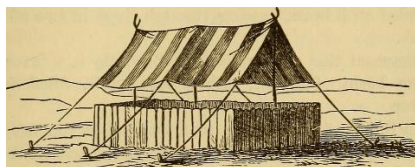


## **Genesis 4**

v2 – flocks	(noun)	groups of sheep or goats
v2 – soil	(noun)	the substance on the surface of the earth in which plants grow
v3 – offering	(noun)	a gift offered to God
v4 – favour	(noun)	approval
v5 – downcast	(adjective)	feeling sad and without hope
v7 – sin	(noun)	rejection of God; rebellion against God
v7 – crouching	(verb)	bending your legs under you so you are very close to the ground
v8 – field	(noun)	a large amount of land on which a crop is grown
v9 – keeper	(noun)	someone who is in charge of other people
v11 – curse	(noun)	an official announcement of bad fortune against someone because they rebelled against God
v12 – yield	(verb)	produce
v12 – crops	(noun)	plants that are grown for food
v12 – wanderer	(noun)	someone who walks around without intending to go in any specific direction
v15 – vengeance	(noun)	the act of killing, injuring or harming someone because they have harmed you
v19 – tents	(noun)	



v19 – livestock	(noun)	animals that are kept on a farm
v21 – pipes	(noun)	long hollow tubes
v22 – forged	(verb)	made metal goods by heating pieces of metal and then shaping them
v22 – tools	(noun)	equipment held in the hands and used to do a particular kind of work
v23 – wounding	(verb)	causing an injury to someone else
v24 – avenged	(verb)	hurt or punished someone who is responsible for a harmful act against someone else

## **Genesis 4 (New International Reader's Version)**

<sup>1</sup> Adam loved his wife Eve and slept with her. She became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the LORD's help I have had a baby boy." <sup>2</sup> Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Abel took care of sheep. Cain farmed the land. <sup>3</sup> After some time, Cain gathered some things he had grown. He brought them as an offering to the LORD. <sup>4</sup> And Abel also brought an offering. He brought the fattest parts of some animals from his flock. They were the first animals born to their mothers. The LORD was pleased with Abel and his offering. <sup>5</sup> But he wasn't pleased with Cain and his offering. So Cain became very angry, and his face was sad.

<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why are you looking so sad?" <sup>7</sup> Do what is right and then you will be accepted. If you don't do what is right, sin is waiting at your door to grab you. It desires to control you. But you must rule over it."

<sup>8</sup> Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." So they went out. There Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?"

"I don't know," Cain replied. "Am I supposed to take care of my brother?"

<sup>10</sup> The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup> So I am putting a curse on you. I am driving you away from this ground. It has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup> When you farm the land, it will not produce its crops for you anymore. You will be a restless person who wanders around on the earth."

<sup>13</sup> Cain said to the LORD, "You are punishing me more than I can take. <sup>14</sup> Today you are driving me away from the land. I will be hidden from you. I'll be a restless person who wanders around on the earth. Anyone who finds me will kill me."

<sup>15</sup> But the LORD said to him, "No. Anyone who kills you will be paid back seven times." The LORD put a mark on Cain. Then anyone who found him wouldn't kill him. <sup>16</sup> So Cain went away from the LORD. He lived in the land of Nod. It was east of Eden.

<sup>17</sup> Cain loved his wife and slept with her. She became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. At that time Cain was building a city. He named it after his son Enoch. <sup>18</sup> Enoch had a son named Irad. Irad was the father of Mehujael. Mehujael was the father of Methushael. And Methushael was the father of Lamech.

<sup>19</sup> Lamech married two women. One was named Adah, and the other was named Zillah. <sup>20</sup> Adah gave birth to Jabal. He was the father of people who live in tents and raise livestock. <sup>21</sup> His brother's name was Jubal. He was the father of everyone who plays stringed instruments and wind instruments. <sup>22</sup> Zillah also had a son. His name was Tubal-Cain. He made all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron. Tubal-Cain's sister was Naamah.

<sup>23</sup> Lamech said to his wives,

"Adah and Zillah, listen to me!

You wives of Lamech, hear my words!

I have killed a man because he wounded me.

I have killed a young man because he hurt me.

<sup>24</sup> Anyone who would have killed Cain would have been paid back seven times.

But anyone who hurts me will be paid back 77 times."

<sup>25</sup> Adam slept with his wife again. She gave birth to a son and named him Seth. She said, "God has given me another child. He will take the place of Abel, because Cain killed him." <sup>26</sup> Seth also had a son and named him Enosh.

Then people began to call on the name of the LORD.

### **Hebrews 12:18-24**

v18 – gloom	(noun)	a state of near darkness; feeling of lack of hope
v19 – blast	(noun)	a loud sudden sound
v19 – begged	(verb)	asked someone very anxiously to do (or not do) something
v20 – commanded	(verb)	gave an instruction that must be obeyed
v20 – stoned	(verb)	killed by throwing stones (rocks) at someone repeatedly
v21 – terrifying	(adjective)	very frightening
v21 – trembling	(verb)	shaking with fear
v22 – assembly	(noun)	a gathering of a large group of people
v23 – righteous	(noun)	people who are acceptable to God and have been declared by God to be in the right
v24 – mediator	(noun)	someone who helps a process to happen
v24 – covenant	(noun)	a formal agreement between two parties outlining their responsibilities to each other
v24 – sprinkled	(adjective)	scattered over an area

### **Hebrews 12:18-24 (New International Reader's Version)**

<sup>18</sup> You haven't come to a mountain that can be touched. You haven't come to a mountain burning with fire. You haven't come to darkness, gloom and storm. <sup>19</sup> You haven't come to a blast from God's trumpet. You haven't come to a voice speaking to you. When people heard that voice long ago, they begged it not to say anything more to them. <sup>20</sup> What God commanded was too much for them. He said, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be killed with stones." <sup>21</sup> The sight was terrifying. Moses said, "I am trembling with fear."

<sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion. You have come to the city of the living God. This is the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to a joyful gathering of angels. There are thousands and thousands of them. <sup>23</sup> You have come to the church of God's people. God's first and only Son is over all things. God's people share in what belongs to his Son. Their names are written in heaven. You have come to God, who is the Judge of all people. You have come to the spirits of godly people who have been made perfect. <sup>24</sup> You have come to Jesus. He is the go-between of a new covenant. You have come to the sprinkled blood. It promises better things than the blood of Abel.