

GENESIS CHAPTER 4

¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and brought forth Cain and said, "I have gained a man through God." ² And she again bore his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. ³ And it was so after some time that Cain brought a sacrifice to the Lord of the fruits of the earth. ⁴ And Abel also brought of the firstborn of his sheep and of his fatlings. And God looked upon Abel and his gifts, ⁵ but Cain and his sacrifices He regarded not, and Cain was exceedingly sorrowful and his countenance fell.

⁶ And the Lord God said to Cain, "Why are you downcast, and why has your countenance fallen?" ⁷ Have you not sinned if you have brought it rightly, but not rightly divided it? Be still, to you shall be his submission, and you shall rule over him."

⁸ And Cain said to Abel his brother, "Let us go out into the plain." And it came to pass, that when they were in the plain, Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and killed him.

⁹ And the Lord God said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know—am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰ And the Lord said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries *out* to Me from the ground. ¹¹ And now you *are* cursed from the earth which has opened her mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you till the earth, then it shall not continue to give its strength to you: you shall be groaning and trembling on the earth."

¹³ And Cain said to the Lord God, "My crime is too great for me to be forgiven. ¹⁴ If You cast me out this day from the face of the earth, and I shall be hidden from Your presence, and I shall be groaning and trembling upon the earth, then it will be that anyone that finds me shall kill me."

¹⁵ And the Lord God said to him, "Not so, anyone that slays Cain shall suffer a seven-fold vengeance"; and the Lord God set a mark upon Cain, so that no one that found him would kill him.

¹⁶ So Cain went forth from the presence of God, and dwelt in the land of Nod over against Eden. ¹⁷ And Cain knew his wife, and having conceived she bore Enoch; and he built a city; and he named the city after the name of his son, Enoch. ¹⁸ And to Enoch was born Irad; and Irad fathered Mehujael; and Mehujael fathered Methushael; and Methushael fathered Lamech.

¹⁹ And Lamech took to himself two wives; the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the second *was* Zillah. ²⁰ And Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those that dwell in tents, feeding cattle. ²¹ And the name of his brother was Jubal; it was he who invented the psaltery and harp. ²² And Zillah also bore Tubal-Cain; he was a smith, a manufacturer both of brass and iron; and the sister of Tubal-Cain was Naamah.

²³ And Lamech said to his wives, Adah and Zillah, "Hear my voice, you wives of Lamech, consider my words, because I have slain a man to my sorrow and a youth to my grief. ²⁴ Because vengeance has been exacted seven times on Cain's behalf, on Lamech's *it shall be* seventy times seven."

²⁵ And Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore a son, and called his name Seth, saying, "For God has raised up to me another seed in

place of Abel, whom Cain killed." ²⁶ And Seth had a son, and he called his name Enosh: he hoped to call on the name of the Lord God.