



1. The Garden of Eden and Cain and Abel

Cain and Abel	The Garden of Eden
וַיִּקַּם קַיִן אֶל הָבֶל אָחִיו וַיַּהַרְגֵהוּ:	וַתִּקַּח מִפְּרִי הַעֵץ וַתֹּאכַל
-----	וַיֵּצֵא יְדֹד... לֹא תֹאכַל
וַיֹּאמֶר יְדֹד אֶל קַיִן אֵי הָבֶל אָחִיךָ	וַיִּקְרָא... וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ אֵיפָה:
וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא יָדַעְתִּי הִשְׁמַר אָחִי אֲנֹכִי:	וַיֹּאמֶר... וַיֹּאמֶר כִּי עִירָם אֲנֹכִי וַאֲחֵיבָא... הָאִשָּׁה אֲשֶׁר נָתַתָּה עִמָּדִי הוּא נָתַתָּה לִּי
וַיֹּאמֶר מָה עָשִׂיתָ	וַיֹּאמֶר יְדֹד אֱלֹהִים לָאִשָּׁה מָה זָאת עָשִׂיתָ
וַעֲתָה אָרוּר אַתָּה	וּלְאָדָם אָמַר... אָרוּרְהָ הָאֲדָמָה בְּעִבּוּרָךְ
לִפְתַּח חֲטָאתָ רֹבֵץ גָּדוֹל עֹנִי מִנְשׂוּא	-----
וְאֵלֶיךָ תִּשׁוּקָתוֹ וְאַתָּה תִּמְשַׁל בּוֹ	אֵל אִישׁךָ תִּשׁוּקָתְךָ וְהוּא יִמְשַׁל בְּךָ
הֵן גֵּרַשְׁתָּ אוֹתִי... וַיֵּצֵא קַיִן... וַיֹּשֶׁב... קִדְמַת עֵדֶן	וַיִּגְרַשׁ אֶת הָאָדָם וַיִּשְׁכְּנוּ מִקֶּדֶם לְגִן עֵדֶן
וַיִּדְעַע קַיִן אֶת אִשְׁתּוֹ	וְהָאָדָם יָדַע אֶת חֲוָה אִשְׁתּוֹ:

She took from the fruit and ate	Cain arose over Abel his brother and killed him
The Lord commanded... "do not eat (of the tree)"	-----
He (the Lord) called and said, "Where are you?"	The Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?"



He said, "I was afraid because I was naked... the woman you gave me—gave me from the tree"	He said, "I do not know... Am I my brother's keeper?"
What have you done?	What have you done?
To the man... " <u>Cursed be the ground</u> for you..."	And now, <u>you are cursed</u> ...
To your husband is your <u>desire</u> and he shall <u>rule</u> over you	Its <u>desire</u> is to you and you may <u>rule</u> over it
-----	At the doorway <u>sin</u> couches My <u>sin</u> is too great to bear
He <u>banished</u> Ha-adam... and stationed <u>east</u> of the garden of Eden the cherubim...	"Behold, You have <u>banished</u> me..." Cain...dwelled to the <u>east of Eden</u>
The Lord God made garments of skins for the man and his wife and dressed them	The Lord put a mark on Cain, lest anyone who met him should kill him
The man knew his wife Eve	Cain knew his wife

