

## 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)

<b>This lesson will study SIX aspects of CAINITE RACE.</b>
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**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Jubal, 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)

- Bigamy family – Lamech (19)
- Commerce / wealth – Jabal (20)
- Arts and Music – Jubal (21)
- Invention / science / technology / beauty queens – Tubal-Cain and Naamah (22)
- Crime / sexual perversion – Lamech and children (23-24); (70x7 – Matt.18:21-22)

**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)

**6. The Cainite race was destroyed by the Noahic flood (Heb.11:7; 1 Pet.3:20; 2 Pet.3:3-9; Luke 17:26-27; Matt.24:37-39).**

“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)