

# The Torah Project

## Genesis 4a

### Genesis 4:1

Now the adam knew (יָדַע, *yada*) Eve, his wife, and she conceived and birthed **Cain** (קַיִן), and she said, “**I have acquired** (קָנִיתִי, *kaniti*) a man with Adonai.”

קַיִן = "Abel"

## Matthew 7:21-23

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice Torah-lessness.’”

## 1 Corinthians 8:2-3

If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know; but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him.

## Genesis 47:23

Then Joseph said to the people, “Behold, **I have acquired** (קניתי, *kaniti*) today you and your land for Pharaoh...”

**To Eve:** “Yet your **desire** (תְּשׁוּקָה, *t’shukah*) shall be for your husband, and he shall **rule** (מָשַׁל, *mashal*) over you.”

**To Cain:** “... *sin is crouching at the opening; and its desire* (תְּשׁוּקָה, *t’shukah*) *is for you, but you must master* (מָשַׁל, *mashal*) *it.*”

### Song of Solomon 7:10

*“I am my beloved’s, And his **desire** is for me.”*

The basic meaning of ***mashal*** is to express the essence of something, to state its nature and purpose.

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## ADAM & EVE

- Sin & Consequences
- “**Where** are you?”
- **Hiding** from God
- **Exile** (from Eden)
- Difficulty farming
- **Earth** cursed

## CAIN

- Sin & Consequences
- “**Where** is your brother?”
- **Hiding** from God
- **Exile** (from the earth)
- Difficulty farming
- **Cain** cursed

### Matthew 23:34-35

“Therefore, behold, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city, that upon you may fall *the guilt of* all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of **righteous Abel** to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.”

## Hebrews 11:1-4

Now faith is the substance of *things* hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the men of old gained approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. By **faith Abel** offered to God a better sacrifice than **Cain**, through which he obtained the testimony that he was **righteous**, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

## 1 John 3:11-13

For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another; not as **Cain**, *who was of the evil one*, and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because **his deeds were evil**, and his brother's were **righteous**. Do not marvel, brethren, if the world hates you.

## Jude 1:4, 10-11

For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Yeshua Messiah ... But these men revile the things which they do not understand; and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed. Woe to them! For they have gone the way of **Cain**, and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of **Balaam**, and perished in the rebellion of **Korah**.

## James 1:19-21

*This* you know, my beloved brethren. But let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. Therefore putting aside all filthiness and *all* that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.