

## Characteristics of the First Cultures

Genesis 4:16-6:13

Characteristics of both the first cultures (Gen 4-6) and the final cultures (Mt 24:37-38) invite the judgment of God.

I. Cain's Generations: The \_\_\_\_\_ (4:16-24)

A. \_\_\_\_\_ to God

B. \_\_\_\_\_ of God

II. Seth's Generations: The \_\_\_\_\_ (4:25-5:32)

III. Man's De-Generation: The \_\_\_\_\_ (6:1-3)

A. Naturally, there was a population \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Supernaturally, there was a perverted \_\_\_\_\_.

Many have suggested that the sons of God were the godly line of Seth and the daughters of men were the Cainites. But this does not do justice to the terminology or the context. Others view the "sons of God" as angels (as in Job 1:6), who cohabited with women on earth. This, however, conflicts with Matthew 22:30.

The incident is one of hubris, the proud overstepping of bounds. Here it applies to "the sons of God," a lusty, powerful lot striving for fame and fertility. They were probably powerful rulers who were controlled (indwelt) by fallen angels. It may be that fallen angels left their habitation and inhabited bodies of human despots and warriors, the mighty ones of the earth.

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