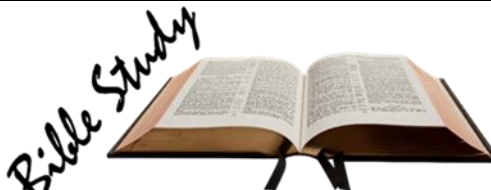


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THE WAY DOWNWARD: THE WAY OF CAIN

Scripture Setting

Jude (KJV)

Key Verse

“Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain.” (v. 11).

Who Was Cain?

Genesis 4

His Name

“In Hebrew, the name Cain means “to acquire or possess something.”

His Family Connections

- Adam & Eve’s firstborn (v. 1),
- Abel’s twin brother (v. 2),
- Enoch’s father (v. 17), and
- Lamech’s great-great-great grandfather (vv. 17-18).

His Character

- Self-willed, Irreverent and Prone to _____ (v. 5).
- _____ and Unrepentant, (vv. 6-7).
- Jealous, Vindictive, _____ and Murderous (v. 8).

- A Barefaced _____ & an Impertinent man (v. 9).

His Decisions were:

- Irrational
- Emotional
- Narrow
- Biased
- Selfish

His Infamy

- The first to commit cold-blooded _____ (v. 8).
- The first and possibly the only human to be _____ by God.

The Way of Cain: Rebellion

- The only way of forgiveness is through the shedding of blood (Gen. 3:21).
- This is the way of faith (Ephesians 2:8–10).
- Cain rebelled against God’s way of salvation.
- He rejected this divinely authorized way and came to the altar with the fruits of his own labor.

The Way of Cain: Faithless Religion

- It was by faith that Abel’s sacrifice was offered (Heb. 11:4).
- The “way of Cain” is the way of religion without faith.

The Way of Cain: Pride

- The “way of Cain” is the way of pride, a man establishing his own righteousness and rejecting the righteousness of God ... (Rom. 10:1–4; Phil. 3:3–12).

The Way of Cain: Full, Yet Empty

- Cain became a fugitive and tried to overcome his wretchedness by building a city and developing a civilization (Gen. 4:9).

The Way of Cain: Hate

1 John 3

- *“11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.*
- *12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.”*

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