

Genesis 4B

[Gen. 4:14](#) “Behold, You have driven me this day from the face of the ground; and from Your face I will be hidden, and I will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

[Gen. 4:15](#) So the LORD said to him, “Therefore whoever kills Cain, vengeance will be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD appointed a sign for Cain, so that no one finding him would slay him.

- Cain’s response
 - Driven from the face of the ground
 - Banished from the farming of the land – his way of life
 - If you are not able to maintain a presence in one place, you are forced to move around to find food
 - Moving around puts at risk from those who would harm you
 - The irony here is that what Cain himself started he is now concerned about receiving
 - The first murderer fears being murdered
 - What he sows, he now fears reaping
- And who might threaten Cain?
 - Reasonable estimates of population grow leave us with a likelihood that there were 20-30 thousand people on earth by the time Abel died
- So God responds to Cain’s concern with a measure of grace

[Matt. 5:44](#) “But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

[Matt. 5:45](#) so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous.

- He is bringing some protection to Cain
- The typical reading is that a mark was put on Cain, but the word for sign is oth – a sign like that given to Noah

- More likely, God simply gave Cain something that he knew meant that he could trust God's promise
- Why does God protect Cain?
 - Ultimately, Cain stands as a witness against lawlessness for many generations

[Gen. 4:16](#) ¶ Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

[Gen. 4:17](#) ¶ Cain had relations with his wife and she conceived, and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city Enoch, after the name of his son.

[Gen. 4:18](#) Now to Enoch was born Irad, and Irad became the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael became the father of Methushael, and Methushael became the father of Lamech.

- Cain is no longer in the presence of the Lord
 - And he goes east of Eden
 - East is always a picture of where the unrighteous go (Babylon)
 - Nod could be wanderer (similar to nud)
 - Shows fulfillment of prophecy
- Who was Cain's wife?
 - Ultimately a relative, maybe a sister
 - Son is Enoch, means dedicated toward something sacred as to God perhaps
 - Shows an outward attempt to please God (through works)
 - Cain builds a city in honor of his son
 - Doesn't necessarily mean that Cain didn't continue to wander
- After Cain, seven generations are named
 - Mehujael – mitten of God
 - Methusael – man of God
 - Ending with Lamech

- Seven suggests the culmination of something in Cain's line

[Gen. 4:19](#) Lamech took to himself two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other, Zillah.

[Gen. 4:20](#) Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and *have* livestock.

[Gen. 4:21](#) His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.

[Gen. 4:22](#) As for Zillah, she also gave birth to Tubal-cain, the forger of all implements of bronze and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.

- Look at Lamech
 - Takes two wives
 - God records it, not endorses it
 - Adah – adorned (outward)
 - Zillah – to grow or be dark
 - From Lamech came men who developed fundamental technologies
 - Herdsman
 - Musicians (string and wind instruments)
 - Tools
 - Worldly accomplishments and worldly praise
 - Everything you could want
 - Power, influence, intelligence, culture
 - Solely dependent on self and separated from God
 - Our life is the way it is because unbelievers seek to make their own world conform to their will, not to God's
 - Some Jewish teaching held that Naamah was the wife of Noah, which is why she was mentioned here.

[Gen. 4:23](#) ¶ Lamech said to his wives,
 “Adah and Zillah,
 Listen to my voice,
 You wives of Lamech,
 Give heed to my speech,
 For I have killed a man for wounding me;
 And a boy for striking me;

[Gen. 4:24](#) If Cain is avenged sevenfold,
 Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.”

- Oldest poetry
 - He has killed two men and brags about it
 - But more than bragging
 - Remember the fear that Cain felt
 - But God told Cain that the treat of God’s retaliation would protect him
 - Now Lamech kills twice
 - But he is without God so he comforts the wives by assuring them of even greater protection by his own hand
- The corruption of Cain’s line shines through now

[Gen. 4:25](#) ¶ Adam had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him Seth, for, *she said*, “God has appointed me another offspring in place of Abel, for Cain killed him.”

[Gen. 4:26](#) To Seth, to him also a son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then *men* began to call upon the name of the LORD.

- In contrast to Cain’s line, we return to Adam’s line through Seth
 - Seth means appointed
 - Given to replace the son lost with Seth
 - In Seth’s line, men again began to call upon the name of the Lord
 - If we look in Chap 5, we find that the seventh in the line of Seth ends in Enoch
 - A man so godly he avoided death

[Heb. 11:5](#) By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.

- Draw a contrast between Cain's line and Seth's line
- Ending in Rapture verses flood