

**“Fratricide”**  
**Genesis 4:1–26**  
**February 19, 2023**

“I believe that there is one story in the world, and only one...Humans are caught—in their lives, in their thoughts, in their hungers and ambitions, in their avarice and cruelty, and in their kindness and generosity too—in a net of good and evil...There is no other story. A man, after he has brushed off the dust and chips of his life, will have left only the hard, clean questions: Was it good or was it evil? Have I done well—or ill?” (John Steinbeck)

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” (Genesis 3:15)

### **The Story (Genesis 4:1–16)**

“The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.” (Genesis 3:20)

“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.” (Genesis 1:28)

“What is this that you have done?” (Genesis 3:13)

### **Abel**

“So that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.” (Matthew 23:35)

“By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.” (Hebrews 11:4)

### **Sin**

“Put to death therefore what is earthly in you.” (Colossians 3:5)

### **Cain**

“We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother’s righteous.” (1 John 3:12)

“In the way of Cain.” (Jude 11)

“Seven times, but seventy-seven times.” (Matthew 18:22)

“By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.” (1 John 3:16)

### **God**

“The son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.” (Luke 3:38)

“Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.” (Hebrews 12:24)

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:7–9)

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