



# **GENESIS**

**Origins**

# Genesis

## Chapter 4:1-8

# Genesis Summary

**Chapter 1:** Creation of the physical universe

**Chapter 2:** Focus on God/Man/Woman

**Chapter 3:** All creation under sin

**Chapter 4:** Sin spreads w/ consequences



## Genesis Chapter 4 - Origins

- ◆ First Child
- ◆ The first Prophet
- ◆ Ritual Sacrifice
- ◆ Atonement
- ◆ First City
- ◆ Animal Husbandry
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Metallurgy
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> Use of the Word “**Blood**”
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> use: word “**sin**”

## Chapter 3 Themes

- ◆ Sinned by eating – they would suffer to eat
- ◆ Eve manipulated Adam – Adam would rule over
- ◆ Serpent destroyed human race – he would be destroyed by a man
- ◆ Man will die – children will be born

## Chapter 3 – Chapter 4 Links

- ◆ Adam/Eve did it their way – Cain likewise
- ◆ Ch. 3 sin against God – Ch. 4 sin against man
- ◆ Ch. 3 Sin of the one – Ch. 4 sins of the family

## Chapter 3 Themes

Sin brings Consequences

**Satan:** Anointed Cherub: lost position

**Adam:** the Earth rebels (thorns)

**Eve:** physical pain/emotional contention

**Cain:** eviction, restless, longing



# Themes

Cain/Abel **literal history** but also a **parable** of the two “seeds”

**Cain**: seed of the serpent (murderer)

**Abel** “seed of the woman” (**Christ**)

God now communes from a distance



# Genesis 4:1

## Firstborn

Cain

Ishmael

Esau

## Child of Promise

Seth

Isaac

Jacob

# Genesis 4:1

Cain: “gotten”

“with the help of the Lord”

Eve believed in the Lord and the truth of  
His promise.

Sorrow for awhile – joy in the morning

# Genesis 4:2

**Abel:** “futility”, or “vapor”

Keeper of flocks

Why?



## Genesis 4:3

“Course of time”: regular  
occurrence (Sabbath?)

“Cain brought an offering”  
(believed in God – worshipped God)

# Themes

Cain/Abel “worship”

Literally: “to be bowed down”

To God’s will – not our own,  
acknowledging our guilt & helplessness

## 1 Cor. 8:6

yet for us there is one God (not you), the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.



# Themes – Place of Worship

## #1: Specific Place of Worship

They “brought” their offerings

(didn’t offer them where they were)

Cain “went out from the Lord’s presence”

## Themes – Place of Worship

### **Genesis 3:24**

**“and He (God) dwelt at the east of the Garden of Eden between the Cherubim, as a shekinah (a ‘fire-tongue’ or ‘fire-sword’) to keep open the Tree of Life.**

# Themes – Time of Worship

## #2: Specific Time of Worship

“and at the end of days it came to pass that  
Cain brought ...”

Sabbath Day? Day of rest?



# Themes – Time of Worship

## **#3: Method of Worship**

This chapter seems to indicate that Adam & Eve's children had been instructed in the way to approach God

## Hebrews 11:4

*By faith* Abel offered to God a *better sacrifice* than Cain, *through which he was attested to be righteous*, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

# How Could Abel Have Had Faith

**Romans 10:17** – “Faith  
cometh by *hearing*, and  
hearing by the Word of  
God”.



# God's Timeless Principles

**Deut. 6:7; 11:19** – “And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. **You shall teach them diligently to your children**, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”.

## Genesis 4:3

### Point of the chapter:

It's not about the men themselves but the difference in their offerings.

“a better sacrifice than Cain” (Heb. 11:4)

# Genesis 4:3

## **1. Cain's was bloodless**

Heb. 9:22 - “without the shedding of blood...”

## **2. It was the work of his own hands**

Gal. 2:16 – “works of flesh no one just”

## **3. Fruit of the ground**

Gen. 3:17 - “Cursed is the ground”

Genesis 4:4

Firstlings of flock – and fat  
portions

An altar?

Lev. 9:10-11



“The Lord had regard unto Abel and his offering

## Fire from heaven

**Lev. 9:23-24** - And Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting, and when they came out they blessed the people, and the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people. And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the pieces of fat on the altar, and when all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

“The Lord had regard unto Abel and his offering

## **Fire from heaven**

Lev. 9:24; Judges 6:1;  
1 Kings 18:38; 1 Chron. 21:26;  
2 Chron. 7:1

## Luke 11:49-51

For this reason also, the wisdom of God said, ‘I will send them **prophets** and apostles, and *some* of them they will kill, and *some* they will persecute, so that the blood of all the prophets, shed since the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation, from the blood of **Abel** to the blood of Zechariah, . . . yes, I tell you, it shall be charged against **this generation.**’

# Genesis 4:6

## Angry with God

In effect God is saying to Cain,

“hey, why are YOU angry –

**I’M the One**

who should be angry!



# Genesis 4:7

Sin is crouching at the door:

**Pride**

(Satan)

(Adam/Eve)

(Cain)

**Envy**

(Mankind)

(God)

(Abel)

**Hatred**

(War)

(death)

(exile)

1 John 3:12 -- We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him?

Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous.

## Our Application

Why Did the Holy Spirit Include  
the Account of Cain and Abel in  
Genesis?

Our Applications . . .

## Our Application

Approach God the way He  
prescribes – not in the manner  
**YOU** want to approach Him!

## 1 Samuel 15:22-23

And Samuel said, “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, **as in obeying the voice of the LORD**? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. For rebellion **(like Cain’s)** is as the sin of divination **(witchcraft)**, and presumption **(approach God our own way)** is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king.”



Matthew 15:8-9; Isaiah 29:13

You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

**in vain do they worship me,** teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’”

## Romans 12:1-2

Therefore I urge you, brothers *and sisters*, by the mercies of God, to present **your bodies** as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of **worship**.

## Romans 12:1-2

<sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

## Genesis 4:1-7

People have been killing/enslaving others throughout human history in the name of religion.

It's usually not about authentic religious beliefs – it's about justification and control



## Hebrews 4:10-11

For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from **his works**, as God did from His. Therefore, let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through *following* the same example of disobedience.  
What rest???

## Hebrews 4:2

For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.

Do You Want to Get “IN” by Works?

John 6:29 – “Jesus answered and said to them, “This is **the work** of God, that you **believe in Him** whom He has sent.”