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Acts 17:11 (ESV)

Now these (Berean) Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

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Blessing for Torah Study

Blessed are you, LORD God, King of the universe who sanctifies us and commanded us to immerse ourselves in the words of Torah. Sweeten the words of your Torah in our mouths. Blessed are you Lord, giver of the Torah. אמן!



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Lesson Summary

Eve gives birth to two sons, Cain and Abel. Cain quarrels with Abel and murders him and becomes a rootless wanderer, with wicked descendants.

A third son, Seth, is born to Adam. Enoch, the 7th from Adam walked with God, then was taken up without dying. Noah, the tenth from Adam, is the only righteous man in a corrupt world.

Is there a hidden message in Genesis 5?



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Genesis 4:1-5

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.

In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.



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Lev 5:6-7, 11

he shall bring to the LORD as his compensation for the sin that he has committed, a female from the flock, **a lamb or a goat**, for a sin offering. And the priest shall make atonement for him for his sin. "But if he cannot afford a lamb, then he shall bring to the LORD as his compensation for the sin that he has committed **two turtledoves or two pigeons** [11] "But if he cannot afford two turtledoves or two pigeons, then **he shall bring as his offering for the sin that he has committed a tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering.**



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References

Heb 11:4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

1 Jn 3:12 We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous.



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By faith Abel offered a better sacrifice to God than Cain did



Cain and Abel

Hebrews 11:4

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First, be reconciled to your brother, then come and offer your gift



Samaritans bringing sheep to sacrifice

Matthew 5:24 

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Genesis 4:6-7

The LORD said to Cain,
 “Why are you angry, and
 why has your face fallen? **If
 you do well, will you not be
 accepted?** And if you do not
 do well, **sin is crouching at
 the door.** Its desire is
 contrary to you, but you
 must rule over it.”

References

Mat 5:21-22 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ [22] But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.

“We don’t do good works to GET saved; we do good works because we ARE saved.”



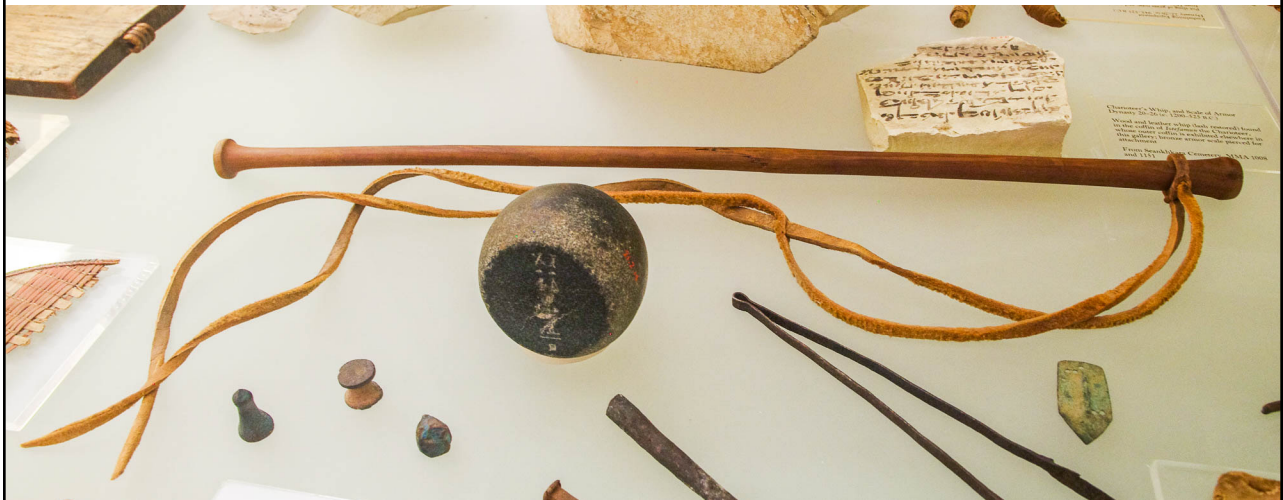
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Genesis 4:8-11

Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.



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Some of them you will scourge in your synagogues

Whip of charioteer lotefamun, made of wood, 20th–26th dynasties, from el-Asasif

Matthew 23:34



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Genesis 4:12-15

When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a **mark (אֹת)** on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.



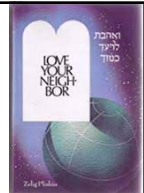
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Walking In His Dust:

A person who makes a talmid is accredited righteousness not only for that person but for all the talmidim made by that person.



- Kill a man, kill a generation
- Teach a man Torah, he will teach his kids and others Torah
- You will be rewarded in the age to come for being the impetus
- Thief on the cross



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Genesis 4:16-19

Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden. Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore **Enoch**.

When he built a city, he called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch. To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad fathered Mehujael, and Mehujael fathered Methushael, and Methushael fathered **Lamech**. And **Lamech took two wives**. The name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.



