

From the commentaries ...

- The narrative gradually unfolds the description of Cain as an unbeliever. In the first stage of the development, however, the account of the births of the two boys, there is no hint of the evil to come, only the brightest of prospects. The exegesis of verse 1 uncovers this idea. The child was named Cain, with the sentiment of the mother being, "I have created a man with the LORD." Eve's statement is full of hope and faith. [Ross, A. P. (1998). Creation and blessing: a guide to the study and exposition of Genesis (p. 156). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books.]
- It is Cain's attitude and heart that are condemned by God. Cain is a rebellious man who refuses to acknowledge God as one deserving the best of the harvest. Cain's bent nature becomes clearer in his reaction to God's disapproval. The author employs two idioms to express Cain's attitude. The first is literally that Cain became 'very hot'—that is, he burned with anger. The second says, literally, 'His faces fell' ... It is a figure of speech that expresses despondency and displeasure. Up to this point, Cain may have appeared outwardly pious and obedient. Yet here his true character is being revealed. [Currid, J. D. (n.d.). A Study Commentary on Genesis: Genesis 1:1–25:18 (Vol. 1, pp. 144–145). Darlington, England: Evangelical Press.]
- Why, we wonder, was Abel's offering accepted while Cain's was not? And why did Cain become so angry? It is often supposed that the answer is simply that animal offerings were more acceptable to God than grain offerings, that blood sacrifices are superior to harvest offerings. But this is certainly mistaken, because the Old Testament Scriptures honor both types of offerings. [Hughes, R. K. (2004). Genesis: beginning and blessing (p. 104). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books.]
- The difference was that of heart attitude. Cain came to God on Cain's own self-prescribed terms, but Abel came to God on God's terms. Cain's spirit was arrogant, as the subsequent story will reveal. [Ibid.]
- Cain's was not an offering from faith. He presumed to define what his sacrifice would be. He was the captain of his own heart. God would have to take him and his offering as it was. [Ibid.]

Why I Believe Adam and Eve Fell Within 45 Minutes (Warning: PG-13) ...

- http://www.reclaimingthemind.org/blog/2010/09/why-i-believe-adam-and-eve-fell-within-45-minutes-warning-pg-13/?nabe=6241452902318080:0&utm_referrer=https://www.google.com/
- I have often heard it said that Adam and Eve had perfect fellowship with God for a long period of time before the fall. Some say years. Some even say that it could have been hundreds of years. Some say that they walked with God in the cool of the garden for an unknowable amount of time and were, because of this, the most educated and perfect beings the planet has ever known.
- Nope. Can't be.
- Adam and Eve were perfect. They were without sin upon creation. If God gave them a command, they would obey. Adam has just named all the animals. He is thinking to himself This stinks. There is no one who I can have fellowship with and love. At least not in the way that fulfills this lack within me. God's purpose is done. The itch has been created. Adam knows he needs someone, but he is not sure what. There is not even the concept of a "woman" in Adam's mind.
- Adam goes to sleep. God does minor out-patient surgery, removing a rib. God creates the woman. Adam wakes up. Adam sees the woman. The woman is naked.
- Eve was naked. I could conceive of Eve saying "not tonight . . . this year, maybe next." But what excuse would she have had? No fall = no headaches. Plus, you have that command issue. When does procrastinating a direct command of God become sin?
- They – and I mean that day – have sex and become "one flesh" or one family in attempt to multiply.
- I don't know what the female baby-making clock was like before the fall, but I imagine that the cycles were much like they are now, only perfect. I don't think there would have been any problem on Adam's end or Eve's end in making a baby. Therefore, conception would have happened very quickly. Sometime that month at the latest. But my real issue is that there could not have been conception before the fall. Otherwise, we would have a race of beings that were born outside of the Adamic sin. You see, we are all called children of Adam (Rom. 5) and therefore children of the fall. The entire human race, every man and every woman are from fallen ancestors. Adam and Eve did not have any children outside of sin. Therefore, the conception of the first child came after they ate the apple.
- While I have had some fun with this post and while most of it is very speculative, I do believe that the fall happened very quickly due to the command to multiply and the reality that there was no one conceived outside of sin. At the most, I would give it a month so that the time for Eve to conceive would cover the cycle.

Before the Fall

... (Genesis 1:28a ESV) And God blessed them. And God said to them, **"Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth ..."**

After the Fall ...

(Genesis 9:1 ESV) And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, **"Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth."**