

GENESIS
THE BEGINNING AND THE END
ALPHA & OMEGA
THE FALL OF MAN

1. ADAM'S SONS

- A. GENESIS 4:1-26 ADAM LAY WITH HIS WIFE EVE, AND SHE BECAME PREGNANT AND GAVE BIRTH TO CAIN. SHE SAID, "WITH THE HELP OF THE LORD I HAVE BROUGHT FORTH A MAN." [2] LATER SHE GAVE BIRTH TO HIS BROTHER ABEL. NOW ABEL KEPT FLOCKS, AND CAIN WORKED THE SOIL.
 - I. AS WE SEE THE SPREAD OF MAN WE SHALL ALSO SEE THE SPREAD OF SIN.
 - (1) AT FIRST MAN SINNED AGAINST MAN - HERE WE WILL BEGIN TO SEE THAT MAN SINS AGAINST MAN.
 - II. AS WE SEE HERE IN THIS SCRIPTURE - EVE HAS FAITH. SHE KNOWS THINGS THAT ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THE BOOK. IF WE READ CLOSE WE SHALL FIND SOME OF THEM.
 - (1) ROMANS 10:17 CONSEQUENTLY, FAITH COMES FROM HEARING THE MESSAGE, AND THE MESSAGE IS HEARD THROUGH THE WORD OF CHRIST.
 - III. WE NOW SEE HER FIRST TWO SONS - WE ARE TOLD THAT THEY ARE DIFFERENT IN THE WAY THAT THEY SUSTAIN THEIR LIVES.

2. FAILURE OF CAIN: FIRST FALSE RELIGION

- A. GENESIS 4:[3] IN THE COURSE OF TIME CAIN BROUGHT SOME OF THE FRUITS OF THE SOIL AS AN OFFERING TO THE LORD. [4] BUT ABEL BROUGHT FAT PORTIONS FROM SOME OF THE FIRSTBORN OF HIS FLOCK. THE LORD LOOKED WITH FAVOR ON ABEL AND HIS OFFERING, [5] BUT ON CAIN AND HIS OFFERING HE DID NOT LOOK WITH FAVOR. SO CAIN WAS VERY ANGRY, AND HIS FACE WAS DOWNCAST.
 - I. IN THE COURSE OF TIME
 - (1) THIS STATEMENT IS USED WHEN IT IS GOD'S TIMING.
 - (A) SO WE CAN BEGIN TO SEE THAT GOD HAD SET A TIME WHEN OFFERINGS ARE TO BE BROUGHT TO HIM.
 - II. WE NOW SEE TWO MEN BRINGING TO THE LORD [GOD WHO MAKES COVENANTS] OFFERINGS.
 - (1) WE SEE NOTHING DIFFERENT IN THE MEN.
 - (A) CAIN WAS NO INFIDEL OR ATHEIST - HE IS HERE ACKNOWLEDGING THE EXISTENCE OF GOD.
 - (i) HE WAS PREPARED TO WORSHIP GOD AFTER HIS OWN FASHION. - THIS MAYBE THE WHOLE PROBLEM.
 - III. CAIN BROUGHT SOME OF THE FRUITS OF THE SOIL
 - (1) HIS OFFERING UNTO THE LORD WAS A BLOODLESS ONE.
 - (A) HEBREWS 9:22 IN FACT, THE LAW REQUIRES THAT NEARLY EVERYTHING BE CLEANSSED WITH BLOOD, AND WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD THERE IS NO FORGIVENESS.
 - (2) THIS OFFERING WAS THE FRUIT OF HIS OWN TOIL
 - (A) IT WAS PRODUCED BY THE WORKS OF HIS OWN LABORS.
 - (B) THE PRODUCT OF HIS OWN HANDS.
 - (3) IT WAS THE PRODUCT OF THE GROUND.
 - (A) GENESIS 3:17 TO ADAM HE SAID, "BECAUSE YOU LISTENED TO YOUR WIFE AND ATE FROM THE TREE ABOUT WHICH I COMMANDED YOU, 'YOU MUST NOT EAT OF IT,' "CURSED IS THE GROUND BECAUSE OF YOU; THROUGH PAINFUL TOIL

YOU WILL EAT OF IT ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE.

