

The Serpent's Seed Strikes **Genesis 4:1-16**

Cain reacts with anger when God rejects him and his offering. 1-5

- Eve's response to Cain's birth may imply she is thinking of 3:15.
- Why does God reject Cain and his offering? See 9-12, Heb.11:4.

God advises Cain to do right and master sin or it will master him. 6-7

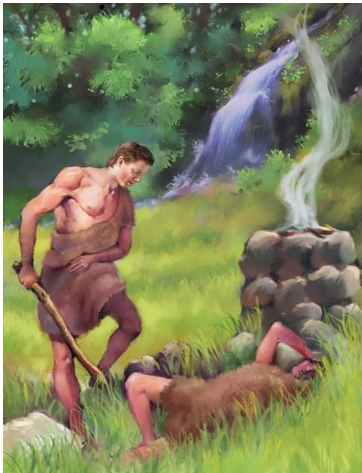
Note God intervenes with helpful questions and a warning, which recalls 3:16. Compare *sin* here to *sin* in Rom. 6:6,12-29.

Cain rejects God's advice and murders Abel. 8

Cain blows off God's gracious advice and murders Abel, but what what is his motive? Consider an unknown motive, recall 3:15, and see I Jn. 3:11ff., Matt. 23:33ff.

God confronts Cain and condemns him to a grim existence. 9-16

- Contrast Adam and Eve's response to God's questioning to Cain's. Cain offers the first human question recorded, and it's a doozy!
- God only cursed the ground in 3:17. Here Cain is cursed from the ground which had cried out. Notice how differently he responds to his sentence to how Adam and Eve responded.
- Note God's grace on Cain: no C.P. and even a mark of protection.



What should we learn from Cain's bad example here?

What should we learn from Abel's good example here?