

THE HISTORY OF THE SMITH FAMILY

Genesis 4:11-24

What are the most common surnames in the US? What common surnames are based on occupations?
The Kenites (or Cainites) appear 12 times in the OT with no genealogy or land—itinerant, wandering _____

I. CAIN'S STORY BEGINS WITH MURDER AND _____ 4:11-16

- A. God's _____ upon Cain
 - 1) God curses a human being for the 1st time, reflecting His reaction to the destruction of His _____
 - 2) God gives Cain a _____ sentence instead of a death sentence: he will be a homeless wanderer
- B. Cain's _____ to God
 - 1) Cain said, "My punishment is more than I can bear"—this word is normally translated _____
 - 2) Was Cain expressing repentance for his sin? Or was he sorry for the _____ of his actions?
 - 3) Cain continued to push back against God, complaining that a kinsman of Abel would _____ him
- C. God's _____ on Cain
 - 1) God Himself took the role of Kinsman for Cain, promising to avenge his murder, giving him a _____
 - 2) God is merciful even to unrepentant _____ ; His mercy will not be exhausted until the End Times
- D. Cain's _____ to Wander
 - 1) Cain dwelt in the land of Nod (literally _____) so he suffered the sentence God passed on him
 - 2) But he chose to wander "out from the presence of the LORD"—wandering from God was his _____

II. CAIN'S STORY ENDS WITH CITY AND _____ 4:17-24

- A. The _____ of Cain 4:17-18
 - 1) Where did Cain get his wife? He married his _____ ; before the flood the water canopy protected men from the effects of radiation + few mutations, so no genetic harm would pass to their _____
 - 2) Cain had a son, Enoch, and built a city named for him; perhaps after building it, he still _____
- B. The Origins of _____ 4:19-22
 - 1) What is culture? Culture is what human beings (country, region or company) do and _____ they do it
 - 2) Who is responsible for making a culture? The ungodly line of _____ developed much of early culture
 - 3) Is culture good or bad? It's as good or bad as the _____ (esp. leaders) who develop the culture
It's not black/white: even unregenerate men develop positive achievements that _____ mankind
 - 4) How should believers interact w/ culture? a) God expects us to use its positive aspects to _____ Him
b) God expects us to _____ our culture c) But human culture can be a manifestation of the _____
- C. The _____ of Lamech 4:223-24
 - 1) His _____ of Marriage
 - a) For the sake of his lust, Lamech corrupted the God-given pattern of monogamous _____
 - b) Perverting an institution as key to human flourishing as marriage has a huge influence on _____
 - 2) His Justification of _____
 - a) It is probable that Lamech killed a _____ who smarted off in front of his wives—with a weapon
 - b) Lamech boasted that he would take revenge 77-fold, but Jesus teaches us to _____ 70 X 7