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Genesis 4:20-24

Adah bore Jubal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah. Lamech said to his wives: "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say: I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for striking me. **If Cain's revenge is sevenfold, then Lamech's is seventy-sevenfold.**"

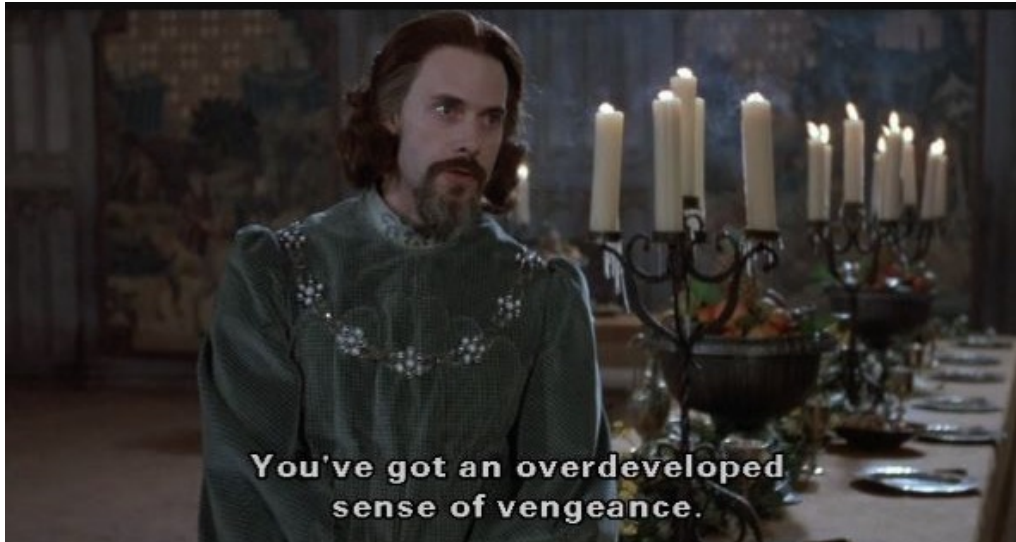
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Mat 18:21-22 Peter said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" [22] Jesus said to him, "**I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.**"



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If Cain's revenge is sevenfold, then Lamech's is seventy-sevenfold.



The Princess Bride (20th Century Fox, 1987).

Genesis 4:24

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Genesis 4:25-26

And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, "God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him."

To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD.

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Genesis 5:1-5

This is **the book of the generations** of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created. When **Adam** had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him **Seth**. The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.

References

Mat 1:1 **The book of the generation** of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.



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Genesis 5:6-14

When Seth had lived 105 years, he fathered **Enosh**. Seth lived after he fathered Enosh 807 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Seth were 912 years, and he died. When Enosh had lived 90 years, he fathered **Kenan**. Enosh lived after he fathered Kenan 815 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Enosh were 905 years, and he died. When Kenan had lived 70 years, he fathered **Mahalalel**. Kenan lived after he fathered Mahalalel 840 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Kenan were 910 years, and he died.



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Genesis 5:15-24

When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he fathered **Jared**. Mahalalel lived after he fathered Jared 830 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Mahalalel were 895 years, and he died. When Jared had lived 162 years, he fathered **Enoch**. Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died. When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered **Methuselah**. Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. **Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.**



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Before he was taken up, he obtained the witness that he was pleasing to God



Jewish men with prayer shawls walking on Shabbat near Damascus Gate in Jerusalem

Hebrews 11:5



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Behold, the Lord came with ten thousands of His holy ones

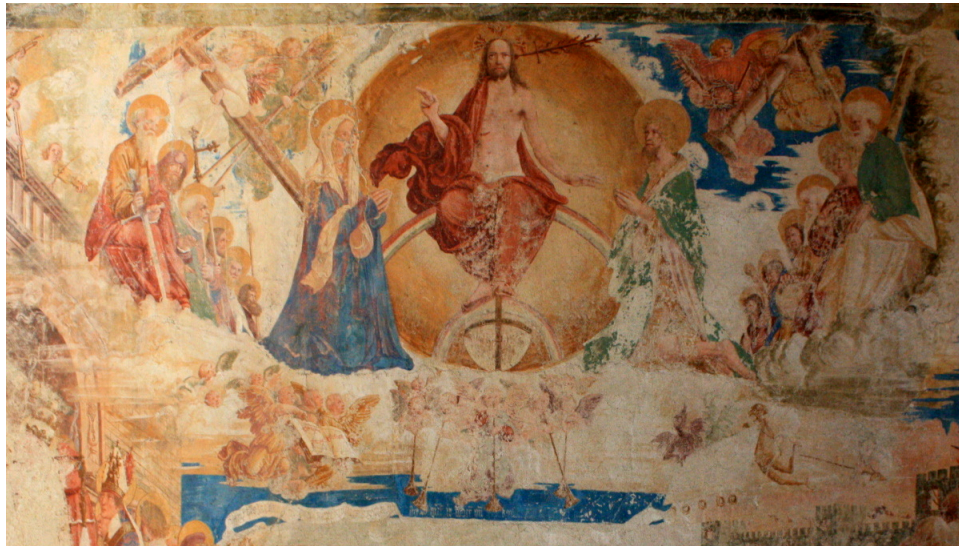


Torah scroll with Deuteronomy 33:2



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To execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their works of ungodliness



The Last Judgment, by Urban Görtzschacher, circa 1520



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Enoch walked with God



Leather sandals from Adindan, Sudan, 1600–1550 BC



Genesis 5:24

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Genesis 5:25-35

When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he fathered **Lamech**. Methuselah lived after he fathered Lamech 782 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Methuselah were 969 years, and he died. When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son and called his name **Noah**, saying, “Out of the ground that the LORD has cursed, **this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands.**” Lamech lived after he fathered Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died. After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.



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Name	Approximate Meaning
1. Adam	- man/mankind/humankind
2. Seth	- appointed
3. Enosh	- a (mortal) man
4. Cainan	- sorrow
5. Mahalalel	- The Glory of God/the blessed God
6. Jared	- shall come down
7. Enoch	- instructing/teaching
8. Methuselah	- his death shall bring
9. Lamech	- those sinking down in despair
10. Noah	- comfort/rest

"Man is appointed mortal sorrow, but the blessed God shall come down teaching that His death shall bring the despairing comfort and rest."



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