4. Fratricide: Cain and Abel- Qabil and Habil

Bible Qur’an

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| **Cain and Abel**  Now Adam knew (slept with ed.) Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said,  “I have acquired a man from the LORD.”  Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Genesis 4:1-2 | **The sons of Adam** Recite to them the truth of the story of the two sons of Adam.  5 The table spread, 27 | |
| **Jealousy at harvest time**  …Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat.  And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. Genesis 4:3-5 | | **Sacrifice not accepted**  Behold! they each presented a sacrifice (to Allah): It was accepted from one, but not from the other. Said the latter: “Be sure I will slay you.”  5 The table spread, 27 |
| **Sin wants to destroy you**  So the LORD said to Cain,  “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?  If you do well, will you not be accepted?  And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door.”  Genesis 4:6-7 | | **Slay me**  “Surely,” said the former: “Allah accepts of the sacrifice of those who are righteous. If you stretch your hand against me, to slay me, it is not for me to stretch my hand against you to slay you: for I do fear Allah, the Cherisher of the Worlds. For me, I intend to let you draw on yourself my sin as well as yours, for you will be among the Companions of the Fire, and that is the reward of those who do wrong.”  5 The table spread, 28-29 |
| **The first murder**  Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and …when they were in the field …Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.  Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?”  He said, “I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?”  And He said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.” Genesis 4: 8-11 | | **He murdered his brother**  The (selfish) soul of the other led him to the murder of his brother:  He murdered him and became (himself) one of the lost ones.  5 The table spread, 30 |
| **Cain punished and protected**  “When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth.”  And Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear…and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me.”   And the LORD said to him, “…whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him. Genesis, 4: 12-15 | | **Criminal shows remorse**  Then Allah sent a raven, who scratched the ground, to show him how to hide the shame of his brother.  “Woe is me!” said he; “was I not even able to be as this raven, and to hide the shame of my brother?” Then he became full of regrets.  5 The table spread, 31 |
| **Sixth commandment**   And God spoke all these words, saying…  “You shall not murder.” Exodus 20: 1, 13  Therefore, the human being (Adam) was created alone, to teach you that anyone who destroys one soul from the sons of Man (benei Adam) is reckoned by scripture as if he destroyed the whole world; and anyone who saves one soul from the sons of Man, is reckoned by scripture as if he had saved the whole world… Mishnah Sanhedrin, 4.5 | | **Killing one is as killing all**  On that account:  We ordained for the Children of Israel that if anyone slew a person - unless it be for murder or for spreading mischief in the land – it would be as if he slew the whole people (humankind ed.): and if anyone saved a life, it would be as if he saved the life of the whole people (humankind ed.).  Then although there came to them Our Messengers with Clear Signs, yet, even after that, many of them continued to commit excesses in the land. 5 The Table Spread,32 |