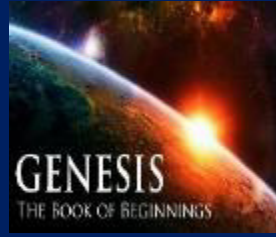


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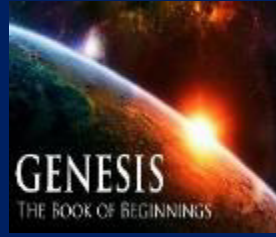
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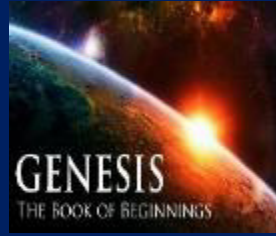
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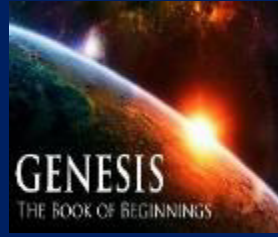


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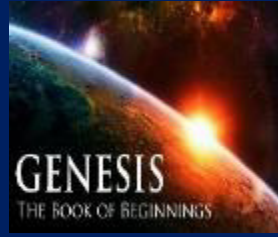
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Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.”



Genesis 5:29

“Now he called his name Noah, saying, ‘This one will give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands *arising* from the ground which the LORD has cursed.’”

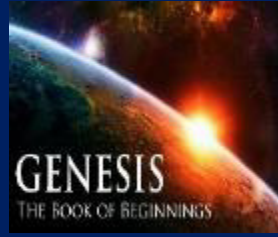


Daniel 11:37

“He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any *other* god; for he will magnify himself above *them* all.”



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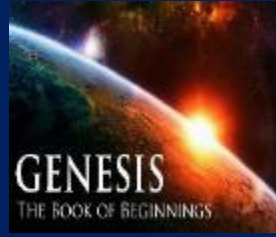


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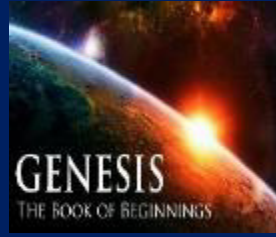
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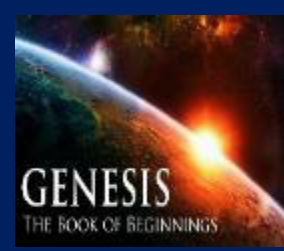
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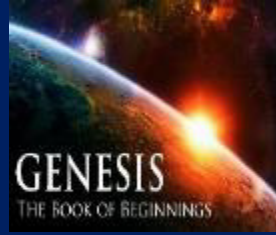


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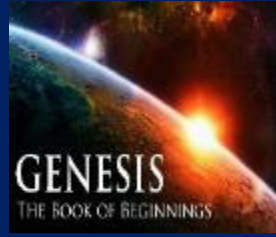
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■ 4:3-5a

- ◆ Messianic line through Abel (Gen 3:21; Heb 11:4) contrary to Eve's false expectation (4:1)
- ◆ Begins selection of younger over older pattern (Abel over Cain, Seth over Cain, Shem over Japheth, Isaac over Ishmael, Jacob over Esau, Judah and Joseph over their brothers, and Ephraim over Manasseh)

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Parallel Between Genesis 3:16 & 4:7

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“your desire [*TESHUQAH*] will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

Genesis 4:7

“its [sin] desire [*TESHUQAH*] is for you, but you must master it.”

Susan T. Foh, “What is the Woman’s Desire?”, *The Westminster Theological Journal* 37 (1974-75), 376-83.



Thomas Jefferson

"My views ... are the result of a life of inquiry and reflection, and very different from the anti-Christian system imputed to me by those who know nothing of my opinions. To the corruptions of Christianity, I am, indeed, opposed; but not to the genuine precepts of Jesus Himself. I am a Christian in the only sense in which He wished any one to be; sincerely attached to his doctrines in preference to all others...His system of morals...if filled up in the style and spirit of the rich fragments He left us, would be the most perfect and sublime that has ever been taught by man..."

