

# Genesis 4

## The First Murder and Continuation of the Messianic Promise



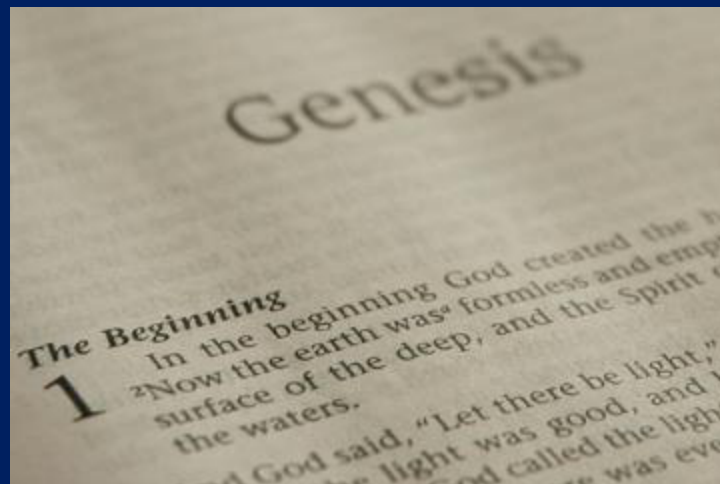
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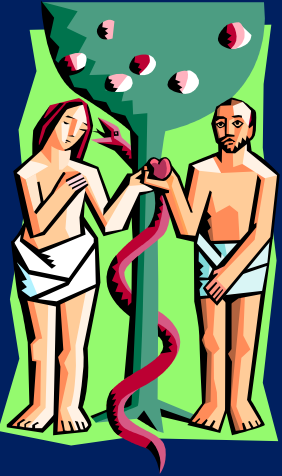




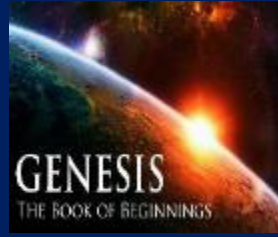
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- 3:1-5 Temptation by the serpent
- 3:6 Sin of Adam and Eve
- 3:7-13 Results of the sin
- 3:14-19 Imposition of divine judgments
- 3:20-24 God's provision in spite of the sin

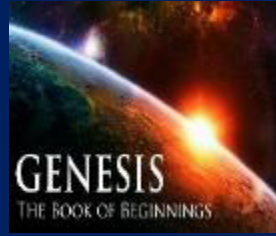


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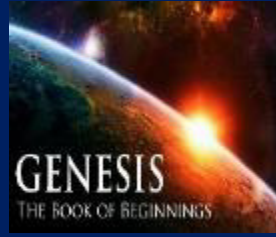
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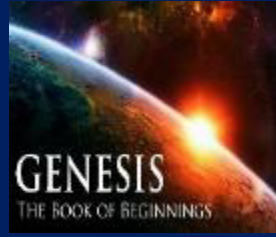
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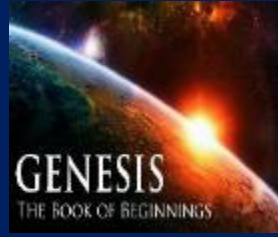
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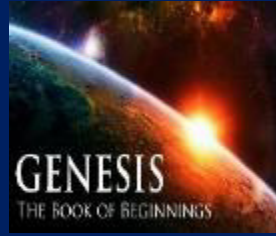
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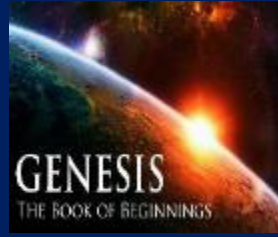
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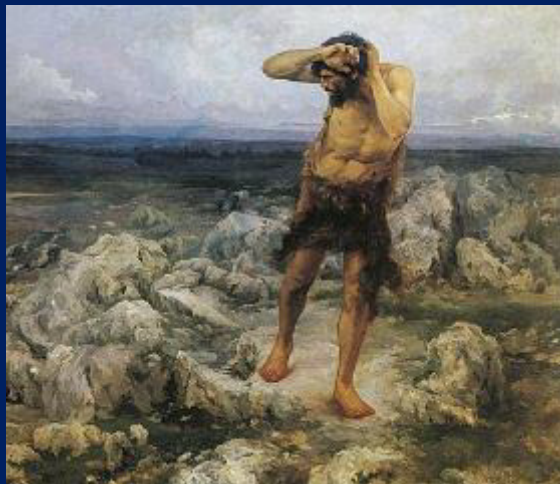
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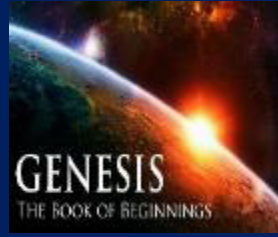
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# Similarities Between Genesis 3 & 4

