## Genesis 2020 Chapter Four

Genesis 4:1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife (A), and she conceived and bore Cain, saving, "I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord." 2 And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. 3 In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, 4 and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, 5 but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell (B.). A. Adam and Cain "knowing" their wives and bearing children is abruptly interrupted in 4:19 by Lamech. **B.** Cains wrongful sacrifice: Two options: 1. Right sacrifice/wrong attitude. ⇒ Exodus 25:2 "Tell the Israelites to bring Me an offering. You are to receive My offering from every man whose heart compels him. **⇒ Deuteronomy 15:10** *Give generously to him, and do not let your heart be grieved when you do so. And* because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything to which you put your hand. **⇒ 2** Corinthians 9:6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not out of regret or compulsion. For God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work **⇒** Philemon 1:14 But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that your goodness will not be out of compulsion, but by your own free will. 2. Wrong Sacrifice because of wrong attitude. ⇒ Reminder: significant portions of the Mosaic Law have already been alluded to in Gen 1-3. See p.12 of your notes concerning v. 2:2 and above at v. 3:20 as God has established the need for a blood sacrifice. - Hebrews 9:22 Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. - Isaiah 43:3 For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place. 4 Because you are precious and honored in My sight, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you and nations in place of your life. ⇒ Two clues help us understand Abel's sacrifice; i. He brought the firstborn: ... Lev 27:26 A firstborn belongs to the LORD. ii. He brought fat portions: Lev 3:3 he shall offer the fat covering the entrails and all the fat.  $\Rightarrow$  Most likely the parents and the boys knew that the Lord only accepted blood/meat sacrifice. ⇒ How did Cain know the sacrifice was rejected? God personally accepted Old Testament sacrifice by FIRE from heaven at least half a dozen times. - Moses/Aaron Lev 9:24 - Gideon Judges 6:21 - Samson's Parents/Judges 12:20 - Elijah 1 Kings 18:38 - David 1 Chron 21:26 - Solomon 2 Chron 7:11: Note Sacrifice in Gen 3 & 4. ∃ Cain becomes the first Pharisee.

**4:6** The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it."

- b. God's warning is His discipline which is grace.
  - **⇒ Hebrews 12:5** And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. 6 For the Lord disciplines the one he

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loves, and chastises every son whom he receive

c. This discipline is an offer of repentance. a. God confronts Cain (grace). b. God warns Cain to question his situation (grace). c. God tells him the exact problem (grace).

d. Sin is personified, viewed as an entity, crouching, stalking, and wanting to destroy (a snake in 3:1).

- Hebrews 3:13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

- 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.  $\Rightarrow$  This is the entrance of this personification: the result of the sin of his parents.

4:8 Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let us go out to the field" (Syriac/LXX), and when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

- The theme of "rising up;" usually war or wrath.
- 1. No mention of Cain deliberating Gods warning.
- 2. No mention of upbringing.
- 3. No mention of Satan (or other outside influence). -
- 4. No mention of reason for Cain's hate (apparent).

5. There is a need to notice the quick progression of sin; from desire that leads to breaking a simple command, to apparent jealousy, hate, and anger that leads to murder. Mankind seems doomed at this point. Sins progression is very evident from here on out, as is God's punishment for it.

### <u>HOWEVER</u>....so is God's mercy and grace.

Habakkuk 3:2 O LORD, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O LORD, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy.

⇒ Cain will break the two greatest commandments.

Matthew 22:36-39 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 5:21-22 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!'

will be liable to the hell of fire.

However, it's worse than it looks:

God is The Creator and Giver of life: \_\_\_\_\_

Cain acts in opposition to God's

character by becoming a destroyer

and taker of life (Life is in the blood. Leviticus 17:11): Cain acts thus without the 'direct' influence of Satan, who with Adam can still be held responsible because Satan is the Father of lies (John 8:44), and Death came through Adam (1 Corinthians 15:21).

Cain, Like His Father, Goes To Court: 4:9 Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" 10 And the Lord said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground.

1. Cain adds stupidity and childlike foolishness to Adam's sin: He lies, to the Omnipotent YAHWEH!

2. "Am I my brother's keeper?" In fact Cain took up the responsibility of being his brother's keeper in matters of life and death.