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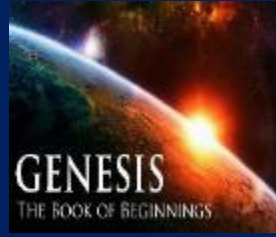


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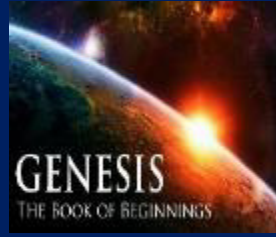


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■ 4:5b-8

- ◆ Satanic attempt to prevent the fulfillment of Gen 3:15
- ◆ 1 John 3:12; Rev 12:4
- ◆ Bruising of the heel

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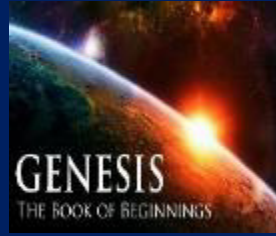
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“Thus it became imperative to Satan to get rid of Abel. Inasmuch as Cain already was controlled by a rebellious, angry attitude, it didn’t take much to prompt him to kill his brother (Gen. 4:1–8). That Satan was involved in Cain’s slaying of his brother was made evident in 1 John 3:10–12. Because of Satan’s involvement Christ stated that the devil ‘was a murderer from the beginning’ (Jn. 8:44). Thus the first murder in history was committed because of Satan’s goal to prevent the Redeemer’s coming.”

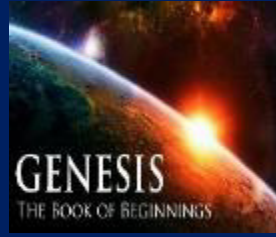
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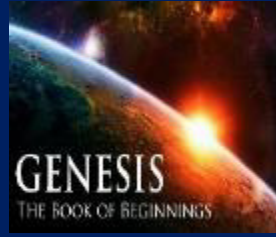
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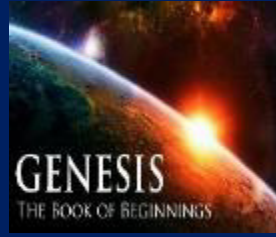
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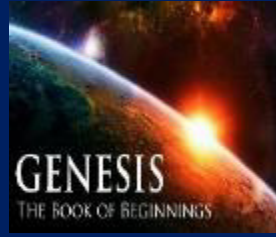


Genesis 3:17-19a

¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life.
¹⁸ “Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face You will eat bread...”

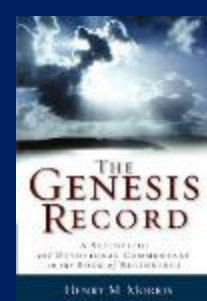


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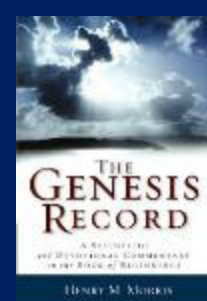




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“Although we have no exact figures, it is possible to make a reasonable guess as to how rapidly the total human population developed. Since, according to the record in Genesis 5, each named patriarch lived many hundreds of years and ‘begat sons and daughters,’ it is reasonable and very conservative to assume that each family had, on the average, at least six children—three sons and three daughters.”

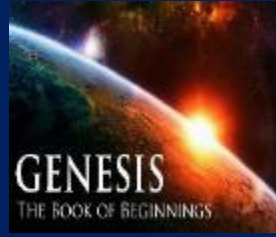


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“If it is further assumed that, on the average, these children grew to maturity, married, and began to have children of their own by the time their parents were eighty years old, and that the parents lived through an average of five such ‘generations,’ or four hundred years, then it can easily be calculated that the earth had acquired within its first eight hundred years (presumably approximately the lifetime of Cain, as a minimum) a population of at least one hundred and twenty thousand. It is probable that the figure was much more than this, since people lived to greater ages than assumed and probably had many more children than assumed.”

