

*Scripture
Reading:*
Genesis 4:16-24

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

INTRODUCTION

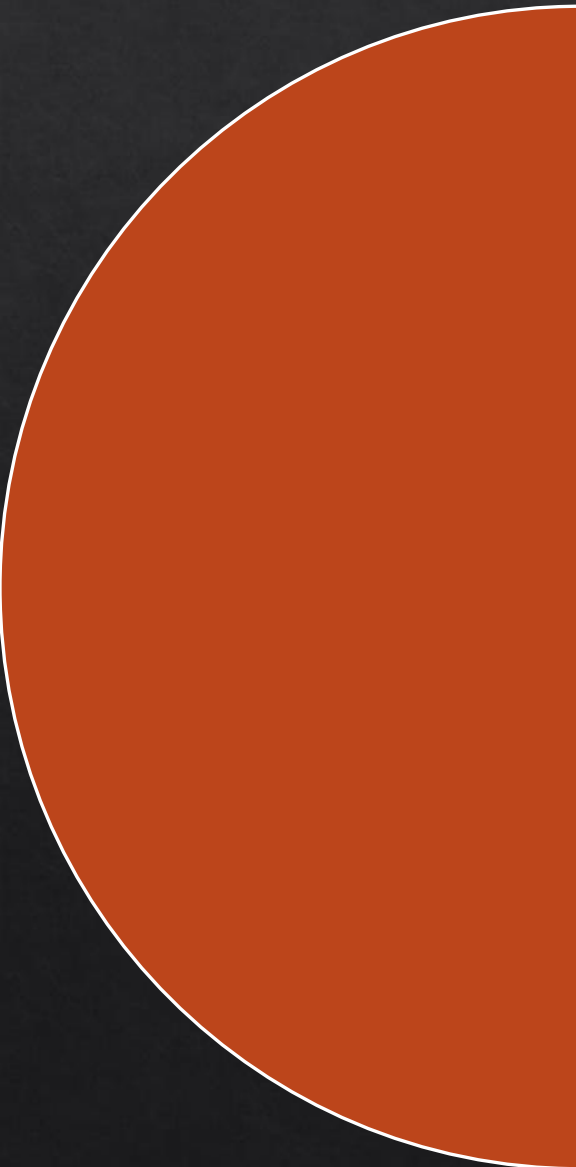
Epistemology
is the study of
knowledge.
It involves 3
basic
elements

- **Knowledge of facts**
- **Understanding of how facts relate to each other**
- **Wisdom to appropriately apply the related facts**

INTRODUCTION

- ◇ God's written word, the Bible, reveals the knowledge, understanding, and wisdom related to the 3 enemies of the Christian.
- ◇ From Genesis 4, God's word reveals the foundational elements of the World System
- ◇ Other Scriptures reveal
 - ◇ The development, purpose, and authority of Satan's World System
 - ◇ The wise and appropriate relationship and use of this World System by the NT grace believer

INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW



The first
foundational
aspect making
up the World
System is
urbanization –
building up of
cities

- God's design for mankind was to "fill full the earth" (Gen 1:28 9:1)
- Cain used his conscience to choose his own understanding of what would bring him good or evil
- Cain built the first city, naming it after his son, Enoch, thus glorifying himself (cf Rom 1:21-23)

URBANIZATION LEADS TO GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION

(Luke 4:6)

Satanic influence of self-centeredness and zeal is used to control the masses

Satanic influence of greed, anger, envy, and strife are used by those human leaders who gain control over the masses

GOD'S GOVERNMENTAL EXCEPTIONS & DIRECTIONS

Rules for human society after The Flood

God's governing of ONE nation's affairs

- Statutes ruled day by day religious life

- Ordinances ruled religious life from time to time

- Judgments Ruled civil life

- Commandments ruled moral life

GOD'S GOVERNMENTAL EXCEPTIONS & DIRECTIONS

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God directly provided for Israel's welfare until they demanded a king

- I Sam 8:1-9, 10:17-19, 12:13-15

God's overall control within Satan's governmental system

- Dan 4:17, 34-35

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- ◆ Obey human governmental authorities – Rom 13:1-7
 - ◆ Except if they interfere with your personal obedience to God - Acts 5:29
- ◆ Communicate to God on behalf of all governmental authorities - Acts 5:29

CONCLUSION

- ◆ We are in the system, but not out of it, as to our source - Jn 19:19
- ◆ We are to use it, but not to overuse it - I Cor 7:31