IV. BUT ABEL BROUGHT FAT PORTIONS FROM SOME OF THE FIRSTBORN OF HIS FLOCK.

- (1) THE FIRST THING TO THINK ABOUT - ADAM AND EVE WERE LIKELY MAKING OFFERINGS TO THE LORD. THE BOYS WERE **MOST** LIKELY TO DO THIS FROM FOLLOWING THEIR PARENTS.
- (2) ABEL HAD TO KILL OR SACRIFICE HIS FLOCK - **THE FIRST BORN** - LIFE HAD TO BE TAKEN - BLOOD HAD TO BE SHED.
 - (A) HEBREWS 11:4 BY FAITH ABEL OFFERED GOD A BETTER SACRIFICE THAN CAIN DID. BY FAITH HE WAS COMMENDED AS A RIGHTEOUS MAN, WHEN GOD SPOKE WELL OF HIS OFFERINGS. AND BY FAITH HE STILL SPEAKS, EVEN THOUGH HE IS DEAD.
 - (i) **IMPORTANT** - THIS DOES NOT SAY THAT ABEL WAS BETTER THAN CAIN. IT SAYS HIS **SACRIFICE** WAS **BETTER**.
 - 1) AS I WRITE THESE WORDS THE **SPIRIT IN ME JUMPS**
 - A) BY FAITH HE WAS COMMENDED AS A RIGHTEOUS MAN, **WHEN GOD SPOKE WELL OF HIS OFFERINGS. AND BY FAITH HE STILL SPEAKS, EVEN THOUGH HE IS DEAD.**

V. THE LORD LOOKED WITH FAVOR ON ABEL AND HIS OFFERING,

- (1) DID YOU EVER THINK ABOUT WHAT THIS SAYS?
- (2) HOW DID GOD LOOK WITH FAVOR.
 - (A) LEVITICUS 9:24 FIRE CAME OUT FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD AND CONSUMED THE BURNT OFFERING AND THE FAT PORTIONS ON THE ALTAR. AND WHEN ALL THE PEOPLE SAW IT, THEY SHOUTED FOR JOY AND FELL FACE DOWN.
 - (B) JUDGES 6:21 WITH THE TIP OF THE STAFF THAT WAS IN HIS HAND, THE ANGEL OF THE LORD TOUCHED THE MEAT AND THE UNLEAVENED BREAD. FIRE FLARED FROM THE ROCK, CONSUMING THE MEAT AND THE BREAD. AND THE ANGEL OF THE LORD DISAPPEARED.
 - (C) 1 KINGS 18:38 THEN THE FIRE OF THE LORD FELL AND BURNED UP THE SACRIFICE, THE WOOD, THE STONES AND THE SOIL, AND ALSO LICKED UP THE WATER IN THE TRENCH.
 - (D) 1 CHRON. 21:26 DAVID BUILT AN ALTAR TO THE LORD THERE AND SACRIFICED BURNT OFFERINGS AND FELLOWSHIP OFFERINGS. HE CALLED ON THE LORD, AND THE LORD ANSWERED HIM WITH FIRE FROM HEAVEN ON THE ALTAR OF BURNT OFFERING.
 - (E) 2 CHRONICLES 7:1 WHEN SOLOMON FINISHED PRAYING, FIRE CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND CONSUMED THE BURNT OFFERING AND THE SACRIFICES, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED THE TEMPLE.