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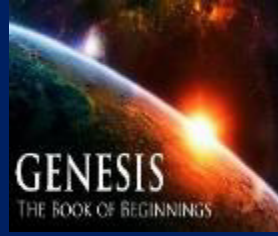


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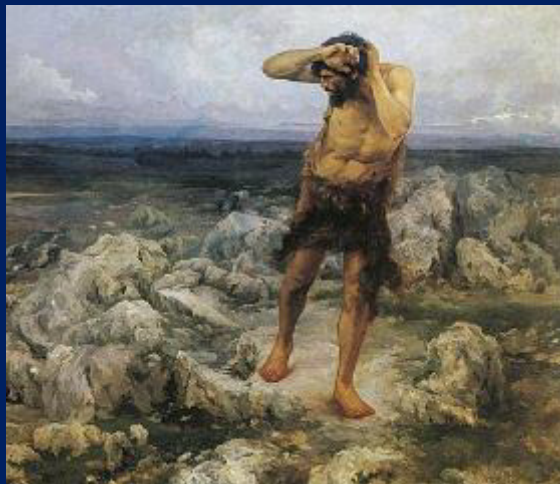
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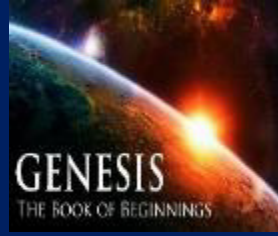
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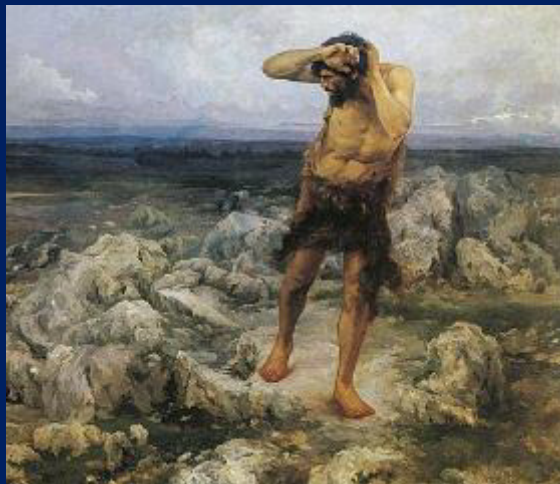
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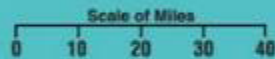


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Cities of Refuge



Genesis 1:27

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.



Genesis 9:6


“Whoever sheds man’s blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.”




Declaration of Independence




“the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God,”



“we hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal,”



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“appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions,”



“with firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence.”

John Adams



John Adams - America's second President "Rights [are] antecedent to all earthly government; Rights... cannot be repealed or restrained by human laws; Rights [are] derived from the great Legislature of the universe."

John Adams, *The Works of John Adams, Second President of the United States*, ed. Charles Francis Adams, 10 vols. (Boston: Little, Brown, 1856), 3:449.

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“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”



“That TO SECURE THESE RIGHTS, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,”



“That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government...”

Former Attorney General Janet Reno



“You are part of a government that has given its people more freedom...than any other government in the history of the world.”

Speech by Attorney General Janet Reno, Newark, New Jersey, May 5, 1995. Quoted in James Bovard, “Waco Must Get a Hearing,” *Wall Street Journal*, May 15, 1995.

