

# **ORIGINS: *Living in the Land of Nod***

**Genesis 4:15-26**

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## **Understanding the story:**

**vv. 15-16**

**v. 17**

**v. 18**

**v. 19**

**vv. 20-22**

**vv. 23-24**

**vv. 25-26**

## **The Land of Nod is...**

*And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience – among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.*

(Ephesians 2:1-3)

### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ from the presence of God.**

*Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden. (v. 16)*

### **2. Characterized by \_\_\_\_\_ wandering.**

*You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth. (Genesis 4:12)*

*Surely every man walks around like a shadow in a charade; surely they make an uproar for nothing; each one builds up riches, not knowing who will receive them. (Psalm 39:6 AMP)*

### **3. Defined by active \_\_\_\_\_ against the authority of God.**

*I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices... (Isaiah 65:2)*

### **4. A \_\_\_\_\_ that expresses man's independence and pride.**

*Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world – the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions – is not from the Father but is from the world.*

*And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever. (1 John 2:15-17)*

## **Living for Christ in the Land of Nod requires...**

### **1. \_\_\_\_\_ built on the promises and provision of God.**

*She bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, "God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel..." (v. 25)*

*His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. (2 Peter 1:3-4)*

### **2. \_\_\_\_\_ to stand apart.**

*To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. (v. 26)*

*As God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you..." (2 Corinthians 6:16-17)*

### **3. \_\_\_\_\_ to recognize what is truly valuable.**

*At that time people began to call upon the name of the Lord. (v. 26)*

*The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight. (Proverbs 4:7)*

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ that defines your life.**

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*Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in. (Psalm 107:4-7)*

**Now what?**

*But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. (Joshua 24:15 NIV)*

<p><b>NEXT WEEK: The Advent Conspiracy</b></p>
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<p><b><u>Legend:</u></b></p>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Far from the presence of God.</li><li>2. Characterized by aimless wandering.</li><li>3. Defined by active rebellion against the authority of God.</li><li>4. A culture that expresses man's independence and pride.</li><li>1. Hope built on the promises and provision of God.</li><li>2. Courage to stand apart.</li><li>3. Discernment to recognize what is truly valuable.</li><li>4. Worship that defines your life.</li></ul> |
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