VI. BUT ON CAIN AND HIS OFFERING HE DID NOT LOOK WITH FAVOR. SO CAIN WAS VERY ANGRY, AND HIS FACE WAS DOWNCAST.

- (1) THINK ABOUT IT - YOU JUST SAW THE LORD CONSUME YOUR BROTHERS OFFERING.
 - (A) YOURS IS SETTING THERE - YOU SPEND CONSIDERABLE TIME AND EFFORT TO PRODUCE IT.
 - (B) YOU MADE IT LOOK GREAT
 - (C) YOU WERE FEELING VERY SELF-SATISFIED.
- (2) WOULD YOU HAVE NOT FELT - **VERY ANGRY, AND HIS FACE WAS DOWNCAST.**
 - (A) **HOW IT MUST HAVE HURT** - BUT WITHOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT THERE IS NO LIGHT.

3. FIRST RELIGIOUS TEACHER

- A. GENESIS 4:[6] THEN THE LORD SAID TO CAIN, "WHY ARE YOU ANGRY? WHY IS YOUR FACE DOWNCAST? [7] IF YOU DO WHAT IS RIGHT, WILL YOU NOT BE ACCEPTED? BUT IF YOU DO NOT DO WHAT IS RIGHT, SIN IS CROUCHING AT YOUR DOOR; IT DESIRES TO HAVE YOU, BUT YOU MUST MASTER IT."

I. THE QUESTION?

(1) WHY?

(A) HOW THIS SPEAKS OF MAN TODAY!

(B) SOME DAY MANY WILL BE ANGRY AT GOD BECAUSE HE WILL NOT EXCEPT [THEIR OFFERING, THEIR WORSHIP, THEIR LIVES] FOR IT IS THE CONDITION OF THE HEART THAT GOD IS INTERESTED IN.

(1) 2 TIMOTHY 3:5 HAVING A FORM OF GODLINESS BUT DENYING ITS POWER. HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM.

II. DID CAIN ASK, "WHAT CAN I DO TO BE EXCEPTED?"

(1) I THINK HE KNEW - BUT HE WANTED TO COME TO GOD IN HIS OWN WAY.

III. HERE IS THE ANSWER!

(1) IF YOU DO WHAT IS RIGHT, WILL YOU NOT BE **ACCEPTED**? BUT IF YOU DO NOT DO WHAT IS RIGHT, SIN IS CROUCHING AT YOUR DOOR; IT DESIRES TO HAVE YOU, BUT YOU MUST MASTER IT."

(A) ACCEPTED = FROM HEBREW 5375 (NASA'); AN ELEVATION OR LEPROUS SCAB; FIGURATIVE ELATION OR CHEERFULNESS; EXALTATION IN RANK OR CHARACTER :- BE ACCEPTED, DIGNITY, EXCELLENCY, HIGHNESS, RAISE UP SELF, RISING.

(1) IF HE IS TO CONTINUE TO BE HONORED AS THE FIRST BORN - HE MUST KEEP HIS PLACE WITH GOD.

IV. BUT - WHAT WAS GOD AFTER?

(1) JOB 1:5 WHEN A PERIOD OF FEASTING HAD RUN ITS COURSE, JOB WOULD SEND AND HAVE THEM PURIFIED. EARLY IN THE MORNING HE WOULD SACRIFICE A BURNT OFFERING FOR EACH OF THEM, THINKING, "PERHAPS MY CHILDREN HAVE SINNED AND CURSED GOD IN THEIR HEARTS." THIS WAS JOB'S REGULAR CUSTOM.

(1) WHAT GOD WANTED WAS A BURNT OFFERING - A SIN OFFERING WOULD COME AFTER THE GIVING OF THE LAW

V. BUT IF YOU DO NOT WHAT IS RIGHT - SIN WILL HAVE YOU!

4. FAILURE OF CAIN: FIRST MURDER

- A. GENESIS 4:[8] NOW CAIN SAID TO HIS BROTHER ABEL, "LET'S GO OUT TO THE FIELD." AND WHILE THEY WERE IN THE FIELD, CAIN ATTACKED HIS BROTHER ABEL AND KILLED HIM.

