

Genesis 4

Life After Exiting the Protected Garden

Genesis 4:1-2 *And the man knew (intimately) his wife Eve. And she conceived and bore Cain, and said, I have gotten a man (with the help) of the Lord (Yehovah). And she continued to bear his brother Abel. And Abel became a shepherd of flocks. And Cain became a tiller of ground (like his father Adam).*

The following scriptures are of utmost importance for our understanding patterns required and encoded in our Second Covenant times as to how the Plan is typified in creation: who the principle parties are, and what is expected of us all. The actions of Cain and Abel relevant to their responsibilities to God are very clear examples for us to comprehend what is expected of us.

Pattern of Righteous Abel

Genesis 4:3 *And it came to pass that at the last moment, Cain brought an offering to the Lord (Yehovah) from the fruit of the ground.*

This was a really sloppy attitude from Cain. **The pattern in all the scriptures teach us that he was to be diligent in offering the very first of his harvest to God and not when he felt like it or from the last of it, as we will see.** There are rules and statutes to all of this. They were commenced when Adam and Eve exited the protected garden. They were given to them to test their faithful obedience since they failed miserably in Eden.

Genesis 4:4 *And Abel brought the **firstlings/firstborn** from his flocks, as well as their midriff choice pieces and fat.* (This is what was expected from the very beginning of those of the flock. It is typified throughout the history of the Elohim and Their people. It is a pattern that sets examples as to our Savior; the Second Adam, and to His Bride; the Second Eve. We will discuss this in length shortly but let's see how The Word/Yehovah addresses the activities of both Abel and

Cain as to offerings) *And the Lord (Yehovah) gazed with respect at Abel and to his offering.*

God is very pleased with Abel in following the statutes of the offerings of the firstborn as to their timing and quality.

Genesis 4:5-7 *As to Cain and to his offering He (The Word) did not gaze with respect. And Cain burned vehemently and his countenance showed his vehement displeasure and anger. And the Lord (Yehovah) said to Cain, why have you burned angrily and why has your countenance showed displeasure (towards Me). Is there not high praise, if you do well? If you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door and it is longing for you. But you should have dominion over it (and not it over you).*

Abel was righteous in his relationship with Yehovah/The Word but Cain was not!

Hebrews 11:4 *By faith Abel offered a more heartfelt sacrifice to God than Cain, by which he obtained witness to be righteous, God testifying over his sacrificial offerings; and through it, having died, he yet speaks.*

How does he yet speak? Because what he did as the first righteous, faithfully obedient man, became a vital part of the Plan of Salvation for mankind, in actual practice and in spiritual example. It is also witnessed to throughout the scriptures in deed and in example as well.

Sin enters through the mind first as we are taught and then manifests itself in the acts of the flesh. This lurking danger at the door to our minds is Satan, the devil, who is given the title of prince of the power of the air (**Ephesians 2:2**).

1 Peter 5:6-9 instructs us as to the common danger that this is for all:

1 Peter 5:6-9 *Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your anxiety onto Him because it matters to Him concerning you. Be sensible, watch, because your adversary the devil walks about as a roaring lion seeking someone, he may devour those whom are firmly resisting in*

*the faith, (if called and chosen, you are his number one target)
knowing the same sufferings that are in the world are coming full
circle in your brotherhood.*

The scriptures witness to the results of Cain not having dominion over the thoughts which Satan broadcast into his mind without resisting them at the moment they appear. Cain dwelt on them, let them come full blown in his mind and that resulted in him becoming furious at Yehovah for rejecting his worthless offerings of vegetables at the very end of the harvest. As is the pattern of much of mankind, he wanted to take his anger out on someone else, and who better than Abel who received praise from Yehovah. That is actually what happens at a future date to the One we know as the Son of God/Jesus in His relationship with the lords of Judaism, which is the religion of rejecting the commandments of God for their traditions contrary to God (**Mark 7:1-14**). This is the start of a very dark period for mankind.

Genesis 4:8 And Cain challenged his brother Abel as they were in the field and Cain rose in hostility against his brother Abel and ruthlessly slaughtered him.

Once again, things were not going well for man or the Plan of Salvation on the surface. But as we have mentioned all this was accounted for with many contingencies which could be put in place in the overall Plan. If required!

