

**THE
TRUE STORY
OF THE
OLD
TESTAMENT**

Responding to God's Revelation and Redemption

Responses to God's Revelation and Redemption

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1. Value a study of the Old Testament. 8.
2. Respond to God as your creator. 9.
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I. Cain Kills Abel

Today: Lesson 3a

II. God Preserves Noah and His Family

Next week: Lesson 3b

III. God Confuses the Languages



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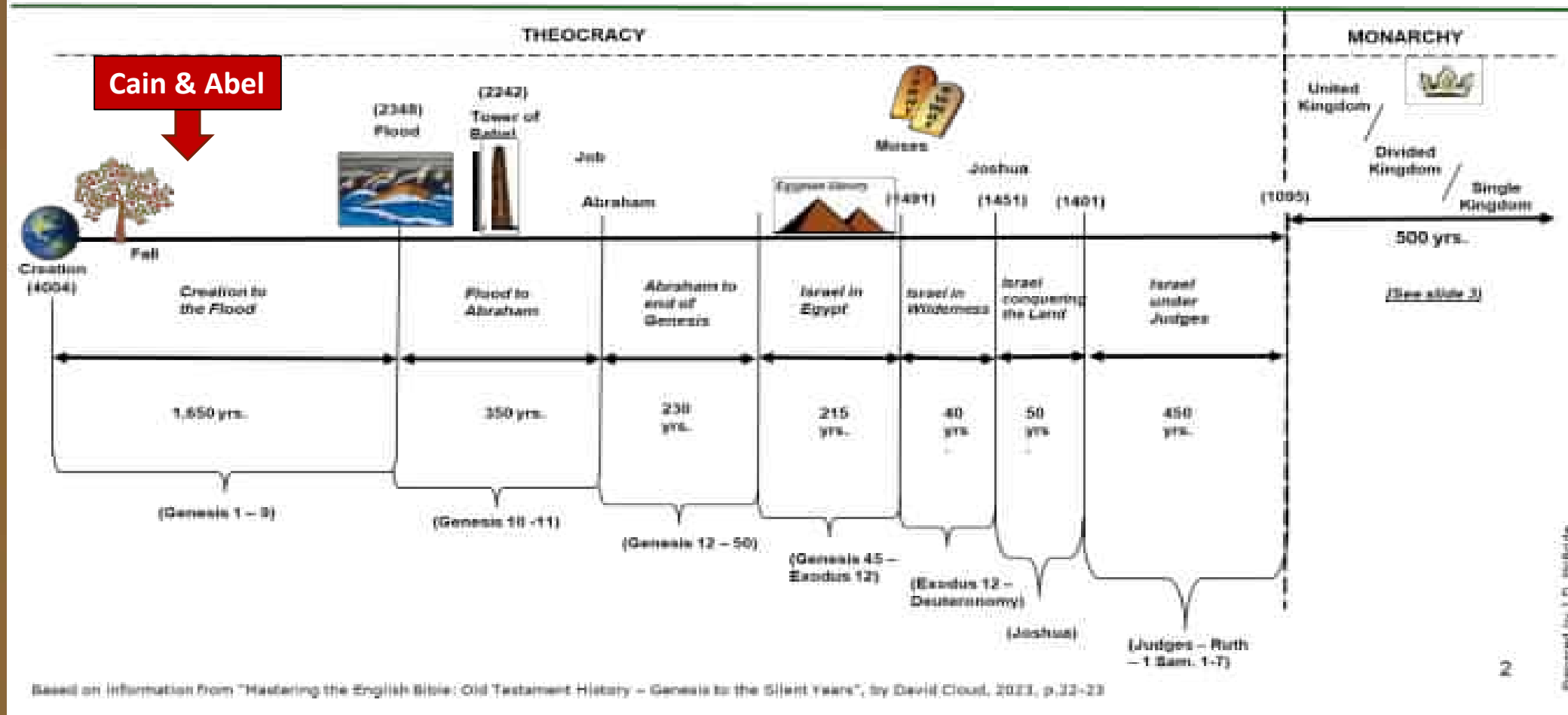


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A Timeline Overview of the Old Testament

NOT TO SCALE



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I. Cain Kills Abel (Gen.4:1-24)

A. Anger (4:5-7)

B. Murder (4:8)

C. Punishment (4:9-16)



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“The Beginning of Religion” (Gen.4:1-4)

“In this passage, we have the foundational truths about religion, both true and false...

God’s Word gives the example of two men who practiced the two different types of religion that are in the world, and in the divinely-inspired words of the account He lays out the fundamental timeless principles.”



