

והאדם ידע את־חווה אשתו ותהר ותלד את־קַיִן ותאמר קניתי איש את־ה': ב ותקֹסֵף ללֶדֶת את־אחיו את־הֶבֶל וַיְהִי־הֶבֶל רֹעֵה צֹאן וקַיִן הָיָה עֹבֵד אֲדָמָה: ג וַיְהִי מִקֶּץ יָמִים וַיָּבֵא קַיִן מִפְּרִי הָאֲדָמָה מִנְחָה לַה': ד וְהֶבֶל הֵבִיא גַם־הוּא מִבְּכֹרוֹת צֹאנוֹ וּמִחִלְבָּהּ וַיִּשַׁע ה' אֶל־הֶבֶל וְאֶל־מִנְחָתוֹ: ה וְאֶל־קַיִן וְאֶל־מִנְחָתוֹ לֹא שָׁעָה וַיַּחַר לְקַיִן מְאֹד וַיִּפְּלוּ פָּנָיו: ו וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל־קַיִן לָמָּה חָרָה לָךְ וְלָמָּה נָפְלוּ פָּנֶיךָ: ז הֲלוֹא אִם־תֵּיטִיב שְׂאֵת וְאִם לֹא תֵיטִיב לִפְתַּח חַטָּאת רֹבֵץ וְאֵלֶיךָ תִּשְׁוֹקָתוֹ וְאַתָּה תִּמְשָׁל־בּוֹ: ח וַיֹּאמֶר קַיִן אֶל־הֶבֶל אָחִיו וַיְהִי בֵּהֱיוֹתָם בַּשָּׂדֶה וַיִּקָּם קַיִן אֶל־הֶבֶל אָחִיו וַיַּהַרְגֵהוּ: ט וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל־קַיִן אֵי הֶבֶל אָחִיךָ וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא יָדַעְתִּי הֲשֹׁמֵר אָחִי אָנֹכִי: י וַיֹּאמֶר מָה עָשִׂיתָ קוֹל דְּמֵי אָחִיךָ צֹעֲקִים אֵלַי מִן־הָאֲדָמָה: יא וְעַתָּה אָרוּר אַתָּה מִן־הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר פָּצְתָה אֶת־פִּיהָ לְקַחַת אֶת־דְּמֵי אָחִיךָ מִיָּדְךָ: יב כִּי תַעֲבֹד אֶת־הָאֲדָמָה לֹא־תֹסֵף תֵּת־כֹּחָהּ לָךְ גַּע וְגַד תִּהְיֶה בְּאָרְץ: יג וַיֹּאמֶר קַיִן אֶל־ה' גְּדוֹל עֲוֹנִי מִנְּשָׂא: יד הִן גִּרְשַׁת אֹתִי הַיּוֹם מֵעַל פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה וּמִפְּנֵיךָ אֶסְתָּר וְהָיִיתִי גַע וְגַד בְּאָרֶץ וְהָיָה כָל־מִצְאֵי יַהַרְגֵנִי: טו וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ ה' לֵכֵן כָּל־הַרְגָה לְקַיִן שְׁבַע־עֲתִים יִקָּם וַיִּשֶׂם ה' לְקַיִן אוֹת לְבִלְתִּי הַפּוֹת־אֹתוֹ כָּל־מִצְאֵוֹ: טז וַיֵּצֵא קַיִן מִלִּפְנֵי ה' וַיֵּשֶׁב בְּאָרֶץ־גִּדוֹד קְדֵמַת־עֵדֶן:

Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gained a male child with the help of the LORD." 2 She then bore his brother Abel. Abel became a keeper of sheep, and Cain became a tiller of the soil. 3 In the course of time, Cain brought an offering to the LORD from the fruit of the soil; 4 and Abel, for his part, brought the choicest of the firstlings of his flock. The LORD paid heed to Abel and his offering, 5 but to Cain and his offering He paid no heed. Cain was much distressed and his face fell. 6 And the LORD said to Cain,

"Why are you distressed,

And why is your face fallen?

7 Surely, if you do right,

There is uplift.

But if you do not do right

Sin couches at the door;

Its urge is toward you,

Yet you can be its master."

8 Cain said to his brother Abel ... and when they were in the field, Cain set upon his brother Abel and killed him. 9 The LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" 10 Then He said,

“What have you done? Hark, your brother’s blood cries out to Me from the ground! 11 Therefore, you shall be more cursed than the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. 12 If you till the soil, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. You shall become a ceaseless wanderer on earth.” 13 Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is too great to bear! 14 Since You have banished me this day from the soil, and I must avoid Your presence and become a restless wanderer on earth—anyone who meets me may kill me!” 15 The LORD said to him, “I promise, if anyone kills Cain, sevenfold vengeance shall be taken on him.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest anyone who met him should kill him. 16 Cain left the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.