

## Genesis 4 (New Revised Standard Version)

**1** Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have produced a man with the help of the Lord." **2** Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller 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 for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, 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 countenance fell. **6** The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? **7** If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it." **8** Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let us go out to the field." And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him. **9** Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" **10** And the Lord said, "What have you done? Listen; your brother's blood is crying out 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 till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." **13** Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear! **14** Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me." **15** Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill 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; and he built a city, and named it Enoch after his son Enoch. **18** To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad was the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael the father of Methushael, and Methushael the father of Lamech. **19** Lamech took two wives; the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. **20** Adah bore Jubal; he was the ancestor of those who live in tents and have livestock. **21** His brother's name was Jubal; he was the ancestor of all those who play the lyre and pipe. **22** Zillah bore Tubal-cain, who made all kinds of bronze and iron tools. The sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah. **23** Lamech said to his wives: "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say: I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for striking me. **24** If Cain is avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy-sevenfold." **25** Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, for she said, "God has appointed for me another child instead of Abel, because Cain killed him." **26** To Seth also a son was born, and he named him Enosh. At that time people began to invoke the name of the Lord.