I. HERE IN THIS VERSE WE CAN SEE THE BEGINNING OF THE FULFILMENT OF GENESIS 3:15, IT WILL BE THIS WAY UNTIL THE END.

(1) GENESIS 3:15 AND I WILL PUT ENMITY BETWEEN YOU AND THE WOMAN, AND BETWEEN YOUR OFFSPRING AND HERS; HE WILL CRUSH YOUR HEAD, AND YOU WILL STRIKE HIS HEEL."

(A) THOSE WHO FOLLOW GOD WILL BE OPPOSED BY THOSE WHO REFUSE TO FOLLOW HIM.

II. NOW

(1) GOD HAS SAID THAT IF CAIN WILL BRING THE PROPER OFFERING - HE WILL KEEP HIS PLACE IN THE FAMILY.

(2) BUT CAIN DECIDES TO NOT SEEK GOD BUT HIS OWN WAY.

III. "LET'S GO OUT TO THE FIELD." AND WHILE THEY WERE IN THE FIELD, CAIN ATTACKED HIS BROTHER ABEL AND KILLED HIM

(1) HERE IS THE RESULT OF "SIN IS CROUCHING AT YOUR DOOR; IT DESIRES TO HAVE YOU, BUT YOU MUST MASTER IT."

5. FAILURE OF CAIN: LYING

A. 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?" [10] THE LORD SAID, "WHAT HAVE YOU DONE? LISTEN! YOUR BROTHER'S BLOOD CRIES OUT TO ME FROM THE GROUND.

I. SIN CAN NOT BE HID!

(1) GALATIANS 6:7 DO NOT BE DECEIVED: GOD CANNOT BE MOCKED. A MAN REAPS WHAT HE SOWS.

(2) NUMBERS 32:23 "BUT IF YOU FAIL TO DO THIS, YOU WILL BE SINNING AGAINST THE LORD; AND YOU MAY BE SURE THAT YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT.

(3) MATTHEW 10:26 "SO DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THEM. THERE IS NOTHING CONCEALED THAT WILL NOT BE DISCLOSED, OR HIDDEN THAT WILL NOT BE MADE KNOWN.

II. GOD AGAIN GIVES A CHANCE FOR CONFESSION!

(1) WHERE IS YOUR BROTHER ABEL

III. AGAIN MAN FAILS!

IV. AGAIN [BLOOD] CRIES OUT! WHAT DOES IT CRY?

(1) BLOOD THAT WAS INNOCENT

(2) BLOOD SHED BY WICKED HANDS

(3) BLOOD WHICH CRIED ALOUD TO GOD.

(A) HOW SIGNIFICANT! IT SPEAKS OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS

ANOTHER COVENANT - CAINIC

1. CAIN SENTENCED

A. GENESIS 4:[11] NOW YOU ARE UNDER A CURSE AND DRIVEN FROM THE GROUND, WHICH OPENED ITS MOUTH TO RECEIVE YOUR BROTHER'S BLOOD FROM YOUR HAND. [12] WHEN YOU WORK THE GROUND, IT WILL NO LONGER YIELD ITS CROPS FOR YOU. YOU WILL BE A RESTLESS WANDERER ON THE EARTH."

I. HEAR THE CURSE!!!

(1) THE GROUND WILL NO LONGER YIELD ITS CROPS FOR YOU

(2) YOU WILL BE A RESTLESS WANDERER ON THE EARTH.

