



# Genesis

## LIFE OUTSIDE THE GARDEN

### Genesis 4

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**EXPULSION:** The sad state of affairs following humanity's act of disobedience is summarized in Genesis 3 and will be on full display beginning in Genesis 4.

**LIFE OUTSIDE THE GARDEN:** Adam and Eve begin life "east" of Eden.

**SYMMETRY OF THE TEXT:** Moses uses parallelism, numerology, and Hebraisms to communicate a tragic account in our ancient past.

**CAIN AND ABEL:** Two sons, two ways of life --- one tragic story:

- Two offerings to God
- God's rejection of Cain's offering seems to be connected to posture and priority
- Cain responds with despondency and anger
- God offers Cain an opportunity
- Cain's anger overwhelms him and leads to the first human murder in human history
- God's judgment
- Cain moves further "east" of Eden

**CAIN'S DESCENDANTS:** A story of the "descent" of humanity that includes the complexity of life.

BIRTH OF SETH: Renewal and hope now found in the  
“new” Adam - Enosh!

THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION: The New Testament writers  
reflect on this story: Matthew 23:35; Hebrews 11:4; 12:24; 1  
John 3:11-12; Jude 11