

# Genesis 4

## The First Murder and Continuation of the Messianic Promise



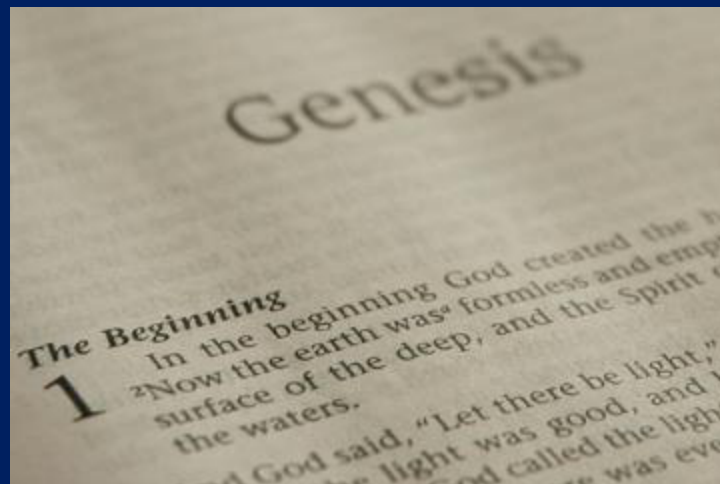
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II. Beginning of the Hebrew race (Gen. 12–50)



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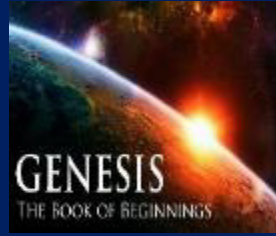
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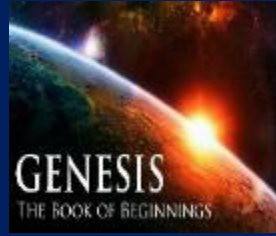


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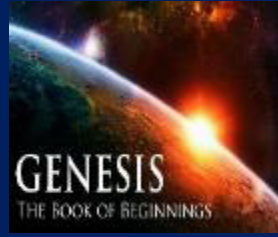
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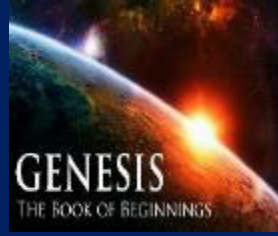
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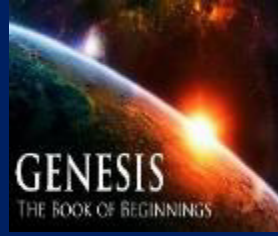


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# Genesis 2:24

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.



## Revelation 9:20-21

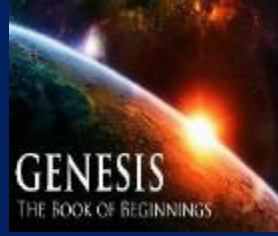
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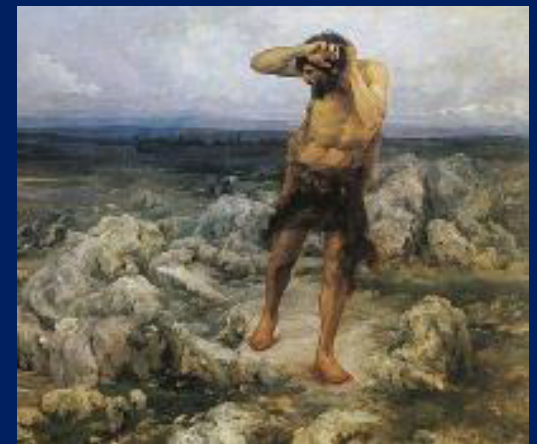
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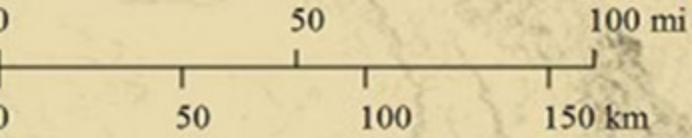


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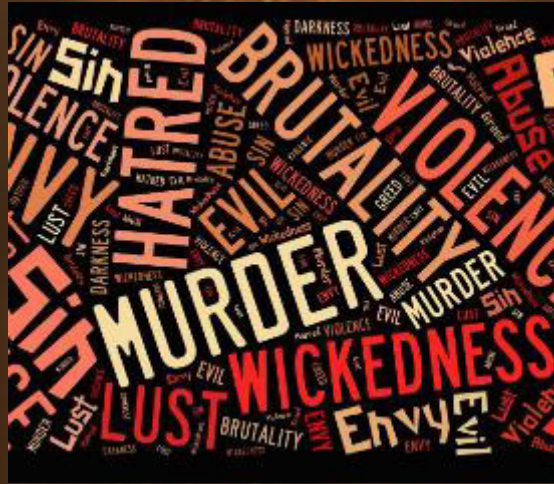






# Genesis 6:11

“Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence.”