CAIN AND ABEL TYPICALLY REPRESENT TWO CLASSES OF PEOPLE

2. CAIN IS THE NATURAL MAN -

A. THOSE WHO TURN THEIR BACKS UPON THE BLOOD OF JESUS

B. WHO REJECT THE FINISHED WORK OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

C. WHO THINK TO OBTAIN SALVATION BY WORKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

D. CAIN IS THE FATHER OF THE PHARISEE

I. HE PRIDES HIMSELF THAT HE IS THE SUPERIOR OF THE CREATION

E. THOSE THAT DENY THAT THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE SINNED AND FELL.

3. ABEL IS THE CONTRAST TO CAIN

A. ABEL BY HIS OFFERING CONFESSED THAT HE WAS A FALLEN CREATURE.

B. HE PRESENTED HIS OFFERING BY FAITH.

I. HE BELIEVED THAT GOD WOULD EXCEPT THE SLAIN ANIMAL FOR A SUBSTITUTE FOR HIMSELF.

II. AND BELIEVING HE ACTED UPON HIS BELIEVE

(1) LUKE 5:4-5 WHEN HE HAD FINISHED SPEAKING, HE SAID TO SIMON, "PUT OUT INTO DEEP WATER, AND LET DOWN THE NETS FOR A CATCH." [5] SIMON ANSWERED, "MASTER, WE'VE WORKED HARD ALL NIGHT AND HAVEN'T CAUGHT ANYTHING. BUT BECAUSE YOU SAY SO, I WILL LET DOWN THE NETS."

THERE DIFFERENCES WAS NOT IN THEIR CHARACTER, BUT IN THERE TRUST.

THEY ALSO SHOW US TWO GROUPS

THE CHURCH

ABLE	JESUS
ABLE WAS A SHEPHERD	IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD
AS A SHEPHERD HE PRESENTED HIS OFFERING UNTO GOD	JOHN 10:11 "I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. THE GOOD SHEPHERD LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP.
HE WAS HATED BY HIS BROTHER	JOHN 15:25 BUT THIS IS TO FULFILL WHAT IS WRITTEN IN THEIR LAW: 'THEY HATED ME WITHOUT REASON.'
IT WAS OUT OF ENVY THAT HE WAS KILLED	MATTHEW 27:18 FOR HE KNEW IT WAS OUT OF ENVY THAT THEY HAD HANDED JESUS OVER TO HIM.
HE DID NOT DIE A NATURAL DEATH	ACTS 2:23 THIS MAN WAS HANDED OVER TO YOU BY GOD'S SET PURPOSE AND FOREKNOWLEDGE; AND YOU, WITH THE HELP OF WICKED MEN, PUT HIM TO DEATH BY NAILING HIM TO THE CROSS.
DIED BY THE HAND OF THE FAMILY	ACTS 2:36 "THEREFORE LET ALL ISRAEL BE ASSURED OF THIS: GOD HAS MADE THIS JESUS, WHOM YOU CRUCIFIED, BOTH LORD AND CHRIST."
ABEL'S BLOOD CRIED OUT AND SEVERE PUNISHMENT WAS METED OUT UPON HIS MURDERER	MARK 12:9 "WHAT THEN WILL THE OWNER OF THE VINEYARD DO? HE WILL COME AND KILL THOSE TENANTS AND GIVE THE VINEYARD TO OTHERS.
THE OFFERING	
AN OFFERING TO GOD - HEBREWS 11:4	EPHESIANS 5:2 AND LIVE A LIFE OF LOVE, JUST AS CHRIST LOVED US AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR US AS A FRAGRANT OFFERING AND SACRIFICE TO GOD.

