



Scriptures and Doctrine :: Where did Cain's wife come from?

Where did Cain's wife come from? - posted by MJones (), on: 2009/2/17 19:58

This morning, my son asked me this question, 'Where did Cain's wife come from?' Though I've wondered the same myself, I have never come to any good conclusion.

Does anyone know?

Re: Where did Cain's wife come from?, on: 2009/2/17 20:31

Since Adam and Eve are the first humans then Cains wife would be his sister or a niece. The bible is condensed and does not always give us every detail.

Also, keep in mind Adam and eve lived for hundreds of years. So they had many children.

Re: Where did Cain's wife come from? - posted by ccchhrrriiss (), on: 2009/2/17 20:58

Hi MJones...

The bottom line: The Bible does not say where Cain's wife came from.

:-)

Re: - posted by MJones (), on: 2009/2/17 21:16

I think that's why I've always given up on trying to figure it out.

Re: - posted by hulsey (), on: 2009/2/17 21:27

(Gen 5:4) The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other **sons and daughters**.

The logic is so simple that it goes without explanation.

Blessings,
Jeremy Hulsey

Re: - posted by MJones (), on: 2009/2/17 21:35

Well what do you know. Didn't even have to leave the state to get the answer.

Hi Jeremy.

Re: - posted by hulsey (), on: 2009/2/17 22:33

Quote:

-----Well what do you know. Didn't even have to leave the state to get the answer.

LOL, Hey brother,

Sometimes our western linear thought process gets in the way of Biblical texts that are not so pinned to a strict chronological flow. Taking Seth for example. We're not even told whether he was the 3rd child the 5th or even the 50th. I suppose that since Adam was 130yrs old when Seth was born, possibly a large number of children had already been born to Adam and to his offspring. Seth could have had third and fourth cousins entering adult years while he was learning to crawl.

I guess in a culture existing when Genesis was written where people were still marrying half-sisters, marrying your sister

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was not as (for lack of a better word) gross as it is today making the leap in logic not as difficult.

Re: - posted by MJones (), on: 2009/2/17 23:47

Interesting thought. I have to admit, I've never thought of that possibility. You make it easy to believe.

Have you made your move yet? Still looking forward to meeting.

Re: , on: 2009/2/18 8:14

Simply put... he married one of his sisters. Which also proves that the Garden of Eden was in Kentucky.

Krispy

Re: - posted by alan4jc (), on: 2009/2/18 11:49

Or in Utah :-P

Re: - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/2/18 11:53

But are we not all brothers and sisters in Christ?

Related by blood, that being His?

Re: , on: 2009/2/18 13:45

ok... let's not think too hard about this! (or over spiritualize it!)

Krispy

Re: - posted by hulsey (), on: 2009/2/18 16:18

Quote:

-----Have you made your move yet? Still looking forward to meeting.

It's in the planning stage still. I'm working on a transfer to the Fredericktown Wal Mart right now. Once that's done then I'll be on my way. Definitely looking forward to meeting you as well.

(glad to see the forums are back up!)

Re: Where did Cain's wife come from?, on: 2009/2/18 19:21

The bible never starts the family tree with daughters, it starts it with the first born son. Eve could have had several daughters before she had Cain and Abel. And marriage at 12 years of age would not be uncommon as a woman's body in those days would have been a lot stronger to bear children because of the atmospheric conditions, the air they breathed and the earth being unpolluted. However that may be up for debate, but Eve having daughters is not. They had to come from somewhere and since Eve is the mother of all living we can safely assume that the wife of Cain came from her. It would not surprise me if the growth factor was faster as well because of the greenhouse that they were living under, being that there was water above the firmament and the water beneath it.

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Re: - posted by MJones (), on: 2009/2/21 14:54

Quote:

hulsey wrote:

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Your thought here has stirred a thought in me. Since it is entirely possible, as you say, that Seth could have had third or fourth cousins by the time he was born, it stands to reason then that Seth could have married one of these cousins instead of a sister.

My point makes me wonder if there is a possible scenario where Seth's choice of wife might be a little farther removed from the brother/sister situation that we usually associate with 'Kentuckians' for example.

Is there a combination that could have produced a healthier offspring which would result in the lineage which became the nation of Israel? Maybe that is why God wanted all the other nations wiped out - the brother/sister effect.

Way out speculation, just for the fun of it.

Re: - posted by jlosinski, on: 2009/2/21 21:19

This question was posed at a creation seminar conducted by Answers in Genesis at University of Alaska that I attended this last thursday. AIG staffer Mike Riddle presented the following answer; Cain married a sister, with virtually no risk of genetic mutations in their offspring, however, by the time the Law was given in Leviticus, the effects of the curse were great enough that "inbreeding" would have resulted in major deformities in the offspring of siblings. But don't take my word on it. ;-)

Re: - posted by hulsey (), on: 2009/2/22 0:39

To echo jlosinski's reply,

It's likely that, as the gene pool of mankind became increasingly corrupt, that God forbid the Israelites from marrying close relatives when He gave the instructions to Moses.