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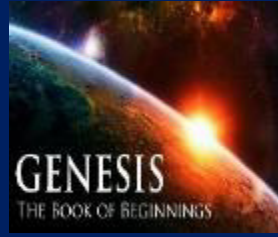
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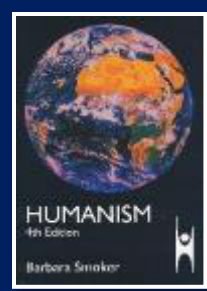
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a) Divine Vengeance – Gen. 4:15a

b) Protective Mark – Gen. 4:15b





# Humanist Beliefs

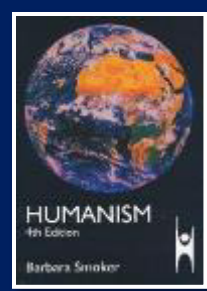
- The non-existence or irrelevancy of god
- Man as the center of all things
- The reality of evolution
- Man as an evolved animal rather than a special creature made in the image of his creator
- The absence of any absolute morals or values
- Confidence in the scientific method to solve the world's problems

# Fundamental Questions

## Christian Answers



- “Who am I?” - ***a special creation of God***
- “Where did I come from?” - ***from God’s design***
- “Why am I here?” - ***to know and glorify God***
- “Where am I going?” - ***to heaven***
- “How can I get there?” - ***only through Jesus Christ***



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## Humanistic Answers

- “Who am I?” - *a biological accident*
- “Where did I come from?” - *from the primordial soup*
- “Why am I here?” - *to fulfill self*
- “Where am I going?” - *toward a planetary new world order*
- “How can I get there?” - *the scientific method*



## Torcaso v. Watkins (1961)

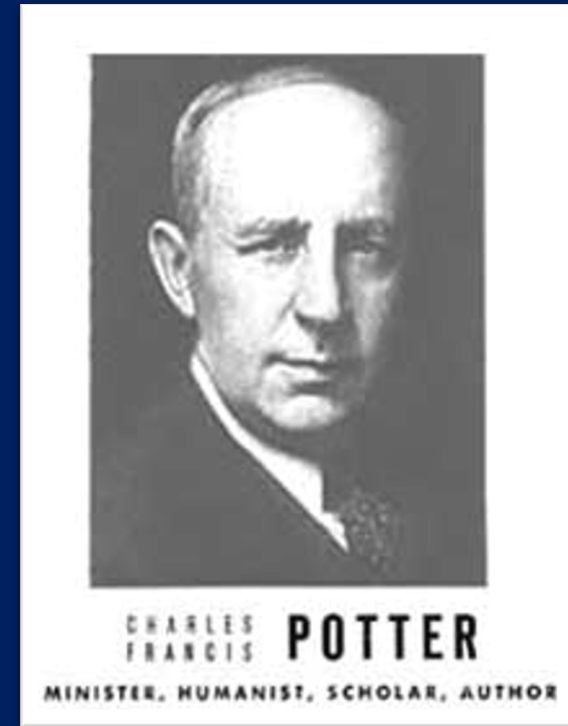
“Among the religions in this country which do not teach what would generally be considered a belief in the existence of God are Buddhism, Taoism, Ethical Culture, Secular *Humanism* and others” (italics added).



*Torcaso v. Watkins*, 367 U.S. 488, 495, n. 11 (1961).

# Humanist Proselytizing

“Education is thus a most powerful ally of Humanism, and every public school is a school of Humanism. What can the theistic Sunday-schools, meeting for an hour once a week, and teaching only a fraction of the children, do to stem the tide of a five-day program of humanistic teaching?”



