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*The Cain Mutiny:  
An Examination of the First  
Human Villain*



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1. The mixed multitude are the impurity which the serpent injected into Eve. From this impurity came forth Cain, who killed Abel the shepherd. (*Zohar, Bereishit 28b*).

**2. בראשית פרק ד**

(א) וְהָאָדָם יָדַע אֶת חַוָּה אִשְׁתּוֹ וַתְּהַר וַתֵּלֶד אֶת קַיִן וַתֹּאמֶר קָנִיתִי אִישׁ אֶת יְקֹוֹק:

1. Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gained a male child with the help of the Lord."

(ב) וַתִּסְפָּף לָלֶדֶת אֶת אָחִיו אֶת הָבֶל וַיְהִי הֶבֶל רֹעֵה צֹאן וְקַיִן הָיָה עֹבֵד אֲדָמָה:

2. She then bore his brother Abel. Abel became a keeper of sheep, and Cain became a tiller of the soil.

(ג) וַיְהִי מִקֵּץ יָמִים וַיָּבֵא קַיִן מִפְּרֵי הָאֲדָמָה מִנְחָה לַיהוָה:

3. In the course of time, Cain brought an offering to the Lord from the fruit of the soil;

(ד) וְהֶבֶל הֵבִיא גַם הוּא מִפְּכֻרֹת צֹאנוֹ וּמִחֻלְבָּהֶן וַיִּשַׁע יְקֹוֹק אֶל הֶבֶל וְאֶל מִנְחָתוֹ:

4. and Abel, for his part, brought the choicest of the firstlings of his flock. The Lord paid heed to Abel and his offering,

(ה) וְאֶל קַיִן וְאֶל מִנְחָתוֹ לֹא שָׁעָה וַיַּחַר לְקַיִן מְאֹד וַיִּפְּלוּ פָּנָיו:

5. but to Cain and his offering He paid no heed. Cain was much distressed and his face fell.

(ו) וַיֹּאמֶר יְקֹוֹק אֶל קַיִן לָמָּה חָרָה לָךְ וְלָמָּה נָפְלוּ פָּנֶיךָ:

6. And the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you distressed, And why is your face fallen?"

(ז) הֲלוֹא אִם תַּיִטִּיב שְׂאֵת וְאִם לֹא תַיִטִּיב לַפֶּתַח חַטָּאת רֹבֵץ וְאֵלֶיךָ תִּשׁוּקָתוֹ וְאַתָּה תִּמְשָׁל בּוֹ:

7. Surely, if you do right, There is uplift. But if you do not do right, Sin couches at the door; Its urge is toward you, Yet you can be its master."

8. Cain said to his brother Abel ... and when they were in the field, Cain set upon his brother Abel and killed him.

(ט) וַיֹּאמֶר יְקֹוֹק אֶל קַיִן אַי הֶבֶל אָחִיךָ וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא יָדַעְתִּי הֲשֹׁמֵר אָחִי אָנֹכִי:

9. The Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

**3. בראשית פרק יד**

(כב) וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָם אֶל מֶלֶךְ סֹדֶם הַרִימֹתִי יְדֵי אֵל יִקְוֶה אֵל עֲלִיּוֹן קִנְיַת שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ:

22. But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I swear to the Lord, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth.

**4. קהלת פרק א**

(ב) הַבֵּל הַבְּלִים אָמַר קִהְלֹת הַבֵּל הַבְּלִים הַכֹּל הַבֵּל: (ג) מִה יִתְרוֹן לְאָדָם בְּכֹל עֲמָלוֹ שְׁיַעֲמַל תַּחַת הַשָּׁמַשׁ:

**5. בראשית פרק ג**

(כג) וַיִּשְׁלַחֵהוּ יִקְוֶה אֱלֹהִים מִגֶּן עֵדֶן לְעֵבֶד אֵת הָאָדָמָה אֲשֶׁר לָקַח מִשָּׁם:

23. So the Lord God banished him from the garden of Eden, to till the soil from which he was taken.

6. Ivov chapter 1: 1. There was a man in the land of Uz named Job. That man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil. 2. Seven sons and three daughters were born to him; 3. his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred she-asses, and a very large household. That man was wealthier than anyone in the East. 4. It was the custom of his sons to hold feasts, each on his set day in his own home. They would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. 5. When a round of feast days was over, Job would send word to them to sanctify themselves, and, rising early in the morning, he would make burnt offerings, one for each of them; for Job thought, "Perhaps my children have sinned and blasphemed God in their thoughts." This is what Job always used to do. 6. One day the divine beings presented themselves before the Lord, and the Adversary came along with them. 7. The Lord said to the Adversary, "Where have you been?" The Adversary answered the Lord, "I have been roaming all over the earth." 8. The Lord said to the Adversary, "Have you noticed My servant Job? There is no one like him on earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and shuns evil!" 9. The Adversary answered the Lord, "Does Job not have good reason to fear God? 10. Why, it is You who have fenced him round, him and his household and all that he has. You have blessed his efforts so that his possessions spread out in the land. 11. But lay Your hand upon all that he has and he will surely blaspheme You to Your face."

7.

