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WHAT IS THE MARK OF CAIN?

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"And the LORD set a MARK upon Cain." Genesis 4:15.

What is the MARK that God placed upon Cain, that *"any finding him should not kill him"*? Genesis 4:15. First off, no one knows for sure what that particular mark was; except seeing it, they would not kill him. What we do know is that Cain was crying, after hearing God's sentence upon him for murder.

Cain was the world's first murderer. The jury recently declared O.J. Simpson guilty in the civil case against him, and now he must pay \$25 million in punitive damages for his crime. Is it excessive? in addition to his \$8 million from the criminal trial? Is it more than he can bear? Cain was crying (instead of repenting) that his punishment was more than he could bear. "God is unjust!" And God hearkened unto Cain and gave him a MARK. Remember this, the identification MARK, came about through Cain crying, "Unjust!" If you inquire to those in our prison system, many would declare, like Cain, "Unjust!"

Cain didn't have a jury of six men and six women like O.J. God was the judge, and the voice from the jury came from the ground. *"The voice of thy brother's blood,"* (Genesis 4:10) from the ground, had reached the ear of the judge of all the earth, "Guilty, as charged."

The God of the Universe pronounced sentence upon Cain. *"When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee HER STRENGTH."* Genesis 4:12. Is the reason we absorb so many food supplements today, over the killing of 33 million babies since Roe vs. Wade? Is the ground refusing to give us HER STRENGTH? Is abortion and euthanasia affecting the ground? God heard the voice of Abel's blood cry out from the ground. Can he hear the voice of 33 million abortions?

God's sentence upon Cain consisted of two parts! Part A-- *"a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth,"* (Genesis 4:14), or, "cursed from the earth". Part B--Cain's occupation was a *"tiller of the ground."* God cursed the earth; *"When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength."* Genesis 4:2,12. In other words, you can never again be a farmer! I've destroyed your only means of making a livelihood. You'll be condemned forever to being a *"fugitive and a vagabond"* in the earth.

It is after hearing the indictment; *"When thou tillest the soil, it is cursed for thy sake,"* that Cain cried out to the Lord, *"My punishment is greater than I can bear."* Genesis 4:13.

Where did Cain get his wife? Adam lived 969 years and *“he begat sons and daughters.”* Genesis 5:4. Women were unimportant in Hebrew genealogy, principally because they were eventually to be given away for a dowry. The dowry often represented the purchase price of the new bride, often looked upon as chattel. Anyway, they could not carry on the family name! Cain must have taken a favorite sister with him, but never “knew her” until he reached the land of Nod (Heb.-exile or vagrancy). Cain never impregnated his sister until he reached the land of Nod. But the sister was already his wife, so they must have married before Cain went out before the presence of the Lord. Genesis 4:16.

Now that Cain is a father, he would like to quit wandering as a vagabond in the earth. The ground is cursed so he can't farm. What is Cain to do? He built a city. He built walls about the city of Enoch. The walls would be his protection. Hence the “mark” was obsolete. The mark was for protection as a wanderer in the earth. Cain was now a city dweller.

“Woe unto them! For they have gone in the way of Cain.” Jude 11. “The way of Cain”, is nothing more than human reason. Cain's worst enemy was his own brain. *“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity (Gr.-enemy) against God.”* Romans 8:6-7. These various versions of the Bible feed the brain to where one questions *“Hath God said?”* (Genesis 3:1) which is the message of the serpent.

Cain hated this dependency upon God that He provided in the MARK. He now had walls! Nimrod, like Cain, had no regard for God's sign in the clouds, a rainbow. *“I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.”* Genesis 9:13. *“While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.”* Genesis 8:22.

Cain had walls. Nimrod built a tower into the heavens! In Nimrod's unbelief in God's bow, he built his tower to be prepared for another flood. An angry, cruel God that once destroyed the whole world could change his mind. In any case, Nimrod would be ready this time.

Cain cared nothing about God's sign for protection. Yet, he did the crying! Isn't that the way of the world? If God answered their prayer, they would hate Him the more. The mark was given as an answer to Cain's prayer for protection.

He was sentenced to be a vagabond and to wander as a nomad upon the face of the earth. Why should Cain obey the court's decision? Like Nimrod observing “his bow,” so Cain looked upon this mark. Why should Cain trust the sign of a cruel God? Nimrod was under the same directive as Noah, *“Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.”* Genesis 9:1.

The “go ye” of Nimrod and the church is quickly to “*Go to, let us make brick...and let us make us a name for ourselves.*” Genesis 11:3-4. In like manner, the church has the identical orders, “*go ye therefore and teach all nations, teaching them to observe ALL things whatsoever I have commanded you.*” Matthew 28:19. The *RIVERBANK NEWS* is dedicated to this task! The commission says nothing about preaching! Local church autonomy is rejected in favor of Nimrod’s reasoning for a central headquarters, “*Let us make a name for ourselves!*” Nimrod typifies the Pope of Rome as also the spiritual false prophet of the then “One World Religion.”

Cain was a man and didn’t need God’s protective sign. He would get his own. He built the world’s first city, Enoch, in the land of Nod (Heb.-exile, vagrant). Imagine a vagabond building a city for vagrants. This city became his defense, not only from man, but also his dependency on God’s mark, as well! “*The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.*” Psalm 9:17. Cain’s city deteriorated fast into another Greenwich Village, Haight-Ashbury, Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley, or a New Orleans Mardi-Gras.

“*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* (Heb.-initiated; trained).” Genesis 4:17. The entire city was composed of deviates in rebellion to God. One is not born a homosexual, you’re initiated, and then trained to acquire new recruits! They cannot reproduce their own kind, but are like a religion that is dependent on converts to continue growing. All their initiates (or converts) stem from the heterosexual society. “*And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a REPROBATE* (Gk.-worthless, rejected) *MIND, to do those things which are not convenient.*” (See Romans 1:18-32) His new recruits and initiates to the gay community of Enoch, became his protection.

Disobedience to court order A: “to be a wanderer, nomad, and vagabond in the earth” brought about a lifestyle peculiar to our cities today. The MARK became obsolete! Hence, his lifestyle that he chose to live in the city of Enoch, became the MARK OF CAIN; homosexuality.