

## Gen. 4:1-8 CAIN AND ABEL'S OFFERINGS (see also Hebr. 11:4)

**Gen. 4:1-8** "Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, "I have gotten a manchild with the help of Adonai." 2 And again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to Adonai of the fruit of the ground. 4 And Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And Adonai had regard for Abel and for his offering; 5 **but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard.** So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. 6 Then Adonai said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? 7 "If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it." 8 And Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. Cain means "he takes things". Abel means "nothingness", "breath", or "vapor". Minkah means meat of the land (blood) offering.

Yah cursed the ground in Gen. 3, Cain was tending the ground which was cursed. It was the fruit of that cursed ground that Cain brings as an offering to Yah. If the ground is cursed it stands to reason that the fruit of the ground is cursed. Hebr. 11:4 By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks." Abel brought more than one gift. He brought a young lamb also. Abel knew that there was a curse on the ground and that anything derived from it would be cursed, so he brought a lamb who's blood would cover the curse of the minkah (blood) offering. Abel understood without the shedding of blood there can be no redemption, remission of sin. That is why Yah didn't receive Cains offering.

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