

## **“Cain Consideration”**

**”You shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb.”  
(Exodus 13:12)**

### **Humanities First-fruit**

**Genesis 4:1-8** – (1) “Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, ‘I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.’ (2) And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. (3) In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, (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, (5) but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. (6) The LORD said to Cain, ‘Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? (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 for you, but you must rule over it.’ (8) Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.”

### **Cain Enabled**

**Genesis 4:9-17** – (9) “Then the LORD said to Cain, ‘Where is Abel your brother?’ He said, ‘I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?’ (10) And the LORD said, ‘What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. (11) And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. (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.’ (13) Cain said to the LORD, ‘My punishment is greater than I can bear. (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.’ (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. (16) Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden. (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.”

## **Contemplations:**

### **Sin's Sinister Sequence - (Gen. 4:7)**

“...each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.” (James 1:14-15 NIV)

### **Relationship Killer – (Gen 4:6, 8)**

“Wrath is cruel, anger is overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?” (Proverbs 27:4)

“What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.” (James 4:1-2 NLT)

### **God's Abundant Grace – (Gen. 4:6-7, 9-15)**

“...But where sin increased, grace increased all the more” (Romans 5:20 NIV)

### **Man's Abundant Folly – (Gen. 4:16-17)**

“and the king answered and said, ‘Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?’” (Daniel 4:30)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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