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## Eve and Cain

### A. What's in a name?

**Cain** - *qayin* - קַיִן - possession.

**Abel** - *hebel* - הֶבֶל - breath, vanity, vapor, wind, to sigh, nothingness, emptiness, the transitoriness of man, the emptiness of life on earth.

**Seth** - *sheth* - שֵׁת - in the place of another, or to replace another.

**Enos** - *enôsh* - אֱנוֹשׁ - *enosh* spoke of man in his fallen state, in his sinful condition, it meant to be weak, feeble, mortal, violent, hostile, unfaithful, sinful, evil, base. It denotes man in his fallen state with all the evil characteristics of sin.

**Called** - קָרָאָהּ - qal future 3 feminine singular of *qârâ'*. Genesis 4:25 - "**She** called his name *Sheth*".

Adam's duties here on earth was to name everything, which he did, including the naming of the first woman Eve. Genesis 2:19,20, "*And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would **call them**: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.*" Genesis 2:23, "*And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: **she shall be called Woman**, because she was taken out of Man.*"

But this was before the Fall into sin, afterward there seems to be a change in things for in the Hebrew we have Eve naming Seth and not Adam, Genesis 4:25 "*And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and (she - 3 ps fem. sg.) called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.*". Which opens up the probability that Eve named Cain and Abel as well! If so, why would she do this?

But we have a problem with this verse and Genesis 5:3, "*And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and (?) called his name Seth.*" where it says that Adam named him Seth. There are two explanations for this. 1) Eve named him and told Adam that she had named him Seth and Adam acquiesced to that and restated the boy's name thus making it official. 2) This could have been under the umbrella of the fact that she was also named Adam. Genesis 5:2, "*Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and **called their name Adam**, in the day when they were created.*", where God called them Adam.

We have to go back to Eve's Lust; she desired to put herself above the authority structure that the Creator had already established here on earth with Adam over her and Christ over Adam! Remember, she was brought into an authority structure that had already been established on earth of the Adam over the earth ruling it under Jesus Christ with one test that they would not eat from the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil as proof, or a symbol that they were in obedience to God.

Eve violated this by being the first human to eat the forbidden fruit, which demonstrated that she had already thrown off the authority of Christ and her mate before she did. And why? Because she lusted to be the one in power; she wanted to be the one ruling over the earth - not the man. A story that is being played out today by millions of women in America. (See study – Eve's Lust).

If she was this way before she sinned, it stands to reason that she was still this way after she sinned! She may have "knuckled under" the authority of Adam, but in her heart had she changed from this position? There are different indicators in the text that show she hadn't!

B. "And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD." Genesis 4:1

וְהָאָדָם, יָדַע אֶת-חַוָּה אִשְׁתּוֹ; וַתַּהַר, וַתֵּלֶד אֶת-קַיִן, וַתֹּאמֶר, קָנִיתִי אִישׁ-יְהוָה

She said, "*I have gotten a man from the Lord*", *eth Yahweh*, but this is a difficult passage to interpret. In fact, there are many things going on in this verse. Is it, '*I have gotten a man with the help of Yahweh*', as some translations have it? Or, '*I have gotten a man, Yahweh*'? Or, '*I have gotten a man in opposition to Yahweh*'? saying in effect, '**Yahweh made a man; I have made a man**'?

The *eth* here is a direct object, *eth-Yahweh*, and Eve must have thought that Cain was the promised redeemer, and why wouldn't she because he was the first one to be born after the Fall, so it would be natural for her to conclude that he was! She probably treated him like he was a perfect, sinless child, but failed to realize that he, too, was a sinner also.

Moses' narrative here says that she **bare**, *yalad*, *Cain*. But when quoting Eve she doesn't use *yalad*, the normal word for bearing children, she uses *qanah*!

The word *qanah* meant to acquire something not previously possessed. If in the case of property, it meant to buy something. If in the area of something else, it meant to acquire something **by creating it or making it**. It can be rendered to acquire, to buy, to create, to make, to produce and to beget.

This could be taken as a boast. As the Lord had created a man; she had created a man! I don't know how much biology that Eve understood, after all this was her first child, but did Eve think that she had created or made a man all by herself? Her statement of, *I have acquired, gotten or created a man, qanah*, instead of "**we**" indicates that.

We see after the fall that it's still all about Eve. Instead of using the normal phraseology of, "I have borne Adam a son", or, "We have a son now", we see Eve using the 1ps of **I** instead of the 1pp of **we** in the matter. By referring only to herself it indicates she has disregarded Adam in the matter and the Lord; a familiar theme today in America. This was **her** son!

Then there is the name, *Cain, Qayin*, where there is an allusion to *qanah*, to acquire, produce, create, or possess, making *Cain's* name, **possession**. Indicating Eve's attitude toward her first born son. *Cain* was **her's** now; she made him and he's **her** son! And how this is replayed today by millions of women who totally disregard the man in all this. The idea is, "I made him; he's mine"!

Eve must have believed that she produced this child all by herself and named him, "He belongs to me"! "He's my possession". From there one can only imagine what her role was in raising him! A sentiment many women in America have toward their children.

Did Eve think that Cain was the fulfillment of the promise for the Messiah to come through her?

What kind of information did she put into Cain's thinking growing up?

What was Eve's view of Cain? Was she like millions of mothers who look at their children and say they're perfect? Did she constantly communicate to him that he was a perfect child just like he was?