Pattern of Choice Pieces and Eternal Glory

Let's speak briefly about some of the righteous patterns contained throughout our segment of the Plan. Abel gave offerings from the flock, he gave his firstborn, and their choice midriff parts and the fat. **This is important to follow and get correct.** Both the firstborn, and the midriff parts from every sacrificed animal that shed blood from the flock represent our Lord and Savior in the Plan. Some understand the firstborn principle, but many do not understand about the significance about the choice pieces in the bosom. Our Savior's eternal glory, which He had before He emptied Himself of it (**Philippians 2:6-7**) was kept in the bosom of Father (**John 1:18**). His eternal glory which He set aside to become our Passover sacrifice and First of the Firstfruits Wavesheaf, was kept in the middle/center of Father's Being. It was returned to Him once He had completed all the tasks that He had to perform as to His sacrifice and examples He set for us.

(John 17:4-5). Paul tells us the glory that is awaiting the Bride when He returns for her is in the same place, if we, like Abel, qualify to receive it through our righteous acts.

Colossians 3:1-4 If then, you were raised with Christ (at baptism) seek the things above, where Christ is sitting at the right of God (Father); be disposed in your thinking of the things above, not the things on the earth, for you died (when you went under the water at baptism), and your life has been hidden with Christ in God (the Father). Whenever Christ our Life is revealed, then also you will be revealed in glory with Him.

Just as Christ's glory was kept in the bosom of His Father, so is ours in Him, through His Oneness with Father. The incredible value of the fatty lobe around the liver and the kidneys and their fat located in the midriff or center of the sacrifice belongs to God and no other, and signifies a very special place and function in the Plan of Salvation. **Leviticus 3:16 "...all the fat is Yehovah's.", 7:23-25; Exodus 29:13.** This pattern will continue even after Christ returns and sets up the Millennial Kingdom.

Yes, we will have qualified to share in Their Eternal Oneness as the Second Eve, the Eternal Helpmate of the Son of God in Father's household and to carry out the spiritual equivalent of being fruitful and multiplying.

Romans 8:16-17 The spirit itself bears witness with our spirit (spirit in man, thus two witnesses to confirm the matter) that we are children of Father God, and if His children, then heirs, heirs of Father God, and (thus) co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with, that we may also be glorified together.

Pattern of the Firstborn

Also, we see that (righteous) Abel offered up the firstlings, or the firstborn of his flocks to God. **The pattern of the firstborn is pivotal to our being able to understand all the segments to the Plan's purpose.** It too was incorporated into the fabric of the nation of Israel's sacrificial system and became a command to them when they exited Egypt after the first Passover. **Exodus 13:1-2, 34:19-20.**

However, it was also practiced and kept faithfully by some who came prior to that time.

Exodus 13:1-2 And the Lord (Yehovah) spoke to Moses, saying, set apart every firstborn to Me, the one opening every womb among the sons of Israel, among men and among livestock, they shall belong to Me!

We will focus on this vital pattern of the Plan as we move through the Plan's high points, such as when changes are implemented in the First Marriage Covenant terms and conditions which point to a more limited number in its application with big spiritual significance associated with them. **Numbers 3:12, 45**. It is not coincidental that this pattern started at the very beginning with the righteous son of Adam and Eve we know as Abel or "Breath." He was the first of mankind to be declared righteous by God, and Satan zeroed in on him. That too is a pattern of Satan's activity toward us which we should be very aware of, so we are not caught off guard.

Pattern of the Barley and the Church of the Firstborn

We saw the opposite of Abel when it came to Cain's offering of the fruit of the ground. He was to offer the very first of his fruits as an offering to God (the Elohim). He elected not to do that and brought the leftovers after the harvest was in. The pattern in scripture tells us all about the process and its timing.

Exodus 23:19 The first of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring to the house of the Lord (Yehovah) your God (Elohim).

Israel could not start a grain harvest without first making an offering of the very first grain to mature from the barley and the wheat. It is the maturing of the barley along with the start of the first crescent of the moon's cycle of Abib which is used to start the beginning of the Biblical year. This must be correct to keep the Appointed Times of meeting with God/Elohim on the right day. **The Plan of Salvation for mankind is tied symbolically to the harvests in Israel.** There is a lot of understanding given when their growth cycles are made clear. We will discuss this in great length later in the study. Leviticus chapter 2 and 23 hold very deep understandings to the actions of our Savior and in turn to us throughout the Plan

after the Marriage of Israel to Yehovah/The Word and the consummation of the terms and conditions of the First Marriage Covenant.

