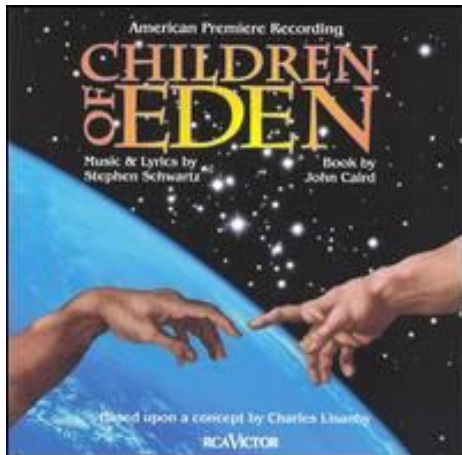


Children of Eden Disc 1

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Wasteland

STORYTELLERS

And the man walked through the acrid ash of heaven
To the smoldering tree destroyed by Father's wrath
And he carved from it a staff
To lean on in the aftermath

And the man and woman went out from the garden
And when they turned to look,
the pathway back was gone
So they turned and set their eyes
To the land that lies beyond...

Red rock and outcrop stone
And the sun glares off a bleaching bone
There's no comfort or softness here
There's only the wasteland

The land of the hunter, the stalker, and the skinner
Where you're either the diner or the dinner
And the line between man and beast
keeps getting thinner
In the wasteland

In the wasteland, the land laid waste
Fruit of knowledge has a bitter taste
But the bliss of ignorance can never be replaced
It's lost in the wilderness

And there came a day, in a chilly rain
A child was born in sweat and pain
But they loved him still
and they called him Cain
Of the wasteland

In the wasteland, the land forlorn
Two more years and one more morning
There's another cry heard and another boy born
To be lost in the wilderness

Heat-baked and dust storm-driven
And one false step stays unforgiven
And all that you know is you weren't made to live in
The wasteland

Lost in the Wilderness

ABEL

Here we are your grateful children
Please accept our sacrifice
May you hear us and forgive us
Bring us back to paradise

CAIN [over ABEL]

All these years of this cruel joke
The best harvest going up in smoke
Praying for a future
from these silent stony shelves
How much more of this must we take
This is the morning we finally make a future for
ourselves!

ABEL

But Cain if it's God's will...

CAIN

Is it God's will or have we all been conned?
Brother, we will never know
We will never grow
If we never go
Beyond

I never made this world, I didn't even lose it
And I know no one said t'was fair
But they had a garden once
They had the chance to choose
They gave it away including my share

And now we're lost in wilderness
Lost, crying in the wilderness
And if anyone's watching
it seems they couldn't care less
We're lost wilderness

You follow all the rules
You swallow all the stories
And every night you wish on a star
Dreaming your day will come,
trusting in allegories
And every morning boy look where you are

Lost in the Wilderness
Lost, lonely, dying in the wilderness
With no chance of living boy, until you confess
You're lost in the wilderness

Did you ever watch the eagle fly to the sun
And wondered how he got to be so free
If you ever have you know your journey's begun
Hey what you got to lose boy, when already we are
Lost in the wilderness

And where we are headed boy,
I couldn't even guess but
Off we go without a warning
Running as we hit the ground
Where our future lies aborning
Where our hearts are outward bound
Till one bright and distant morning
We may stop and look around
And there in the wilderness
Finally we'll be found!

The Mark of Cain

FATHER

Cain! Cain!
The voice of your brother's blood
Cries to me from the ground
I curse that ground
And I curse you!

Be a fugitive and a vagabond
All your wretched life
And should you find a wife
I curse her too
And all your tainted progeny
Your children's children's children

FATHER AND STORYTELLERS

Even to the seventh generation!
Let the righteous hear:
The seed of Cain with guilt and shame is ridden
All concourse with them is forever more forbidden

Shun them like the scorpion and shark
And that you may know them

On Cain I set this mark.

The race of Cain must ever bear this mark!

STORYTELLERS

The wild beast howl and the wild winds blow
And the seeds of the tree of knowledge grow
And you know things now you wish you didn't know

In the wasteland...
In the wasteland...
In the wasteland...

The Way of Cain

Genesis 4

4:1 Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain (spear). She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man." 2 Later she gave birth to his brother Abel (vanity). Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. 3 In the course of time, Cain brought **some** of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. 4 But Abel brought fat portions from some of the **firstborn** of his flock. The LORD looked with favor **on Abel** and his offering, 5 but **on Cain** and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

6 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? 7 **If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.**"

8 Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

10 The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. 11 Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

13 Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is more than I can bear. 14 Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

15 But the LORD said to him, "Not so; if anyone kills Cain, he will suffer vengeance seven times over." Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. 16 So Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Prov 15:8-9

8 *The LORD detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him.*

9 *The LORD detests the way of the wicked but he loves those who pursue righteousness.*

1 John 3:12-15

12 **Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous.** 13 *Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you. 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. 15 Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.*

Heb 11:4

4 **By faith** Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. **By faith** he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. **And by faith he still speaks**, even though he is dead.

