

Genesis 4 "Cain and Abel"

Cain means, "gotten, I've got him" or "here he is." (speaking joyfully..)

Abel Means, "vapor, vanity, emptiness"

Possibly by this time they are seeing things diminish from the days of the Garden.

Rom 8:20-23

20 For the **creation was subjected to futility**, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also **will be delivered from the bondage of corruption** into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For **we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now**. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

Different offerings that could be offered according to Leviticus:

As we study the book of Leviticus we learn about the various offerings in worshiping God.

1. Burnt offering
2. Grain offering
3. Drink offering
4. Peace offering
5. Wave offering
6. The guilt and sin offering

Grain sacrifice verses a animal sacrifice:

Hebrews 9:22

22 And according to the law almost **all things are purified with blood**, and **without shedding of blood there is no remission**.

Quite a few New Testament references to this Cain verse Abel sacrifices:

Heb 11:4 (First person listed in this "Hall of Faith")

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; and **through it he being dead still speaks**.

1 Sam 16:7 (*God saw Cain's heart and it did not have Faith*)

7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. **For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart**."

Heb 11:6 (*God makes it clear that it must be of Faith*)

6 But **without faith it is impossible to please Him**, for **he who comes to God must believe that He is**, and **that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him**.

Jude 10-11

10 But **these speak evil** of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like **brute beasts**, in these things they **corrupt themselves**.

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**.

Quote: (Gotquestions.com)

“They have taken the way of Cain,” a description that refers to lawless men. This may mean that they, like Cain, disobeyed by devising their own ways of worship, and they did not come to God by faith. Cain’s offering, while acceptable in his own eyes, was not acceptable to the Lord. In some way, Cain had perverted God’s prescribed form of worship, and his heart was not right. He grew jealous of Abel, and he selfishly nursed his wounded pride. Rather than repent at God’s rebuke, Cain became angry, and later, in the field, he killed Abel and brought judgment upon himself.”

1 John 3:10-15

In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.¹¹ For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,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.**

¹³ Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you.¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.¹⁵ Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

Luke 11:49-51 (Matthew 23:35)

⁴⁹ Therefore the wisdom of God also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,'⁵⁰ that the **blood of all the prophets** which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation,⁵¹ from **the blood of (i.e. Prophet) Abel** to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation.

Heb 12:24

²⁴ to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that **speaks better things than that of Abel**.

Both Abel and Christ were slain by wicked men. But, as the “The blood of Abel cried for **vengeance**”; but of Christ wants **remission**.”

Murder = “death penalty” later on:

Gen 9:5

5 "**Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning**; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and **from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man.**

Exodus 21:12 "He who strikes a man so that he dies **shall surely be put to death.**

Esau complains that his punishment is to hard:

Prov 13:15b (KJV)but the way of transgressors is hard.

Where did Cain and Able get their wives?

Here, necessity demanded that Adam's sons marry his daughters or nieces or grand nieces. But for sure Adam and Eve and multiple children that are not listed.

Gen 5:4

4 After he begot Seth, the days of Adam were eight hundred years; **and he had sons and daughters.**

Adam was 130 years old when Seth was born because we know that he lived (**930 years**), thus he was 130 years old when he had Seth. We don't know but it seems that Adam and Eve had many other sons and daughters (not listed) before Seth and after Seth.

We can speculate that at this point, the "**gene pool**" of humanity was pure enough to allow close marriage without harm of inbreeding.

But as a stream can get more polluted the further it gets from the source, later on in history there came a point in time when **God decreed there no longer be marriage between close relatives (Lev 18:6-17; Deut 27:20-23)** probably because of the danger of inbreeding.

If you have bred some kind of animal, you know about:

- **Gene frequency**
- The Problem **Dominate** and **recessive genes**
- Many of the Diseases are in Recessive genes
- If you marry into a family with **both have the same recessive genes** then it become dominate and then you have problems.

Quote: (Morris)

"The ancient quibble about "Cain's wife" is thus seen to be trivial. Long before Cain died, this was a large population in the earth. By the time of the Deluge, 1,656 years after Creation by the Ussher chronology (*i.e. famous Apologist and Historian*), even using the above conservative assumptions, the world population would have been at least seven billion people!"