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“Where are you?”	(3:9)	(4:9)
Divine curses	(3:14-19)	(4:11-12)
Curse on the land	(3:17-19)	(4:11)
Divine protection	(3:21)	(4:15)
Transgressor’s lack of remorse	(3:12-13)	(4:9)
Transgressors leave God’s presence	(3:24)	(4:16)

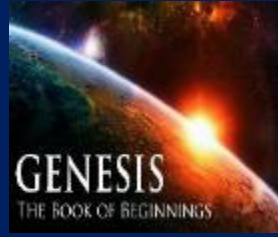
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Sin present at the outset		(4:5)
Absence of persuasion to sin	(3:1-5)	(4:6-7)
Murder		(4:3-8)
Protestation over judgment	(3:14-20)	(4:14)
Driven further from the presence of God	(3:23-24)	(4:16)

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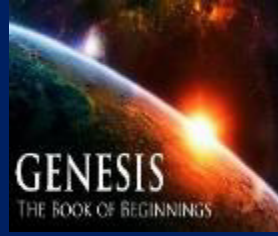
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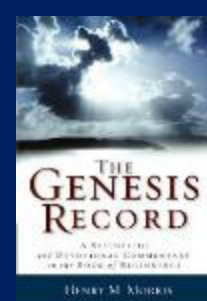
# Where Did Cain Get His Wife?



- He married his sister
- Adam and Eve lived long (Gen 5:5) and had many children (Gen 1:28; 5:4)
- First generation had to marry their brothers and sisters or there would have been no second generation







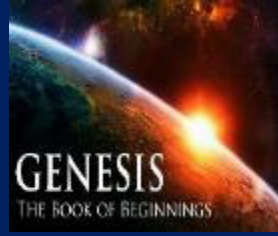
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“The ancient quibble about ‘Cain’s wife’ is thus seen to be quite trivial. Long before Cain died, there was a large population in the earth. By the time of the Deluge, 1,656 years after Creation by the Ussher chronology, even using the above conservative assumptions, the world population would have been at least seven billion people!”



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- First generation was genetically pure (Gen 1:31; Gen 20:12)
- Mosaic Law (Lev 18-20) not given until 2600 years later





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“In order to get this process of multiplication started, of course, at least one of Adam’s sons had to marry one of Adam’s daughters. Probably, in that first generation, all marriages were brother-sister marriages. In that early time, there were no mutant genes in the genetic systems of any of these children, so that no genetic harm could have resulted from close marriages. Many, many generations later, during the time of Moses, such mutations had accumulated to the point where such unions were genetically dangerous, so that incest was thenceforth prohibited in the Mosaic laws.”

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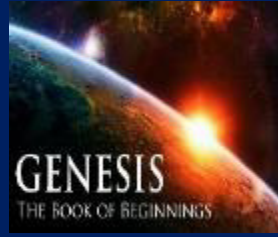
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# Genesis 1:26-28

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” <sup>27</sup> God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”





# 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.



## Genesis 6:1-4

“<sup>1</sup> Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them, <sup>2</sup> that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose. <sup>3</sup> Then the Lord said, ‘My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.’ <sup>4</sup> The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.”



## Revelation 9:20-21

“The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; <sup>21</sup> and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries (pharmakeia) nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.”





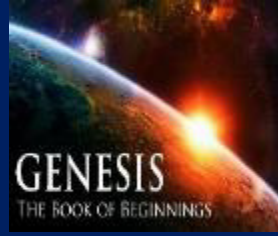
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**“Hence bad examples to youth are more rare in America... Atheism is unknown there, Infidelity rare and secret; so that great persons may live to a great age in that country without having their piety shocked by meeting with either Atheist or Infidel.”**

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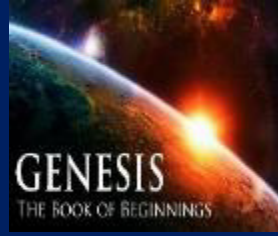
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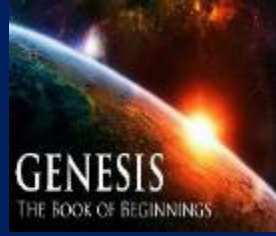
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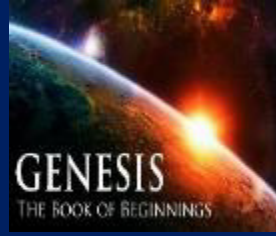
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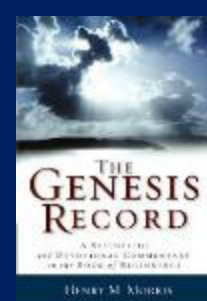
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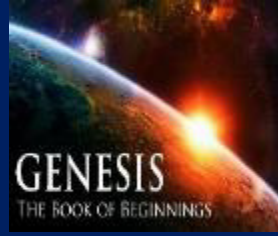
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“Musical instruments, another important aspect of modern culture, were also an early development. All of these things, in addition, confirm the necessary coexistence of a written language for formal communications. This is further intimated by use of the word ‘book’ in Genesis 5:1. More and more modern archaeological discoveries today are verifying the high degree of technology possessed by the earliest men, thus indirectly validating this Biblical testimony.”