Jude 5-11

5 *Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord delivered his people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. 6 And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home-these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. 7 In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.*

8 *In the very same way, these dreamers (false teachers) pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings. 9 But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" 10 Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they do not understand; and what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals-these are the very things that destroy them.*

11 **Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain;** they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion.

17 Cain lay with his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch. 18 To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad was the father of Mehujael, and Mehujael was the father of Methushael, and Methushael was the father of Lamech.

19 Lamech married two women, one named Adah and the other Zillah. 20 Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who live in tents and raise livestock. 21 His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all who play the harp and flute. 22 Zillah also had a son, Tubal-Cain, who forged all kinds of tools out of bronze and iron. Tubal-Cain's sister was Naamah.

23 Lamech said to his wives, "Adah and Zillah, listen to me; wives of Lamech, hear my words. I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for injuring me. 24 If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech seventy-seven times."

25 Adam lay with his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, "God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him." 26 Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. ***At that time men began to call on the name of the LORD.***

View from a Jewish Historian

Nay, even while Adam was alive, it came to pass that the posterity of Cain became exceedingly wicked, every one successively dying one after the other, more wicked than the former. They were intolerable in war, and vehement in robberies; and if any one were slow to murder people, yet was he bold in his profligate behavior, in acting unjustly, and doing injury for gain.

- Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews*, A.D. 93

Two Kinds of People: Wheat/Tares and Sheep/Goats

The Way of Cain / Calling on the name of the LORD

Matt 13:37-42

37 He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil.

The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

*40 "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and **all who do evil**. 42 They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

Matt 25:31-33

*31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd **separates the sheep from the goats**. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ...46 "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."*

Freemason symbol



Ex. (Grasping his hand): "What is this ?"

Vis.: "The pass-grip of a Master Mason."

Ex.: "Has this a name?"

Vis.: "It has."

Ex.: "Will you give it to me ?"

Vis.: "I did not so receive it, neither will I so impart it."

Ex.: "How will you dispose of it?"

Vis.: "I will syllable it with you."

Ex.: "Syllable it and begin."

Vis.: "No, you begin."

Ex.: "You must begin."

Vis.: "Bal."

Ex.: "Tu."

Vis.: "Cain."

Ex.: "Tubal."

Vis.: "Tubal-Cain."

Mormon View of Mark of Cain

On [October 9, 1859](#), he (Brigham Young) again addressed the curse of Cain, as well as an additional curse of slavery, known as the curse of Ham, stating:

Cain slew his brother. Cain might have been killed, and that would have put a termination to that line of human beings. This was not to be, and the Lord put a mark upon him, which is the flat nose and black skin. Trace mankind down to after the flood, and then another curse is pronounced upon the same race—that they should be the 'servant of servants'; and they will be, until that curse is removed; and the Abolitionists cannot help it, nor in the least alter that decree.

In 1954, Church President [David O. McKay](#) taught:

"There is not now, and there never has been a doctrine in this church that the negroes are under a divine curse. There is no doctrine in the church of any kind pertaining to the negro. 'We believe' that we have a scriptural precedent for withholding the priesthood from the negro. It is a practice, not a doctrine, and the practice someday will be changed. And that's all there is to it."

In 1978, the church announced a [revelation](#) from God officially ending its policy of excluding Hamites from the priesthood.

Recently, Elder [Bruce R. McConkie](#) of the [Quorum of the Twelve Apostles](#) stated:

There are statements in our literature by the early Brethren that we have interpreted to mean that the Negroes would not receive the priesthood in mortality. I have said the same things, and people write me letters and say, "You said such and such, and how is it now that we do such and such?" All I can say is that it is time disbelieving people repented and got in line and believed in a living, modern prophet. **Forget everything that I have said, or what President Brigham Young or George Q. Cannon or whoever has said in days past that is contrary to the present revelation.** We spoke with a limited understanding and without the light and knowledge that now has come into the world. It doesn't make a particle of difference what anybody ever said about the Negro matter before the first day of June 1978. It is a new day and a new arrangement, and the Lord has now given the revelation that sheds light out into the world on this subject. As to any slivers of light or any particles of darkness of the past, we forget about them. We now do what meridian Israel did when the Lord said the gospel should go to the Gentiles. We forget all the statements that limited the gospel to the house of Israel, and we start going to the Gentiles.

Two Lines- Two Destinies

