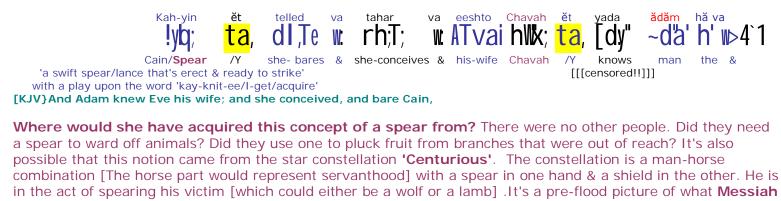
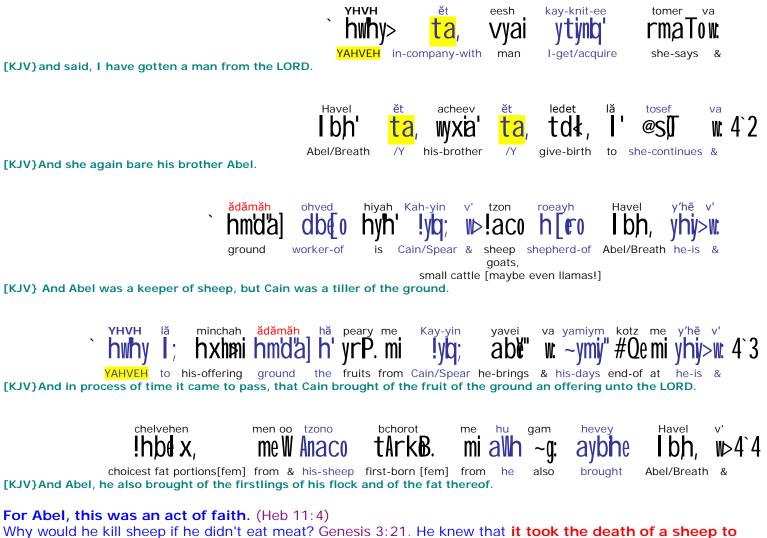
## Genesis 4:1-15

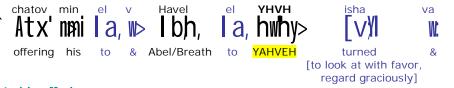


would accomplish. **According to Josephus** the knowledge of the stars goes right back to Adam & his son Seth. The star constellation pictures were corrupted into idol worship after the Flood. **Chavah/Eve** apparently thought Cain was the one who was going to take revenge on the **snake**. If she named him after the star constellation, then **her mistake would be that she named Cain after the spear instead of after the one carrying the spear**.



make a covering for sin. He took the very best of his first born ewes & sacrificed them to YAHVEH.

In OT worship, the fat was always offered to God (along with the animal's head upon which they laid their hands & confessed their sins. Lev 1:4,8). Because of this, the fat off of an animal was not to be eaten at any time. (See Lev 7:22-27) Keep in mind that Moses was the editor of this chapter, even though the original copy was probably written by Adam. When the Israelites read this, they understood that the only way to approach God was that a person first had to present a sin offering before any of his other offerings would be accepted. You have to have that understanding in order to understand what is going on here.



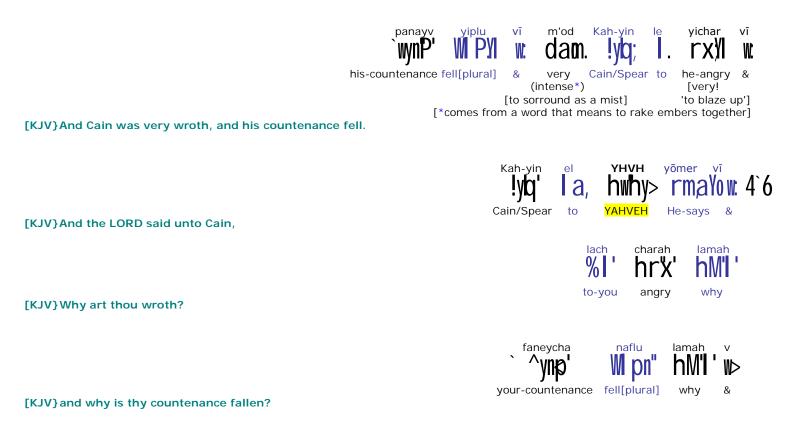
[KJV] And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:



[KJV] But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect

Cain also knew that **God couldn't be approached without presenting a covering for sin first**. He refused to do this. Instead, **Cain decided that God should accept him based on his own hard work**. But God wouldn't even look at his offering!

