

## Genesis 4:16-24 **Line of Cain to Lamech**

**16** “Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden. **17** And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son--Enoch. **18** To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech.

**19** Then Lamech took for himself two wives: the name of one was Adah, and the name of the second was Zillah. **20** And 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 harp and flute. **22** And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal-Cain was Naamah. **23** Then Lamech said to his wives: "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have killed a man for wounding me, even a young man for hurting me. **24** If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, then Lamech seventy-sevenfold." NKJV

Facts revealed in these verses:

- ✧ Cain dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden. God had driven Adam and Eve to the east of the Garden of Eden and it is east of Eden where they all still reside.
- ✧ Cain had become unable to be a tiller of the ground so he built a city and became a city dweller.
- ✧ They were very skilful and able to build a city apparently able to make brick and mortar. They made tents, raised livestock, made and played musical instruments like the flute and harp, they were instructors of every craftsman in bronze and iron. These people were not Ape men or cave men as evolutionists want us to believe.
- ✧ Where did Cain and Lamech get their wives?
  - ◇ For this answer we need to look forward to [\[Genesis 5:1-5\]](#) where we learn that after the birth of Cain and Abel Adam and Eve had many children both sons and daughters.
  - ◇ So Cain married one of his sisters.
  - ◇ By the time Lamech was born, there were plenty of women available to choose from.
- ✧ It is also interesting that when women are mentioned by name in Scripture it is because they become important for future reference in the revelation of God and mankind.
- ✧ Thus, Naamah was named and we believe (Jewish tradition) she became the wife of Noah. Notice there is no other name of women at this time. Adam and Eve had daughters who were not named.
- ✧ Lamech knew all about the curse God had placed on Cain and also about the curse God had placed on anyone who might kill him, which was the base of his claim of seventy-seven fold avenge for himself when he killed a young man in self defense.
- ✧ It is interesting also that the numbers **seven** and **seventy** are also used by Peter and Jesus as they discuss how many times one must forgive another. [\[Matthew 18:21-22\]](#)