

# GENESIS IN THE BEGINNING...

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Text:  
Gen. 4:17-26

## "A Tale of Two Cities"

**Genesis 4:16:** Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

### 1. The Man-Glorifying Line of Cain (vs. 17-24)

[17] Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. When he built a city, he called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch. [18] To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad fathered Mehujael, and Mehujael fathered Methushael, and Methushael fathered Lamech. [19] And Lamech took two wives. The name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. [20] Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. [21] His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. [22] Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

[23] Lamech said to his wives:

"Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;  
you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say:  
I have killed a man for wounding me,  
a young man for striking me.

[24] If Cain's revenge is sevenfold,  
then Lamech's is seventy-sevenfold."

### Psalm 49:11

Their graves are their homes forever,  
their dwelling places to all generations,  
though they called lands by their own names.

### 2. The God-Glorifying Line of Seth (vs. 25-26)

[25] And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, "God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him." [26] To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD.

#### Application:

**If you were to share a key insight from today's sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?**

**Discussion Questions:** How do the cultural advances made by Cain's descendants reflect both human dignity and the spread of sin? How does Lamech reflect humanity's tendency to deviate from God's original design? What are the consequences of such deviations. How does Cain's choice to name his city after his son reflect today? What does "common grace" tell us about God's character & how can we see this today? What does the contrast between Seth's & Cain's lines imply about the importance of worship? How does the line of Cain, & humanity in general, form worldviews & theologies to justify their lifestyles. How does this compare to the theology & worldview presented through Seth's lineage? What does it mean to belong to Seth's line today, and how would this reflect in personal faith and daily lifestyle choices?

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