

MOTIF	ADAM	CAIN	NOAH
human being and earth	Adam/אָדָם	עַם אָדָם	אִישׁ הָאָדָם
plant and produce	God plants; fruit of the tree	God–human partnership*; produce of the earth	human being plants; wine is human-made product
prohibition	God prohibits sin explicitly	God does not describe the sin	no prohibition
warning	God warns of punishment explicitly	God warns generally; does not describe punishment	no warning
seduction to sin	external seducer—serpent and Eve	personified internal seducer—“sin”	no seducer
nakedness/sexuality	nakedness/suggestion of sexuality	-----	nakedness/intimation of sexual violation
who is sinned against	God	human being (and God)*	human being (Ham’s sin); self (Noah)
sin and knowledge	sin involves gaining of knowledge	sin involves denial of knowledge	sin involves loss of knowledge
accusation by God	God questions, then accuses	God questions, then accuses	-----
initial response to God	Adam hides from God; hides his sin; blames Eve and (implicitly) God	Cain denies responsibility	-----
who pronounces punishment	God pronounces punishment and enacts it	God pronounces punishment; Cain amplifies on this; fear that human being will punish	human being punishes (Noah punishes Ham; Noah brings consequences upon himself)
banishment	from God	from earth (Cain adds—from God and humanity)	----- (later, the sin of Ham’s descendants will not be tolerated by the land)
nature of punishment	related to sin	consequence of sin	direct consequence of sin
impact on earth	earth is cursed	Cain is cursed from the earth	----- (possible release from earth’s curse implied in vineyard)
who pronounces curse	God	God	Noah
the person’s final response	-----	Cain recognizes guilt	Noah takes charge
sexual knowledge and new generations	Adam knows Eve; they bear Cain and Abel	Cain knows his wife; they bear Enoch	implication of sexual knowledge with son; none with wife**; the genealogy of Noah’s family