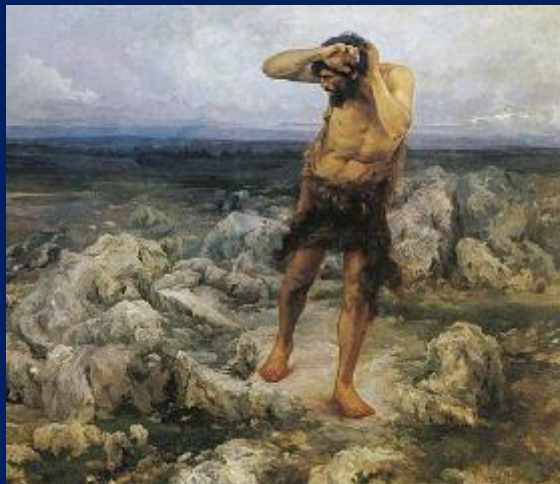
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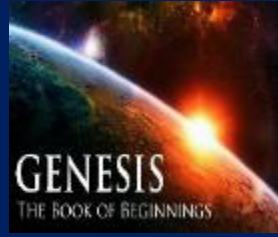
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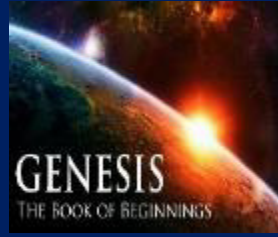
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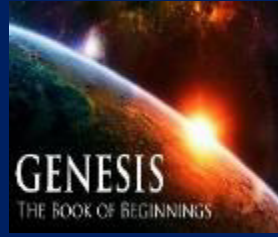
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Sin	(3:6-8)	(4:8)
“Where are you?”	(3:9)	(4:9)
Divine curses	(3:14-19)	(4:11-12)
Curse on the land	(3:17-19)	(4:11)
Divine protection	(3:21)	(4:15)
Transgressor’s lack of remorse	(3:12-13)	(4:9)
Transgressors leave God’s presence	(3:24)	(4:16)

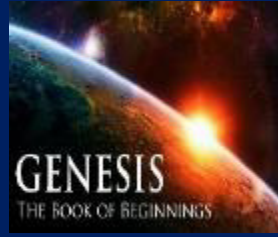
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Disimilarities Between Genesis 3 & 4

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Sin present at the outset		(4:5)
Absence of persuasion to sin	(3:1-5)	(4:6-7)
Murder		(4:3-8)
Protestation over judgment	(3:14-20)	(4:14)
Driven further from the presence of God	(3:23-24)	(4:16)

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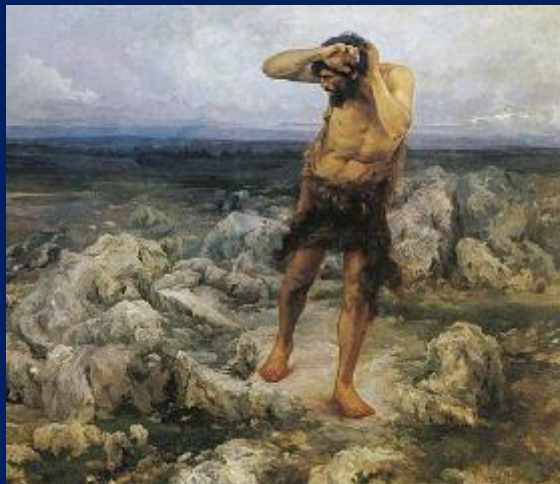
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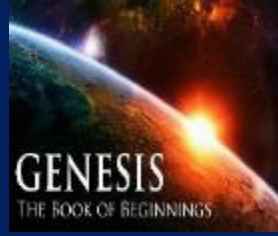
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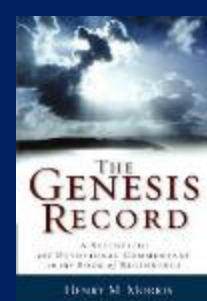


Where Did Cain Get His Wife?



- He married his sister
- Adam and Eve lived long (Gen 5:5) and had many children (Gen 1:28; 5:4)
- First generation had to marry their brothers and sisters or there would have been no second generation





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The Genesis Record, 144

“The ancient quibble about ‘Cain’s wife’ is thus seen to be quite trivial. Long before Cain died, there was a large population in the earth. By the time of the Deluge, 1,656 years after Creation by the Ussher chronology, even using the above conservative assumptions, the world population would have been at least seven billion people!”

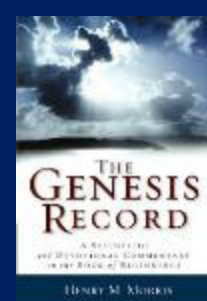
Where Did Cain Get His Wife?



