



GENESIS 4

CAIN AND ABEL

Genesis 3

Opens with Adam and Eve in the garden

As the chapter opens, Adam and Eve are innocent

Satan comes to the woman and speaks with her openly

Genesis 4

They give birth to Cain and Abel outside the garden

As the chapter begins, Cain and Abel are sinners

Satan is tempting Cain in the background where we cannot see him.

Genesis 3

Adam and Eve's sin was in disobeying God by eating of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil

God seeks out Adam and Eve and interrogates them until they admit their guilt

Genesis 4

Cain's sin is threefold:

- He offers an unacceptable sacrifice
- Anger and jealousy
- Murders his brother

God seeks out Cain and interrogates him, but he still refuses to acknowledge his guilt

Genesis 3

The earth is cursed as a result of Adam's sin

The chapter ends in Adam and Eve's expulsion from the garden

Genesis 4

The earth no longer yields it increase for Cain

The chapter ends in Cain's banishment to the land of Nod

In his fictional book, *East of Eden*, John Steinbeck calls this chapter, "The symbol story of the human soul."

Genesis 4:1

Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to **Cain**, and she said, "I have **gotten** a manchild with *the help* of the LORD."

Qanah
(hn"q')

Qayin
(!y|q;)

Genesis 4:2

Again, she gave birth to his brother **Abel**. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

Habel “Empty”
(lb,h')

Genesis 4:3

So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground.

Genesis 4:4-5

Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering; ⁵ but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell.

Genesis 4:6

Then the LORD said to Cain,
“Why are you angry? And why has
your countenance fallen?”

Genesis 4:7

“If you do well, will not *your countenance* be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its **desire** is for you, but you must master it.”

hq'Wv – *Teshuqah*

T. “Your **desire** shall be for your husband” (Genesis 3:16)

Genesis 4:7

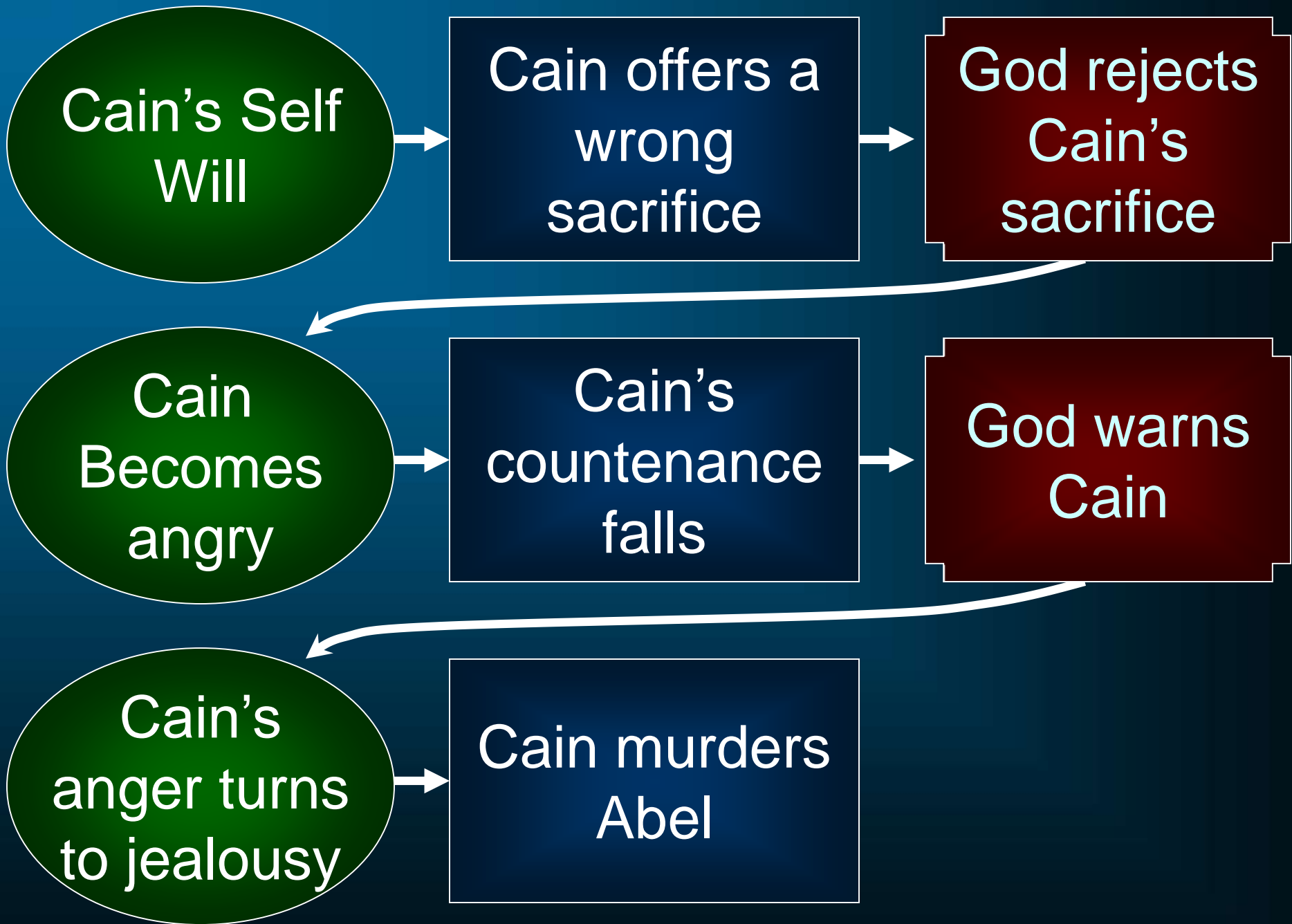
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I am my beloved's,
And his **desire** is for me (Song 7:10).

