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Bible Name Dictionary

Bible Name: **Cain**

Language: **Hebrew**

Pronunciation: **kah'-yin**

Name Type: **Person**

Meaning: The name 'Cain' means 'Acquired.' It is derived from the Hebrew word 'Qayin' signifying an 'acquisition' or 'possession'. It is interesting to note that 'Qayin' does have a third meaning; a meaning that fails to line up with Eve's use of the name in Genesis 4.1, but does have relevance to the overall story of Cain's life. How so? The Hebrew word 'Qayin' can also mean 'spear', a fact that coincides with Cain's progeny, Tubal-Cain, becoming the first 'metal smith' or 'artificer'. On a further note, the word 'Qayin' is closely related to the Hebrew word 'Quwn' meaning 'to strike a musical note'. Once again, wasn't it another one of Cain's progeny, Jubal, who became the first 'artificer' of musical instruments?