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- First generation was genetically pure (Gen 1:31; Gen 20:12)
- Mosaic Law (Lev 18-20) not given until 2600 years later





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The Genesis Record, 143-44

“In order to get this process of multiplication started, of course, at least one of Adam’s sons had to marry one of Adam’s daughters. Probably, in that first generation, all marriages were brother-sister marriages. In that early time, there were no mutant genes in the genetic systems of any of these children, so that no genetic harm could have resulted from close marriages. Many, many generations later, during the time of Moses, such mutations had accumulated to the point where such unions were genetically dangerous, so that incest was thenceforth prohibited in the Mosaic laws.”

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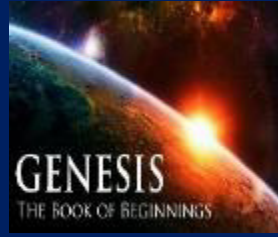
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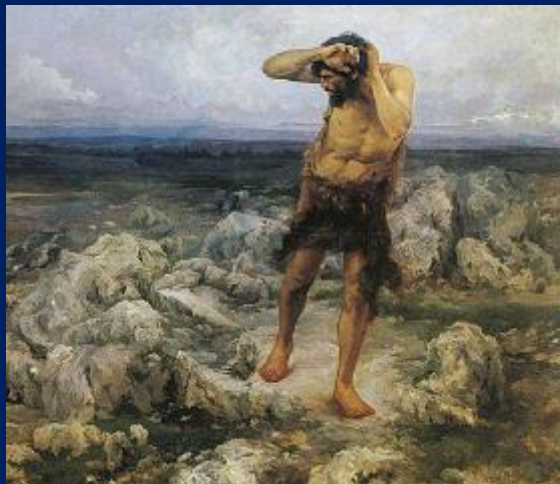
Noah

Shem, Ham, Japheth

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- a) Location – Gen. 4:16
- b) Birth of Enoch – Gen. 4:17
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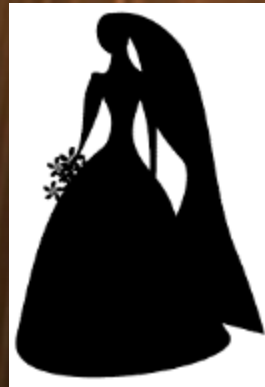
Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶ Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”



Genesis 2:24

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.



Genesis 6:1-4

“¹ Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, ² that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. ³ Then the Lord said, ‘My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.’ ⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.”



Revelation 9:20-21

“The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; ²¹ and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries (pharmakeia) nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.”



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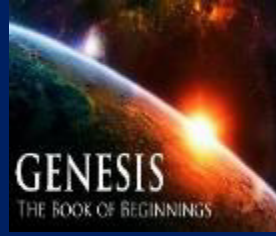
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Genesis 4:20-22



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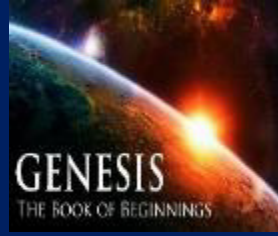
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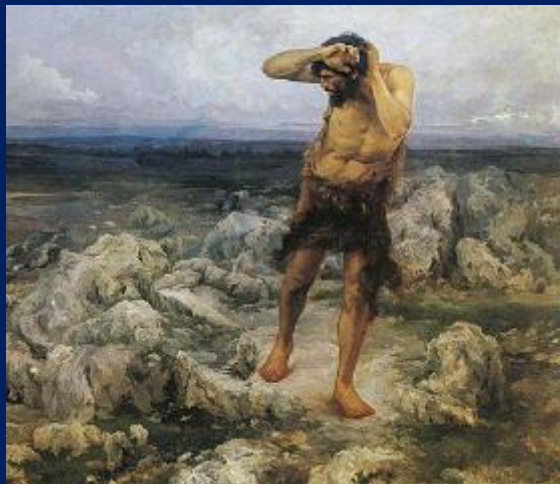


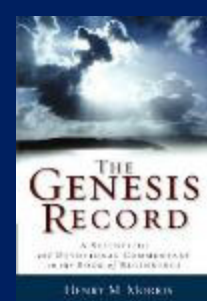
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The Genesis Record, 147-48

“Musical instruments, another important aspect of modern culture, were also an early development. All of these things, in addition, confirm the necessary coexistence of a written language for formal communications. This is further intimated by use of the word ‘book’ in Genesis 5:1. More and more modern archaeological discoveries today are verifying the high degree of technology possessed by the earliest men, thus indirectly validating this Biblical testimony.”