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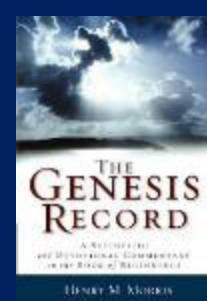


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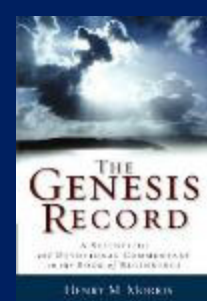




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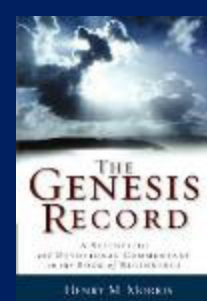
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“The ‘standard of living’ of the antediluvians, especially the Cainitic branch, was elevated tremendously by these talented sons of Lamech...Once again, it is significant to note that the elements which modern evolutionary archaeologists and anthropologists identify as the attributes of the emergence of evolving men from the stone age into true civilization—namely, urbanization, agriculture, animal domestication, and metallurgy—all were accomplished quickly by the early descendants of Adam and did not take hundreds of thousands of years.”



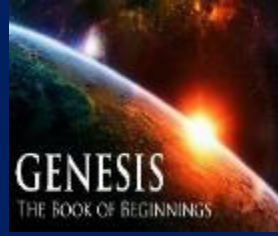
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“It is interesting that one of the identifying marks which evolutionary anthropologists use to denote the emergence of a ‘stone age’ culture into a civilized society is the development of urbanization. According to the Bible, the first such ‘city’...is the city built by Cain, in the very first generation after Adam. No long, million-year development here!”

# The Genius of Ancient Man

(Gen 4:19)



A. The Palace at Knossos on Crete

B. La Bastida in Spain

C. The Great Pyramids of Egypt

D. The Stonehenge of England

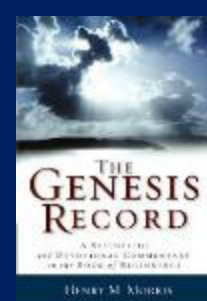
E. The Great Wall of China

F. The architecture of the Incas



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“Although these and other facets of civilization can be used for good purposes, they can easily become an end in themselves and can even be used as a means of further rebellion against God. The latter seems to have been their effect, and perhaps even their purpose, among the descendants of Cain.”

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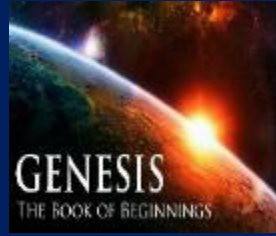
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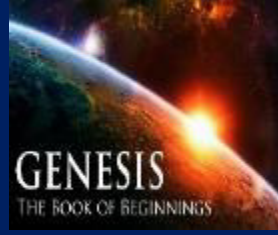
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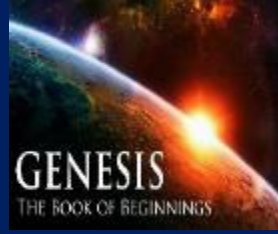
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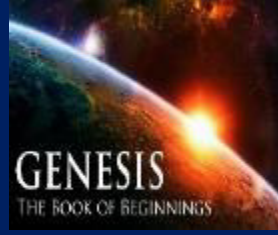
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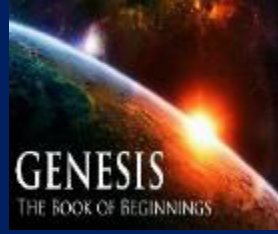
<b>Patriarch</b>	<b>Age (in years)</b>	<b>Bible Reference</b>
Adam	930	Genesis 5:4
Seth	912	Genesis 5:8
Enosh	905	Genesis 5:11
Kenan	910	Genesis 5:14
Mahalalel	895	Genesis 5:17
Jared	962	Genesis 5:20
Enoch	365 <small>(translated)</small>	Genesis 5:23
Methuselah	969	Genesis 5:27
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Source: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





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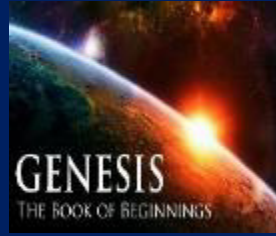
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“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)