

## Chapter 4

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- 4:1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived,  
and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.
- 4:2 And she again bare his brother Abel.  
And Abel was a keeper of sheep,  
but Cain was a tiller of the ground.
- 4:3 And in process of time it came to pass, that  
Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.
- 4:4 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:
- 4:5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect.  
And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.
- 4:6 And the LORD said unto Cain,  
Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?  
4:7 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.***
- 4:8 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.
- 4:9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother?  
And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?  
thought: *This seems to highlight the controversy that God had against Cain, which is this: that, Cain did not have a submissive spirit toward God, as is perceived when one notices the tone of Cain's answer, not just the content of his sinful action. There is no remorse, or sense of wrong, expressed by Cain. Sin is not just, at the door, but it has passed through it, into the fabric of Cain's being. Cain did not choose to rule over sin, but, instead, he allowed it to flourish in him.*
- 4:10 And he said,  
What hast thou done?  
the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.
- 4:11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;
- 4:12 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.
- 4:13 And Cain said unto the LORD,  
My punishment is greater than I can bear.
- 4:14 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.
- 4:15 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.
- 4:16 And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.
- 4:17 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.  
thought: *At this early stage of creation; and since, there is no indication that God made more women besides Eve; and especially, in that, Eve is referred to as the mother of all living*

*(and, by this, I am surmising that these are all the living humans, since the animals had already been created by God); therefore, it seems accurate to say that, the wife of Cain must have been one of the children of Adam and Eve--also known as, Cain's sister.*

- 4:18 And unto Enoch was born Irad:  
and Irada begat Mehujael:  
and Mehujael begat Methusael:  
and Methusael begat Lamech.
- 4:19 And Lamech took unto him two wives:  
the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.
- 4:20 And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.
- 4:21 And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.
- 4:22 And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah.
- 4:23 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.
- 4:24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.  
thought: *This conversation sets the tone for, projected family consequence; wherein, a father's action ripples forward as discord for his extended family. It is a preparation of our minds for the weightiness of the following pattern in Scripture:*  
Exodus 20:5 *Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;*
- 4:25 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.
- 4:26 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.*  
thought: *It might be reasonable to think of these individual-- since they are sons, and since, in the historical timeline,, they, now, worship God-- as being entitled to the reference, "sons of God"; so as to allow for their actions to be tracked, as being distinct from the actions which are from those sons of man that were the generations coming from Cain; who, in a sense, lost his birth right to bear that title.*