

- I. Introduction to the Context (Genesis 4:1-2)
  - Birth of Cain and Abel
    - Genesis 4:1-2: "Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. ... Later she gave birth to his brother Abel."
- II. The Offerings of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:3-5)
  - Nature of Offerings
    - Genesis 4:3-4: "Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock."
  - God's Response
    - Genesis 4:4-5: "The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor."
  - Cross-Reference: Hebrews 11:4: "By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did."



#### III. God's Warning to Cain (Genesis 4:6-7)

- Divine Counsel and Warning
  - Genesis 4:6-7: "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast?... If you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."
- Cross-Reference: Romans 6:12-14: "...do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires."

#### IV. The First Murder (Genesis 4:8-9)

- Cain's Act
  - Genesis 4:8: "Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him."
- God's Confrontation
  - Genesis 4:9: "Then the Lord said to Cain, 'Where is your brother Abel?' ... 'I don't know,' he replied. 'Am I my brother's keeper?'"



- Cross-Reference: 1 John 3:12: "Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother."

- V. God's Judgment and Mercy (Genesis 4:10-15)
  - Pronouncement of Judgment
    - Genesis 4:10-12: "What have you done?... When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you."
  - Mark of Protection
    - Genesis 4:13-15: "The Lord put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him."
  - Cross-Reference: Romans 12:19: "...'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord."



- VI. The Spread of Sin and Cain's Descendants (Genesis 4:16-24)
  - Cain's Lineage
    - Genesis 4:17-18: "Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch."
  - Growth of Wickedness
    - Genesis 4:19-24: Introduction of Lamech and his boastful song of vengeance.
  - Cross-Reference: Romans 1:28-32: Describes humanity's descent into wickedness.
- VII. A New Beginning with Seth (Genesis 4:25-26)
  - Birth of Seth
    - Genesis 4:25: "God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him."
  - Renewed Worship
    - Genesis 4:26: "At that time people began to call on the name of the Lord."



- Cross-Reference: Romans 10:13: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

VIII. Genealogy from Adam to Noah (Genesis 5:1-32)

- Book of Generations
  - Genesis 5:1-2: "This is the written account of Adam's family line..."
- Pattern of Life and Death
  - Genesis 5:3-20: Listing of descendants, their ages, and the phrase "...and then he died."
  - Cross-Reference: Romans 5:12: "...sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin..."



- Enoch's Unique Departure
  - Genesis 5:21-24: "Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away."
  - Cross-Reference: Hebrews 11:5-6: "By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death..."
- Introduction of Noah
  - Genesis 5:28-32: "Lamech... had a son. He named him Noah..."
  - Cross-Reference: 2 Peter 2:5: "If he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness..."



#### **Cross-References**

Faith and Offerings (Hebrews 11:4)

- Hebrews 11:4: "By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead."

Sin and Its Consequences (Romans 6:12-14)

- Romans 6:12-14: "Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires."

Divine Protection and Vengeance (Romans 12:19)

- Romans 12:19: "Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord."



The Spread of Wickedness (Romans 1:28-32)

- Romans 1:28-32: "They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed, and depravity..."

Calling on the Name of the Lord (Romans 10:13)

- Romans 10:13: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

The Universality of Sin (Romans 5:12)

- Romans 5:12: "Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned."



Enoch's Walk with God (Hebrews 11:5-6)

- Hebrews 11:5-6: "By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: 'He could not be found, because God had taken him away.' For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God."

Noah's Righteousness (2 Peter 2:5)

- 2 Peter 2:5: "If he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness..."