

Genesis 4:1-5 KJV

[1] And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, **I have gotten a man from the Lord¹** .

[2] And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

[3] And in process of time it came to pass, that **Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord .²**

[4] And **Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock** and of the fat thereof. **And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering:**

[5] **But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect³**. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. (see chart)

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[6] And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

[7] **If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?** and if thou doest not well, **sin lieth at the door**. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.⁴

[8] And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that **Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.⁵**

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[9] And the Lord said unto Cain, **Where is Abel thy brother?** And he said, I know not: **Am I my brother's keeper?⁶**

[10] And he said, What hast thou done? **the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.**

¹ This reference is the biblical declaration that the birth of children are the gift of God.

² There is a double question about the "offering" of Cain. as opposed to the sacrifice of Abel.

³ 1John 3:12 & Cain's offering did not fulfill the requirements of a sin "offering".

⁴ This Bible verse is one of the most difficult to understand without Bible study.

⁵ Cain's anger and jealousy cause him to commit murder.

⁶ This question comes after Cain lies to God about his sin and murder. Galatians 5:14

[11] And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

[12] When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.⁷

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[13] And Cain said unto the Lord , My punishment is greater than I can bear⁸.

[14] Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.⁹

[15] And the Lord said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him¹⁰.

[16] And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord , and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

Genesis 4:17-24 KJV

[17] And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.¹¹

[18] And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech.

[19] And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

⁷ Cain is now relieved of his duties as a tiller of the land, and is cursed by God so that the land will not yield fruit to his hands. Cain never confesses his sin to God.

⁸ Cain makes his plea for mercy from God. He complains about the punishment, but he speaks nothing of remorse for his actions.

⁹ Cain is worried that his relatives will avenge Abel's death.

¹⁰ In this verse God makes two points. 1) whomever slays Cain will have vengeance taken upon him sevenfold, and 2) God sets a mark on Cain to identify him and clearly distinguish him as off limits.

¹¹ This is the first mention of Bible characters naming cities after people.

[20] And Adah bare Jabel: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.

[21] And his brother's name was **Jubal**: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.

[22] And Zillah, she also bare Tubal-cain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

[23] And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: **for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt.**

[24] **If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.**¹²

Genesis 4:25-26 KJV

[25] **And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth**¹³: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

[26] And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: **then began men to call upon the name of the Lord**¹⁴.

¹² Lamech is not the same Lamech that is the father of Noah. This person is evil and believed that God would protect him doubly because he had killed 2 men when Cain only killed one.

¹³ Seth is the ancestor of Noah, so because of the flood we are all ancestors of Seth, Cain's descendants were destroyed.

¹⁴ Yahweh is now the name of the Lord, and men are calling upon him.

SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM

NAME	REFERENCE	ELEMENTS	SIGNIFICANCE
Burnt Offering	Lv 1: 6:8-13	Bull, ram, male goat, male dove, or young pigeon without blemish. (Always male animals, but species of animal varied according to individual's economic status.)	Voluntary. Signifies propitiation for sin and complete surrender, devotion, and commitment to God.
Grain Offering. Also called Meal or Tribute Offering	Lv 2: 6:14-23	Grain, flour, or bread (always unleavened) made with olive oil and salt; or incense.	Voluntary. Signifies thanksgiving for first-fruits.
Fellowship Offering. Also called Peace Offering, which includes: (1) Thank Offering, (2) Vow Offering, and (3) Freewill Offering	(1) Lv 3: 7:11-36; 22:17-30; 27	Any animal without blemish. (Species of animal varied according to individual's economic status.) (1) Can be grain offering.	Voluntary. Symbolizes fellowship with God. (1) Signifies thankfulness for a specific blessing; (2) offers a ritual expression of a vow; and (3) symbolizes general thankfulness (to be brought to one of three required religious services).
Sin Offering	Lv 4:1-5:13; 6:24-30; 12:6-8	Male or female animal without blemish—as follows: bull for high priest or congregation; male goat for king; female goat or lamb for common person; dove or pigeon for slightly poor; tenth of an ephah of flour for the very poor.	Mandatory. Made by one who had sinned unintentionally or was unclean in order to attain purification.
Guilt Offering	Lv 5:14-6:7; 7:1-6; 14:12-18	Ram or lamb without blemish.	Mandatory. Made by a person who had either deprived another of his rights or had desecrated something holy. Made by lepers for purification.