By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous. God testifying of his gifts; & through it he being dead still speaks. (Heb 11:4)



you-will-do-good ('to make good, to do well' )

you-will-do-good

chatat

sin[noun fem.sing.]

[to miss the target]



is-it-not (surely)



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you-will-be-forgiven (you will be forgiven & accepted & your countenance will be lifted up)

[KJV] shalt thou not be accepted?

[KJV] If thou doest well,

[KJV] and if thou doest not well,

\*crouching [\*NASB & text implied, because this 'unclean animal' is waiting to catch it's prey. 'Clean animals' don't prey upon others, so it has to be the kind of 'lying down' that's ready 'to spring up into action' like a cat or a dog waiting to catch something. Some versions say 'couches' which means 'to lie in ambush'] [KJV}sin lieth at the door.

tshukato desires [sina.]

roveitz

door (an-opening)

petach

to-you [preposition with plural suffix, 2nd person, singular, masculine]

eileycha



must-overpower-it must-master-it must-rule-in-it

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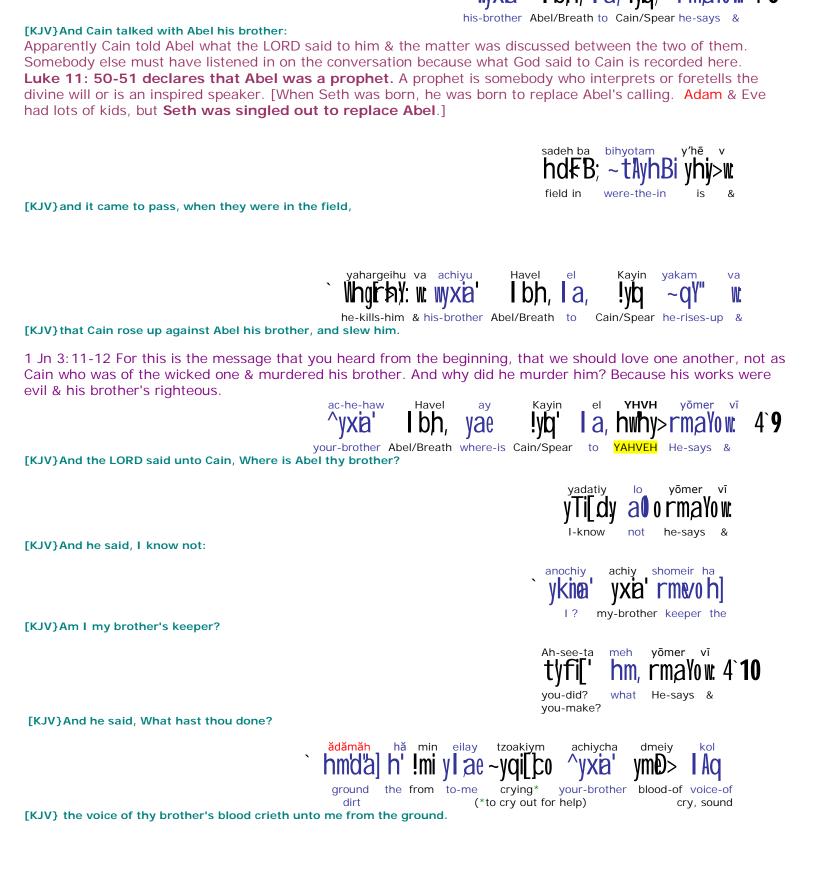
[an intense longing that's ready 'to run' after something in order to catch it!]

[KJV] and thou shalt rule over him.

