

7. Cain, the First Murderer

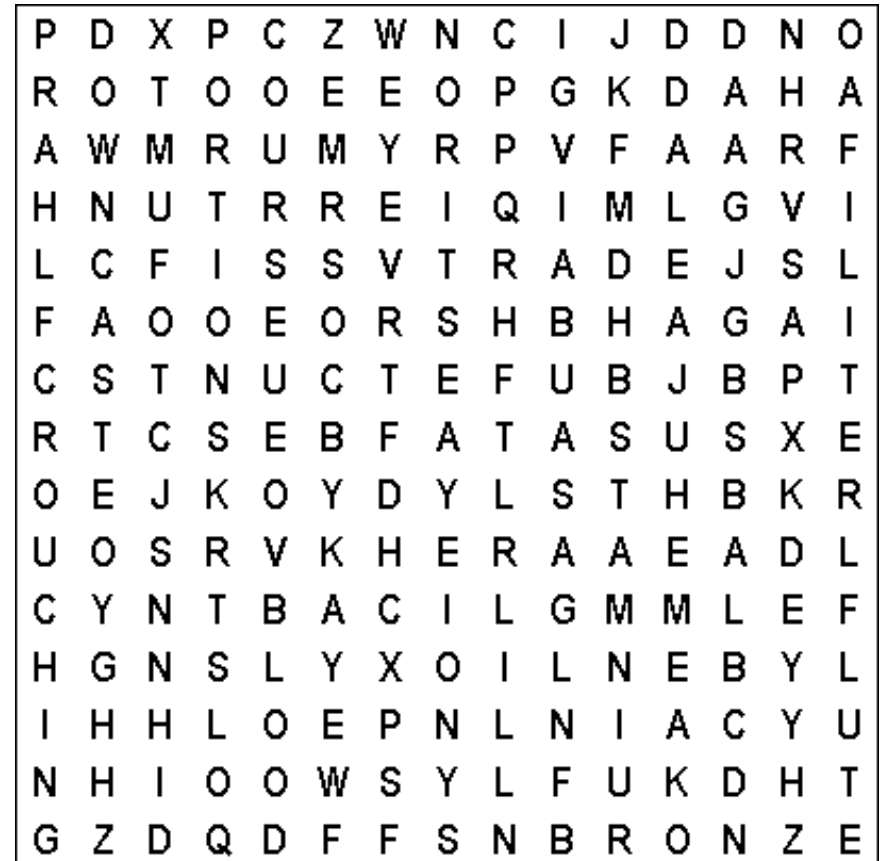
Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain ... Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD . But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

... while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him ... The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse ... When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

Cain said to the LORD , "My punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ... LORD said ... "Not so; if anyone kills Cain, he will suffer vengeance seven times over." ... So Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Cain lay with his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch. To Enoch was born Irada, and Irada was the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael was the father of Methushael, and Methushael was the father of Lamech. Lamech married two women, one named Adah and the other Zillah. Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who live in tents and raise livestock. His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play the harp and flute. Zillah also had a son, Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron. Tubal-Cain's sister was Naamah. (Genesis 4:1-8, 10-22 NIV)

By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. (Hebrews 11:4 NIV) ... We should love one another. Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you. (1 John 3:11-13 NIV)



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AHAD	FIELD	MASTER
ANGRY	FIRSTBORN	MEHUJAEEL
BLOOD	FLOCK	METHUSHAEL
BRONZE	FLUTE	NAAMAH
CAIN	HARP	PORTIONS
COURSE	IRAD	PRESENCE
CROUCHING	IRON	RESTLESS
DOWNCAST	JABAL	TUBAL
ENOCH	KILLED	ZILLAH