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## The beginning of false worship starts with mankind's first family

## Adam and Eve have been told to have children (Gen 1:28)

#### **Genesis 4:1-2 King James Version**

- 1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord.
- 2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

## REMEMBER, THERE NEVER WAS A PREGNANCY ON EARTH BEFORE THIS!!!!

## Imagine Adam and Eve's surprise and joy:

→ seeing Eve's belly enlarge

→ feeling the movement of the baby in her stomach

## God had promised that he would send the Savior through the seed of the woman

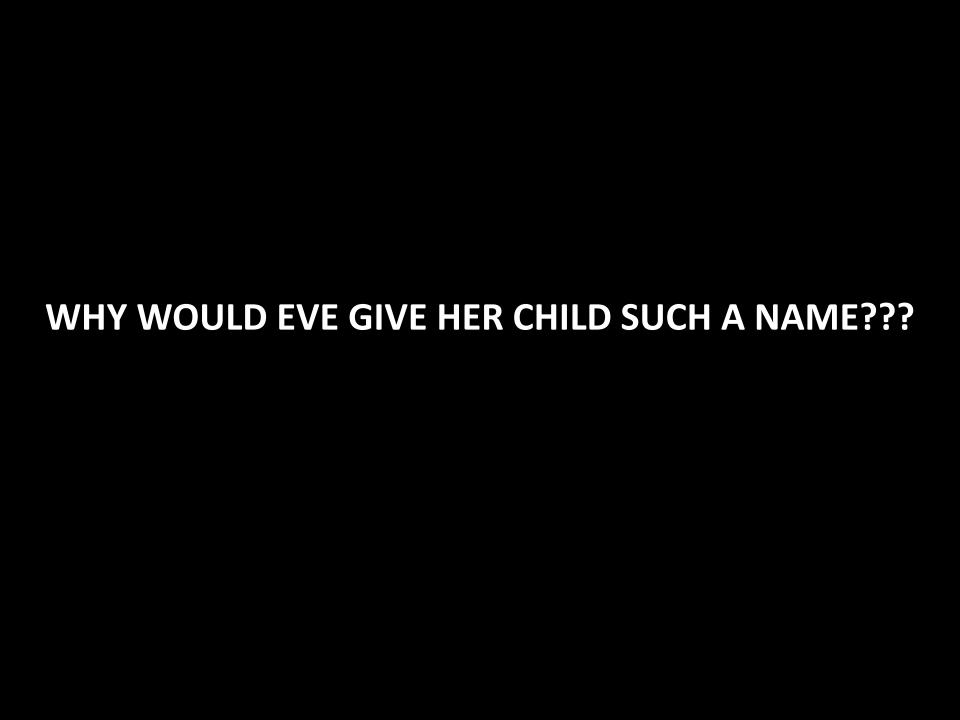
## The Bible tells us that the parents name their children Cain and Abel

### WHAT DO CAIN AND ABEL'S NAMES MEAN?

**CAIN** → Hebrew word means to acquire, possess or get

"I have gotten a man from the Lord"

ABEL → Hebrew word means vanity, breath, vapor, temporary, meaningless or emptiness



Some commentators think because her and Adam were working to cultivate land every day to survive, she became disillusioned.

### **Ecclesiastes 6:7 King James Version**

7 All the labour of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled.

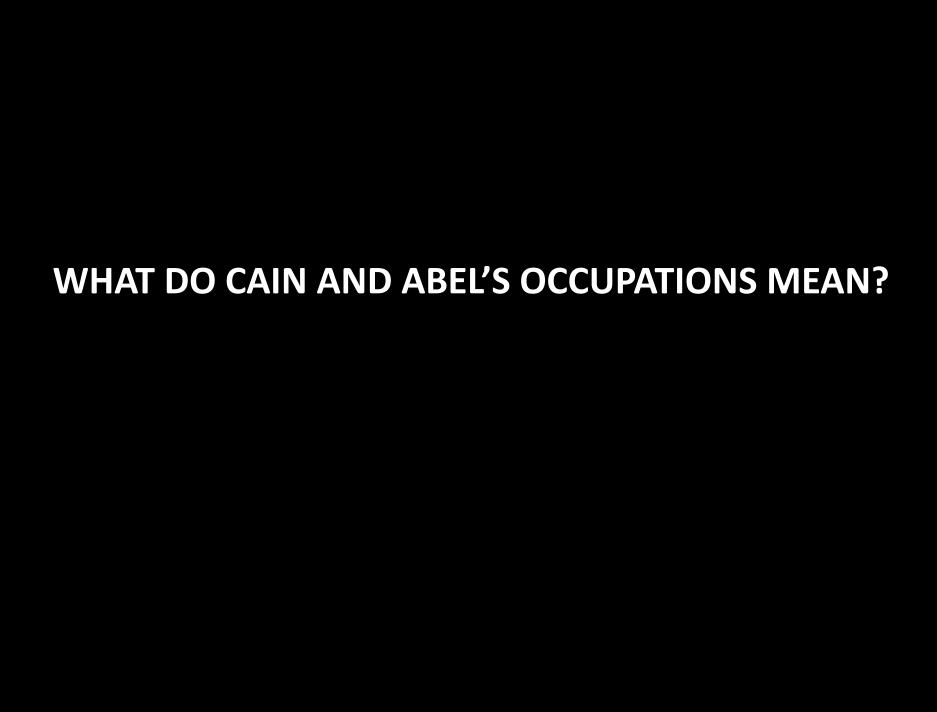
### **Psalm 103:14 King James Version**

14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

### **Psalm 39:5 King James Version**

5 Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah.

