

Who Was Cain's Wife

Genesis 4:1-2

4 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord.

2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. KJV

Genesis 4:16-17

16 And 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 bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch. KJV

1 Peter 3:15

...always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; NKJV

New Living Translation

... And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it.

Why Is It Important?

- Many skeptics have claimed that for Cain to find a wife, there must have been other "races" of people on the earth who were not descendants of Adam and Eve.
- question is a stumbling block to accepting the creation account of Genesis and its record of only one man and woman at the beginning of history.

The Meaning of the Gospel (Good News).

The First Man

Romans 5:12

12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned— NIV

1 Corinthians 15:22

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. NKJV

1 Corinthians 15:22

22 Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. NLT

Since Adam was the head of the human race, when he fell we who were in the loins of Adam fell also.

Romans 3:23

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; KJV

Romans 5:12

12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: KJV

The Last Adam

God provided the solution—a way to deliver man from his condition.

God provided another Adam. The Son of God became a man—a perfect Man—yet still our relation.

He is called “the last Adam” (1 Corinthians 15:45) because he took the place of the first Adam.

He became the new head and, because He was sinless, was able to pay the penalty for sin:

Therefore, only descendants of the first man Adam can be saved.

1 Corinthians 15:45

45 The Scriptures tell us, "The first man, Adam, became a living person." But the last Adam—that is, Christ—is a life-giving Spirit. NLT

Since the Bible describes all human beings as sinners, and we are all related

Acts 17:26

26 From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries. NLT

The gospel makes sense only on the basis that all humans are descendants of the first man Adam.

Thus, there was only one man at the beginning—made from the dust of the earth (Genesis 2:7).

This also means that Cain's wife was a descendant of Adam.

She couldn't have come from another race of people and must be accounted for from Adam's descendants.

The First Woman

Genesis 3:20

20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. KJV

- Other than Adam all people are descendants of Eve—she was the first woman.

Eve was made from Adam's side (Genesis 2:21–24)

Jesus and Paul use quote as reason for marriage of one man and one woman.

Genesis 2:23-24

23 "At last!" the man exclaimed. "This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken from 'man.'"

24 This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. NLT

Matthew 19:4-6

4 "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,'

5 and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?

6 So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." NIV

Ephesians 5:31

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

KJV

- There was only one Man, Adam
- There was only one woman, Eve, Adam's wife, from the beginning.
- There could not have another race or people on the earth.

Genesis 4:1-2

Now Adam had sexual relations with his wife, Eve, and she became pregnant. When she gave birth to Cain, she said, "With the Lord's help, I have produced a man!"

2 Later she gave birth to his brother and named him Abel. When they grew up, Abel became a shepherd, while Cain cultivated the ground. NLT

Genesis 4:25

25 Adam had sexual relations with his wife again, and she gave birth to another son. She named him Seth, for she said, "God has granted me another son in place of Abel, whom Cain killed." NLT

Even though these three males are specifically mentioned, Adam and Eve had other children.

Genesis 5:1-6—Cain's Brothers and Sisters

5 This is the written account of Adam's

line. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.

2 He created them male and female and blessed them. And when they were created, he called them "man."

3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth.

4 After Seth was born, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters.

5 Altogether, Adam lived 930 years, and then he died.

6 When Seth had lived 105 years, he became the father of Enosh. NIV

- Cain's wife was either his sister or a close relative.

Objections

God's Laws forbidding was at time of Moses 430 plus years after Abraham

Leviticus 18:6

6 "You must never have sexual relations with a close relative, for I am the Lord. NTL

- Abraham was married to his half-sister

Genesis 20:12

12 She really is my sister. She is the daughter of my father, but not of my mother, and I married her. TEV

Abraham—born around 2165BC to 1991BC

Moses—born 1525BC

- God gave law to protect people from Biological Deformities
- Each person inherits a set of genes from his or her mother and father. Imperfections are can be doubled when brother and sister reproduce
- Genes today contain many mistakes (because of sin and the Curse)
- But Cain was in the first generation of children ever born.
- He, as well as his brothers and sisters, would have received virtually no imperfect genes from Adam or Eve, since the effects of sin and the Curse would have been minimal to start with.

Where Was the Land of Nod

Some claim that the passage in Genesis 4:16–17 means that Cain went to the land of Nod and found a wife.

Thus, they conclude there must have been another race of people on the earth who were not descendants of Adam, who produced Cain's wife.

Genesis 4:10-17

10 And [the Lord] said, What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground.

11 And now you are cursed by reason of the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's [shed] blood from your hand.

12 When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength; you shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth [in perpetual exile, a degraded outcast].

13 Then Cain said to the Lord, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

14 Behold, You have driven me out this day from the face of the land, and from Your face I will be hidden; and I will be a fugitive and a vagabond and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.

15 And the Lord said to him, Therefore, if anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the Lord set a mark or sign upon Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.

16 So Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod [wandering], east of Eden.

17 And Cain's wife [one of Adam's offspring] became pregnant and bore Enoch; and Cain built a city and named it after his son Enoch. AMP

Enoch who was caught up with God was son of Jared through line of Seth

Genesis 4:18-26

18 To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad was the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael the father of Methusael, and Methusael the father of Lamech.

19 And Lamech took two wives; the name of the one was Adah and of the other was Zillah.

20 Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have cattle and purchase possessions.

21 His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.

22 Zillah bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all [cutting] 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; for I have slain a man [merely] for wounding me, and a young man [only] for striking and bruising me.

24 If Cain is avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech [will be avenged] seventy-sevenfold.

25 And Adam's wife again became pregnant, and she bore a son and called his name Seth. For God, she said, has appointed for me another child instead of Abel, for Cain slew him.

26 And to Seth also a son was born, whom he named Enosh. At that time men began to call [upon God] by the name of the Lord. AMP

Genesis 5:1-10

5 1 THIS IS the book (the written record, the history) of the generations of the offspring of Adam. When God created man, He made him in the likeness of God.

2 He created them male and female and blessed them and named them [both] Adam [Man] at the time they were created.

3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, after his image; and he named him Seth.

4 After he had Seth, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters.

5 So altogether Adam lived 930 years, and he died.

6 When Seth was 105 years old, Enosh was born.

7 Seth lived after the birth of Enosh 807 years and had other sons and daughters.

8 So Seth lived 912 years, and he died.

9 When Enosh was 90 years old, Kenan was born to him.

10 Enosh lived after the birth of Kenan 815 years and had other sons and daughters. AMP

By the time Abel was killed, there may have been a considerable number of descendants of Adam and Eve involving several generations.

Adam and Eve's descendants were very intelligent people. Don't picture CAVEMAN DUMMIES

Because of intense evolutionary indoctrination, many people today have the idea that their generation is the most advanced that has ever been on this planet.

Our brains have suffered from 6,000 years of the Curse.

1 Corinthians 2:16

16 For, "Who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to teach him?" But we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ. NLT