2. Cain and Abel

א) וְהָאָדָם יָדַע אֶת חַוָּה אִשְׁתּוֹ וַתַּהַר וַתֵּלֶד אֶת קַיִן וַתֹּאמֶר קָנִיתִי אִישׁ אֶת יְדֹדִי (ב) וַתִּסַּף לָלֶדֶת אֶת אָחִיו אֶת הָבֶל וַיְהִי הֶבֶל רֹעֶה צֹאן וְקַיִן הָיָה עֹבֵד אֲדָמָה (ג) וַיְהִי מִקֵּץ יָמִים וַיָּבֵא קַיִן מִפְּרִי הָאֲדָמָה מִנְחָה לַיהוָה (ד) וְהֶבֶל הֵבִיא גַם הוּא מִבְּכֹרוֹת צֹאנוֹ וּמִחֲלִבְהֶן וַיִּשַׁע יְדֹד אֶל הֶבֶל וְאֶל מִנְחָתוֹ (ה) וְאֶל קַיִן וְאֶל מִנְחָתוֹ לֹא שָׁעָה וַיַּחַר לְקַיִן מְאֹד וַיִּפְּלוּ פָנָיו (ו) וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל־קַיִן לָמָּה חָרָה לָךְ וְלָמָּה נָפְלוּ פָנֶיךָ (ז) הֲלוֹא אִם־תֵּיטִיב שְׂאֵת וְאִם לֹא תֵיטִיב לִפְתַּח חַטָּאת רִבְצָ וְאֶלֶיךָ תִּשְׁוֹקֶתוּ וְאַתָּה תִּמְשָׁלֻבּוּ (ח) וַיֹּאמֶר קַיִן אֶל־הֶבֶל אָחִיו וַיְהִי בִּהְיוֹתָם בַּשָּׂדֶה וַיִּקָּם קַיִן אֶל־הֶבֶל אָחִיו וַיַּהַרְגֵהוּ (ט) וַיֹּאמֶר יְקֹנֶן אֶל־קַיִן אֵי הֶבֶל אָחִיךָ וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא יָדַעְתִּי הֲשֹׁמֵר אָחִי אָנֹכִי (י) וַיֹּאמֶר מֶה עָשִׂיתָ קוֹל דְּמֵי אָחִיךָ צֹעֲקִים אֵלַי מִרְחֹמָיִךָ :

The man knew Eve... she conceived and bore Cain, and said: 'I have acquired a man with the LORD.' And she continued to give birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain was a tiller of the ground. At the end of days, Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering to the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD paid heed to Abel and to his offering; but to Cain and to his offering He did not pay heed. And Cain was very angry and his face fell. And the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry and why has your face fallen? Is it not so: if you do well, there will be uplift, and if you do not do well, sin couches at the door; and to you is its desire, but you may rule over it." And Cain said to Abel his brother, and it was when they were in the field, Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and killed him. The Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground."



3. Abarbanel on verse 1

I have acquired a man with the Lord. ... she said this in order to brag: if the first time, woman was created from man—flesh of his flesh and bone of his bones—now the man, Cain, is made from the woman, Havvah... Therefore, man has no superiority over woman, since now man comes from woman. 'I have acquired a man with God' means she attributed (Cain) to herself and not to his father.

4. Radak on verse 7

הלא אם תטיב שאת - אם תטיב לבך ומעשיך יהיה לך שאת, פירוש כפרה וסליחה כמו נושא עון (שמות ל"ד) של חטאת הוא יצר הרע...

If you will do well there will be uplift. If you improve your heart and deeds you will have uplift, meaning atonement and forgiveness of sin, that is the evil inclination...

Bereishit 49:3

רְאוּבֵן בְּכֹרִי אֶתָּה כְּחֵי וְרֵאשִׁית אוֹנִי יֵתֵר שְׂאת וְיֵתֵר עָז :

Reuben, you are my first born... exceeding in rank and exceeding in honor.

Bereishit 1

וַיַּעַשׂ אֱלֹהִים... אֶת־הַמָּאֹר הַגָּדֹל לְמַמְשְׁלַת הַיּוֹם וְאֶת־הַמָּאֹר הַקָּטָן לְמַמְשְׁלַת הַלַּיְלָה וְאֶת הַכּוֹכָבִים :

God made... the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night and the stars.

5. Bereishit Rabbah

Cain said to Abel his brother...What were they arguing about? They said, "Come, let us divide the world." One took the land and the other took the moveable objects. One said, "The land you are standing on is mine." The other said, "What you are wearing is mine." One said, "Take it off!" the other said, "Get off!" As a result, "Cain arose over Abel his brother and killed him."

... What were they arguing about? One said, "In my portion will the holy temple be built." The other said, "In my portion will the holy temple be built" ... As a result, Cain arose over Abel his brother and killed him."

Rabbi Yehuda bar Ami said, "They were arguing about Havvah."

Rashi on verse 8:

נכנס עמו בדברי ריב ומצה להתעולל עליו להרגו ויש בזה מדרשי אגדה אך זה ישובו של מקרא :

Cain said to Abel. He engaged in contentious words with him, to create a pretext to kill him. There are many midrashim on this, but this is the plain sense of the text.