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“The True Religion of Abel (Gen. 4:1-4)”

“Hebrews 11:4 says Abel’s offering continues to speak..
Abel’s offering speaks of:

- Respect for God’s Word
- The one true way to God
- Man’s sinful condition
- The necessity of a blood sacrifice
- The necessity of a Substitute
- Grace instead of works (Heb.11:4)
- Faith (Heb. 11:4)”



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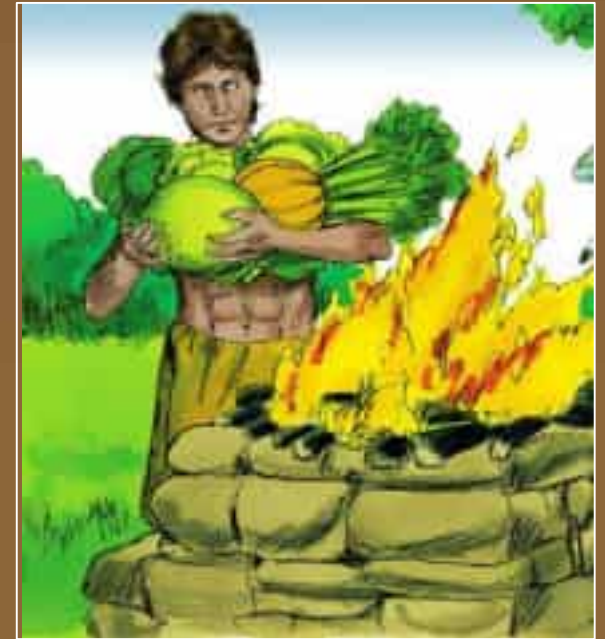
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“The False Religion of Cain”

“Jude 11 speaks of *‘the way of Cain’*..

The way of Cain is the way of:

- Rejecting God’s Word & choosing one’s own way and own thinking
- Believing by good works and religious deeds and rituals
- Believing that there are multiple paths to God
- A bloodless religion
- Pride and self-will
- Thought control and religious persecution”



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World Religion Day 2024

January 21, 2024

My Life, My Religion

Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism

Judaism, Baha i' Faith, Eckankar, Sikhism

Janis, Wicca, Unitarian Universalism, Shinto

Taoism, Thelema, Tenrikyo, Zoroastrianism



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Religion>

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A. Anger (Gen. 4:5 - 7)

Though Cain was angry, the Lord told him what was right and the danger of his anger.



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“Notice how patient God was with Cain, how kind. Most men hate the rebuke of God’s Word...But God’s rebuke is a sign of His love and mercy (Ps.1:23-26).”

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B. Murder (Gen. 4:8)



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Cain refused to repent and continued in his anger with Abel and with God, resulting in murder.

"...sin lieth at the door..."

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“ Has Religion Been a Chief Cause of Wars Throughout History?”

From a blog by Dylan J.T. Johnson, April 21, 2016

“According to the *Encyclopedia of Wars*, out of all 1,763 known/recorded historical conflicts, 121, or 6.87%, had religion as their primary cause.

Matthew White's *The Great Big Book of Horrible Things* gives religion as the primary cause of 11 of the world's 100 deadliest atrocities.”

From “Religious War” article in Wikipedia,



The St. Bartholomew's Day massacre of French Protestants, 1572

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“...the Lord cursed Cain directly so that the ground would no longer yield anything for him.

The punishment was appropriate, since Cain had been a farmer (4:2,12).

Cain was forced to wander the earth, scrounging for food. He became a wanderer in the land of wandering.”

“The True Story of the Old Testament”, Adult Bible Study Leader’s Guide, 2014, Regular Baptist Press, p.29

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"...God extended grace toward Cain, even in this punishment, by placing a sign on him, declaring that whoever would slay Cain would have vengeance meted out to him 'sevenfold'.

There is no way to know what sort of sign or 'mark' was used."

"Bible Study Commentary: Genesis", Leon J. Wood, 1981, Zondervan Publishing House, pg.39

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God's Judgment and Mercy

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Cain and Abel

Judgment

God kept the ground from yielding fruit for Cain.

Mercy

- God did not take Cain's life.
- God protected Cain from revenge seekers.

Additional: Cain's impact (4:16-24)

“Cain is the father of the evil world system.

This is the wicked civilization that is God's enemy and that God tells His people not to love (Jas. 4:4; I John 2:15-17).

