

The LORD has given us examples in things past that enlighten us in the present and is wisdom for the future. God has declared that ‘there is no new thing under the sun’ - **Ecclesiastes 1:9-10** *The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. 10 Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.* To the discerning eye and heart the end can be seen in the things from the beginning - **Isaiah 46:10** *Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:*

Jesus spoke of the ‘beginning of sorrows’ **Matthew 24:8** - *All these are the beginning of sorrows.* and Paul of ‘perilous times’ - **II Timothy 3:1** *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.* Indeed they shall come and are even now upon us. We know that humanism, atheism, transhumanism, Islamism, Buddhism, and Hinduism (beware of the ‘isms’) are the enemies of the cross, but we are now in a time when even so called Christians are the enemies of the cross. Have we not been told of this? **1John 2:18** *Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 1 John 2:19* *They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. John 16:2* *They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.*

In these last days there will be two manifestations of the church. The ‘True Church’ made of blood bought born again believers built upon obedience to the word of God (YHVH, Jesus the Christ) and spiritual sacrifices - **1 Peter 2:5** *Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.* The other church is the visible church made of brick and mortar who are either luke warm or whose heart is far from God and do the works of Satan. **Jude 1:4** *For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. Isaiah 29:13* *Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: Revelation 3:15-16* *I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16* *So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.*

There is the True church obedient to Gods Way and Word (Able) and there is the false church infiltrated by Satan whose hearts are far from God (Cain). Woe to them who have gone in the way of Cain.

The Way of Cain

Jude 1:11

11 Woe unto them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.

Genesis 4: 1-3, 5

- 1** And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.
2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.
3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.
5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

After the fall God set the standard of sin sacrifice for atonement. **Genesis 3:21** *Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.* Adam and Eve sewed fig lives together to cover their sin\ nakedness. In their reckoning this was sufficient, but it was inadequate. For God has set the standard **Hebrews 9:22** *And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.*

- 6** And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?
7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee *shall be* his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

Cain brought forth the fruit of the ground. A sacrifice with no shedding of blood and therefore not a suitable sin offering. Cain is a type of the mere man of the earth. His religion was destitute of any adequate sense of sin, or need for atonement. He worships in self-will, he is angry with God, he refuses to bring a sin offering the way God had ordained that it be brought that it may be accepted.

It is very likely that the skins out of which their clothing was made were taken off animals whose blood had been poured out as a sin-offering to God; for as we find Cain and Abel offering sacrifices to God, we may fairly presume that God had given them instructions on this head; nor is it likely that the notion of a sacrifice could have ever occurred to the mind of man without an express revelation from God. - *Barnes*

These coats of skin had a significancy. The beasts whose skins they were, must be slain; slain before their eyes to shew them what death is. And probably 'tis supposed they were slain for sacrifice, to typify the great sacrifice which in the latter end of the world should be offered once for all. Thus the first thing that died was a sacrifice, or Christ in a figure. – *Wesley*

Cain, the father of Deism, not acknowledging the necessity of a vicarious sacrifice, nor feeling his need of an atonement, according to the dictates of his natural religion, brought a minchah or eucharistic offering to the God of the universe. - *Clark*

Cain is a type of the carnal minded religious church which redefines what is sin, brings sacrifices in its own way and not in Gods way. It refuses to preach and teach the whole counsel of God. It is this religious church that is void of a relationship with God, but instead wants to worship in its own way in its self- will and not according to what is ordained and acceptable to God. It is this church that re-writes the Bible, refuses to recognize sin or preach the judgment of God. It is devoid of the teaching and preaching of the whole counsel of God. It is this church that calls itself Christian yet sees nothing wrong in abortion, it ordains same-sex marriage. By its silence on sin it condones it. It is filled with false teaching and doesn't recognize the supremacy and deity of Christ but will preach many ways to God. It has lost its first love, and went the way of Cain. It is a church of hyper grace, antinomianism, predestination and traditions of men that have made void the word of God. **Colossians 2:8** *Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*

Abel's Sacrifice Accepted.

Genesis 4:4

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering;

Hebrews 11:4

4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

Able had respect to God and what He says is acceptable and brought his sacrifice not by religious duty but by a relationship with God and following His ways, knowing what is acceptable.

...and the Lord had respect to Abel, and to his offering; as being what he had designed and appointed to be used for sacrifice in future time, and as being a suitable type and emblem of the Messiah, and his sacrifice; and especially as being offered up by faith, in a view to the sacrifice of Christ, which is of a sweet smelling savour to God, and by which sin only is atoned and satisfied – *Gill*

Able is a type of the True Church filled with blood bought born again believers. The true church recognizes the word of God as supreme in the preaching and teachings of the church. Christ is recognized as the head of the church. The whole counsel of God is preached and taught. Their spiritual sacrifices are acceptable to God as was Abel's. They worship in spirit and in truth. **John 4:24** *God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth*

The Way of Cain is:

The Religious natural man or church that believes in a God and in “religion”, but after his own will and rejects redemption by blood. Following The Way Of Balaam.

II Peter 2:15

15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam *the son of Bosor*, who loved the wages of unrighteousness.

The error of Balaam is that he could only see natural morality, a Holy God he reasoned must curse such a people as Israel. Like all false teachers he was ignorant of the higher morality of vicarious atonement, by which God could be just and yet the justifier of believing sinners.

Balaam was a hireling prophet seeking only to make a market of his gift. (Numbers 22, 23) Characterizing false teachers. The carnal church has forsaken the teachings of Christ and the doctrines of the Word of God. They have hired unto them hireling prophets such as Balaam, they are led by false prophets void of the word and counsel of God. They have become so biblically illiterate they can no longer discern truth from lies, nor do they want to. **2Timothy 4:3-4** *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

Matthew 7:15

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Jude 1:4

4For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jeremiah 23:2

Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 23:16

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD.

Revelation 2:14

14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication

Spiritually: The doctrine of Balaam never rises above natural reasoning. In-Practice: it is easy world conformity

Who Are They That Have Gone the Way Of Cain?

Jude 1: 12,16,18,19

12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds *they are* without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling *words*, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

19 These be they who separate themselves, *sensual, having not the Spirit.

*Sensual:

pertaining to, inclined to, or preoccupied with the gratification of the senses or appetites; carnal; fleshly, worldly; materialistic; irreligious.

The way of Cain and all those that follow in his way, is the way of Natural Religion, NOT THE WAY GOD HAD APPOINTED. Natural Religion is a religion based on reason and ordinary experience rather than supernatural revelation.

The time is near when the false church with the character of Cain and spirit of anti-christ will persecute the true church as will the other false religions. It will be the religious (Cain) vs the remnant (Able). The religious serve their own self-will and have forsaken the Word of God, they do what seemeth right in their own eyes and follow not the ways of God. To the religious the True Church will become their enemy because they do not want to be confronted with truth which is the Word of God.

They are content to walk in darkness claiming to have fellowship with Christ when there is none. to do Christ's work when they are in fact the enemies of the cross. **Matthew 7:20-23** Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. **21** Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. **22** Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? **23** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. **1John 1:6** If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

There is no new thing under the sun and God has declared the end from the beginning. As unrighteous Cain rose up and slew his righteous brother so will the false church rise up against the true church. However we have nothing to fear for God is on our side and He is faithful, His counsel will stand and He shall do His pleasure.

2Corinthians 4:7-11

7But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

8We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

10Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

11For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

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