[KJV] And unto thee shall be his desire,

Did some animals eat meat before the Flood? There's a lot of debate about it. There are two things that testify that some did. One is the fossil record. Sometimes fossil animals are found eating other fossil animals. They were buried in the process of eating their victims. The ones that I remember hearing about are fish. The other thing that testifies that they did is when God tells Cain, "And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door, and it's desire is for you, but you must master it." Genesis 4:7. God used an illustration that was familiar to Cain. It is of a predator, like some kind of cat or dog, lying in wait for it's victim. (Snakes don't crouch!) Another thing to consider is that Noach took on board the Ark animals & birds that had two classifications: They were either clean or unclean! A clean animal does not eat meat. It only eats from plants! Birds of prey are forbidden to be used as food in the Old Testament. (Leviticus 11:13-19) They are considered to be unclean. A fourth argument would be common sense. The curse began when Adam sinned. That was roughly 1500 or 1600 years before the Flood. Some animals would have died. In order to keep diseases from spreading, God sent His 'clean-up crews' to eat the carcasses. Also, insects and bugs multiply rapidly. There had to be birds that kept their population in check. Those sorts of things happened before the Flood, but it is my understanding that most animals were primarily vegetarians. Even the ones that ate meat only did so on certain occasions. Most of the time they too ate plants.

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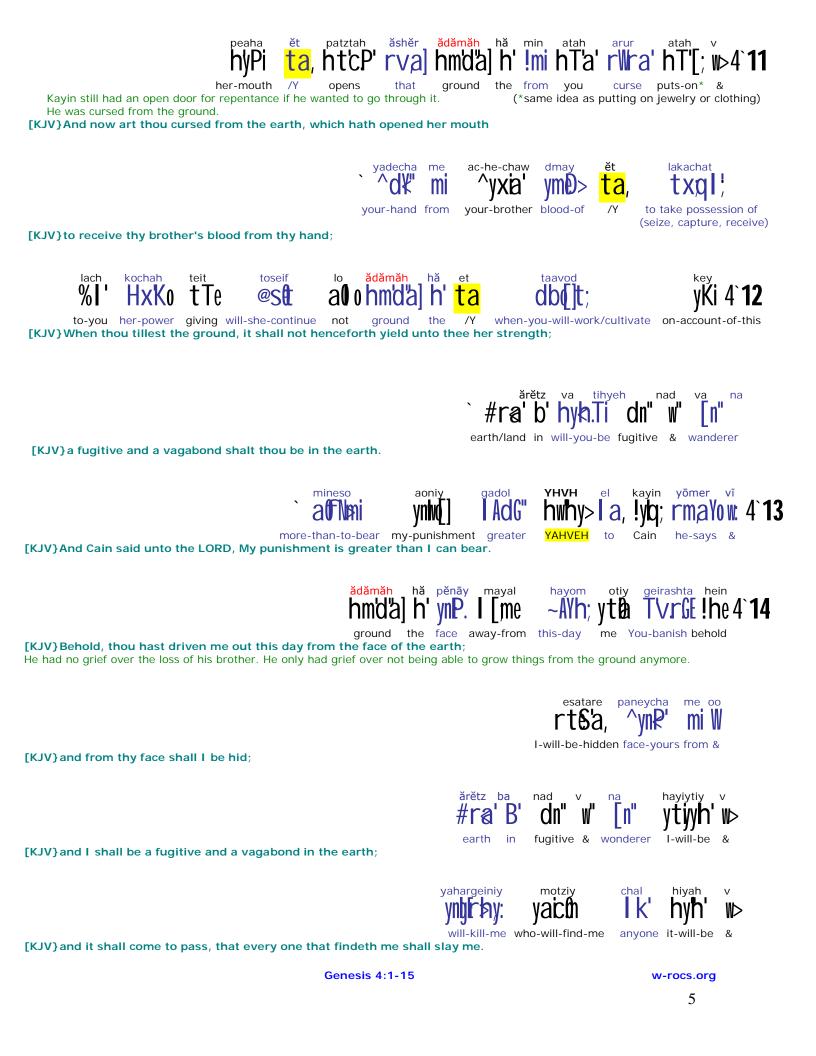
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[KJV] And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.



who-finds-him anyone him kill that-not mark [KJV] And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

Perhaps **YAHVEH** placed on Kayin the Hebrew letter used **for the number seven**.

In Biblical Hebrew it's a picture of a weapon, & it means 'to cut', or 'to cut off'.

In modern Hebrew it looks like this Z

It's the 7<sup>th</sup> letter of the Hebrew alphabet & it makes a 'z' sound.

In the oldest known writing, it was drawn as two parallel sticks disconnected from each other =

Later the Hebrews connected the two lines  $\neq$  and eventually it became a Z.

Man had a number system right from the beginning.