Charles Francis Potter, *Humanism: A New Religion*  
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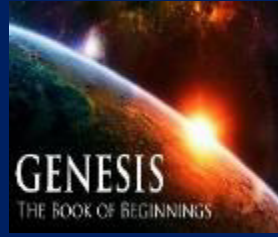


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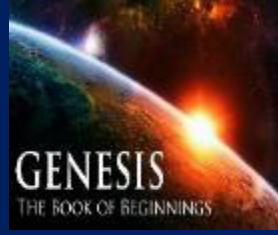
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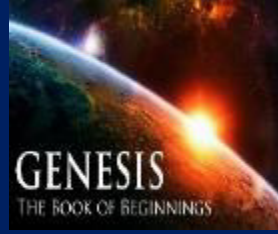
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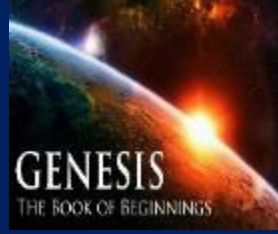
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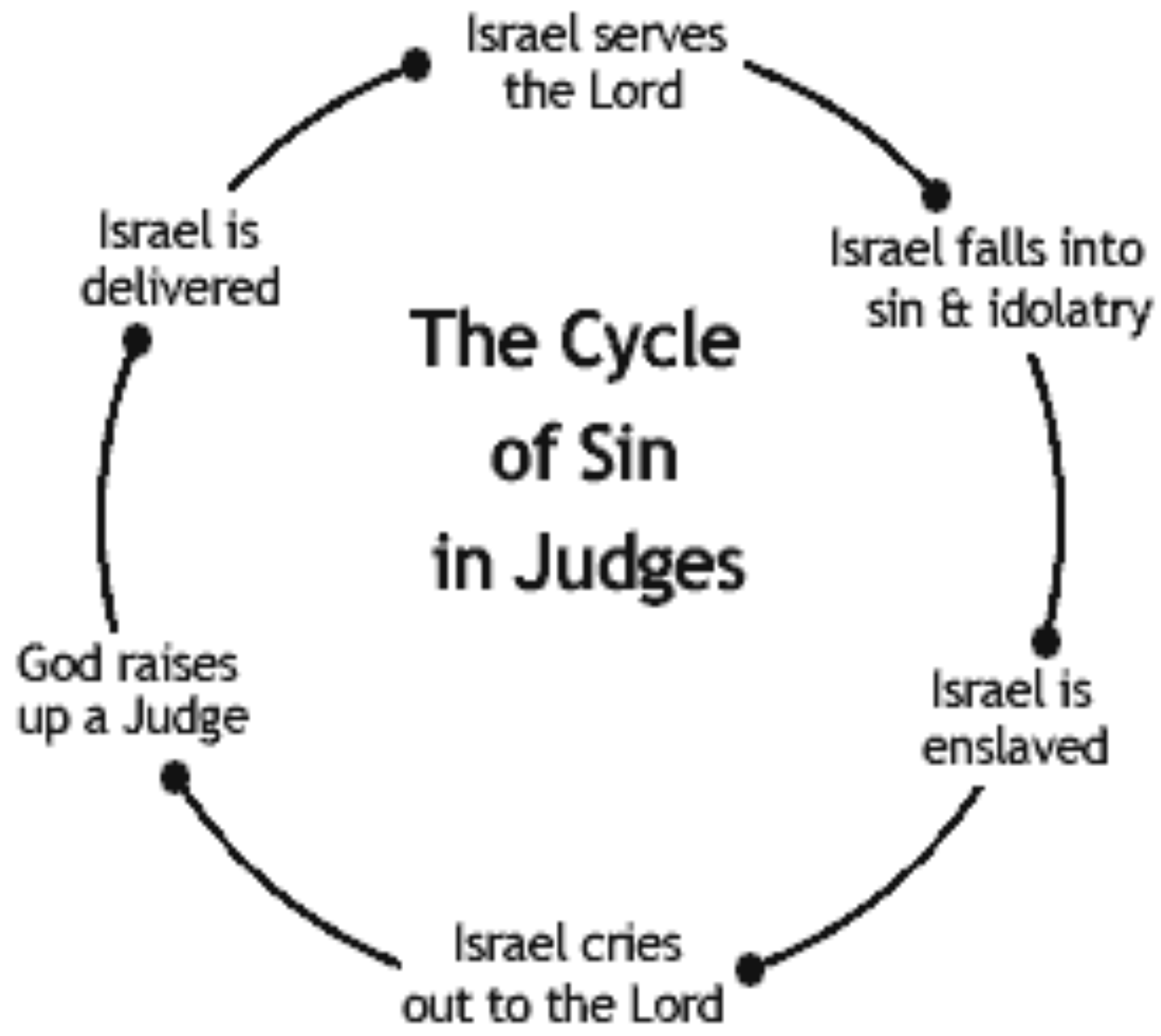
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<b>Patriarch</b>	<b>Age (in years)</b>	<b>Bible Reference</b>
Adam	930	Genesis 5:4
Seth	912	Genesis 5:8
Enosh	905	Genesis 5:11
Kenan	910	Genesis 5:14
Mahalalel	895	Genesis 5:17
Jared	962	Genesis 5:20
Enoch	365 (translated)	Genesis 5:23
Methuselah	969	Genesis 5:27
Lamech	777	Genesis 5:31
Noah	950	Genesis 9:29

