

In The Beginning

The full depth of sin

Consider the blood line of the Redeemer ...Gen.4:1-8

If Eve was expecting to bear a son who would bring victory, comment on 4:1.

As the first boy was born, she declared it was with the help of the Lord. She was thankful.

Believing that Cain, (possession) was the promised seed, what does Abel mean to her? 4:1

Abel means 'vanity', 'unsatisfactory'. Now that she had Cain, Abel was less important.

Eve has obviously misunderstood the prophecy of the seed. Application today? Mk.13:29-37

Christians are often guilty of 'date setting' for the return of Christ, which is not useful!

From the genealogy of the bloodline of Christ, the seed of the woman, is Cain the one? Lu 3:38

No. Neither Cain nor Abel. Christ would be descended from Seth, not born yet.

If Satan was expecting Cain to be the 'seed', what kind of strategy might he lead? 4:2-7

He might entice him to great sin (worked on Adam) so that God's plan would fail.

The consequences of sin ... Gen.4:9-15

Comment on verse 9. What do you sense in Cain? What do you sense in the Lord?

Cain is bitter, angry, and insolent. The Lord is gracious, loving, and yet firm.

In response to Cain's cry of 'unfair', what does the Lord do for him? vs.13-15 Why?? IPet.3:9

Promises a 7 fold vengeance on Cain's killer, and sign FOR Cain. Waiting for repentance?

Where did Cain get his wife (vs.17)? Why is there no record given of women?

His wife was obviously a sister or a descendent of a sibling. Records are usually men only.

Doesn't this constitute incest? Wasn't this prohibited? Lev.20:10-21

It does now but not then at the beginning of civilization. Eventually gene pool is corrupted.

Obviously, the population is growing rapidly. What signs of civilization begin? vs.17-22

Beginning of cities, polygamy, shepherds, music and instruments, iron/bronze implements

What is also seen in verses 23-24? What is beginning to happen here?

There was fighting, injury, vengeance, more death. Also justice and legal arguments...

The blood line of the Redeemer continues. Gen.4:25-5:32

When Seth (substituted) is born, what is Eve's reaction? 4:25 Why??

God has given ME another child to replace Abel (and Cain), as the seed...

And while Seth was not THE SEED, what was he? Gen.5:1-5; Lu. 3:23-38

He was the specific seed of the woman through whom THE SEED (Christ), would come.