

# CHAPTER ANALYSIS FORM

**Chapter:** 4

**Chapter Title:** Cain and Abel

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2. Observation		3. Interpretation	
What Does It Say?		What Does It Mean?	
Verse		Verse	
1-2	Cain and Abel born to Adam and Eve. Eve recognizes God's role in the birth of Cain. Cain becomes a farmer, Abel a shepherd.		
3-5a	Cain and Abel both bring offerings to God. Label's pleases God, Cain's is not pleasing.	3-5a	Just bringing an offering to God is not enough. Do I only bring "some" or do I bring the best?
5b-7	Cain angry with God because of offering. God admonishes Cain about resisting sin.	5b-7	Is there unconfessed sin in my life? Do I cling to God's grace in battling sin? Or do I allow sin to master me? NOTE: The Hebrew word for "desire" in verse 7 is the same word used in Genesis 3:16 when God curses Eve.
8-12	The violence and intensity of sin increases. Cain murders Abel and is unconcerned with his actions. Once again, God provides the opportunity for confession but Cain is unrepentant. Therefore, Cain is cursed by having his vocation taken away.	8-12	Murder is bad enough but premeditated murder of a family member shows how quickly the consequences of Adam's and Eve's sin are realized. God hears the cries of the innocent even after death. Do I harbor sin in my heart? Am I unrepentant when God brings that sin into the light?
13-14	Cain whines about his punishment. He is selfish and totally self-centered. Shows more concern about his own life than he did for Abel.	13-14	Do I willingly submit to God's correction or do I whine about God's being unfair?
15-16	Even now, God is merciful. He does not seek Cain's death nor will he allow others to seek his death. Cain leaves the presence of the Lord.	15-16	God is just and merciful. Which one is used for your judgement depends on whether or not you are His child.
17-22	Cain's descendants listed.		
23-24	Cain's descendant Lamech boasts to his wives about killing a man for wounding him.	23-24	Sin still progresses. Murder is Lamech's response to a slight. If Cain had been killed, God was his avenger. Lamech not only takes God's place as avenger but implies his vengeance is far more than God's.
25-26	Seth is born. Enosh is born to Seth. People begin to call on the name of the Lord.	25-26	Two lines of descendants come from Adam and Eve. One that seeks God and one that hides from God. That pattern continues to this day.

4. Correlation		5. Application
Where Else Is It Explained?		What Will I Do About It?
Verse		
3-5a	<b>Hebrews 11:4</b> Jude 1:8-11 Numbers 18:12, 17	
5b-7	1 Samuel 16:7 <b>Romans 6:12-13</b>	
8-12	Matthew 23:35 Luke 11:51 <b>1 John 3:12</b>	
13-14	Genesis 9:6 Numbers 35:19	
15-16	Ezekiel 9:3-6 Revelation 13:11-17	
23-24	Genesis 4:15 Deuteronomy 32:35 Romans 12:19 Hebrews 10:30	
25-26a	1 Chronicles 1:1 Luke 3:38	

## **6. Conclusions**

## **7. One Personal Application**