

## The Beginning of Murder

Genesis 4:1-16

*Beginning*

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Murder happens every 36 minutes in the United States of America.

How did that get started?

1. The firstborn child had a **hopeful** beginning. (V.1-2)
  - a. **Cain** - The name is "*Cayin*". *I've created a man-child.* (procreated)
  - b. Abel - His name means **brief**.
  - c. Occupations – Abel was a **herdsman**; Cain was a **farmer**. (v.2)
2. The firstborn child had a **rebellious nature**. (V.3-7) Notice The facts of Cain's rebellion
  - a. His rebellion showed up in his **religious worship** (v.3)
    - i. Works based religion
    - ii. "Me first" religion. This is very important.
  - b. His rebellion showed up in his response to **correction** (v.6)
  - c. His rebellion showed up in his rejection of **remission** (forgiveness) (v.7)
3. The firstborn child had a heart full of **hate**. (v.8-10)
  - a. His rebellion finally showed up in his **act of murder**. (v.8)

"Murder is the the **ultimate fruit** from the root of hate."
  - b. His act of murder was followed by a **lying tongue**. (9)
  - c. His act of murder was followed by a refusal **to repent** (v.10)
4. The firstborn child came to a **horrible end** (v.10-16).
  - a. Cain's sin brought him a specific curse. (11-12a)
  - b. Cain sin brought him a vagrant's (unsettled) life. (12b)
  - c. Cain's sin ruined all of his relationships?
  - d. Cain's sin caused him to have to leave the Lord's presence.
    - i. Re 21:8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, **murderers**, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

*1 Jn 3:14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. 15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.*