Where did Cain get the idea of offering up vegetables to the Lord? It wasn't from his father and it wasn't from the Lord. Was he influenced by Eve in this?

Cain's sacrifice of vegetables was an act of self righteous human good, which meant that he did not view himself as a sinner, which implies that there must have been lots of ego reinforcement of how good he was and wonderful he was his whole life. Where would that have come from?

Was there a division of authority in the home where you have the father standing for doctrine on the one hand, while the mother was taking a position opposite to that?

Is there any basis that Eve was in opposition to Adam's authority? Yes! That was her problem before the Fall where she no longer wanted to be under the Lord's and Adam's authority and to be her own god!

If she had that problem before the Fall, which led up to the Fall, then it is logical to conclude that she had it after the Fall!

Did Eve and the serpent continue their communication after the Fall?

Had Eve acquired a spirit of pride from the serpent? The text indicates she did because she thought higher of herself than what she really was, which is the thinking of Satan the king of pride.

Another factor is that she wanted to be like God. In the Greek mind the highest form of **pride** was called *hubris* and *hubris* is where man wants to be God.

We have to conclude that all of the emotional reactor factors that we find in couples and individuals today were present in the original couple because we got ours from them!

So all the bickering, name calling, anger, arguments, resentment, bitterness, anger, casting of blame, guilt/failure indexes, etc., that couples have today were present in Adam and Eve after the Fall.

If Cain showed the worse with his rage and murder, then everything else would have been there. One can only imagine the resentment and anger that existed between the two after the Fall.

C. Genesis 4:26, "*And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name **Enos**: **then** began men to call upon the name of the LORD.*"

We notice that it was at the time of the birth of *Enosh* that men began to call upon the name of the Lord. The word **then** is *'az* and it meant at that time, or that this was the beginning of something. And what this tells us that men were not calling upon the Lord before that!

Another interesting point is that the words *Adam*, or *Ish*, are not used here, but the word *Enosh*, which denotes the idea of sinful, fallen man being used. What it indicates is that the idea of the fallen condition of man's nature had not yet sunken in before this time! We also want to notice that it was Seth who named him, Enosh did not name himself, which shows a return to the biblical standard of the man naming the children. It also shows that Seth realized how sinful the condition of man was!

Adam was 130 years old, (after the Fall), when Seth was born; and Seth was 105 years old when Enosh was born. So what this tells us that around 230 years had gone by with a huge number of men living on the earth before anyone realized how sinful and fallen their condition was! And the first man recorded who became aware of this was Seth, so much so he named his son Enosh to signify it.

So it makes one wonder what was man's viewpoint concerning himself and God all during this time? Obviously man did not view himself as being a sinner; he also was not calling upon the name of

*Yahweh* all during this time either. Did man think that he was all right in the condition he found himself in? It appears so.

Did early man even consider that there was a Creator after the Fall of man?

Obviously Cain thought he was OK, that he wasn't a sinner because he felt no need for a bloody sacrifice. He thought his human good and good works were enough to appease the Creator God. And where did he get that idea from? The influence of his mother? The serpent?

The scriptures say that Cain's origin was out of the wicked one. 1 John 3:12, "*Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, (εκ του πονηρου), and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.*" What does that mean, "out of the wicked one"?

And what about this sacrifice that the Lord required? Was it something that had been going on for years? Was it something that was done once a year? Or was this the first time that it was done? Was this a one time thing that would show one was a true believer in the Lord? And we have to ask ourselves was this a practice that continued on in perpetuity? Did Cain continue to offer up vegetables to the Lord? Or did he forget about doing sacrifices altogether?

And how many people on earth continued the practice of a sacrificial offering to the Lord after Adam, Abel and presumedly Seth?

Adam lived 800 years after the birth of Seth, but Adam had to live all those years with the memory that his oldest son murdered his brother Abel. All those years he lived with the knowledge that he would never see either one of them again in this life and at the end of it all he knew that his oldest son, Cain, was going to end up in Hell and then the Lake of Fire. Bible Doctrine is what sustained him.

It makes one wonder how much resentment was in the home that Cain grew up in?

Don't you think that Adam was resentful and angry at himself for listening to his wife and toward his wife who led him into sin?

Don't you think he was angry now that he was deposed from being the ruler of the earth living in a life of ease and prosperity, but now having to scratch to survive?

Do you think he was upset that, because of his wife, he no longer had fellowship with his best friend?

Do you think that Eve was now resentful and angry because where she wanted to be a goddess to rule over the world she now found herself under the strict authority of her husband?

Do you think it upset her where she at one time had a perfect life of ease and comfort and perpetual beauty, she too was having to scratch just to survive and her beauty would fade away?

It also makes one wonder if Eve could have put all kinds of thoughts in Abel's mind about Adam. Is it possible that she related to Cain about the life her and Adam had before the Fall, but blamed their fall from grace and expulsion from the Garden on Adam? Did she tell Cain the truth about what happened in the Garden? Did Adam?

If so, then this would have been a source of resentment by Cain toward his Dad and his rejection of his Dad's authority, as evidenced by Cain's rejection of his Dad's teaching on the proper sacrifice!

The patterns of OSN human interaction dynamics that couples have today can be applied back to Adam and Eve. Why? Because we acquired them **from** Adam and Eve!

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