

## Parashat B'reishit

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## Torah Genesis 4:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gained a male child with the help of the Eternal." <sup>2</sup> She then bore his brother Abel. Abel became a keeper of sheep, and Cain became a tiller of the soil. 3 In the course of time, Cain brought an offering to the Eternal from the fruit of the soil; <sup>4</sup> and Abel, for his part, brought the choicest of the firstlings of his flock. The Eternal paid heed to Abel and his offering, 5 but to Cain and his offering God paid no heed. Cain was much distressed and his face fell. 6 And the Eternal said to Cain, "Why are you distressed, and why is your face fallen? <sup>7</sup> Surely, if you do right, there is uplift. But if you do not do right sin couches at the door; its urge is toward you, yet you can be its master." 8 Cain said to his brother Abel ... and when they were in the field, Cain set upon his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup> The Eternal said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" 10 Then God said, "What have you done? Hark, your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground! 11 Therefore, you shall be more cursed than the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 If you till the soil, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. You shall become a ceaseless wanderer on earth."

## Haftarah Isaiah 42:5-8

<sup>8</sup> Setting free that people, blind though it has eyes and deaf though it has ears." <sup>9</sup> All the nations assemble as one, the peoples gather. Who among them declared this, foretold to us the things that have happened? Let them produce their witnesses and be vindicated, that men, hearing them, may say, "It is true!" <sup>10</sup> My witnesses are you, declares the Eternal, My servant, whom I have chosen. To the end that you may take thought, and believe in Me, and understand that I am God: Before Me no god was formed, And after Me none shall exist <sup>11</sup> I, even I, am the Eternal, and apart from me there is no savior.