It is a world:

- That tries to live without God (Gen. 4:16)
- Of the glorification of man (Gen. 4:17)
- Of immorality and corruption of marriage (Gen. 4:19)
- Of music and art (Gen. 4:21) – music can be used for good and evil
- Of technology and inventiveness (Gen. 4:20-24)
- Of violence (Gen. 4:23)
- Of pride (Gen. 4:24)
- Of vengeance (Gen. 4:24)”

“Mastering the English Bible: OT History – Genesis to the Silent Years”, David Cloud, p.59-60

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Additional: Seth (4:25-26)

After death of Abel, the Lord gave Adam and Eve another son, Seth.



“...it is through Seth that the line of Christ descends (Gen. 4:25-26).”

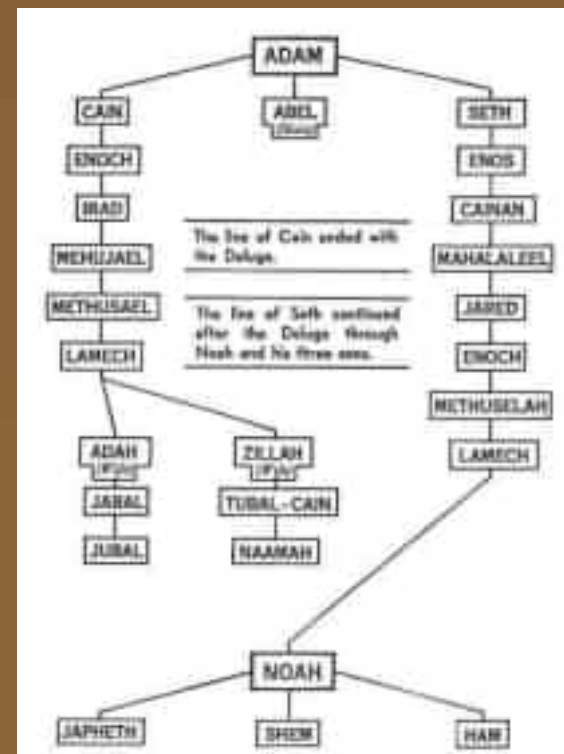
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Additional: Genealogy (Gen.5)

“The genealogies of the Bible are very important, because they trace the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah. It is one of the ways the Old testament points to Christ (Luke 24:44).”

“This chapter reminds us that God has given revelation to men throughout the centuries. Luke 1:70 and Acts 3:21 say that God has spoken by his holy prophets ‘*since the world began*’.



“*Mastering the English Bible: OT History – Genesis to the Silent Years*”, David Cloud, p.60, 61

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Additional: “Christ’s Genealogy” (Gen.5)

“It has been observed that the names of the men in Christ’s genealogy in Genesis 5 preach the gospel.”

- Adam – “man”
- Seth – “appointed”
- Enoch – “mortal”
- Kenan – “sorrow”
- Mahalael – “the blessed God”
- Jared – “shall come down”
- Enoch – “teaching”
- Methuselah – “his death shall bring”
- Lamech – “despairing”
- Noah – “comfort, rest”

“Man is appointed to mortality and sorrow, but the blessed God shall come down teaching and his death shall bring the despairing comfort.”

“Mastering the English Bible: OT History – Genesis to the Silent Years”, David Cloud, p.61

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Additional: Genealogy (Gen.5)

Notice with Cain's genealogy there is no references to length of years.

Pr 10:7 ¶ The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

Pr 10:25 As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.

Ec 8:13 But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God.

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“...sin lieth at the door...”



“We are still surprised by evil.

From Auschwitz to the events of September 11, we have been shocked into recognizing the startling capacity for evil within the human heart.

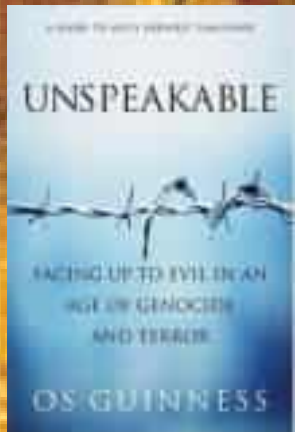
We now know 9/11 revealed that our country was unprepared in terms of national security, but it also showed we were intellectually and morally unprepared to deal with such a barbaric act.

Our language to describe evil and our ethical will to resist it have grown uncertain and confused.”

“Unspeakable: Facing Up to Evil in An Age of Genocide and Terror”, by Os Guinness, 2005, inside of book cover

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James 4:1

From whence come wars and fighting's among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

Mark 7:20 – 23

And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

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