

Introduction to Genesis Ch. 4

The first eleven chapters of Genesis establish foundational doctrines for the rest of the Bible.

ORIGIN of EARTH

For example, we have learned that the heavens and earth were originally created perfect (Gen.1:1).

- Then after the fall of Satan, they became *tohu waw bohu* (without form and void) (Gen.1:2; Isa.14).
- Some time later, God restored them to be inhabited by fish and sea monsters, birds, land animals, and mankind (Gen.1:3-31).
- Then after the fall of Adam, the earth was placed under an additional curse until the Second Coming of Christ (Gen.2:17; 3:17-19; Rom.8:18-25).
- Human body was made from the earth and to the earth it shall return (Gen.2:7; 3:19; Eccl.12:7).
- The geography of the post-diluvian earth was changed by the Noahic flood (Gen.6-8).
- In the heart of the earth, is a place called Sheol or Hades (Matt.12:40). In Sheol, there is a prison (bottomless pit) for the fallen angels of Genesis 6 rebellion (1 Pet.3:18-20). They will be kept there until the Second Coming of Christ (Rev.9:1-12; 20:1-1-10).
- In earth's Sheol, there is place called Torment for all unbelievers (Luke 16:22-23). They will be kept there until the Great White Throne judgment (Rev.20:11-15).
- In earth's Sheol, there was a place called Abraham's bosom for believers awaiting the resurrection of Jesus Christ (Luke 16:22). Because of the resurrection-ascension of Jesus Christ, a believer goes to heaven into the presence of Christ at physical death (2 Cor.5:6-8).
- In the end of human history, the earth will be renovated by fire for the new heavens and earth (2 Pet.3:9-13; Rev.21-22).

Chapter four of Genesis is another example of an important foundational doctrine. We will examine chapter four by the four following homiletical points on the **ORIGIN of HUMAN RACE**.

Gen.4:1-2	First family	of human race.
Gen.4:3-15	First murder	of the human race family.
Gen.4:16-24	First family	of unsaved human race.
Gen.4:25-26	First family	of saved human race.

This lesson will introduce FIVE aspects of Genesis 4 that are important to understanding the origin of the human race.

1. Genesis 4 introduces us to the propagation of the human race through Adam (father of all dying) and Eve (mother of all living).

“And He made from one (Adam), every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation. (Acts 17:26)

While procreation was discussed prior to AOS (Gen.1:26-28, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth), it did not commence until after the fall of Adam (Gen.4:1-2).

Chapter 4 teaches that first family of the human race consisted of Cain, Abel, and later Seth. Chapter 5 teaches that Adam and Eve had many sons and daughters after Seth (5:4).

2. Chapter 4 introduces us to Divine Institution #3 (DI#3), the family.

DI #1	Freedom	(Gen.1:27; 2:17)	The authority is your volition (choice).
DI #2	Marriage	(Gen.2:18-25; 3:16)	The authority is the husband
DI #3	Family	(Gen.4:1-2)	The authority are the parents
DI #4	Nation	(Gen.10-11)	The authority is the government.

Marriage is the boundary for all sexual foreplay and pleasure (1 Cor.6:18-7:2, 9).

- “Flee immorality.”
- “Glorify God in your body.”
- “It is not good for a man to touch (sexual arouse) a woman.”
- “Because of immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.”
- “If they do not have self-control, let them marry; for it is better to marry than to burn (with sexual lust).”

3. Chapter 4 introduces us to the first two families of the human races of the Antediluvian civilization.

- **Cainites represented the unsaved of the human race** and were destroyed by the Noahic flood. The genealogy of the Cainites is given in chapter 4 (4:16-24). Because Cain murdered Abel, God appointed Seth to replace him as the lineage of Christ (Gen.4:25). [This is the only record of their existence in human history.]
- **Sethites represented the saved of the human race** and were delivered out of the Noahic flood by the Ark. The genealogy of the Sethites will be given in chapter 5.

The sons and daughters born later to Adam and Eve will each volitionally chose to align themselves to the Cainites or Sethites by accepting or rejecting the prophetic gospel of Christ (Gen.5:4; 1 Cor.15:3-4; Gal.3:8).

4. As in the case of the origin of the other divine institutions, Satan immediately attacks the FAMILY.

- DI#1** – Satan attacked Eve’s freedom by usurping volitional authority (no OSN or OM; but cosmos evil).
- DI#2** – Satan attacked Adam by usurping husband authority of marriage (no OSN or OM but cosmos evil).
- DI#3** – Satan attacked Abel of the lineage of Christ (Gen.3:15) by hateful murder as an insider skirting parental authority (OSN; OMCD; 1 John 3:12).

We are introduced to the conflict between the unsaved in the family with NV to the truth of God’s word and the saved with PV to it. We have seen this many times in the bible like OT Joseph in Jacob’s family.

5. Chapter 4 introduces us to Satan’s attack (angelic conflict) upon the messianic seed of Gen.3:15.

Cain dominates chapter 4. Cain is mentioned 16 times in 26 verses. Satan used Cain to cause havoc upon those representing Christ in the world (2 Cor.2:11; 2 Tim.2:26).

ANGELIC CONFLICT

- God produced the first two people and Satan caused tragedy, death, pain and grief.
- Adam and Eve produced the next two people and Satan caused tragedy, death, pain and grief.

How do you beat Satan as a believer?

- “Greater is He (Holy Spirit) who is you than he who is in the world.” (1 John 4:4; Gal.5:16-17)
- “But resist him (devil), firm in your faith.” (1 Pet.5:8-9)
- “Get behind me, Satan! You (Peter) are a stumbling block to me; for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s.” (Matt.16:23)
- “This is the victory that overcomes the world – our faith.” (1John 5:4)