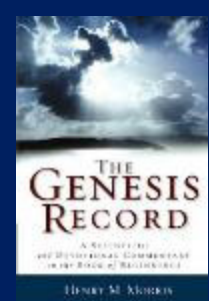
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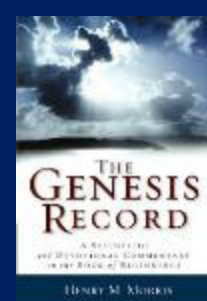




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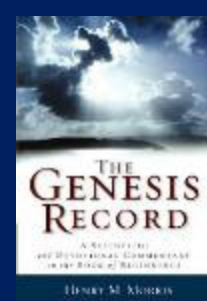
“Not only did the population increase, but the technological and cultural level, at least of the Cainitic civilization, seems to have been very high. Metal tools and implements of all kinds were available to produce creature comforts, as well as musical instruments to stimulate the emotional and esthetic senses.”



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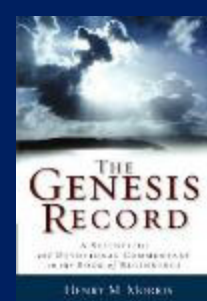
“The ‘standard of living’ of the antediluvians, especially the Cainitic branch, was elevated tremendously by these talented sons of Lamech...Once again, it is significant to note that the elements which modern evolutionary archaeologists and anthropologists identify as the attributes of the emergence of evolving men from the stone age into true civilization—namely, urbanization, agriculture, animal domestication, and metallurgy—all were accomplished quickly by the early descendants of Adam and did not take hundreds of thousands of years.”



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“It is interesting that one of the identifying marks which evolutionary anthropologists use to denote the emergence of a ‘stone age’ culture into a civilized society is the development of urbanization. According to the Bible, the first such ‘city’...is the city built by Cain, in the very first generation after Adam. No long, million-year development here!”



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“Although these and other facets of civilization can be used for good purposes, they can easily become an end in themselves and can even be used as a means of further rebellion against God. The latter seems to have been their effect, and perhaps even their purpose, among the descendants of Cain.”

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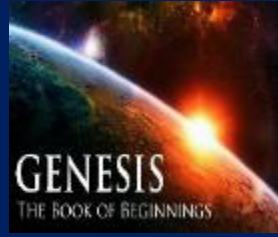
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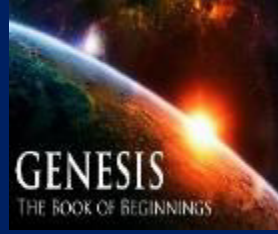


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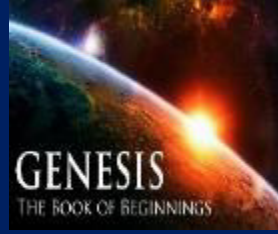
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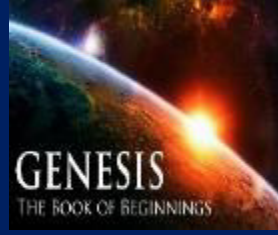
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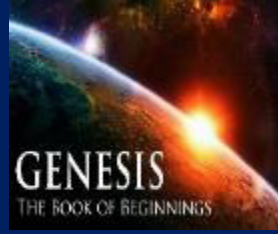
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Enosh	905	Genesis 5:11
Kenan	910	Genesis 5:14
Mahalalel	895	Genesis 5:17
Jared	962	Genesis 5:20
Enoch	365 (translated)	Genesis 5:23
Methuselah	969	Genesis 5:27
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Source: Answers in Genesis



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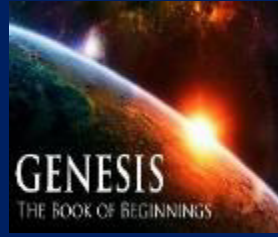
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