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HIS story is Not Random Part 7 The Battle of God and Satan Heats Un

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. Romans 5:12

"The Story of Cain and Abel"-Genesis 4:1-16

Adam lay with his wife **Eve**, and she became pregnant and **gave birth** to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man." 2 Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Genesis 4:1,2

A picture of God's grace and good plan for expansion on earth and hidden DNA called imputed sin.

In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. 4 But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, 5 but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. Genesis 4: 3-5 A picture of a clear understanding that an offering is in order; a heart of gratefulness and a hardened heart are revealed.

Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? 7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? Gen. 4:6,7a A picture of pride and self-pity. Cain knew he hadn't done it right.

But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; **it desires to** have you, but you must master it."

Genesis 4:7b

A picture of sin nature that needs guarded restraint.

Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. Genesis 4:8 A picture of unrestrained sin nature, born of premeditated evil.

Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?" Genesis 4:9

A nicture of the denial of responsibility and a heart without conscience.

The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground.

A picture of the cry for justice.

Genesis 4:10

Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

Genesis 4:11,12

A picture of the judgment on sin and the cursing of Cain.

Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is more than I can bear. 14 Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.'

Genesis 4:13.14

A picture that sin separates men from God and Cain's ensuing dread and awareness of his loss..

But the LORD said to him, "Not so; if anyone kills Cain, he will suffer vengeance seven times over." Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. 16 So Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden. Genesis 4:15,16 A picture of the contrast between God's mercy and man's vengeance.

The blood of Jesus cries out for forgiveness and mercy, not justice

You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of forgiveness instead of crying out for vengeance like the blood of Abel. Hebrews 12:24

Adam's sin brought death; Jesus death brought life

For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ. 16 And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, but God's free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins.

Romans 5:15,16