

Genesis 4:1-26



**THE STRUGGLE OF THE TWO SEEDS:
CAIN AND ABEL**

Word Play – Genesis 4:1



Now the man knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain [qáyin]; and she said, “I have acquired [qānîṭî] a man with the help of Yahveh.”

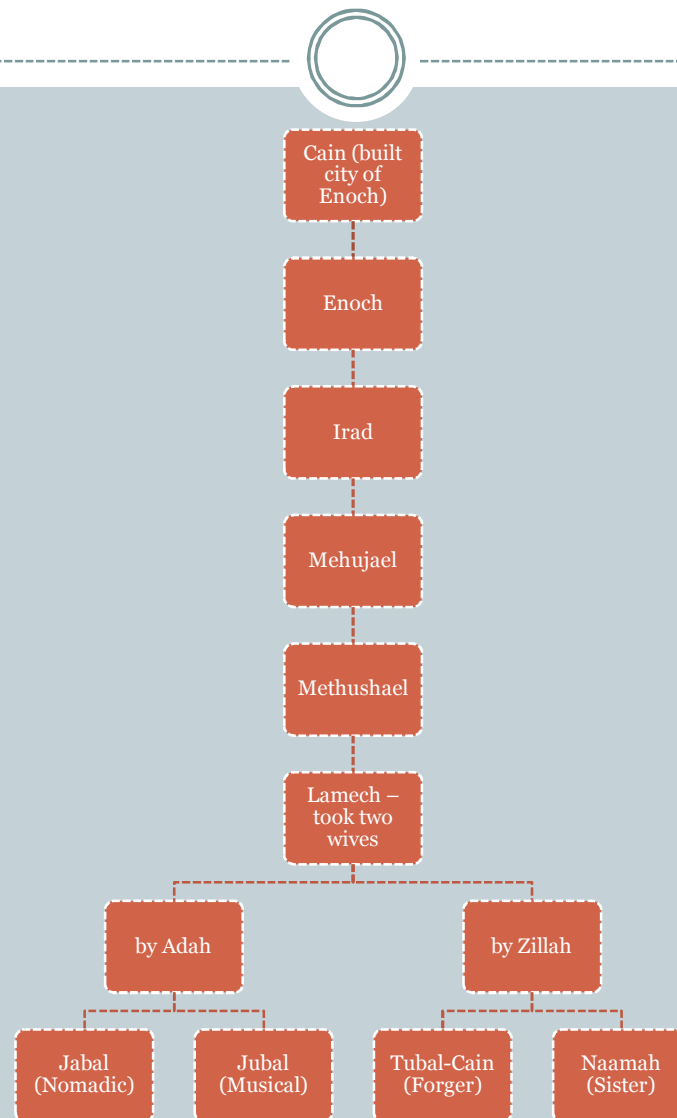
Perhaps here, in light of the prophecy of 3:15, Eve attaches prophetic significance to the birth of Cain by the name she gives him. As “the mother of all living,” she could anticipate her “seed” which would crush the head of the serpent.

Adam and Cain's Interrogation



Yahveh	Adam	Cain
Where are you?	I was afraid. I hid.	
Who told you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree?	The woman whom you gave me...	
Why are you angry? Admonishment		And Cain "told" Abel
Where is Abel?		Am I my brother's keeper? Abel's blood cries out.
What have you done? Etc.		My punishment is too great to bear.

Line of Cain in Genesis 4:16-24



Word Play – Genesis 4:25



“And Adam knew his wife again, and she gave birth to a son; and she called his name Seth [šēt] because God has granted to me [šāt-lî] another seed in the place of Abel, since Cain slew him.”

Eve again looks for the coming seed—this time she uses the word “seed”.