

GENESIS – PART XVII
Reference: **Genesis 4:8-16**
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verse eight, “Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that **Cain** rose up against Abel his brother and **killed him**.”

Question: Did Cain invent murder?

Answer: _____

Reference: **John 8:44** (see screen)

New Testament verification of the Genesis record

Reference: **Matthew 23:35** (see screen)

Definition: **murder** is the illegal and _____ killing of someone by another

Definition: **homicide** is the act of one human causing the _____ of another

There's criminal homicide and there's _____ - _____ homicide

Cain did the evil thing he did because because he was envious of his brother's acceptance

Definition: being envious means to _____ what someone else has

verse nine, “Then the LORD said to Cain, ‘Where is Abel your brother?’ He said, ‘I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?’”

Question: How are we to be our brother's keeper?

Answer: we are not to intentionally _____ others or permit others to _____ someone if we can prevent it

Reference: **Exodus 22:2** (see screen)

Reference: **James 1:17** (see screen)

The “bystander effect” describes individuals that have made _____ to help someone in trouble

verse ten, “And He said, ‘What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.’”

verse eleven, “So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.”

verse twelve, “When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. Aa fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth.”

God cursed Cain because of his crime and that curse consisted of 2 separate parts:

- God said Cain would be unable to _____
“When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you.”

- God said Cain would be a _____ and a

_____ **“A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth.”**

Definition: a **fugitive** is someone who has _____ and or is in _____ to avoid arrest or persecution.

Definition: a **vagabond** is someone who _____ from location to location and has no home or job

Question: Why wasn't Cain executed?

Answer: three reasons:

- **Divine** _____ - Even though God pronounced a curse on Cain God still extended grace to him in agreeing to protect him
- **Human** _____ - Only government is responsible to execute capital punishment
- A **necessary** _____ - God wanted an example of someone's sin and subsequent consequences from that sin

verse thirteen, “And Cain said to the LORD, ‘My punishment is greater than I can bear!’”

verse fourteen, “Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me.”

verse fifteen, “And the LORD said to him, ‘Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him seven-fold.’ And the LORD set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.”

verse sixteen, “Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.”