

Study Questions for Gen. 4

1. What was the difference in Abel and Caine's offering in verses 3 and 4? Why was one acceptable and the other not?
2. In verse 7, what does it mean that sin is crouching at the door and its desire is for him?
3. In what way was Cain cursed considering all of creation was already cursed when Adam and Eve fell?
4. In the line of Cain what developments are listed here that was not mentioned previously? (vs17-21)
5. Lamech states in verses 23 and 24 that he killed a man and a boy. What do you notice with Lamech's attitude toward his actions?
6. What is the significance of Seth's birth?
7. What did men begin to do at the end of chapter 4? What is the significance of this?

- **Eve's name first appears in Chapter 4, which means life, or living one or to breathe.**
 - She experiences the first human birth of mankind.
 - She says in celebration, "I have gotten a manchild with the help of the LORD"
 - First man produced was also the first murderer.
- **Cain means, acquired or possessor.**
- **Abel, means breath of vapor.**

What was the difference in Abel and Caine's offering?

1 John 3:11–12

¹¹ For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another; ¹² not as Cain, *who* was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because **his deeds were evil**, and **his brother's were righteous**.

What was the difference in Abel and Caine's offering?

Genesis 4:3–5

³ So it came about in the course of time that Cain **brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground.** ⁴ **Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions.** And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering; ⁵ but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell.

Could be that animal sacrifice was already required by this time.

- **Leviticus – animal sacrifices were necessary for atonement.**
- **All ancient cultures had animals sacrifices to appease their god.**
- **Hebrews 9:22**
- ²² And according to the Law, *one may* almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and **without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**

- **It says that God had regard not only for the offering but for Abel but had no regard for Cain and his offering.**
 - There is an element of the person and not just the right offering
 - Worship was in spirit and in truth.
- **Hebrews 11:4**
 - ⁴ **By faith Abel offered** to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

Cain's Sin

- **Evil deed (1John 3:11-12)**
- **Offering Rejected**
- **Jealousy and Anger**
- **Murder**
- **Lying**
- **Judgment**

Second Curse

1. First curse given to Adam

1. “**Cursed is the ground** because of you.” (3:17)
2. “sent him out of the garden of Eden **to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.**” (3:23)

2. Second Curse given to Cain

1. “You are **cursed from the ground,**” (4:11)
2. “**When you cultivate the ground,** it will **no longer yield its strength to you;** you will be a **vagrant and a wanderer** on the earth.” (4:12)
3. He will be hidden from God’s face. (4:14)

Second Curse

- **God still protects Cain from anyone killing him. V.15**
 - Who are the people who could potentially kill Cain?
- **It says that Abel's blood cries out to him from the ground.**
 - **Numbers 35:33**
 - ³³ So you shall not pollute the land in which you are; for blood pollutes the land and no expiation can be made for the land for the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of him who shed it
 - **Hebrews 12:24**
 - ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than *the blood* of Abel.

Cain's line/ man's development or man's devolvement

1. Cain settles and **builds a city** named after his first son, Enoch.
2. Cain has a son named **Irada**, which means **wanderer or fugitive**.
3. Irada has **Mehujael**, which means, **blotted out by God**.
4. Mehujael has **Methushael**, man's **death is of God**.
5. Methushael has **Lamech**, who has **two wives**. (Adah and Zillah)
 1. **Adah has Jabal**, who is the father of all who dwell in tents and have livestock.
 2. **Adah also has Jubal**, father of all who play the lyre and pipe.
 3. **Zilla has Tubal-Cain**, who is a forger of all bronze and iron.
 4. Zilla has a daughter named **Naamah**, who is the only woman named in the genealogy. (possibly married Noah connecting her to Seth's line.)

Lamech's Boast

First recorded song or poem is Lamech boasting about him killing a young man

Genesis 4:23–24

**²³ Lamech said to his wives,
“Adah and Zillah,
Listen to my voice,
You wives of Lamech,
Give heed to my speech,
For I have killed a man for wounding me;
And a boy for striking me;
²⁴ If Cain is avenged sevenfold,
Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.”**

Seth's line

1. **Name means to set or to appoint.** (The line of the woman's seed that will crush the head of the serpent will come through this line.)

Genesis 4:26

²⁶To Seth, to him also a son was born; and he called his name Enosh. **Then *men* began to call upon the name of the Lord.**

Study Question for Genesis 5

1. Verses one and two repeats a brief summary of the creation account of man. Why do you think God repeated this before going into the genealogy?
2. What repeated phrases do you notice throughout the chapter?
3. Do you notice any patterns in the number of years that the people lived?
4. Use a bible concordance to look up the meaning of the names of the people mentioned in the genealogy. See if you notice anything about the structure of the meaning of the names.
5. Who are the key figures named, and how are they connected back to Adam?
6. What is emphasized about **Enoch** that is unique compared to the others?
7. What is prophesied about Noah at his birth in verses 29?

Discussion Questions (Genesis 4)

- 1. How important is worship for Christians? How does good worship or lukewarm worship affect other areas of your life?**
- 2. What is a sin that is crouching at your door that you need to master? How is lust, anger, coveting lead you to greater sin if you do not master it?**
- 3. In what way have you seen the progression of sin in our society?**
- 4. In what ways are we to deal with sin so that it doesn't have an erosion effect in us and in the world?**
- 5. What does "calling upon the Lord" look like in your life?**