Yosef and His Brothers	Kayin and Hevel
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>בראשית פרק לו</b></p> <p>(ח) וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ אֶחָיו הַמְלֹךְ תִּמְלֹךְ עָלֵינוּ אִם מִשׁוֹל תִּמְשַׁל בָּנוּ וַיּוֹסְפוּ עוֹד שָׁנָא אֹתוֹ עַל חֲלֹמֹתָיו וְעַל דְּבָרָיו:</p> <p>8. His brothers answered, "Do you mean to reign over us? Do you mean to rule over us?" And they hated him even more for his talk about his dreams.</p>	<p>(ז) הֲלוֹא אִם תִּיטִיב שָׂאתָ וְאִם לֹא תִיטִיב לְפָתַח חֲטָאת רִבְצָן וְאֵלֶיךָ תִּשׁוּקָתוֹ וְאַתָּה תִּמְשַׁל בּוֹ:</p> <p>7. Surely, if you do right, There is uplift. But if you do not do right, Sin couches at the door; Its urge is toward you, Yet you can be its</p>

<p>(זט) וַיֹּאמֶר אֶת אַחֵי אֲנֹכִי מִבְּקֶשׁ הַגִּידָה נָא לִי אֵיפֹה הֵם רְעִים:</p> <p>16. He answered, "I am looking for my brothers. Could you tell me where they are pasturing?"</p>	<p>master."</p> <p>(ט) וַיֹּאמֶר יְקֹנֵק אֶל קַיִן אֵי הֶבֶל אָחִיךָ וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא יָדַעְתִּי הֲשֹׁמֵר אָחִי אֲנֹכִי:</p> <p>9. The Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"</p>
<p>(טו) וַיִּמְצְאֵהוּ אִישׁ וְהָיָה תַעֲזֶה בַּשָּׂדֶה וַיִּשְׁאַלְהוּ הָאִישׁ לְאָמֹר מַה תִּבְקֶשׁ:</p> <p>15. a man came upon him wandering in the fields. The man asked him, "What are you looking for?"</p> <p>(כ) וַעֲתָה לְכוּ וְנַהַרְגֵהוּ וְנִשְׁלַכְהוּ בְּאֶחָד הַבְּרוֹת וְאָמְרָנוּ חָיָה רָעָה אֲכַלְתֵּהוּ וְנִרְאָה מֶה יִהְיֶה חֲלֹמֹתָיו:</p> <p>20. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; and we can say, 'A savage beast devoured him.' We shall see what comes of his dreams!"</p>	<p>(ח) וַיֹּאמֶר קַיִן אֶל הֶבֶל אָחִיו וַיְהִי בִּהְיוֹתָם בַּשָּׂדֶה וַיִּקָּם קַיִן אֶל הֶבֶל אָחִיו וַיַּהַרְגֵהוּ:</p> <p>8. Cain said to his brother Abel ... and when they were in the field, Cain set upon his brother Abel and killed him.</p>
<p>(כו) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה אֶל אָחָיו מֶה בָּצַע כִּי נִהַרְגְתֶּם אֶת אָחֵינוּ וְכַסִּינוּ אֶת דַּמּוֹ: (כז) לְכוּ וְנִמְכְּרֵנוּ לַיִּשְׁמְעֵאלִים וְיִדְנּוּ אֵל תְּהִי בּוֹ כִּי אָחֵינוּ בְּשָׂרֵנוּ הוּא וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ אָחָיו:</p> <p>26. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What do we gain by killing our brother and covering up his blood? 27. Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, but let us not do away with him ourselves. After all, he is our brother, our own flesh." His brothers agreed.</p> <p><b>בראשית פרק נ</b></p> <p>(זט) וַיִּצְווּ אֶל יוֹסֵף לְאָמֹר אָבִיךָ צִוָּה לִפְנֵי מוֹתוֹ לְאָמֹר: (יז) כֹּה תֹאמְרוּ לְיוֹסֵף אֲנֵנּוּ שָׂא נָא פִשְׁעֵנוּ אֲחִיךָ וְחַטָּאתָם כִּי רָעָה גָּמְלוּךָ וַעֲתָה שָׂא נָא לְפִשְׁעֵנוּ עֲבָדֵי אֱלֹהֵי אָבִיךָ וַיִּבְרַךְ יוֹסֵף בְּדַבְרָם אֵלָיו: (יח) וַיִּלְכוּ גַם אָחָיו וַיִּפְּלוּ לְפָנָיו וַיֹּאמְרוּ הִנְנוּ לְךָ לַעֲבָדִים: (יט) וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם יוֹסֵף אֵל תִּירָאוּ כִּי הִתַּחַת אֱלֹהִים אָנֹכִי: (כ) וְאַתֶּם חֲשַׁבְתֶּם עָלַי רָעָה אֱלֹהִים חֲשַׁבָה לְטֹבָה לְמַעַן עֲשֶׂה כִּיֹּם הַזֶּה לְהַחֲיִית עִם רַב: (כא) וַעֲתָה אֵל תִּירָאוּ אֲנֹכִי אֲכַלְכֵּל אֶתְכֶם וְאֶת טַפְכֶּם וַיִּנְחַם אוֹתָם וַיִּדְבֹּר עַל לִבָּם:</p>	<p>(יא) וַעֲתָה אֲרוּר אֶתָּה מִן הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר פָּצְתָה אֶת פִּיהָ לְקַחַת אֶת דַּמִּי אֲחִיךָ מִיָּדְךָ:</p> <p>11. Therefore, you shall be more cursed than the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.</p>

16. So they sent this message to Joseph, "Before his death your father left this instruction: 17. So shall you say to Joseph, 'Forgive, I urge you, the offense and guilt of your brothers who treated you so harshly.' Therefore, please forgive the offense of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph was in tears as they spoke to him. 18. His brothers went to him themselves, flung themselves before him, and said, "We are prepared to be your slaves." 19. But Joseph said to them, "Have no fear! Am I a substitute for God? 20. Besides, although you intended me harm, God intended it for good, so as to bring about the present result—the survival of many people. 21. And so, fear not. I will sustain you and your children." Thus he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.