

*Scripture
Reading:*
Genesis 4:16-24

**Aspects
(Components) of
the World System**

INTRODUCTION & REVIEW

From I Jn 2:16 we have come to understand how the world System was designed to appeal to fallen mankind:

- The strong desires appeal to the flesh (sin nature)
- The strong desires concerning the eyes, and
- The empty boasting (pride) concerning physical life

INTRODUCTION & REVIEW

Next, we need to understand the aspects (i.e. components) that make up the World System

- These aspects are found in rudimentary form in Gen 4:16-24

Necessary Background to Understanding the Aspects of the World System

The designer and ruler of the World System is Satan

- Jn 12:31, 14:30, 16:31

The World System began after the death of Abel

- Lk 11:50-51

The purpose of the World System: to subdue and direct man's sin nature for the purposes of Satan

- Gen 4:8

The Foundational Aspects of the World System

- ◇ Cain's urbanization of conscience
 - ◇ Knowing good
 - ◇ what makes for well-being and happiness
 - ◇ Knowing evil
 - ◇ what makes for calamity
- ◇ Cain rejected God's plan for his life
 - ◇ As a farmer whose land was double-cursed
 - ◇ As a wanderer
- ◇ Cain determined to stay in one place and build a city
 - ◇ Gen 4:17, called Enoch

◇Generation 1

◇Enoch (dedicate, train-up, teach)

◇Generation 2

◇Irad (sequester; fugitive)

◇Generation 3

◇Mehujael (smitten of God)

◇Generation 4

◇Methushael (who is of God)

◇Generation 5

◇Lamech (powerful)

◇Generation 6

◇Jabel & Jubal (stream of water)

◇Tubalcain (you will bring forth of Cain)

The Foundational Aspects of the World System (continued)

The Results of Urbanization

- ◆ Intensifies selfishness, heresy, religious superstitious awe
- ◆ Intensifies greed (idolatry), zeal (ambition), envy (produces the setting for boasting the vainglory and boasting of things pertaining to physical life)
 - ◆ Cain went out from the presence of the Lord - Gen 4:16
 - ◆ Cain names his city after his son, Enoch

CONCLUSION

The Christian's response:

Mark and avoid those who cause cliques and scandals contrary to doctrine to be believed and practiced -
Tim 16:17-18

Beware of the fondness for money I Tim 6:10-11

Be content with the basics of physical life - I Tim 6:6-8