THE FIRST OF HIS FLOCK	1 PETER 1:19 BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, A LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH OR DEFECT.
HE BROUGHT HIS OFFERING IN "FAITH", HONORING GOD	HEBREWS 10:7-9 THEN I SAID, 'HERE I AM--IT IS WRITTEN ABOUT ME IN THE SCROLL-- I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.' "[8] FIRST HE SAID, "SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS, BURNT OFFERINGS AND SIN OFFERINGS YOU DID NOT DESIRE, NOR WERE YOU PLEASED WITH THEM" (ALTHOUGH THE LAW REQUIRED THEM TO BE MADE). [9] THEN HE SAID, "HERE I AM, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL." HE SETS ASIDE THE FIRST TO ESTABLISH THE SECOND.
GOD EXCEPTED THIS OFFERING	HEBREWS 10:12 BUT WHEN THIS PRIEST HAD OFFERED FOR ALL TIME ONE SACRIFICE FOR SINS, HE SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD.
BY THIS OBTAINED A WITNESS THAT HE WAS RIGHTEOUS - HEBREWS 11:4 BY FAITH ABEL OFFERED GOD A BETTER SACRIFICE THAN CAIN DID. BY FAITH HE WAS COMMENDED AS A RIGHTEOUS MAN, WHEN GOD SPOKE WELL OF HIS OFFERINGS. AND BY FAITH HE STILL SPEAKS, EVEN THOUGH HE IS DEAD.	LUKE 23:47 THE CENTURION, SEEING WHAT HAD HAPPENED, PRAISED GOD AND SAID, "SURELY THIS WAS A RIGHTEOUS MAN."
GOD PUBLICLY 'TESTIFIED' THAT HE ACCEPTED IT	ACTS 2:32 GOD HAS RAISED THIS JESUS TO LIFE, AND WE ARE ALL WITNESSES OF THE FACT.
BEING DEAD HE YET SPEAKS	HEBREWS 12:24 TO JESUS THE MEDIATOR OF A NEW COVENANT, AND TO THE SPRINKLED BLOOD THAT SPEAKS A BETTER WORD THAN THE BLOOD OF ABEL.
CAIN A TYPE OF THE JEWISH NATION	
CAIN WAS PROMISED A LAND	GENESIS 13:15 ALL THE LAND THAT YOU SEE I WILL GIVE TO YOU AND YOUR OFFSPRING FOREVER.
IN REFUSING THE LAMB THAT GOD OFFERED, THE JEWS REJECT THE OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE.	JOHN 1:11 HE CAME TO THAT WHICH WAS HIS OWN, BUT HIS OWN DID NOT RECEIVE HIM.

IGNORANT OF WHAT GOD WANTED - ESTABLISH THEIR OWN	ROMANS 10:3 SINCE THEY DID NOT KNOW THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT COMES FROM GOD AND SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN, THEY DID NOT SUBMIT TO GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS.
RESTED UPON THEIR OWN WORKS	ROMANS 9:21 DOES NOT THE POTTER HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE OUT OF THE SAME LUMP OF CLAY SOME POTTERY FOR NOBLE PURPOSES AND SOME FOR COMMON USE?
GOD HAD NO RESPECT FOR HIS WORK	ACTS 13:39 THROUGH HIM EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IS JUSTIFIED FROM EVERYTHING YOU COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED FROM BY THE LAW OF MOSES.
IF HE HAD LISTENED TO GOD HE WOULD HAVE STAYED THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY	DEUTERONOMY 28:13 THE LORD WILL MAKE YOU THE HEAD, NOT THE TAIL. IF YOU PAY ATTENTION TO THE COMMANDS OF THE LORD YOUR GOD THAT I GIVE YOU THIS DAY AND CAREFULLY FOLLOW THEM, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE AT THE TOP, NEVER AT THE BOTTOM.
HIS SIN FORFEITED THE PLACE & PRIVILEGE	ISAIAH 9:14 SO THE LORD WILL CUT OFF FROM ISRAEL BOTH HEAD AND TAIL, BOTH PALM BRANCH AND REED IN A SINGLE DAY;
GOD CHARGED HIM WITH HIS CRIME	ACTS 2:22-23 "MEN OF ISRAEL, LISTEN TO THIS: JESUS OF NAZARETH WAS A MAN ACCREDITED BY GOD TO YOU BY MIRACLES, WONDERS AND SIGNS, WHICH GOD DID AMONG YOU THROUGH HIM, AS YOU YOURSELVES KNOW. [23] THIS MAN WAS HANDED OVER TO YOU BY GOD'S SET PURPOSE AND FOREKNOWLEDGE; AND YOU, WITH THE HELP OF WICKED MEN, PUT HIM TO DEATH BY NAILING HIM TO THE CROSS.