The righteous acts of faithfully obedient Abel have been required of all others coming after him who would be deemed righteous. He set the standard and example of righteous character which the Elohim had set as a goal in the Plan of Salvation. Once again, the Elohim gave man a choice in things after they had to leave the protection and hope of the garden of Eden. There are always rules and commands in every single part of the Plan to test our faithfulness in obedience. The patterns of the firstborn and firstfruit offerings; represent the relationship we have with our Savior in that He came to shed His blood on our behalf, to cover our sins by becoming our Passover Lamb Sacrifice. Prior to becoming our sacrifice, He also took the beating and crushing of the First of the Firstfruit Wavesheaf barley offering on our behalf. He is the Lamb of Father's household and the acceptable Wavesheaf of it as well. **He is of greater value than the sum total of all Their creation.**

This was all undertaken with a purpose and goal in mind. The Elohim want to create beings who will share Their eternity of Oneness in peace, harmony, and like-mindedness with Them. We are to be inseparable from these acts. They are the deeper things of God, as Paul refers to them. At this time the Second Adam, with Father's assistance, is qualifying an Eternal Helpmate, the Second Eve. It is not available to everyone. This is by Their choosing which is a course correction from the angelic qualification process and it is being done in increments. This spiritual equivalent to the physical is truly a mystery or hidden truth to most. They will be the Church of the Firstborn through Christ.

Hebrews 12:22-24 But you have drawn near Mount Zion even to the city of the Living God, to heavenly Jerusalem, to myriads of angels, to the festal gathering, a Church of the Firstborn, who were registered in Heaven, to God the Judge of all, and to spirits of just men who have been perfected in Jesus, the Mediator of the New Covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks of better things than that of Abel.

How did this happen and who are these firstborn who had been perfected in Jesus?

Ephesians 5:22-32 *Wives, willingly yield yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord; because a husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the Church, and He is Savior of the body. But even as the Church is willingly yielding to Christ, so also the wives to their own husbands in everything. Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself on its behalf, that He might sanctify it, cleansing it by the washing of the water in the word that He might present it to Himself as 'The Glorious Church,' not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it be holy and without blemish (tamycin sacrifice). So, husbands ought to love their wives (not like the example of the first Adam) as their own bodies; he who loves his wife, loves himself (symbolic of the fact Eve came out of Adam) for then no one hates his own flesh (like Adam did) but nourishes and cherishes it, even as also the Lord has the Church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. For this a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall be joined to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh. **The mystery is great, but I speak as to Christ and as to the Church.***

It is absolutely stunning how this is all an exact depiction of what we have covered to date with the actions and activities of the first Adam and Eve and the ultimate correction of that relationship on a spiritual level with the Second Adam and Second Eve.

Before we move on from this section of scripture and all of its understandings it gives to us, we will quote a few relevant Second Covenant scriptures which also address these patterns started here.

Colossians 1:15-20 *Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn (of Father) of all creation. For all things had been created in Him (Christ/The Word), the things in the heavens, and the things on the earth; the visible and the invisible; whether thrones, or lordships, or rulers, or authorities, all things have been created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and all things consist in Him. And He is the Head of the body, the Church; who is the Beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that he may be pre-eminent in all things;*

because all the fullness (of Father) was pleased to dwell in Him, and through Him making peace (a Thanksgiving Peace offering) by the blood of His cross, to reconcile all things to Himself through Him, whether the things on the earth, or the things in the heavens.

Romans 8:28-29 *But we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to the purpose; because whom He foreknew, He also predestined to conform to the image of His Son, for Him to be the Firstborn among many brethren.*

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 *But now Christ has been raised from the dead; He became the Firstfruit of those who had fallen asleep. For since death came through man, also through man (the Son of Man) a resurrection of the dead. For all die in (the first) Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ (the Second Adam), but each in his own order. Christ the Firstfruit, afterwards those in Christ at His coming.*

James 1:18 *Having purposed, He brought us forth by the Word of Truth, for us to be a certain Firstfruit of His creation.*

Revelation 14:4 *These are the ones who were not defiled with women (seducing pagan beliefs), for they are virgins. These are the ones following the Lamb wherever He may go. These are purchased from among men as Firstfruits? to God and to the Lamb.*

Please read the preceding context in Revelation 14:1-3 which is of the Bride of Christ, the Second Eve. All of the patterns from the start to the finish are inseparable and unstoppable. Their meaning and intent are made very clear in scriptural patterns and patterns of things which are made in creation for us to be without excuse. We will address them constantly as we move through the high points of the Plan as written in the Bible.

Now, the scriptural account moves into a very dark period of time which is a direct result of Cain's devil-induced thinking and actions. It is a time of mayhem, disobedience to the rules and commands of the Elohim and much more.

Murder, mayhem and lots of other evil will now grow in every way under the sun!