

# Genesis<sup>1</sup>, First Beginnings and Second..

## Starts

1. the tradition of stating that a son was born to his mother../
2. the tradition of a mother naming her son.../

The First Son of Adam is Cain. Cain *and his family-line or "house"*, begets, or ushers into, or maintains in, God's new creation, the following good, bad, ugly & beautiful things, which often come **out** of, or from them. This is a list of many "firsts":

1. jealousy/
2. pride(?)/
3. downcast face (depression?\ seething anger?)/
4. sullen, pretend listening/
5. pre-determined murder/
6. pleading ignorance to cover/
7. invulnerability/
8. pleading severity of punishment to cover weakness/
9. settles down as a wanderer (not a pilgrim) away from the source of relationship with the centre of creation.

<sup>4:1</sup> Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, 'I have produced[a] a man with the help of the Lord.' <sup>2</sup> Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. <sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup> and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. <sup>6</sup> The Lord said to Cain, 'Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen?' <sup>7</sup> If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.'

<sup>8</sup> Cain said to his brother Abel, 'Let us go out to the field.' [b] And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup> Then the Lord said to Cain, 'Where is your brother Abel?' He said, 'I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?' <sup>10</sup> And the Lord said, 'What have you done? Listen; your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground!' <sup>11</sup> And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup> When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.' <sup>13</sup> Cain said to the Lord, 'My punishment is greater than I can bear!' <sup>14</sup> Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your

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<sup>1</sup> Genesis 4:1-5:32



20. Further instances of “To ... a son was born (or ... begat”)/

21. Further instances of “And he named him...”

18 Enoch had a son named Irad. Irad became the father of[f] Mehujael. Mehujael became the father of Methushael. Methushael became the father of Lamech.

## Restart

1. The tradition is maintained from the time of Adam & Eve with Cain, of stating that a son was born to his mother../
2. The tradition is continued from the time of Adam & Eve with Cain, of a mother naming her son.../

## The next son of Adam is Seth, and his "house", or family-line

1. Further instances of “ ... became the father of..” (or ... begat..”)/
2. Further instances of “And he named him...”

25 Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, for she said, ‘God has appointed[e] for me another child instead of Abel, because Cain killed him.’ 26 To Seth also a son was born, and he named him Enosh. At that time people began to invoke the name of the Lord.

hū·hal,	liq·rō	bə·šēm
הוּחַל	לִיקְרוֹ	בְּשֵׁם
men] began	to call	on the name
V-Hofal-Perf-3ms	Prep-l   -Qal-Inf	Prep-b   N-msc

3. We are reminded that as Adam “had a son who was the spitting image of his old man”, so the original ADAM (male & female) were the spitting image of their “old man”, their DIVINE PARENT. (This can help us work backwards in understanding what this “image & likeness” might mean, working from the known to the unknown; it may mean that someone is the offspring or child of - the one whom they are said to be “in the image & likeness of”. Not just pets, or creative products, or slaves, but **children** of the aforementioned one.)

<sup>5:1</sup> This is the list of the descendants of Adam. When God created humankind,[a] he made them[b] in the likeness of God. <sup>2</sup> Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them ‘Humankind’[c] when they were created.

<sup>3</sup> When Adam had lived for one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth. ...

4. We are told that the father had **so many** years of experience in life before his son was born, and that then **he became the father of ... (the name of his son)**, & stayed around (enough that his years were counted), for **another so many** years after that.

- See verse 3 above, again, then... 5:4 The days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years; and he had other sons and daughters. 5 Thus all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died.
- 5:6 When Seth had lived for one hundred and five years, he became the father of Enosh. 7 Seth lived after the birth of Enosh for eight hundred and seven years, and had other sons and daughters. 8 Thus all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years; and he died.
- 5:9 When Enosh had lived for ninety years, he became the father of Kenan. 10 Enosh lived after the birth of Kenan for eight hundred and fifteen years, and had other sons and daughters. 11 Thus all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years; and he died.
- 5:12 When Kenan had lived for seventy years, he became the father of Mahalalel. 13 Kenan lived after the birth of Mahalalel for eight hundred and forty years, and had other sons and daughters. 14 Thus all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years; and he died.
- 15 When Mahalalel had lived for sixty-five years, he became the father of Jared. 16 Mahalalel lived after the birth of Jared for eight hundred and thirty years, and had other sons and daughters. 17 Thus all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years; and he died.
- 18 When Jared had lived for one hundred and sixty-two years he became the father of Enoch. 19 Jared lived after the birth of Enoch for eight hundred years, and had other sons and daughters. 20 Thus all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years; and he died.
- 21 When Enoch had lived for sixty-five years, he became the father of Methuselah. 22 Enoch walked with God after the birth of Methuselah for three hundred years, and had other sons and daughters. 23 Thus all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. 24 Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him.
- 25 When Methuselah had lived for one hundred and eighty-seven years, he became the father of Lamech. 26 Methuselah lived after the birth of Lamech for seven hundred and eighty-two years, and had other sons and daughters. 27 Thus all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died.
- 28 When Lamech had lived for one hundred and eighty-two years, he became the father of a son; 29 he named him Noah, saying, 'Out of the ground that the Lord has cursed this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the toil of our hands.' 30 Lamech lived after the birth of Noah for five hundred and ninety-five years, and had other sons and daughters. 31 Thus all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years; and he died.
- 32 After Noah was five hundred years old, Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth....