

Genesis 4

1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore **Cain**, saying,

“I have **gotten** a man with the help of the LORD.”

2 And again, she bore his brother **Abel**.

Now **Abel** was a keeper of sheep,
and **Cain** a worker of the **ground**.

3 In the course of time,

Cain brought to the LORD
an **offering** of the **fruit** of the **ground**,

4 and **Abel** also brought
of the **firstborn** of his flock and of their **fat** portions.

a. And the LORD had regard

b. for **Abel** and his **offering**,

5 b. but for **Cain** and his **offering**

a. he had no regard.

So **Cain** was very **angry**,

and his **face** fell. ↓

6 The LORD said to **Cain**,

“Why are you **angry**,
and why has your **face** fallen? ↓

7 If you do ~~well~~ **good (tov)**,

will you not be ~~accepted~~ uplift? ↑

And if you do not do ~~well~~ **good (tov)**,

sin is crouching a croucher at the door.

Its **desire** is contrary to you,

but you must **rule** over it."

8 **Cain** spoke to **Abel** his **brother**.

And when they were in the **field**,

Cain rose up **↑** against his **brother Abel** and killed him.

9 Then the LORD said to **Cain**,

"Where is **Abel** your **brother**?"

He said,

"I do not know; am I my **brother's** keeper?"

10 And the LORD said,

"What have you done?"

The voice of your **brother's blood**

is crying to me from the **ground**.

11 And now you are cursed from the **ground**,

which has opened its mouth

to receive your **brother's blood** from your hand.

12 When you work the **ground**,

it shall no longer yield to you its strength.

You shall be a **fugitive** and a **wanderer** on the earth."

13 **Cain** said to the LORD,

"My punishment is greater than I can bear.

14 Behold, you have driven me today

away from the **ground**,

and from your **face** I shall be hidden.

I shall be a **fugitive** and a **wanderer** on the earth,

and whoever finds me will kill me."

15 Then the LORD said to him,
"Not so!
If anyone kills **Cain**, vengeance shall be taken on him **sevenfold**."

And the LORD put a mark on **Cain**,
lest any who found him should attack him.

16 Then **Cain** went away from the **presence** of the LORD
and settled in the land of **Nod**, east of Eden.

17 **Cain** knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch.

When he built a **city**,
he called the name of the **city**
after the name of his son, **Enoch**.

18 To **Enoch** was born **Irad**,
and **Irad** fathered **Mehujael**,
and **Mehujael** fathered **Methushael**,
and **Methushael** fathered **Lamech**.

19 And **Lamech** took two wives.

The name of the one was **Adah**,
and the name of the other **Zillah**.

20 **Adah** bore **Jabal**;
he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have **livestock**.

21 His brother's name was **Jubal**;
he was the father of all those who **play the lyre and pipe**.

22 **Zillah** also bore **Tubal-cain**;
 he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron.

The sister of **Tubal-cain** was **Naamah**.

23 Lamech said to his wives:

 "**Adah** and **Zillah**, hear my voice;
 you wives of **Lamech**, listen to what I say:
 I have killed a **man** for **wounding me**,
 a young **man** for **striking me**.

24 If **Cain's** revenge is **sevenfold**,
 then **Lamech's** is **seventy-sevenfold**."

25 And **Adam** knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name **Seth**,
 for she said,
 "God has appointed for me another offspring
 instead of **Abel**,
 for **Cain** killed him."

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

At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD.