

GLEANINGS

ABEL IS IN PARADISE

After the event described in the third chapter of Genesis, Lucifer knew the Son of God was coming to defeat him but he did not know when, where or how. When Cain was born, Lucifer (Satan) corrupted this seed of Eve and Adam by leading him to seek forgiveness of his sin debt through his good works and by being religious. God had required that as an innocent animal was dying as a sacrifice to Him, the people of the Old Testament were to go to God in prayer and ask forgiveness of their sins. While looking forward in faith, they asked that the sacrifice the innocent Son of God would give one day pay the sin debt they owed God. Every sin we commit must be paid for by either the Messiah or by us. Cain offered a bloodless sacrifice instead. Please read articles GE-27 and GE-28 for more detail.

Much to Lucifer's (Satan's) annoyance Eve gave birth to a second son, Abel. Satan must have become alarmed as he considered the fact that Abel could be the one who would reclaim the kingdom for God. When the Lord accepted Abel and his offering (Hebrews 11:4) and Abel's spiritual body was restored back into permanent fellowship with the Lord through salvation (please read articles GE-09 and GE-10), Satan knew he must act quickly. Satan used Cain as his tool to murder Abel, the man he thought was his archenemy. Abel's material body returned to the dust but his spiritual body (please read article GE-6) was conveyed to a compartment in the place of the departed dead called Paradise. Jesus called that compartment "Paradise" in Luke 23:39-43 and the apostle Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, called that compartment "Paradise" in 2nd Corinthians 12:1-4.

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