



# *The Book of Genesis*

*In the beginning...*  
מִיְהִי אֵל וְאֵלֶּיךָ יִשְׁתָּחֲוֶה



# Session 7

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Murder Chapter 4



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# Genesis

## Part 1

Genesis 1, 2      Creation

Genesis 3          Fall of Man

Genesis 4          Cain & Abel

Genesis 5          Genealogy of Noah

Genesis 6-9        Flood of Noah

Genesis 10-11     Tower of Babel

## Part 2

Genesis 12-20     Abraham

Genesis 21-26     Isaac

Genesis 27-36     Jacob

Genesis 37-50     Joseph

# The First Sacrifice

<sup>20</sup> And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

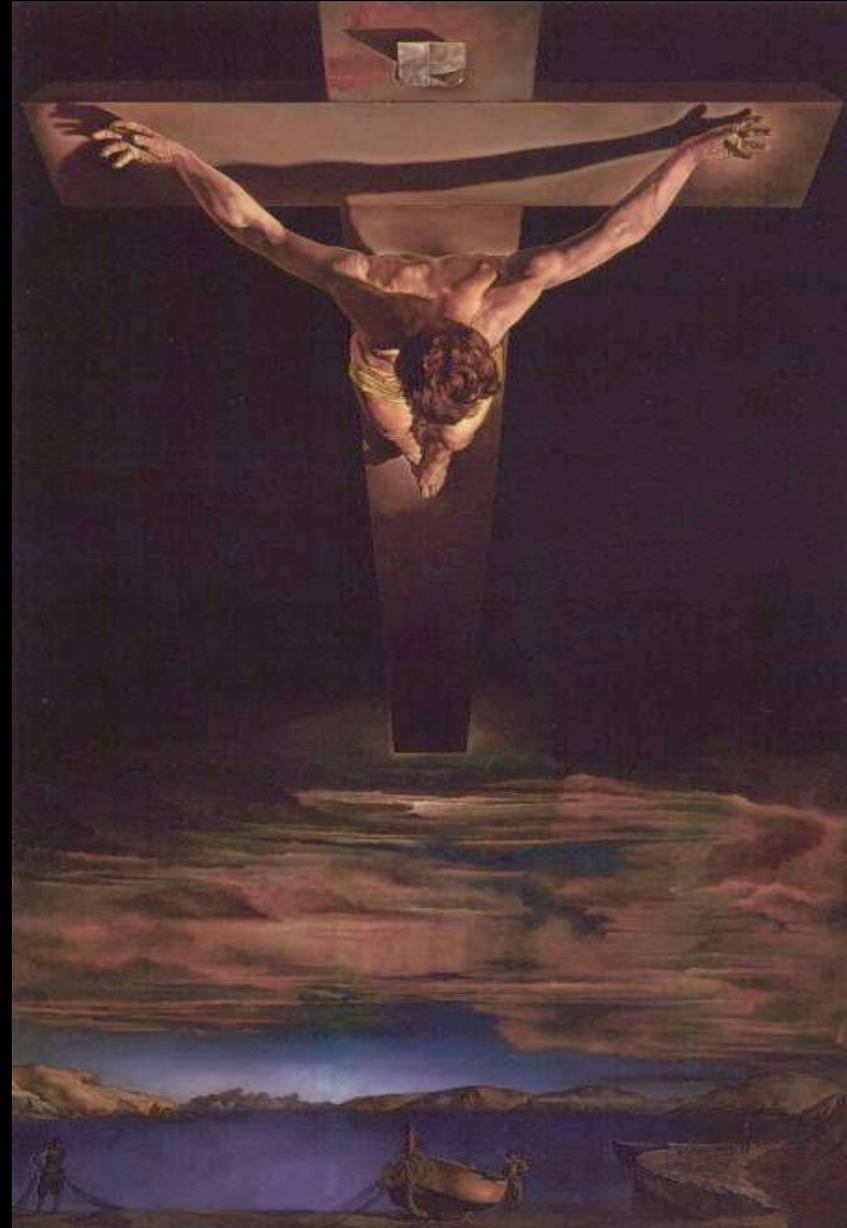
<sup>21</sup> Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

**Gen 3:20-21**

Only by the shedding of innocent blood would they be covered – **Leviticus 17:11**

# Fig Leaves

- Church-going
- Religious exercises
- Ordinances, Rules
- Philanthropy
- Altruism
- Personal Efforts



# The Way to the Tree of Life

22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

**Gen 3:22-23**

# The Way to the Tree of Life

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24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Gen 3:24

*“God dwelt east of the Garden of Eden, between the Cherubim, as a tongue of fire, to keep open the way to the tree”* – Jerusalem Targum

*“The Way...”* – Acts 9:2; 16:17; 18:25; 26; 19:9 et al

# 'Between' the Cherubim



# Genesis 4

<sup>1</sup> And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

**Gen 4:1-2**

Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and *some* of them they shall slay and persecute:

That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation;

From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.