4. FIRST RECORDED REMORSE

- A. GENESIS 4:[13] CAIN SAID TO THE LORD, "MY PUNISHMENT IS MORE THAN I CAN BEAR. [14] TODAY YOU ARE DRIVING ME FROM THE LAND, AND I WILL BE HIDDEN FROM YOUR PRESENCE; I WILL BE A RESTLESS WANDERER ON THE EARTH, AND WHOEVER FINDS ME WILL KILL ME."
- I. FIRST SEE THE ABOVE.
 - (1) A TYPE OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL AFTER THE KILLING OF JESUS
- II. ALSO, DO YOU SEE ANY REMORSE FOR THE KILLING OF ABLE?

(1) TODAY, DO YOU HEAR AND SEE ANY REMORSE FOR THE KILLING OF JESUS?

5. DIVINE INTERVENTION

A. GENESIS 4:[15] BUT THE LORD SAID TO HIM, "NOT SO; IF ANYONE KILLS CAIN, HE WILL SUFFER VENGEANCE SEVEN TIMES OVER." THEN THE LORD PUT A MARK ON CAIN SO THAT NO ONE WHO FOUND HIM WOULD KILL HIM.

I. NOT SO, I AM NOT THE ONE CAUSING THIS.

II. NOTE: HE DID NOT SAY THAT CAIN WOULD NOT BE KILLED.

III. THE MARK -

(1) THE PLEDGE THAT GOD WOULD TAKE VENGEANCE ON ANY ONE WHO KILLED CAIN.

(A) LISTEN TO THIS MAN.

(I) HE FEELS THAT OTHERS, [WHAT OTHERS?] WILL BE OUT TO KILL HIM FOR WHAT HE DID.

(B) THE LORD WAS TRYING TO PROTECT CAIN.

6. FIRST CIVILIZATION

A. GENESIS 4:[16] SO CAIN WENT OUT FROM THE LORD'S PRESENCE AND LIVED IN THE LAND OF NOD, EAST OF EDEN. [17] CAIN LAY WITH HIS WIFE, AND SHE BECAME PREGNANT AND GAVE BIRTH TO ENOCH. CAIN WAS THEN BUILDING A CITY, AND HE NAMED IT AFTER HIS SON ENOCH.

I. OUT FROM THE LORD'S PRESENCE.

(1) THE LORD HAD A PLACE WHERE HE CONTINUED TO MEET WITH MAN. SO MAN CAME TO GOD TO BE BLESSED.

II. ENOCH = ; INITIATED; CHANOK, AN ANTEDILUVIAN PATRIARCH :- ENOCH.

III. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST CITY AFTER THE RESTORING OF EARTH.

(1) CITY MEANS PEOPLE = WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE BEING BORN.

7. FAILURE OF LAMECH: FIRST POLYGAMIST

A. GENESIS 4:[18] TO ENOCH WAS BORN IRAD, AND IRAD WAS THE FATHER OF MEHUJAE, AND MEHUJAE WAS THE FATHER OF METHUSHAEL, AND METHUSHAEL WAS THE FATHER OF LAMECH. [19] LAMECH MARRIED TWO WOMEN, ONE NAMED ADAH AND THE OTHER ZILLAH.

I. NOW THE SCRIPTURE IS POINTING TO LAMECH

(1) SO WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT HIM?

(A) CAIN - ENOCH - IRAD - MEHUJAE - METHUSHAEL - LAMECH

II. HE HAD TWO WIVES

(1) THE SCRIPTURE WANT US TO BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THIS MAN.

