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“Abel Assessment”

“By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.” (Hebrews 11:4)

Parental Perspective – Abel of Abels

Genesis 4:1-2 – (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.”

Jesus’ Take

Matthew 23:35 – “So that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.”

Cain’s Corroboration

1 John 3:12 – “We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother’s righteous.”

Abel’s Message

Hebrews 11:4 – “...And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.”

Abel's 'Blood-Cry'

Genesis 4:10 – “And the LORD said, ‘What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground.’”

2 Kings 23:25-26, 24:3-4 – (25) “Before (*Josiah*) there was no king like him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses, nor did any like him arise after him. (26) Still the LORD did not turn from the burning of his great wrath, by which his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked him. (3) Surely this came upon Judah at the command of the LORD, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he had done, (4) and also for the innocent blood that he had shed. For he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and the LORD would not pardon.”

Revelation 17:5-6, 18:24 – (5) “And on her forehead was written a name of mystery: ‘Babylon the great, mother of prostitutes and of earth’s abominations.’ (6) And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. When I saw her, I marveled greatly.

(24) And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on earth.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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