Source: Answers in Genesis

# The Cycle of Sin in Judges

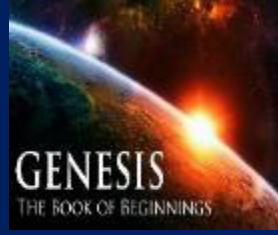


## Jesus Genealogy According to Matthew

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|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Abraham       | 15. Solomon         | 29. Shealtiel     |
| 2. Isaac         | 16. Rehoboam        | 30. Zerubbabel    |
| 3. Jacob         | 17. Abijah          | 31. Abiud         |
| 4. Judah         | 18. Asa             | 32. Eliakim       |
| 5. Perez         | 19. Jehosaphat      | 33. Azor          |
| 6. Hezron        | 20. Jehoram         | 34. Zadok         |
| 7. Ram           | 21. Uzziah          | 35. Achim         |
| 8. Amminadab     | 22. Jotham          | 36. Eliud         |
| 9. Nahshon       | 23. Ahaz            | 37. Eleazar       |
| 10. Salmon       | 24. Hezekiah.       | 38. Matthan       |
| 11. Boaz         | 25. Manasseh        | 39. Jacob         |
| 12. Obed         | 26. Amon            | 40. <b>Joseph</b> |
| 13. Jesse        | 27. Josiah          | 41. <b>Jesus</b>  |
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# LINEAGE OF ADAM

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Seth

Enoch

Enosh

Irada

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Jared

Lamech

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Juba, Tubal-Cain

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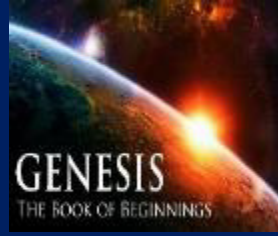
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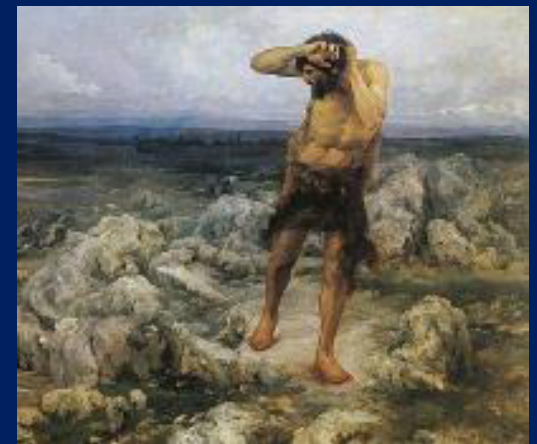
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“SATAN WAS PRESENT IN EDEN TO hear God’s first promise of the coming Redeemer. He realized that it would be fatal for him and his cause if the Redeemer were to come. Thus Satan’s primary goal throughout Old Testament history became the prevention of the Redeemer’s coming. Sometime after Adam and Eve gave birth to Cain and Abel, it became evident that one son was godly in attitude and that the other was ungodly. Evidently Abel’s godly attitude convinced Satan that Abel was either the Redeemer or the one through whose line of descent the Redeemer would come.”



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“Thus it became imperative to Satan to get rid of Abel. Inasmuch as Cain already was controlled by a rebellious, angry attitude, it didn’t take much to prompt him to kill his brother (Gen. 4:1–8). That Satan was involved in Cain’s slaying of his brother was made evident in 1 John 3:10–12. Because of Satan’s involvement Christ stated that the devil ‘was a murderer from the beginning’ (Jn. 8:44). Thus the first murder in history was committed because of Satan’s goal to prevent the Redeemer’s coming.”



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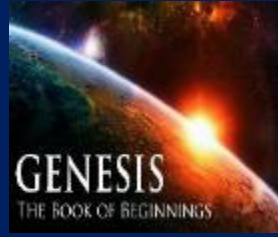
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“In His war against Satan, God counteracted the murder of Abel by giving Adam and Eve another godly son named Seth (Gen. 4:25). Since this name means ‘substitute,’ it is apparent that God meant Seth to be a substitute for Abel. (H. C. Leupold, *Exposition of Genesis*, p. 226). The genealogies found in Genesis 5; 11:10–32; and Luke 3:23–38 reveal that God also intended the Redeemer to come through Seth’s line of descent.”

Conclusion

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