

Genesis 4

Genesis 4.1-8

V1 – What was the first child of Adam and Eve? Cain

-What attitude of Eve is revealed here? Gratitude to God over health of her child (good attitude)

V2 – Why does it seem as if Cain and Abel were twins?

-Because there is only one mention of Eve conceiving

-Two children had opposite interests (often happens in a family)

V3 – But both seemed to be religious in character.

-What did Cain offer to God? Fruit of the ground

-Had God given any guidelines for offerings yet? No (Patriarchal Age) – only the attitude was important

V4 – What did Abel offer? First born of his flocks

-God honored Abel's offering

Read Hebrews 11.4 and Jude 10-12

-Conclusion: Cain really was not interested in pleasing God

V5 – What was Cain's attitude here? Anger (not penitence)

-Cain could not take second place to anyone

-He had to be "number one"

V6 – God was well-aware of what was happening

-What did God ask Cain? Why he was mad

-Remember: God asked Adam and Eve where they were (*Genesis 3.9*)

V7 – What is the result of doing what is right? Happiness, cheer

-What happens if we do not do what is right? Sin is waiting for us crouching at the door, waiting to take advantage of us

-Do we control our lives (for example, alcoholism)? Yes

-We can master something like alcoholism

V8 – Was Cain able to take correction? No

-Why did he kill Abel? Jealousy, envy

Genesis 4.9-15

V9 – Note: Cain could not avoid God

-What Old Testament prophet also tried to avoid God? Jonah

-Why did God ask Cain a question? Test his attitude

-How would you describe Cain's answer? Selfish

-What parable of Jesus applies here? Parable of the Good Samaritan

V 10 – Message of God? “You may be trying to forget about this crime, but it will not go away”

V 11 – Remember that Cain liked farming

-**Message from God?** As far as Cain is concerned, the ground is cursed

V 12 – What was the specific curse? No yield from the ground

-To be a nomad on the face of the earth

-Lesson: Sin never pays

V 13 – What was Cain’s reaction? Complained

V 14 – What were the four specific complaints? No more farming, hidden from the face of God, a vagrant, would be killed

-**Where was an attitude of sorrow? Where does he ask for forgiveness?**

V 15 – How did God reply? A sign on Cain to keep him from being killed

-We have no indication about the nature of this “sign”

-Something indicating people were not supposed to kill him

-This is not the origin of black people, as some have contended

Genesis 4.16-24

V 16 – Cain left that area and went to the land of Nod

V 17 – Where did Cain get his wife? Read Genesis 5.4

-Seth had been born by *Genesis 5.4*

-The human gene pool had not been corrupted by sin yet, so brothers and sisters could marry

-It was made unscriptural by the Law of Moses and is illegal in all states today (because of genetic problems)

-So Cain either married one of his sisters or possibly a niece (daughter of Seth)

-**Did Cain get his wife in the land of Nod?** Not necessarily – they just had sexual relations there

-**What is the name of Cain’s son?** Enoch (the name of the first city)

V 18 – Some genealogical records

V 19 – Lamech had two wives – Adah and Zillah

V 20 – Who was Jabal? “Father” of nomads and farmers

V 21 – Who was Jubal? “Father” of musicians

V 22 – Who was Tubal-Cain? Made metal implements

V 23-24 – Describe the character of Lamech? Very violent

-**Why?** Killed someone for wounding him

-**What did the Law of Moses say?** Equal retribution, eye for an eye, etc. (not revenge, no extra

violence)

-What does the New Testament say? Leave vengeance up to God (*Rom. 7.19*)

-Maybe Adam and Eve thought that their sins would not affect their children – not so

-What we do always has some result

-No “victimless” crimes

Genesis 4.25-26

V 25 – Who was the third son of Adam and Eve? Seth

-Why would God want another son to be in ancestry of Jesus? First son Cain was a murderer, second son Able was murdered

V 26 – How did human history change? People became a little more religious (from influence of Seth and his son Enosh)

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