**4:11** And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth "

fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." - In Adam the ground was cursed. This is an extension of that judgment; all of Cain's ability as a tiller of the ground (v.4:2) is taken from him. The ground will still have strength to bear fruit, but Cain will not have the blessing of it. - The earth is God's footstool, and Cain has been alienated from it. - Cain wished to be 'free' from his brother, only to be imprisoned (a fugitive) for the murder of him. - Cain will lose his family unit; he is "cut off" from his people (thread: Lev 18; 23; Num 15). → Watch for written patterns; they reveal God's character and principles. A. Warning to Adam Gen 2:17 A. Warning to Cain Gen 4:7 **B.** Crime of Adam Gen 3:6 **B.** Crime of Cain Gen 4:8 C. Interrogation of Adam Gen 3:11 C. Interrogation of Cain Gen 4:9 **D.** Judgment of Cain **D.** Judgment of Adam Gen 3:17 Gen 4:11 **E.** Punishment of Adam = out/work/fellowship **E.** Punishment of Cain = out/work/fellowship → Look for this pattern (and others) in God's work in your life through the Word and His Spirit. Excerpts: The cumulative effect of these repeated words and themes serves to show that the present story is an extension of the [Adamic] account; "know" occurs in 4:1 and 4:9, reflects 2:17, 3:5, 3:7; Cain hid (4:14); Adam - Eve hid (3:8); Cain brought fruit of the ground (4:3), Eve ate from the fruit of the tree (3:6); God interrogated Cain (4:6, 10), God interrogated Adam/Eve (3:9, 11, 13); desire being contrary (3:16) vs (4:7); the voice of Abel's blood cried out (4:10), the voice of the Lord God was heard (3:8); Cain became his brother's keeper (4:9), man keeps the garden (2:15); angels keep the way to the tree (3:24); Cain was cursed (4:11), the serpent and the ground were cursed (3:14, 17). Allen P. Ross. Who "IS" Abel? 1. The Younger Brother (thread). 2. A Priest? Hebrews 11:4a "By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings." 3. A Prophet? Hebrews 11:4b "And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead." Luke 11:47 Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your fathers killed. 48 So you are witnesses and you consent to the deeds of your fathers, for they killed them, and you build their tombs. 49 Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute, ' 50 so that the blood of all the prophets, shed from the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation, 51 from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah. ⇒ Moses, considered the greatest prophet, until Jesus of course (Dt 18:15, 18; Mt 21:11; Jn 1:21, 6:14). - Christ's blood "speaks more graciously than the blood of Abel" (Heb. 12:24); Allen P. Ross.

⇒ <u>Abel's Blood cries out</u>: The missing person; the priest of God; the death of a servant.

⇒ H. Melville: It is in dying that saints often achieve their greatest victory... There is a power in their memory which makes them survive [departure]. The death of the righteous is often effectual in convincing those who were not moved by their life. The piety which can smile at the grim tyrant, more persuades men of its truth, and more urges to imitation, than piety under lesser trial and demonstration, as it was not

in the pulpit, nor in the study, but at the stake, that martyrs lighted the candle which yet sheds over nations so rich an illumination. Let us not, then, speak of death as necessarily the termination of

usefulness. It may often be only that which carries userulness to its neight, and gives it perpetuity, Having put off their armour, they may still be in the fight, their example remaining to incite others to constancy, their memory descending to lead on successors in the championship of truth.

⇒ Missler gives two reason for Cain's possible salvation: 1. He was given a lifetime to repent.

2. Cain's sons name bear God's name. I could add one other; Cain "knew" his wife;" all positive clues.

... However; there is more than enough reasons for discounting that Cain was saved.

Cain is always in a negative vein.

→ Hebrews 11:4 By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain. Hebrews 11 includes Samson and Lot as people of faith (unscrupulous at best).

⇒ 1 John 3:11 For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12 We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. This is clear.

→ Jude 1:10-11 But these people blaspheme all that they do not understand, and they are destroyed by all that they, like unreasoning animals, understand instinctively. Woe to them! For they walked in the way of Cain. This also is clear.

⇒ In opposition to Abel's death in 4:25, and seemingly Cain's line, Seth is born as a replacement of Abel *"for Cain killed him."* Furthermore at the birth of Seth's son Enosh in 4:26, it is then that "men began to call upon the name of the Lord." Very pointed!