6. Bereishit 37

וַיָּבֵא יוֹסֵף אֶת דִּבְתָּם רָעָה אֶל אָבִיהֶם... וַיִּשְׁנָאוּ אֹתוֹ וְלֹא יָכְלוּ דַּבְּרוֹ לְשָׁלָם...



Joseph brought bad reports of them to their father... they hated him so that they could not speak a friendly word to him.

וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ אָחָיו ... אִם־מִשׁוֹל תִּמְשָׁל בָּנוּ וַיֹּסֶפּוּ עוֹד שָׁנָא אֹתוֹ עַל־חֲלֹמֹתָיו וְעַל־דִּבְרָיו : וַיִּחַלֶּם עוֹד חֲלוֹם
אַחֵר וַיֹּסֶפֶר אֹתוֹ לְאָחָיו וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה חֲלֹמֹתַי חֲלוֹם עוֹד וְהִנֵּה הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ וְהַיָּרֵחַ וְאַחַד עָשָׂר כּוֹכָבִים
מִשְׁתַּחֲוִים לִי :

His brothers said, "...Do you mean to rule over us?" They hated him even more for his dreams and his words. He dreamed another dream and told his brothers. He said, "... the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."

7. Bereishit 39

וַיְהִי כַּדְּבָרָה אֲלֵיוֹסֶף יוֹם יוֹם וְלֹא־שָׁמַע אֵלֶיהָ לִשְׁכַּב אִצְלָהּ...
וַתְּדַבֵּר אֵלָיו כְּדִבְרֵים הָאֵלֶּה לֵאמֹר בָּאֲלֵי הָעֶבֶד הָעִבְרִי אֲשֶׁר־הִבֵּאתָ לָנוּ לַצֶּחֶק בִּי...
וַיְהִי כִשְׁמַע אֲדָוָיו אֶת־דִּבְרֵי אִשְׁתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר דִּבְרָה אֵלָיו לֵאמֹר כְּדִבְרֵים הָאֵלֶּה עָשָׂה לִי עֶבְדְּךָ וַיַּחֲרֹץ אֹפָן :

She spoke to Joseph every day and he would not heed her to lie with her...

She spoke to him, with these words, saying: "The Hebrew slave whom you brought came to dally with me..." When his master heard the words of his wife which she had spoken to him saying...

8. Bereishit 45, 50

וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף אֶל אָחָיו אֲנִי יוֹסֵף... וְלֹא יָכְלוּ אָחָיו לַעֲנוֹת אֹתוֹ כִּי נִבְהָלוּ מִפָּנָיו.. וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף אֶל אָחָיו
גִּשׁוּ נָא אֵלַי וַיִּגְשׁוּ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲנִי יוֹסֵף אֲחֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר מְכַרְתֶּם אֹתִי מִצְרַיִמָּה...וַעֲתָה לֹא־אֶתֶּם שְׁלֹחַתְכֶם
אֶתִּי הִנֵּה בִּי הָאֱלֹהִים וַיְשִׁימֵנִי לְאֵב לַפְּרֹעָה וּלְאֹדוֹן לְכָל־בֵּיתוֹ וּמִשָּׁל בְּכָל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם... וְכָל־לִבִּיתִי
אֶתֶּדָּה ...

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph... and they were unable to answer him because they were dumbfounded... Joseph said... "Draw near to me," and they drew near. And he said, "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold to Egypt... now, it is not you who sent me here, but God; He has made me a father to Pharaoh... and a ruler over all the land of Egypt... I will provide for you..."

וַיִּפֹּל עַל צַוְאֲרֵי בְנִימִן אָחָיו וַיִּבֶּדְךָ... וַיִּנָּשֶׁק לְכָל אָחָיו וַיִּבֶּדְךָ עֲלֵהֶם וְאַחֲרֵי כֵן דִּבְּרוּ אָחָיו אֹתוֹ

He fell on Benjamin's neck and cried and Benjamin cried on his neck... and he kissed all his brothers and cried upon them, and afterwards his brothers spoke to him.

... וַיְנַחֵם אוֹתָם וַיְדַבֵּר עַל לִבָּם :

...[And Joseph] consoled them, speaking to their hearts.