



## Genesis 4:1-5:32 (Andrew Everson)

Cain and Abel, Two genealogies: Cain to Lamech, Seth to Noah

### Themes

Abel and Cain, worship of God and worship of self

God's criterion for our acceptance

First murder – motive religious jealousy

Revenge or forgiveness seventy-seven times

The culmination of unfaithfulness in death and of faithfulness in hope

### Divisions

Genesis 4: 1-2 Birth of Cain and Abel

Genesis 4: 3-8 Abel's acceptance and Cain's jealousy

Genesis 4: 9-24 God's judgement on Cain, the line of Cain through to Lamech

Genesis 4: 25-26 Birth of Seth

Genesis 5: 1-32 The line of Seth through to Noah

### Genesis 4: 1-8

The continuing relationship of providential love of God for humankind. Relationship is one of direct communication

### Genesis 4: 3-8

The nature of Cain and Abel's gifts. Abel's is acceptable and Cain's is not. The moral basis of God's judgement – worship of God/ worship of self

The religiously motivated murder of Abel by Cain.

### Genesis 4: 9-24

God's judgement on Cain – distancing of Cain from God, but God's continuing provision for Cain.

Cain's refusal to accept to be itinerant but instead he seeks to build himself up through founding a city

Sin perpetuating through Cain's line culminating in the murder Lamech

The proud boast of overwhelming revenge contrasted with overwhelming forgiveness

### Genesis 4: 25-26

The birth of Seth to Adam and Eve as a son replacing Abel

Worship of God continues through the line of Seth

### Genesis 5: 1-32

It is reiterated that God created mankind in his own image. The concept of vocation of worship as God's image bearers

Contrast of this purpose or vocation – line of Seth and line of Cain