⇒ I learned from Missler the use of messages in names but he did not do his homework in Cain's offspring.

- ⇒ Cain means "Begotten With the Help of God."
- → Cain son Enoch; means "Teaching."
- → Enoch's son Irad; "Fugitive, Runner, or Wild Ass."
- → Irad's son Mehujael; "Smitten of God."
- → Mehujael's son Methushael; "I Am Mortal of God, Where is God? or Without God?"
- → Methushael's son Lamech; "Made Low, Waning, or Disappearing."

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#### Here we get the first of several messages ...

"A Man is Begotten With the Help of God, \_\_\_\_\_ Teaching [he is a] Fugitive, Smitten of God, \_\_\_\_\_ mortal (dying) — or Without God, \_\_\_\_\_ Made Low, and Disappearing."

**\*\*\*Cain's seed** does not make it through the flood and the line before the flood is problematic.

**→** The elder brother becomes a type, a stain (thread).

A. Cain's name is forever demonized while Abel's is recognized in faith:

**B.** Abel is the first Martyr. The first to taste poison from the tip of the knife wielded not first by Cain, but by his mom and dad, and only finalized by Cain.

Psalm 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

**Prov 14:32** The wicked is overthrown through his evildoing, but the righteous finds refuge in his death.

— Abel would be the first to die the first death, Cain would be the first to die the second (not redeemed).

- Revelation 2:11 The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.

4:13 Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. 14 Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and

whoever finds me will kill me." 15 Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. 16 Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

2 Corinthians 7:10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation without regret.

Psalm 38:18 Yes, I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin.

→ Notice: Unexpected consequences.

→ Notice: Fear envelopes Cain as it did his father. → Notice: He's a wanderer on the earth: Concept

of the earth-dweller (not a citizen of Heaven;

### Is 18:3; Lk 21:35; Rev 3:10, 11:10. In Numbers 32:13;

Israel is made to wander after sin. The concept is a person in fear, without help. The word "wanderer:" used of trees swaying in the wind (Judges 9:13; Isaiah 7:2).

→ Notice "whoever finds me;" by this time many others are on the planet.

 $\Rightarrow$  Notice: Tons of conjecture but no one knows what the mark was.

**Ezekiel 9:3** *Then the glory of the God of Israel* rose from above the cherubim, where it had been, and moved to the threshold of the temple. And He called to the man clothed in linen who had the writing kit at his side. 4"Go throughout -

the city of Jerusalem," said the LORD, "and put a mark on the foreheads of the men sighing and groaning over all the abominations committed there." 5And as I listened, He said to the others, "Follow him through the city and start killing; do not show pity or spare anyone!...

**⇒ "Oth"** a 'sign' in Genesis 1:14. the 'oth,' 'sign,' or 'mark' points to God and is a way of guarantee. >> Notice: Nod means wandering. It seems he became a nomad but we"1 find if this is the case, it did not last long; he will build a city.

> Notice: While it seems a short time from the 'birth' of Adam to his fall, it also seems some time could have passed until Cain sins because by then other 'adults' inhabited the planet.

guarding the Eastern entrance (3:24).

4:17a Cain knew his wife, and she conceived

— Adam knew his wife **4:1** and they have children. The natural way/intimate relations = child-bearing.

**4:17**b. When he built a city, he called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch (the first).

 $\Rightarrow$  Notice: The city is a bad context. They were to multiply and fill the earth; not congregate (1:28).

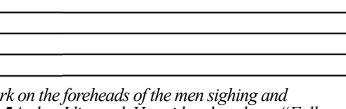
⇒ Notice: Cain may lose his son at some point (after Enoch bears children). The reason I suggest this is because Tarah builds a city and names it after his son Haran who dies in Genesis 11:31, 12:4 (trend?).

⇒ Notice: Cain may have built this city as a 'City of refuge' as he is afraid as a wanderer and fugitive. This wandering was away from the presence of God.

> Notice: Everyone was driven East. This had to have been further East as there were already Cherubim

and bore Enoch. This will be an important point:

— Here, Cain does the same. This is a positive note.



... *Hebrew terminology*: Village is Baat, City is Ayar; *Furthermore*, if it was smaller than a large city, or comparable to a town, it usually carries a modifier: "a qatan ayar" (small city).

