

Correspondences between Genesis 3 (Adam & Eve) and Genesis 4 (Cain & Abel)

Genesis 3

temptation dramatized through the serpent

"and they knew (va'yede'u) that they were naked"

"then the man and his wife hid from the presence (p'nei) of YHWH-Elohim"

"where are you?"

"your desire/urge (teshuqatek) will be towards your husband"

"but he will dominate (yimshol) you"

"cursed be the earth ('arura ha-'adamah) because of you"

"briars and thistles will sprout for you to work the earth (la-'avod et ha-'adamah)"

"He banished (va-yegaresh) the man"

"eastward of the garden of Eden (miqqedem le-gan 'eden)"

Genesis 4

temptation dramatized through coiled serpentine sin "lurking at the door"

"Then the man knew (yada') his wife, Eve"

"I will be hidden from your presence (panekha)"

"where is your brother?"

"its desire/urge (teshuqato) will be towards you"

"but you can dominate (timshol) it"

"be you cursed by the earth ('arur 'atta min ha-'adamah)"

"when you work the earth (ta-'avod et ha-'adamah) it will no longer give its yield to you"

"you have banished (gerashta)me"

"eastward of Eden (qidmat 'eden)"