THE CAINITE RACE

The Bible is the only historical record of the existence of the Cainite race (Gen.4; Heb.11:4; 1 John 3:12; Jude 11).

**Answer:** Cain married his sister. Eve was the mother of all living (Gen.3:20) [so named after the fall]. The Antediluvian civilization was apparently a cousin system of marriage and procreation.

There were no mutant genes prior to the flood (great health and age). They were genetically a pure bred.

We will study this lesson text by the following four point homiletical outline.

- **Cainite Loss** — No Lord (Gen.4:14-16)
- **Cainite Land** — Nod (exile / east of Eden) (Gen.4:16)
- **Cainite Legacy** — Number of generations (Gen.4:17-22)
- **Cainite Leader** — Notable dynasty of Lamech (Gen.4:23-24)

This lesson will study SIX aspects of CAINITE RACE.

1. **The two races of mankind that existed during the Ante-diluvian civilization were the Cainites and Sethites.**

   The Cainites represented the unsaved seed of Satan (Gen.3:15; 4:14-26; Rom.5:12; 2 Pet.2:5).

   The Sethites represented the saved seed of Christ (Gen.3:15; Luke 3:36-38; 1 Cor.15:22, 45; 2 Pet.2:5).

2. **The Cainite race consisted of eight generations from Adam to Noah (Gen.4:16-24).**

   The Cainites consisted of the last seven of these generations. The Cainites had a prominent history during the Antediluvian period.

   Each Hebrew name represented a specific aspect of its generation’s history.

   - **Cain** (spear / sacrificial knife) – first killing based on evil thinking
   - **Enoch** (dedication) – evil system of defiance against divine punishment (vagrant)
   - **Irad** (city) – social evil trends
   - **Mehujael** (smitten of God) – divine judgement coming upon civilization
   - **Methushael** (man of God) – God-consciousness of the 4th generation from Cain. It was the beginning of Noah’s ministry.
   - **Lamech** (strong) – influential leader of evil (most famous Cainite dynasty).
   - **Lamech’s children** (Jabal, Jabal, Tubal-Cain, and Naamah) – Noahic flood generation.

3. **The Cainite race show that the Antediluvian civilization was not the primitive cave man type espoused by many.**

   - **Tribal governing authority** – Cain (17)
   - **Urbanization / cities** – Enoch and Irad (17-18)
   - **Religion** – Mehujael and Methushael (18)
4. The progeny of Cain reminds us that unregenerate man can be very smart and successful and enjoy the embellishments of worldly details of life (Luke 18:22-30) (RYR).

The progeny of Cain remind us that worldly details of life are no solution to loss of spiritual relationship with God because of AOS (Matt.6:19-34; Heb.11:26).

They remind us that worldly details of life are no substitute for a righteous relationship with the Lord through faith in the gospel of Christ (Luke 18:24-25; Gen.4:3-5)

They remind us that worldly details of life cannot buy eternal life or eternal rewards for life after death (Luke 16:19-31; 1 Tim.6:17-19).

5. The Cainite race co-habited with fallen angels that brought divine judgment upon the Antediluvian civilization (Gen.6:1-5, 11-13; Jude 6; 1 Pet.3:19-20; Rev.9:11).

“For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly.” (2 Pet.2:4-5)


“Thus He blotted out every living thing that was upon the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky, and they were blotted out from the earth; and only Noah was left, together with those that were him in the ark. And the water prevailed upon the earth one hundred and fifty days.” (Gen.7:23-24)

Church Age alert: “The Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.” (Matt.24:44)