**East of Eden**

Story of Adam and Eve:

Parallels to Adam and Cathy:

Cain and Abel

**4**Adam[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+4%3A1%2D16&version=NIV#fen-NIV-81a)] made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+4%3A1%2D16&version=NIV#fen-NIV-81b)] She said, “With the help of the Lord I have brought forth[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+4%3A1%2D16&version=NIV#fen-NIV-81c)]a man.” **2**Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. **3**In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. **4**And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, **5**but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. **East of Eden parallel:**

**6**Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? **7**If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.” **Paraphrase and connect to Adam and Charles:**

**8**Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.”[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+4%3A1%2D16&version=NIV#fen-NIV-88d)] While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. **East of Eden parallel:**

**9**Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”

“I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?” **East of Eden parallel:**

**10**The Lord said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground. **11**Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. **12**When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.” **East of Eden parallel:**

**13**Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is more than I can bear. **14**Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

**15**But the Lord said to him, “Not so[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+4%3A1%2D16&version=NIV#fen-NIV-95e)]; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over.” Then the Lord put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. **16**So Cain went out from the Lord’s presence and lived in the land of Nod,[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+4%3A1%2D16&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-96f" \o "See footnote f)] east of Eden. **East of Eden parallel:**

**Biblical story as an allusion or allegory- for us as students (for study) and as readers of the text. Lee says it is everyone’s story. Why?**