

Structure of Genesis 4

	Genesis 4		Parallels in Genesis 2-3
Genealogy	4:1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived , and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. 2 And she again bare his brother Abel.	17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived , and bare Enoch: [... descendants of Cain and their sin...] 25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, [said she], hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. 26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.	2:17; 3:5,7 know , knowledge 3:16 conceive , bear
Narrative: Approach to/Depart from the Lord	And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. 4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: 5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect.	16 And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden .	2:4-15 man enters the garden 3:23-24 man excluded from the garden • Settled east of the garden
Cain Opposes the Lord	And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.	13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment [is] greater than I can bear. 14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, [that] every one that findeth me shall slay me. 15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.	3:21 Gracious provision of a covering 3:24 "drove out"
The Lord Questions and Instructs Cain	6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? 7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee [shall be] his desire , and thou shalt rule over him.	9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where [is] Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: [Am] I my brother's keeper? 10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. 11 And now [art] thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; 12 When thou tillest the ground , it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.	2:17 Warning 3:8-13 Interrogation • 9 "where art thou?" • 10 voice heard 3:14-19 Judgment • 16 "desire"/"rule" • 17-19 ground resists cultivation
Sin: Cain	8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.		3:6-7 Sin (at center of the chiasm)