

# Genesis 4

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## **Cain and Abel**

<sup>1</sup> And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

<sup>3</sup> And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

<sup>4</sup> And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

<sup>5</sup> But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

<sup>6</sup> And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

<sup>7</sup> If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

<sup>8</sup> And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

<sup>9</sup> And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

<sup>10</sup> And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

**11** And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

**12** When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

**13** And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

**14** Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.

**15** And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

**16** And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

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### **The Line of Cain**

**17** And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

**18** And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech.

**19** And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

**20** And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.

**21** And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.

**22** And Zillah, she also bare Tubal-cain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

**23** And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt.

**24** If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.

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### Seth and Enosh

**25** And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

**26** And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### Blood — דָּם (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָּם) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

### Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יהוה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

### God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

### Sin — חַטָּאת (Chatta'ah)

Sin, missing the mark

The Hebrew **chatta'ah** (חַטָּאת) means sin—missing the mark of God's standard. It encompasses rebellion, transgression, and falling short of divine holiness.

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## CROSS REFERENCES

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**Genesis 4:1**    **Parallel theme:** Genesis 3:15; 1 John 3:12

**Genesis 4:2**    **Parallel theme:** Genesis 47:3; Luke 11:51; John 8:44; 1 John 3:10; 3:12; 3:15

**Genesis 4:3**    **References Lord:** Numbers 18:12

**Genesis 4:4**    **Sacrifice:** Numbers 18:17; 1 Kings 18:38; 1 Chronicles 21:26; 2 Chronicles 7:1; Psalms 20:3; Hebrews 11:4. **References Lord:** Exodus 13:12; Proverbs 3:9. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 15:17; Hebrews 9:22

**Genesis 4:5**    **Sacrifice:** Hebrews 11:4. **Parallel theme:** Job 5:2

**Genesis 4:6**    **References Lord:** Isaiah 1:18. **Parallel theme:** Job 5:2

**Genesis 4:7**

**Sin:** Numbers 32:23; Romans 6:16; James 1:15. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 21:27; Malachi 1:8; 1:10; 1:13; Acts 10:35; Romans 12:1; Hebrews 11:4

**Genesis 4:8**

**Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 3:27; 14:6; Nehemiah 6:2; Micah 7:6; Matthew 23:35; Luke 11:51; Jude 1:11

**Genesis 4:9**    **Parallel theme:** Psalms 9:12; Proverbs 28:13; John 8:44

**Genesis 4:10**

**Blood:** Numbers 35:33; Job 16:18; Psalms 9:12; 72:14; Hebrews 12:24. **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 5:7; Hebrews 11:4; James 5:4

**Genesis 4:11**    **Blood:** Job 16:18. **Curse:** Genesis 3:14; Galatians 3:10

**Genesis 4:12**    **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 26:20; 26:36; Hosea 9:17

**Genesis 4:13**    **Parallel theme:** Job 15:22; Revelation 16:9

**Genesis 4:14**    **Parallel theme:** Numbers 35:19; 35:21; 35:27; Deuteronomy 28:65; Psalms 143:7; Proverbs 28:1; Jeremiah 52:3; Matthew 25:46; 2 Thessalonians 1:9

**Genesis 4:15**    **References Lord:** Psalms 79:12; Ezekiel 9:4. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 4:24; Ezekiel 9:6

**Genesis 4:16**    **References Lord:** Genesis 3:8; 2 Kings 13:23; 24:20; Job 2:7; Jeremiah 52:3. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 4:14; Exodus 20:18; Jeremiah 23:39

**Genesis 4:17**    **Parallel theme:** Psalms 49:11

**Genesis 4:19**    **Parallel theme:** Genesis 2:24

**Genesis 4:24**    **Parallel theme:** Genesis 4:15; Matthew 18:22

**Genesis 4:25**    **Parallel theme:** Genesis 4:8; 1 Chronicles 1:1. **References God:** Luke 3:38

**Genesis 4:26**    **References Lord:** Genesis 12:8; 26:25; 1 Kings 18:24; Psalms 116:17; Isaiah 44:5; 48:1; Jeremiah 33:16; Joel 2:32; Zephaniah 3:9. **Parallel theme:** Luke 3:38

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