(A) ADAH & ZILLAH

8. FIRST CATTLE RANCHER

A. GENESIS 4:[20] ADAH GAVE BIRTH TO JABAL; HE WAS THE FATHER OF THOSE WHO LIVE IN TENTS AND RAISE LIVESTOCK.

I. SO ONE OF LAMECH SONS IS A CATTLE RANCHER - HE MOVES OUT SIDE THE CITY

9. FIRST MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

A. GENESIS 4:[21] HIS BROTHER'S NAME WAS JUBAL; HE WAS THE FATHER OF ALL WHO PLAY THE HARP AND FLUTE.

I. ANOTHER SON OF LAMECH WAS JUBAL

(1) HE WAS A MUSICIAN

10. FIRST METAL-SMITHS

- A. GENESIS 4:[22] ZILLAH ALSO HAD A SON, TUBAL-CAIN, WHO FORGED ALL KINDS OF TOOLS OUT OF BRONZE AND IRON. TUBAL-CAIN'S SISTER WAS NAAMAH.
- I. NOW WE SEE THE LINE OF LAMECH THROUGH ZILLAH
 - (1) LAMECH - TUBAL-CAIN
 - (A) THIS MAN WORKED IN THE CITY, MAKER OF TOOLS AND WEAPONS.
 - (B) THIS WAS A BIRTH LATE IN THE LIFE OF LAMECH

11. FAILURE OF LAMECH: SECOND MURDERER

- A. GENESIS 4: [23] LAMECH SAID TO HIS WIVES, "ADAH AND ZILLAH, LISTEN TO ME; WIVES OF LAMECH, HEAR MY WORDS. I HAVE KILLED A MAN [BY MY WOUND] FOR WOUNDING ME, A YOUNG MAN FOR INJURING ME. [24] IF CAIN IS AVENGED SEVEN TIMES, THEN LAMECH SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES."
- I. FROM THE JEWISH BIBLE
 - (1) LAMECH WAS BLIND AND HIS SON TUBAL-CAIN WOULD LEAD HIM ONE DAY, TUBAL-CAIN SAW CAIN AND, MISTAKING HIM FOR AN ANIMAL, HE BADE HIS FATHER TO SHOOT AN ARROW, WHICH KILLED CAIN. WHEN LAMECH REALIZED HE HAD KILLED CAIN, HE BEAT HIS HANDS TOGETHER IN GRIEF, AND ACCIDENTALLY KILLED HIS SON. HIS WIVES WERE ANGERED AND REFUSED TO LIVE WITH HIM. HE TRIED TO APPEASE THEM . "IF THE PUNISHMENT OF CAIN, AN INTENTIONAL MURDER, WAS DELAYED UNTIL THE SEVENTH GENERATION, SURELY MY PUNISHMENT WILL BE DEFERRED MANY TIMES SEVEN BECAUSE I KILLED ACCIDENTALLY
- II. THE END OF THIS LINE IS NOW SET - THEY WILL NOT GO THROUGH THE FLOOD

12. A NEW BEGINNING - : BEGINNING OF IDOLATRY

- A. GENESIS 4:[25] ADAM LAY WITH HIS WIFE AGAIN, AND SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A SON AND NAMED HIM SETH, SAYING, "GOD HAS GRANTED ME ANOTHER CHILD IN PLACE OF ABEL, SINCE CAIN KILLED HIM." [26] SETH ALSO HAD A SON, AND HE NAMED HIM ENOS. AT THAT TIME MEN BEGAN TO CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD.
- I. ENOS = WEAK
- II. WHEN MEN CALLED ON THE NAME OF THE LORD IT WAS A PROFANED THING.
 - (1) A FORM OF GODLINESS, BUT DENYING THE POWER OF GOD.
 - (2) MUCH LIKE THE THINGS GOING ON TODAY.
 - (A) WHAT WILL BE REVEALED, A DECLINE IN THE MORAL BEHAVIOR OF MAN.
 - (B) CALLING WHAT IS EVIL GOOD, WHAT IS GOOD EVIL.