

Sons of Cain

A CULTURE WITHOUT GOD

Invented by the Man Who Lost God

Because Cain refused to take God's way of redemption and chose to go the way of death, he lost God and all the blessings that come from God. Consequently, he must have been filled with a sense of insecurity. He became a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, a person who had no goal, no satisfaction, no rest, and no protection. Hence, among the human race, he was the first one to build a city for self-preservation (Gen. 4:17). He named the city Enoch, after the name of his son. The fact that he did not name the city after the name of God was a declaration that man had become independent of God. His descendants invented cattle-raising for making a living, music for amusing themselves, and weapons for self-defense (Gen. 4:20-22). This was a godless culture that was for self-preservation, self-support, self-amusement, and self-defense. It was invented apart from God by the man who lost God and all God's blessings.

Hence, human culture was produced because man had lost God. Originally, God was everything to man. God was man's protection, maintenance, supply, joy, amusement, and defense. However, when man lost God and all that God was to him, he had to invent something for his own protection so that he might exist on the earth. This is the reason that human culture was formed. In such a godless culture man indulged in lusts and took many wives. Moreover, man became lawless, godless, murderous, and violent (Gen. 4:23-24). Among Cain's descendants, there was one named Lamech, who married two wives (Gen. 4:19), thus practicing polygamy. In order to fulfill the lusts of his flesh, Lamech was the first to break the principle of marriage ordained by God for human propagation, that is, the principle of one wife for one husband (Gen. 2:24). He also boasted that he had slain a man and had killed a young man. Thus, he was truly lawless and arrogant. How dreadful and evil was such a godless culture! Consequently, such a culture caused the whole human race to be corrupted. Because every imagination of the thoughts of man's heart was only evil continually, and because the earth was filled with man's violence, God repented that He had made man and was grieved in His heart. Thus, He had to destroy the human race completely (Gen. 6:5-7, 11-13), preserving only Noah's family of eight.

Gen.4:17-24 And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city and called the name of the city after the name of his son Enoch. And Irad was born to Enoch, and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech. And Lamech took two wives for himself: The name of the first was Adah, and the name of the second Zillah. And Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and raise cattle. And his brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. And Zillah also gave birth to Tubal-cain, the forger of every cutting instrument of bronze and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah. And Lamech said to his wives, Adah and Zillah, listen

to my voice; O wives of Lamech, hearken to my speech; For I have slain a man for wounding me, Even a young man for striking me. If Cain is avenged sevenfold, Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.

Gen.2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Gen.6:5-13 And Jehovah saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And Jehovah repented that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him in His heart. And Jehovah said, I will blot out the man whom I have created from the surface of the ground, from man to beast to creeping things to the birds of heaven; for I repent that I have made them. But Noah found favor in the sight of Jehovah. These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generations; and Noah walked with God. And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth. And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and now I am about to destroy them with the earth.

Produced by Satan's Instigation within Man

Apparently, such a culture without God was invented by the man who refused to go God's way and thereby lost God. Actually, its intrinsic factor was the instigation and incitement of Satan, God's enemy, within the man who departed from God. At the time of man's fall, Satan, the evil one, injected himself into man and embodied himself in sin to dwell in man's flesh. This was like an evil seed that was sown into man. This seed developed first into jealousy, then into anger, hatred, murder, and lies (**Gen. 4:5-9**), and then into lusts and violence (**Gen. 4:19, 23**). Eventually, it destroyed the entire human race.

This can be proved by Genesis 6:2, where we are told that the fallen angels assumed human bodies to marry the daughters of men. This verse shows us that man, who had left God and had thereby lost God, followed Satan and cooperated with Satan, even to the extent of being united with the angels of Satan. These angels of Satan used the human body to bring confusion into the human race through marriage, making the human race a mixture of human nature and the fallen spirits, thus inviting God's judgment in order to clear up the human race.

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Gen.4:5-9 But for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. And Cain became very angry, and his countenance fell. And Jehovah said to Cain, Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and his desire is for you, but you must rule over him. And Cain said to Abel his brother, Let us go into the field. And when

they were in the field, Cain rose up against Abel his brother and slew him. Then Jehovah said to Cain, Where is Abel your brother? And he said, I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?

Gen.6:2 The sons¹ of God saw that the daughters of men were fair; and they took wives for themselves from all whom they chose.

Representing All Human Cultures throughout the Ages

Such a culture, which was without God and was united with Satan, became a model representing all human cultures throughout the ages and signifying that these cultures have departed from God and are without God, and that they have followed Satan and are united with Satan. The godless culture began as a seed in Genesis 4, and it will develop throughout the history of the entire human race until it consummates in Babylon the Great in Revelation 18, which also will be cleared away by God's judgment. This clearing away by God's judgment is Christ's judgment of the world at His coming back. Therefore, in Matthew 24:37-39 the Lord Jesus considered the judgment of the flood as a prefigure of His coming. This shows us that the godless culture at the time of Noah will develop to its uttermost in the period of the Lord's coming. Hence, when the Lord comes back, He will again clear up and put in order the world and the entire human race.

Rev.18:2-5, 8, 20-22 (2) And He cried with a strong voice, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great! And she has become a dwelling place of demons and a hold of every unclean spirit and a hold of every unclean and hateful bird; (3) For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the fury of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the power of her luxury. (4) And I heard another voice out of heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that you do not participate in her sins and that you do not receive her plagues; (5) For her sins have accumulated up to heaven, and God has remembered her unrighteousnesses. (8) Therefore in one day her plagues will come, death and sorrow and famine, and she will be utterly burned with fire; for the Lord God who judges her is strong. (20) Be glad over her, O heaven and saints and apostles and prophets, because God has judged judgment for you upon her. (21) And a strong angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw *it* into the sea, saying, Thus will Babylon, the great city, be thrown down with violence and shall be found no more at all. (22) And the sound of harp-singers and musicians and flutists and trumpeters shall be heard no more at all in you, and no craftsman of any craft shall be found any more at all in you, and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in you,

Matt.24:37-39 For just as the days of Noah were, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as they were in those days before the flood, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day in which Noah entered into the ark, And they did not know *that judgment was coming* until the flood came and took all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

¹ H430 אלהים 'e□lo□hi□ym *el-o-heem*' Plural of H433; *gods* in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the plural thus, especially with the article) of the supreme *God*; occasionally applied by way of deference to *magistrates*; and sometimes as a superlative: - angels, X exceeding, God (gods) (-dess, -ly), X (very) great, judges, X mighty.

QUESTIONS

1. Briefly explain the godless culture that was invented by the man who lost God, and give its result.

2. Briefly state the intrinsic factor of the godless culture invented by man.

3. Briefly explain the consummation of the development of the godless culture, and give its result.

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