

CREATION FOR KIDS

CAIN'S WIFE WHO WAS SHE?

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AFTER CAIN killed his brother Abel, he moved to a place called Nod. Here he and his wife had a son whom they named Enoch. In time, there were enough people there to build a 'city' (Genesis 4:17), which Cain also called Enoch after his first son.

So who was Mrs Cain? And who were all those other people?

Reading the Bible gives us the answer. Adam and Eve were the very first two people. They had 'other sons and daughters' besides Cain and Abel (Genesis 5:3-5), and one of these they named Seth. We are not told the names of the others, but as Adam lived for 930 years, there were lots and lots of them.



They were clever!

Remember, God had commanded Adam and Eve 'to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth' (Genesis 1:28).

At the beginning of human history, Adam's sons—Cain, Seth and their brothers—must have married their own sisters. This is because Adam and Eve were the parents of everyone. After that, their children's sons could have married their sisters or their girl cousins, and had children of their own. Very soon, there would have been hundreds of people living on the earth. And then thousands. And soon hundreds of thousands.

Evolutionists say that once upon a time there were ape-men, and then the first humans were dumb cavemen. This is not true. There never were any ape-men. And the first people weren't dumb either. They were very clever.

The Bible says a man named Jabal was the first of those who live in tents and look after livestock—animals such as cattle, horses and camels, as well as Abel's sheep. His brother, Jubal, was very smart; he invented the harp and the flute. It takes a lot of know-how to make a

harp, and a flute too, as well as to play them.

Another man, named Tubal-cain, was also an inventor—he was famous for making all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron (Genesis 4:20-22). This meant he knew how to extract copper, tin and iron from their ores.

All of this culture, such as farming, making music, and using tools, is proof that the very first people on Earth were not ape-men, and not dumb 'cavemen' either. Civilization existed from the very first—not millions or billions of years after God created the earth.

Can brothers marry their sisters today?

But isn't it against the law now for brothers to marry their sisters? Why would it have

been all right back then?

To answer, let's first consider the world today. If brothers marry their sisters, then their children may be deformed or sick or handicapped in some way. This is because in our genes, we all have some

'copying mistakes' that have built up in our family over many generations. Different families have different copying mistakes. When people with *different* gene mistakes marry, the good genes from each partner tend to override the other partner's bad genes, so that deformities do not appear in their children. But if people with the *same* gene mistakes marry, then their children are liable to inherit two sets of bad genes, and so they can be handicapped in some way.

This was not a problem for Adam and Eve's children,

because God created Adam and Eve perfect, with no genetic mistakes! So there was no problem with brothers marrying sisters.

But then, when sin entered the world, God withdrew some of His power that stopped things from falling apart. His perfect creation began to degenerate. There was death and decay, and all sorts of genetic mistakes began to develop in living things. This was minimal at the time of Cain, so intermarriage was okay, but by the time of Moses, 2,500 years later, genetic mis-

takes had built up to the point where it became necessary for God to forbid brothers from marrying their own sisters (Leviticus 18:1-18). That's why it was okay at the beginning, but is not okay today to marry your close relative.

By the way, the Bible says that Eve 'was the mother of all the living' (Genesis 3:20). So Adam and Eve were the great, great, great ... grandparents of us all. This means that we are all related.

Activity

See how far back you can trace your own family tree. Ask your parents and grandparents for names and dates, and for photos that you can paste in an exercise book showing your own ancestors.

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