

## The Way Of Cain

(Jude 11a) “Woe to them! For they have gone (poreuomai / a.m.ind.3pl) **the way** (te hodos / inst.sf) **of Cain** (tou Kain / qayin) “I have gotten (qanah / kal impf) [acquired] a man from the Lord.”

**Jude contrasted the Way of Cain with the Way of Christ.** “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no man comes to the Father, but through Me.” (John 14:6) Jesus is not saying that He is one of many ways to God but the **ONLY WAY**.

In (Gen.4), the Way of Cain occurred in a Coming Out rite of passage ceremony. It was accountability as an adult of coming out of the family and going into the world. “**And in the process of time it came to pass** (Hebrew idiom for specified lapse of time), that Cain brought (bo / hiphil impf) [lie] of the fruit of the ground and offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought (bo / hiphil pf) [truth] of the firstlings of his flock and the fat hereof. The Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering.” (**Gen.4:3-4**; Heb.10:1; 11:4)

<p><b>This lesson will study eleven firsts associated with the Way of Cain.</b></p>
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**1. Cain was the first born of the first family of the human race (Gen.4:1).**

- Adam was created from the ground (Gen.2:7).
- Eve was created from Adam’s rib (Gen.2:22-23).
- Cain was born through copulation (Gen.4:1).

**2. Cain was the first born of the human race under the penalty of Adams Original Sin (AOS) and the power of the Old Sin Nature (OSN) (Gen.2:17; 4:5-6; Rom.5:12; 1 Cor.15:22, 45).**

**3. Cain was the first born of woman to voluntarily offer a sacrifice for sin (Gen.4:1-4).**

This was a special day of atonement accountability regarding one’s personal decision to believe the gospel of Christ for grace salvation (Gen.3:15; Gal.3:8; 1 Cor.15:3-4; **2 Cor.6:2**).

**4. Cain was the first to reject the faith-grace means of gospel salvation.**

(Heb.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,” (Heb.12:24; Eph.2:8-9) [Test of volition like the tree of knowledge]

**5. Cain was the first to offer a bloodless offering as a substitute for AOS (Gen.3:7, 21; 4:7; Heb.9:20-22).**

He believed in God (James 2:19) but rejected Christ (John 1:29; 5:39-40).

**6. Cain was the first to the substitute religious good works as a false gospel of salvation (Gal.1:6-9; 2:16, 21; Rom.3:20-24; 11:6).**

Cain's offering came out of the curse of AOS rather than promise (Gen.3:17-19; 3:15).

7. **Cain was the first child born of woman to embrace Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) system of worldly thinking (John 8:44; Eph.4:22-24; Col.3:5-7; 1 John 3:8-12).**

Cain and Abel typify fallen mankind making different choices to resolve AOS (works verses grace).

8. **Cain was the first to murder a member of the human race (1 John 3:12; Gen.9:5-6).**

9. **Cain was the first to murder a prophet of God (Luke 11:50-51; Matt.23:35-36; Heb.12:24).**

10. **Cain was the first member of the human race to be given the mark of heresy against revealed plan of God.**

**Note** the three self-examining questions and God's answer (Gen.4:6-7). The mark of the curse of Cain was a warning to the Antediluvian world (Gen.4:9-16).

11. **Cain was the first member of the human race to have the WOE (ouai) [interjection of denunciation] judgment pronounced upon him (Jude 11a; Gen.4:9-16; 2 Pet.2:1-2, 15).**

Peter called those under the woe denunciation, "accursed (katara) children." (2 Pet.2:14; Matt.23 and Jude 11)

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#### **Way of Cain:**

(Matt.7:13) "Enter through the narrow gate (pule); for the gate is wide and **the way is broad** that leads to destruction, and there are **many who enter through it.**"

#### **Way of Christ:**

(Matt.7:14) "For the gate is small and **the way narrow** that leads to life; and there are **few who find it.**"

#### **Way of Cain leads to destruction:**

(Gen.4:16-24) "In the six hundredth years of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the foundations of the great deep burst opened, and the floodgates of the sky opened." **Cainite civilization was destroyed by the Antediluvian flood;** (Gen.7:11, 21-23) and (2 Pet.3:3-13)

**This is how the Way of Cain became the Woe of Cain (Jude.11a).**