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CAIN BUILT A CITY

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We want to take our scripture text from **Genesis 4:17**, **“And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.”** Genesis, chapter four, gives us an account of the first modernist in history. Cain was a typical modernist, a so-called religious man, but unsaved. We are witnessing a tremendous upsurge of religious interest today. However, it is a revival of Cain, an ecumenical compromising union of the various groups by sacrificing the fundamentals of the true faith. There is no room for compromise! There is a great effort coming from the Catholic church, as well as from Protestants, to unite all religions of the world. Cain was not an atheist but a religionist. Beware of religion, for it is deadly. Jesus declared in **Matthew 15:8-9**, **“This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”** According to the gospel of **Luke 6:46**, Jesus said **“And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?”** Jesus also said emphatically in **Matthew 7:21**, **“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven”.** In our scripture text, we see the first mention of a city in the entire Word of God. When God created man, He did not put him in a city, but rather, He placed him in a garden. Cities were invented by wicked men. Cities are the personification of wickedness and

corruption. In areas where there is a concentration of populations, sin develops at a rate utterly unknown elsewhere. Cities are full of crime, murder, prostitution, drugs, alcohol, rape, robbery, looting and there is no end to the moral corruption. Less than 100 years ago 85% of the population lived in the country and in the rural communities. Following the industrial boom of the 19th century, with machinery and labor saving implements, coupled with devices invented by man, the millions that were employed on farms migrated to the cities. With the evolution of machines and technology, over 85% of the population now lives in the cities. We once heard the term **“motor city”** and now we have terms such as **“the Silicon Valley”**. The simplicity of the rural life has now been abandoned for the now wicked and mad scramble for survival in the cities. Most people today know very little about a quiet, peaceable, and tranquil life found only in the country side. Look at what just happened in Ferguson, Missouri following the killing and death of a young black male. Pillaging, robbery, looting, and crime have now exploded with a loss of control. People actually drove from other cities to rob and pillage the city where the young man was killed. After Cain built this city, he called the city Enoch. This was not the Enoch from the blood line of Seth. We now witness the corruption of the city life and how it brought about the demise of humanity. In the wake of city building, came the breakdown of the home, coupled with the evil of divorce and polygamy. With the concentration of population and close association of the sexes in industry

and business, women have left their homes and children to enter factories, shops, and offices. This evil has now broken beyond all restraints. Most of you will remember the term the Holy Spirit gave me some time ago which was **“spiritual membranes”**. Regretfully, man continues to break through the spiritual membranes or boundaries that God Almighty has set. Once the spiritual membranes have been broken through, there is no turning back. Jesus was so correct and prophetic concerning the last days and how the world would evolve right before His second advent. Jesus said in **Matthew 24:37-39**, **“But as the days of Noah were, so shall the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be”**. The phrase marrying and giving in marriage simply means that they were marrying and remarrying. God is not condemning marriage, for the Lord God of Abraham is the one who implemented this divine institution: but Satan and his minions have now corrupted it. What God is condemning is divorce and remarrying. This is why we read here in **Genesis 4:19**, **“And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of one was Adah and the name of the other Zillah”**. This was the first record of polygamy. What we are witnessing is a repetition of the days of Noah. I personally come from a broken family myself. My mother and father divorced when I was only 11 years of age. In the early 60’s divorce was

thought of as one of the greatest shames one could endure. Often times when divorce was obtained, the parties concerned were so ashamed they left their community to begin a new life where they were unknown. Divorce in that era was hard to obtain, but today they can be obtained for as little as \$100.

Regretfully, many times churches would refuse fellowship to the guilty parties and discouraged it violently. Let me be clear, there is forgiveness and redemption with broken homes and marriages. But what is tragic, as well as dangerous, is when so-called professing Christians cannot reconcile their differences in their marriage and thus seek divorce. When it comes to a Christian home and marriage, there is no such term as irreconcilable differences. The very fact that my parents divorced was an impetus for me to make sure that I married the right person and was not subjected to the same moral failure. My heart is grieved profusely when I witness broken homes and marriages. Divorce is bad enough but the needless irreparable damage brought upon children is even worse. Today, thanks to our modern philosophies and enlightenment of civilization, all of this has changed. Divorce has been glorified and made a means of lucrative popularity among certain classes. The rate of divorce in the last fifty years has doubled, tripled, and quadrupled, and then doubled again. If people don't marry, they just shack up so they are not subjected to a divorce. More and more people are living together and committing the sin of fornication and that, my friend, will separate you from God Almighty. It is a known fact, juvenile crime is profusely enhanced when children come from a broken home. Divorce is an evil cancer, contrary to God's Word, and should never even be mentioned among those who name

the name of Christ. Again, let me say, I am not here to condemn those who have a broken home and marriage, however, but be sure you are on the right side of the Word of God when it comes to divorce. Remember, what God Almighty hath joined together let not man put asunder! This prophetic word comes from the Holy writ. This is why Jesus referenced the days of Noah in His Mount Olive discourse. In summary, Genesis chapter four addresses religious apostasy, city building, and polygamy coupled with unprecedented violence. We are told in **Genesis 6:5, "And God 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"**. We are witnessing this Noahian scripture being fulfilled at this very moment. All one has to do is go back and study the first five chapters of the book of Genesis and you will understand how near mankind is to his destruction. This nation is dying for a lack of leadership. We are now lied to every day from our government and pulpits. There seems to be no moral convictions anymore in this nation. We have a president in the White House who has opened the borders of this nation to further our demise. I'm reminded of the prophecy found in **Isaiah 1:7, "Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers (foreigners) devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as over thrown by strangers (foreigners)"**. This scripture verse is being fulfilled now in its totality concerning this nation. Strangers and foreigners now have more rights than our own citizens. This nation is being overrun, as well as overtaken by strangers and aliens. The word stranger here in the Hebrew means to be a foreigner. In spite of moral and spiritual decay, we must remain strong. Never give up on your

personal convictions no matter what. Other than God's Word and the Holy Ghost, the highest level of authority in your life is your conscience! Don't sear your conscience with sin. 1st Timothy 4:1-2 reads, **"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron"**. I pray today that this newsletter has stirred your heart with profound conviction. What you have witnessed recently in the Middle East, with Israel concerning Hamas, is but a firecracker. Look to the North and Northeast of Israel for the real battle to be with Syria and Iran. Israel is preparing for a far larger and greater conflagration. By the way, when you look up the word violent or violence in the Hebrew it is spelled chamac and pronounced khaw-mas'. Needless to say, Hamas chose their name correctly and they live out their name daily with beheadings and executions. Until next month, may your heart and your affection remain on things above and not here on the earth. Thank you so very much for praying, loving, and supporting my wife and I. God Almighty is keeping a record of everything that we do, especially to the household of God.

Serving With You All,

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