

Introduction to Keys Class 7

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Genesis 4

1 Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, "I have gotten a manchild with the help of the LORD." 2 Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground. 4 Abel, on his part also brought of the first of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offerings; 5 but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell.

6 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? 7 If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it." 8 Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. 9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" 10 The LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground. 11 Now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

Cain's punishment and his genealogy follow in verses 12-24

25 Adam had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him Seth, for, she said, "God has put in me another seed in place of Abel, for Cain killed him."

JOSEPH STORY

NARRATOR: Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an Egyptian officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the bodyguard, bought him. The LORD was with Joseph, so he became a prosperous man. And he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian. Now his master saw that the LORD was with him and *how* the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hand. So Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge. It came about that from the time he made him overseer in his house and over all that he owned, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house on account of Joseph; thus the LORD'S blessing was upon all that he owned, in the house and in the field. So he left everything he owned in Joseph's charge; and with him *there* he did not concern himself with anything except the food which he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. It came about after these events that his master's wife looked with desire at Joseph.

POTIPHAR'S WIFE: Lie with me.

NARRATOR: He refused.

JOSEPH: Behold, with me *here*, my master does not concern himself with anything in the house, and he has put all that he owns in my charge. There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?

NARRATOR: As she spoke to Joseph day after day, he did not listen to her to lie beside her *or* be with her. Now it happened one day that he went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the household was there inside. She caught him by his garment.

POTIPHAR'S WIFE: Lie with me!

NARRATOR: And he left his garment in her hand and fled, and went outside. When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, she called to the men of her household.

POTIPHAR'S WIFE: See, he has brought in a Hebrew to us to make molest us; he came in to me to lie with me, and I screamed. When he heard that I raised my voice and screamed, he left his garment beside me and fled and went outside.

NARRATOR: So she left his garment beside her until his master came home. Then she spoke to him.

POTIPHAR'S WIFE: The Hebrew slave, whom you brought to us, came in to me to molest me; and as I raised my voice and screamed, he left his garment beside me and fled outside.

NARRATOR: When his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke to him, saying, "This is what your slave did to me," his anger burned. So Joseph's master took him and put him into the jail, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; and he was there in the jail. But the LORD was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. The chief jailer committed to Joseph's charge all the prisoners who were in the jail; so that whatever was done there, he was responsible *for it*. The chief jailer did not supervise anything under Joseph's charge because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made to prosper.