

“THE ORIGIN OF EVERYTHING”

“THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF CREATION, CORRUPTION AND COVENANT”

PART 15

“A CITY WITHOUT A FOUNDATION”

“The Rise and Fall of the First Civilization”

(Genesis 4:16-24)

INTRODUCTION:

*“If the foundations are destroyed,
What can the righteous do?”*

—Psalm 11:3

Emotionally...such a situation prompts _____. Mentally...such a situation provokes _____. Volitionally...such a situation propels _____.

WHERE WE HAVE BEEN:

- Extensive **corruption** and intensive **conflict** now shape the created world. Man, finds himself driven from the Garden and separated from unmediated fellowship with His Creator (3:22-24). The tree of life from which he once **freely** and **satisfyingly** ate is a distant memory. A new reality now shapes his existence — **depravity** and **death**.

*“...then when lust has **conceived**, it **gives birth** to sin; and **when sin is accomplished**, it **brings forth death**.”*

—James 1:13-15

A STORY OF SIGNIFICANT FIRSTS (GENESIS 4:1-26)

1. The First **Offspring** (Family, Siblings) (v. 1, 2)
2. The First **Offerings** (Acceptable and Unacceptable Worship) (v. 3-7)
3. The First **Offense** (Crime, Murder) (v. 8-15)
- *4. The First **Civilization** (v. 16-24)
5. The First **Remnant** (v. 25-26)

- One of the consequences of man's sin and rebellion was the loss of **unmediated fellowship** with the Creator that was so freely enjoyed in the Garden and the new experience of _____ and its _____ on every level.
- The antediluvian narrative provided in Genesis 4:17-5:32 is primarily one of _____ and _____, not _____.

1A. THE _____ OF CAIN:

- A _____ ON THE _____ GOD. (GENESIS 4:16-17)

“...not as Cain, who was of the evil one...”

—1 John 3:12

“Woe to them!

For they have gone the way of Cain,...”

—Jude 11

2A. THE _____ OF CAIN:

- A _____ ON THE _____ GOD. (GENESIS 4:18-22)

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- Never equate human _____ or cultural _____ with divine _____.

- A _____ IN _____ GOD. (GENESIS 4:23-24)

“Lamech took to himself two wives...”

‘Listen to me, my wives. I have killed a youth who attacked and wounded me. If anyone who kills Cain is to be punished seven times, anyone who takes revenge against me will be punished seventy-seven times!’”

—Genesis 4:19a, 23, 24 (NLT)

CONCLUSION:

- Faith transforms fear into _____, frustration into _____ and flight into _____.

“...for he [Abraham] was **looking for the city which has foundations,** whose architect and builder is God.”

—Hebrews 11:10

“For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. ...But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; **for He has prepared a city for them.**”

—Hebrews 11:14-16a

- I must be willing to live by faith in _____ on the _____ of God and look to the future in _____ of the _____ of God.”

