

Genesis 4-5

God rejected Cain AND his offering; yet respected Abel AND his offering

-Hebrews 11:4 — By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts.

Matthew 23:35 — from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah

-Abel = first prophet (A); Zechariah = last OT martyr (Z)

1 John 3:12 — Not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.

Jude 1:11 — Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

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1 John 3:12 — Not as Cain who was of the wicked one and “murdered” his brother

Murdered = sphazō(σφάζω); to slay, slaughter, butcher; to kill with a knife, more specifically of slitting the throat, and most commonly in ritual sacrifice.

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“Am I my brother's keeper?”

-Yes, yes you are.

John 13:35 — “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Acts 4:32–35 — And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

Galatians 6:2 — Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:10 — As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Hebrews 10:24–25 — And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

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“A Fugitive and A Vagabond”

1 Peter 2:11 — Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul.

Fugitive: Running Away

-Vagabond: Has no home

-Sojourner: Passing through (A temporary resident)

-Pilgrim: Heading home

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The Mark of Cain

“The Lord put a mark upon him, which is the flat nose and a black skin.”

-Brigham Young, AD 1859

“What is the mark? You see that mark on the face [and] the countenance of every African you ever did see...”

“Technically the black skin was not the curse, but the mark of the curse.”

-Joseph Fielding Smith

June 8, AD 1978, the First Presidency publicly announced that all worthy male members could receive the priesthood.

OFFICIAL MODERN CHURCH STATEMENT:

Historically, some LDS leaders taught that black skin was the mark of Cain or the mark of the curse, and used that idea to justify priesthood restrictions. The modern LDS Church now disavows that explanation.

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“Cain knew his wife”

-Who did Cain marry?

Henry Morris: if Adam and Eve had 6 children per 80 years for 10 generations, population ≈ 120,000 by the time Cain was 800

-w/ 10 children it rises to ≈20 million
-12 kids ≈ 120 million

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Jude 1:14-15 — Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

Hebrews 11:5 — By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, and was not found, because God had taken him; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

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Math:

-Methuselah had Lamech at 187 (v25)
-Lamech had Noah at 182 (v28)
-The flood came when Noah was 600 (7:11)
-187 + 182 + 600 = 969
Methuselah died the year the flood came

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GENEALOGY — THE GOSPEL IN THE NAMES:

Adam = man

-Seth = appointed

-Enosh = mortal / human frailty

-Kenan = sorrow (from Qonen)

-Mahalalel = the blessed God (halal = blessed; el = God)

-Jared = shall descend

-Enoch = to teach / to train / to instruct -Methuselah = his death shall bring

-Lamech = to be made lowly, depressed, poor (“le” = to be made + “mûk” = low, depressed, poor)

-Noah = comfort / rest

“Man is appointed mortal sorrow, [but] the blessed God shall descend, teaching and instructing, and His death shall bring the lowly/poor rest.”