

East of Eden

1. Dig to the root of sin

a. and find reconciliation in the raiment

Gen. 3:20 ¶ The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

Gen. 3:21 And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife **garments of skins** and clothed them.

garments of skin

- Gen 3:7 (fig leaves - self made religion)
- 2 Cor 5:17-21 (reconciliation in the raiment)

b. and blessing in the banishment

Gen. 3:22 ¶ Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, **and live forever—**"

Gen. 3:23 therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.

Gen. 3:24 He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

and live forever

- 1 Jn 5:11 (eternal life not merely quantity but quality)
- 1 Cor 15:45-57 (blessing in the banishment)

2. Inspect the fruit of sin

a. and find redemption in the rejection

Gen. 4:1 ¶ Now Adam knew (**never used of animals**) Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain (**acquired**), saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD."

Gen. 4:2 And again, she bore his brother Abel (**vapor, mist**). Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.

Gen. 4:3 In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground,

Gen. 4:4 and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,

Gen. 4:5 but for Cain and his offering he had **no regard**. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.

Gen. 4:6 The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?"

Gen. 4:7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but **you must rule** (timshel -steinbeck) over it (Law comes knowledge of sin)."

no regard

- Heb 11:4 (Cain not by faith)
- Heb 9:18-22 (not by blood)

you must rule - timshel (steinbeck got it wrong)

- Matt 19:16-22 (revelation in rejection)
- Rom 3:19-20 (atonement not attainment)

b. and provision in the punishment

Gen. 4:8 ¶ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

Gen. 4:9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"

Gen. 4:10 And the LORD said, "What have you done? **The voice of your brother's blood** is crying to me from the ground.

Gen. 4:11 And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

Gen. 4:12 When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth."

Gen. 4:13 Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear.

Gen. 4:14 Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

Gen. 4:15 Then the LORD said to him, "**Not so!** If anyone kills Cain, **vengeance** shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

Gen. 4:16 Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod (wandering), east of Eden.

Not so

- Num 35:1-6 (provision in the punishment)
- (levites (abel) cities of refuge for mans layers (Cains))
- (we all live east of Eden- in a land of wandering)

voice blood, vengeance

- Heb 12:18-24 (Abel's -vengeance vs Christ's -forgiveness)

- Luke 23:18-25 (you are Cain you are Barabbas)

3. Research the the reboot of sin

a. and find life in the lineage

Gen. 4:17 ¶ Cain knew his **wife**, and she conceived and bore Enoch. When he built a city, he called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch.

Gen. 4:18 To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad fathered Methusael, and Methusael fathered Lamech.

Gen. 4:19 And Lamech took two wives. The name of the one was Adah (sight beauty), and the name of the other Zillah (sound).

Gen. 4:20 Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock.

Gen. 4:21 His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.

Gen. 4:22 Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

Gen. 4:23 ¶ Lamech said to his wives:

"Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;
you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say:
I have killed a man for wounding me,
a young man for striking me.

Gen. 4:24 If Cain's revenge is sevenfold,
then Lamech's is seventy-
sevenfold." (presumption)

Gen. 4:25 ¶ And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name **Seth (determined)**, for she said, "God has appointed (**contrast I have gotten**) for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him."

Gen. 4:26a To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name **Enosh (weakness)**.

wife

gen 5:4 (other sons and daughters)

seth (sovereignty)

- Gen. 4:1 (Cain/I have acquired vs Seth/God determined)

Enosh (weakness)

- 2 Cor 12:8-10 (determined even though weak God strong)

- Luke 3:21-38 (line of Christ)

b. and grace in the guilt

Gen 4:26b At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD.

- Rom 3:23-26 (the basis for grace)

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Intro:

we must see Christ in Genesis or we will miss the point- video

Problem:

we must see ourselves in Genesis or we will miss the impact

Cain is in all of us - 1 Jn 3:12

In every false religion and church he preaches to us religion of attainment not atonement - Jude 11

Main Idea:

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and provision in the punishment

Research the reboot of sin

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Implication:

there is a cross East of Eden

from the root of sin

to the fruit of sin

all the way to the reboot of sin

there is grace

the basis for the covering, the blessing, the reconciliation, the provision, the life, the grace - Rom 3:23-26

Application:

God is for you - Rom 8:31-39

notes for further study

4:17 The age-old question, Who was Cain's wife?, has raised the specter that Cain committed incest, which was prohibited (Lv 18:6–18). But the Mosaic laws were not given until much later, and even the implied condemnations of incest in Genesis (Lot in 19:30–38; Reuben in 35:22; 49:3–4) relate to a time later than that of Cain and his siblings.

Ted Cabal et al., *The Apologetics Study Bible: Real Questions, Straight Answers, Stronger Faith* (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2007), 12.

4:19, 23 The Bible nowhere explicitly forbids polygamy, and Lamech is the first of many polygamists in the OT, including favored patriarchs and kings (e.g., 29:21–30; 1 Sm

27:3). We must not assume, however, that the absence of explicit prohibition entails divine approval. First, God's mind and will may also be expressed implicitly through story and description. Here Lamech's arrogant vengefulness is clear, showing him to be a true descendant of the murderer Cain. His practice of polygamy, then, is to be understood as typical of the wicked whose willful pride seeks to be satisfied by the multiplication of wives or other symbols of status and acts of self-indulgence (Gn 26:34; 28:9; 36:2; Dt 17:17). Second, God's mind and will can be gauged from positive statements like Gn 2:21–25, which mandates the divine pattern of monogamous marriage (see Mal 2:14, 16; Mt 19:4–6). Plural marriage is not, and never has been, biblical marriage. When polygamy occurred, it had predictably disastrous results for the family (e.g., 2 Sm 13:4–37). We may not fully understand why God did not denounce Abraham, Jacob, David and others when they corrupted true marriage in this way, but we should not take His silence as indicating His lack of interest in the matter.

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Articles for further study :

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Cain-and-Abel.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/brothers-keeper.html>