## PARENTS.....DO YOU SEE WHY THE NAMES YOU GIVE YOUR CHILDREN ARE SO IMPORTANT??



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## Abel was a herdsman, Cain was a farmer NOBLE PROFESSIONS

Their jobs were meant to support basic needs that we all have, as well as contribute to society

## WE SHOULD NEVER BE INVOLVED IN ANY PROFESSION THAT TEARS DOWN OR DESTROYS MANKIND/SOCIETY!!!

This also shows how parents needs to teach and raise their children to work hard and contribute in some way, shape or form

NO SLACKERS!!!! GOD DOES NOT LIKE LAZY PEOPLE!!!

## Now, we are about to see where and how the story turns

## THIS IS THE BE THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF FALSE WORSHIP

Genesis 4:3-4 King James Version

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that
Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an
offering unto the Lord.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

#### Make note of the words the Bible uses here

"And in the process of time..."

## How long of a time period was this? We dont know

WHAT WE SEE IS THAT THE BOYS ARE MOST LIKELY MEN NOW, AS EVIDENCED THAT THEY

**APPROACH GOD INDEPENDENT OF THEIR PARENTS** 

We may not where, but there is a specific time and place where the brothers approach the altar with their sacrifices

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED
THAT ADAM TAUGHT HIS SONS
HOW TO WORSHIP GOD PROPERLY??

# WHAT DO CAIN AND ABEL'S OFFERINGS MEAN??

## Scripture is very clear here, that God accepted Abel the man and his offering

#### **Hebrews 11:4 King James Version**

4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

#### WHAT WAS ABEL'S SACRIFICE?

→ An innocent animal's life and blood

#### WHY AN ANIMAL SACRIFICE?

→ Because more than likely Adam taught him from his mistake (Gen 3:21)

#### 1 Peter 2:4 King James Version

4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,.

#### 1 Peter 3:18 King James Version

18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Abel had faith and true worship, demonstrated by his following of God's instructions and belief God would accept his sacrifice

## WHAT ABOUT CAIN??

#### **Genesis 4:5 King James Version**

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

#### **CAIN GETS ANGRY WITH GOD!!!!!**

## THIS IS WHERE THE FIRST KILLER ON EARTH STARTS DOWN HIS EVIL PATH...

**ALL BECAUSE OF FALSE WORSHIP** 

#### IS YOUR BAD ATTITUDE SHOWING ON YOUR FACE???

#### IS HATE GROWING IN YOUR HEART??

#### **EVERY EVIL DEED STARTS AS A THOUGHT**

#### 1 John 3:12 King James Version

12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

#### **Jude 10-11 King James Version**

10 But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.

11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

#### WHY WAS CAIN'S WORSHIP FALSE???

#### He was seeking God's acceptance by:

- → his own way
- his own approach
- → his own works
- → his own mind and ideas

#### **God rejected Cain for these reasons:**

- → he needed an innocent animal sacrifice to substitute for his guilt and shame
  - → he needed faith to believe God would accept him if he approached the altar of sacrifice properly

# CAIN'S ANGER HAD TAKEN COMPLETE CONTROL OVER HIM

#### The Hebrew is very descriptive here:

→ he burned with anger/furious/full of rage

→ he walked around visibly upset

# CAIN WAS ANGRY AT GOD CAIN WAS ANGRY AND JEALOUS OF ABEL FOR BEING ACCEPTED BY GOD

## CAIN SHOULD HAVE BEEN MAD AT HIMSELF FOR HIS OWN UNBELIEF AND HYPOCRISY

#### **Psalm 37:8 King James Version**

8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

#### **Proverbs 22:24 King James Version**

24 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

#### **Matthew 5:22 King James Version**

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

#### **CAIN DID NOT LOVE HIS BROTHER!!**

#### HIS HATE DETERMINED HIS FATE

#### **Genesis 4:6-7 King James Version**

6 And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

## GOD QUESTIONS EARTH'S FIRST (ABOUT TO BE) KILLER

## Despite Cain's false worship being exposed, God is still willing to forgive him

The questions he asks are meant to stir Cain towards repentance

**GOD ALWAYS MEETS US WHERE WE ARE!!!!** 

YOU DONT HAVE TO GO FAR TO FIND HIM!!!

## ALWAYS REMEMBER, IS THERE ANY RECORDED RESPONSE BY CAIN TO GOD'S QUESTIONS??

WHAT DOES THAT TELL YOU?

# NOW WE HAVE SEEN THE BEGINNING OF FALSE WORSHIP

# NOW WE HAVE A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF CAIN'S TRUE SIN

### FALSE WORSHIP IS WHAT LEAD HIM TO BE ANGRY WITH GOD

### FALSE WORSHIP IS WHAT LEAD HIM TO BE ANGRY WITH ABEL

### FALSE WORSHIP IS WHAT LEAD HIM TO BE MURDER HIS BROTHER

## DO NOT LET FALSE WORSHIP LEAD YOU DOWN A ROAD TO DESTRUCTION!

#### **GOD WILL MEET YOU WHERE YOU ARE!!!!**

#### **CAST ASIDE YOUR ANGER AND RAGE!!!**

# LET GOD REPLACE YOUR BITTERNESS WITH BLESSINGS!!!!



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