**Examples**: Zoar in **Gen 17**; Bethlehem in **Mic 5**; and in **Ecc 9:14** "There was a little city with few men in it (two qualifiers). Cain's city has no qualifiers, thus its population was substantial.

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Now: it would probably be prudent to bypass the logical and one of the most asked questions in Christianity: Where did Cain get his wife? Honestly, no one knows, but we can't skip this Q!	
	cample why. William Jennings Bryan, prosecutor for but Cain's wife posed by the ACLU lawyer Clarence
A—I have never tried to find out. Q—You have never tried to find? A—No.	
<ul> <li>Q—The Bible says he got one doesn't it? Were ther</li> <li>A—I cannot say.</li> <li>Q—You cannot say. Did that ever enter your conside</li> <li>A—Never bothered me.</li> <li>Q—There were no others recorded, but Cain got a vertice</li> <li>A—That is what the Bible says.</li> <li>Q—Where she came from you do not know.</li> </ul>	leration?
<u>The world's press was focused on this trial</u> , and what Christians can't defend the biblical record! Howeve	r, two important things arise from this example: Bryan I given login. And a possible third: Bryan was afraid to
Romans 5 (excerpts): v.12 Sin came into the world through one man, and through sin, and so death spread to all men v14-17 trespass/death reigned through one man 4x)	
<ul> <li>v.18 One trespass led to condemnation for all men.</li> <li><b>∃</b> Eve was the mother of all living; Adam only had 1</li> <li><b>∃</b> As was mentioned before, Cain worried 'others' was a second s</li></ul>	
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Gen 5:4 And Adam had other sons and daughters.	at the DNA/Genes most likely are corrupt, but that ing 30 years old (as some suggest), and he has Cain at
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30, and lets say Adam and Eve have a child every two years until Seth is born (when Adam is 130 years old), by the time Seth is born, Adam and Eve would have had 50 children (very conservative), and BTW they have more children after Seth.

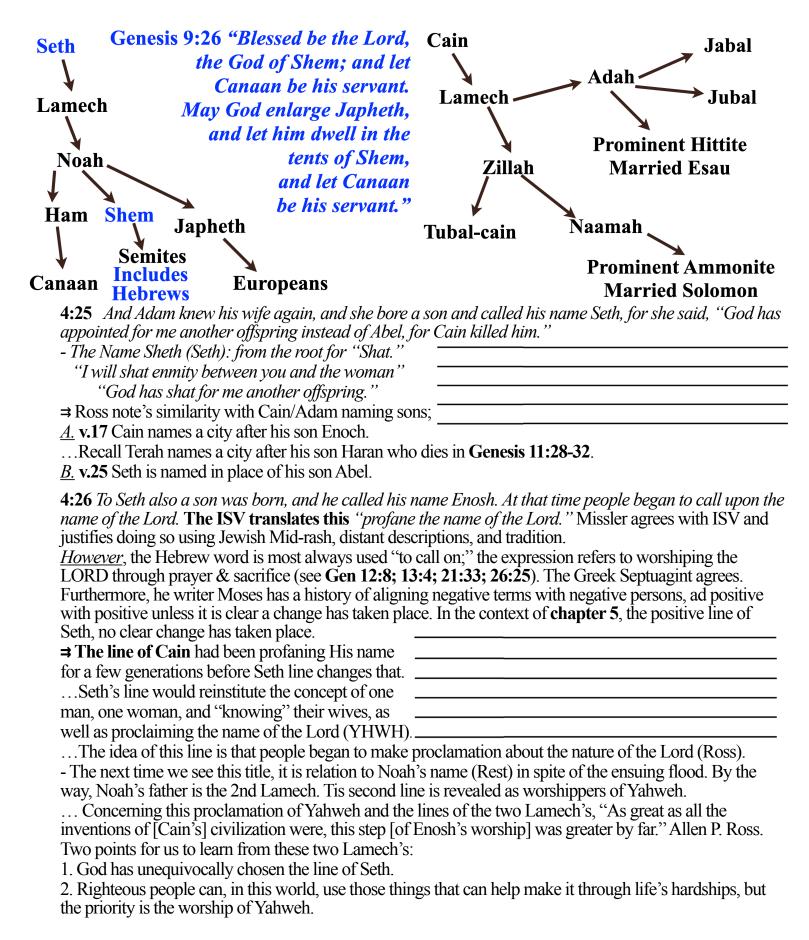
**Answers in Genesis**: If the growth rate in the pre-Flood world was equal to the growth rate in 2000 (0.012), there could have been about 750 million people at the time of the Flood. However, given the extremely long lifespans prior to the Flood, the growth rate could have been much higher. Increasing the rate by just 0.001 (0.013) would put the population at close to four billion at the Flood.