Luke 11:49-51

# Genesis 4

<sup>3</sup> And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

<sup>4</sup> 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:

Gen 4:3-4

Can you spot a clue in verse 4 of something deeper?

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

Hebrews 11:4

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Hebrews 9:22

# Genesis 4

<sup>4</sup> 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:

<sup>5</sup> But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

**Gen 4:4-5**

How did they know whether their offerings were accepted or not?

# Fire from heaven?

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 • Moses & Aaron    | Leviticus 9:24     |
| 2 • Gideon           | Judges 6:21        |
| 3 • Samson's parents | Judges 13:20       |
| 4 • Elijah           | 1 Kings 18:38      |
| 5 • David            | 1 Chronicles 21:26 |
| 6 • Solomon          | 2 Chronicles 7:1   |
| 7 • <b>Abel?</b>     | Genesis 4:4        |

# Genesis 4

<sup>6</sup> And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

<sup>7</sup> 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 [it] .

**Gen 4:6-7**

With every temptation God makes a way of escape – 1 Cor 10:13 / Rom 5 / Matt 18:12

# Genesis 4

<sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

**Gen 4:8-9**

# Genesis 4

<sup>10</sup> And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

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

<sup>12</sup> 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.

**Gen 4:10-12**

And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant,  
and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh  
better things than *that of Abel*.

Hebrews 12:24

# Genesis 4

<sup>13</sup> And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

<sup>14</sup> 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.

**Gen 4:13-14**

WHY DO BAD THINGS  
HAPPEN TO GOOD  
PEOPLE?

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THAT ONLY HAPPENED ONCE  
AND HE VOLUNTEERED

10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

**Romans 3:10-12**

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**Romans 3:23**

- We all deserve His wrath and judgment
- But because of His great love we can become recipients of His amazing grace...
- Because of the cross...
- Because of Jesus

# Genesis 4

<sup>15</sup> 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 him.

<sup>16</sup> And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

**Gen 4:15-16**

# Representatively

- Both Cain and Abel from same parents
  - Fallen
- Both outside of Eden
  - Judicially alienated
- Differing Basis
  - His own works
  - vs. Completed work of Christ
- Death required
  - God would provide

Genesis 22:14

# Typologically

## Able

- A Shepherd
- Gave Offering
- Hated by brother
- Slain as enemy
- Blood cries out
- Firstling of flock
- Received witness

## Jesus Christ

- The Good Shepherd
- John 10:1
- John 15:25
- Acts 2:23
- Mark 12:9
- 1 Peter 1:19
- Centurion,  
Satan/Judas, et al

# Genesis 4

<sup>17</sup> 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.

<sup>18</sup> And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech.

Gen 4:17-18

Cain = Spear shaft / Begotten / Possession

↳ Enoch = Teaching

↳ Irad = Fugative

↳ Mehujael = Smitten by God

↳ Methusael = Who is of God?

↳ Lamech = Despairing / Lament

# Genesis 4

<sup>19</sup> And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

<sup>20</sup> And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.

<sup>21</sup> And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.

**Gen 4:19-21**

# Genesis 4

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.

# The Way of Cain

<sup>3</sup>...that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. <sup>4</sup> For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.... <sup>11</sup> Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain... <sup>13</sup> to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.

**Jude 3, 4, 11, 13**

# The Way of Cain

- Rejection of God and His Word (Gen 4:16)
- The trend toward urban vs. rural life (Gen 4:17)
- Building of man's kingdom (Gen 4:17)
- A growing toleration of sexual excess (Gen 4:19)
- Rise in 'entertainment' (distractions) (Gen 4:21)
- Increase in technology (no need for God) (Gen 4:22)
- Justification of violence on the ground of our 'rights' (Gen 4:23-24)

# Genesis 4

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

<sup>26</sup> 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.

**Gen 4:25-26**

# Apostasy Begins

- “Then men began to *profane* the name of the Lord”  
Gen 4:25

- “...desisted from praying in the name”  
Targum of Onkelos

- “...surnamed their idols in the name”  
Targum of Jonathan

- Ascribes the origin of idolatry to the days of Enosh

Kimchi, Rashi, Jerome, et al

Maimonides, *Commentary on the Mishna*, 1168



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