Genesis 4:8

Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.



Cain

Brought an unworthy
sacrifice

He offered a sacrifice
that did not involve the
shedding of blood

He became angry and
jealous

He murdered his
brother

Jesus Christ

He was the worthy
sacrifice

He was the sacrifice
who shed His own
blood

He prayed for the
forgiveness of those
who wronged Him

He gave His life to
make us His brothers

Genesis 4:9

Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” And he said, “I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?”

Genesis 4:10

He said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to Me from the ground.”

...and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel. (Hebrews 12:24).

Genesis 4:11-12

“Now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹² When you cultivate the ground, it will no longer yield its strength to you; you will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth.”

Nod (dWn)

Genesis 4:13-14

Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is too great to bear!
¹⁴ Behold, You have driven me this day from the face of the ground; and from Your face I will be hidden, and I will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

Genesis 4:15

So the LORD said to him, “Therefore whoever kills Cain, vengeance will be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD appointed a sign for Cain, so that no one finding him would slay him.

Genesis 4:16

Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Genesis 3

The Serpent comes and deceives Eve

Adam and Eve eat of the forbidden fruit

Adam and Eve begin the cycle of sin

God comes in the cool of the day to seek out and question Adam and Eve

Genesis 4

God warns Cain that sin is crouching at the door

Cain murders his brother

Cain continues the cycle of sin

God comes to seek out and question Cain about his brother

Genesis 3

Adam and Eve given coats of skin to cover their nakedness

Adam and Eve are banished from the garden

Genesis 4

Cain is given a mark to protect him

Cain is banished to a foreign land

Genesis 4:17

Cain had relations with his wife and she conceived, and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city Enoch, after the name of his son.

Now to Enoch was born Irad, and Irad became the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael became the father of Methushael, and Methushael became the father of Lamech.
(Genesis 4:18).



Genesis 4:19

Lamech took to himself two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other, Zillah.

Genesis 4:20-22

Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and *have* livestock. ²¹ His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. ²² As for Zillah, she also gave birth to Tubal-cain, the forger of all implements of bronze and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

Genesis 4:23-24

Lamech said to his wives,
“Adah and Zillah,
Listen to my voice,
You wives of Lamech,
Give heed to my speech,
For I have killed a man for
wounding me;
And a boy for striking me;
²⁴ If Cain is avenged sevenfold,
Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.”

Genesis 4:25

Adam had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him **Seth**, for, *she said*, “God has **appointed** me another offspring in place of Abel, for Cain killed him.”

Shiyth

(tyvi)

Seth

(tve)

Genesis 4:26

To Seth, to him also a son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then *men* began to call upon the name of the LORD.