>---» Further reasoning; before the flood (besides Adam and Eve), men began having children between 65 and 100 years old (and they lived to 600-900 years old). A man living until 700 years (example) could have as few as 130 children in only half his lifetime (350 years), and that is one child every two years. It is conceivable that couples could have as many as several hundred children. *⇒ However*, there is NO example of anyone having near that many, but the caveat to this is that there is always a short list of good seed (always the remnant), and yet the 'bad seed' are not always listed. After the flood; the age of first time fathers drops to 30-35 (they lived to 120 yrs old); 12-20 children? Note about incest (outlawed in Leviticus): ... The closest documented cases: → Abraham married Sarah his half-sister—the daughter of his father but not his mother. → Abraham's brother Nahor married his niece Milcah, the daughter of his other brother Haran. — > Abraham's son Isaac married Rebekah, his first cousin once removed, the granddaughter of his father Abraham's brother Nahor with Milcah. ⇒ Laban was Abraham's second generation nephew and his daughters Leah and Rachel married Jacob: this would have been his distant cousin, >> There is no documented direct marriage of brother or sister. All of these prior to Levitical Law. Genesis 4:18 To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad fathered Mehujael, and Mehujael fathered Methushael, and Methushael fathered Lamech. ... Note how many generations from Adam we are -...Now we take a turn toward the strange. ... We begin with the 1st Lamech; Self-indulgent. 4:19a Lamech (#1) took two wives. >--- >> Lamech; the first bigamist. **⇒** In 2:15 God "took the man and put him in the garden." **⇒** In 3:6 The woman "she took of its fruit and ate." **⇒ 3:22** "Lest the man reach out his hand and take." **⇒** In 6:1 The angels "took as their wives any they chose." v.19 The name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. 20 Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. 21 His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. 22 Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah. No one is asking: Why are these men/women named? **1.** They are in Cain's line. 2. All are associated with Lamech: Lamech, the 7th from Adam, unlike the 7th from Adam via Seth. **3.** The men's names are cut off. 4. Two of the woman's names live in infamy and one is never used again except for 'darkness". 5. Seemingly good 'industrial tools and profession' comes from this line. Or... is it good? 39

<u>What's in a Name</u> ?/Zillah: Dark, Shadow: Roasted/Darkened. 1 Sam 2:15; Isaiah 44:16
Adah: Ornament, or Adornment .
Gen 36:2 "The daughter of Elon the Hittite."
Gen 36:4 "And Adah bore to Esau, Eliphaz."
"These are the sons of Adah" mentioned 5x Gen 36
STOP: Need to read Gen 36; she is infamous!
Jabal: Leading/Flowingnever used again.
Jubal: Flowing forth, or ram's Horn (Jubilee).
never used again.
Tubal-cain: World Economy/Government/Acquired
never used again.
Naamah: Sweet/Pleasant
<ul> <li>1 Kings 14:21 Rehoboam: His mother's name was Naamah the Ammonite:" mentioned three times; twice in 1 Kings 14, and once in 12 Chronicles 12.</li> <li> Only one of <i>Solomon's</i> wives to bear children? Only these three; <i>Rehoboam, Basemath, Taphath</i>.</li> <li> Naamah: only foreign Queen Mother of Israel.</li> </ul>
- Their son would cause division of the kingdom. $\Rightarrow$ Lamech's son's names are effectively cut off.
<i>⇒ <u>Lamech</u></i> wives/daughter's names = always negative.
<ul> <li>Necessity is the mother of invention:</li> <li>1. Jabal; descendants dwell in tents / have livestock.</li> <li>2. Jubal; descendants play the lyre and pipe.</li> <li>2. Tubal aging former of all browns &amp; instruments</li> </ul>
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