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# THE BIBLE OR THE KORAN

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## *Introduction*

It would have been invaluable to have had the intellectual evidence to have named this book “The Bible and The Koran” rather than “The Bible or The Koran”. Yet, the two books unfortunately carry rather conflicting messages; more often than not, more complex than the difference between an “or” and an “and”.

This book will highlight some of the most important conflicts between the two scriptures by concentrating on the lives of the first three major prophets in time, namely, Adam, Noah and Abraham. A full volume could be written on all of them. Though only a single reason could suffice a many, for those who are skeptical, the differences are a many. Fortunately, the two scriptures agree on one thing: there is a God. The number of parallels between the two scriptures, especially those concerning the commandments on what to avoid, are not inexistent. Yet, they cannot even shake hands on The Deity's name. Is it Jehovah, YHWH, Jah, or is it Allah?

For those who doubt why this book has not been titled "The Koran or The Bible", the Bible is chronologically older. That is all. Throughout this book, King James version of the Bible has been used. The translation used for Koran is the online edition, translated by Maulvi Sher Ali, edited by Malik Ghulam Farid.

Within the text, the reader will find that under certain headings only the Bible is quoted, but not the Koran. This is not caused by negligence, but only because such references to the topic at hand are not mentioned anywhere in the Koran. In order to remove any doubts about the nature of the unquoted verses, that may, or may not, change the entire meaning of the study, where possible, the entire count of verses related to the prophet and/or the subject under study is given in this book.

More than two billion people live and direct their lives under the supervision of these scriptures. This book is written especially for the other four billion who could give an eye, a hand, a life if only they could see, clearly, the plain old, yet that deadly important difference.

May this be it!

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# CHAPTER ONE

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## ADAM

Named and created exclusively by God, Adam is the title of the book that we all are writing to date. Adam was not only the name of the first man, but also the name of a new breed, a new species God personally created with His own hands.

### Bible

Genesis 5:1 This [is] the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

Genesis 5:2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

We learn from the Bible that God created several Adams, in both genders, and Adam was their specie name. However, this consideration conflicts with the Bible's former report of Eve's creation from the rib of Adam, the man.

### Bible

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, [It is] not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Genesis 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

Genesis 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman,

and brought her unto the man.

Genesis 2:23 And Adam said, This [is] now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

## The Creation Of Adam

The creation of Adam took place on the sixth day of creation. On the seventh day, after the completion of all creation, God rested. This, of course, is the biblical account of the story. The Koran denies God's rest on the seventh day.

### Bible

Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

Genesis 2:2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

Genesis 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

### Koran

50: 39. And, verily, WE created the heavens and the earth and all that is between them in six periods and no weariness touched US.

The creation stories of Adam resemble one and other in both the Bible and the Koran. Both books report dust as the main ingredient of the new creature. The breath of life had to be breathed into his nostrils by the Creator, and in both books a committee was consulted prior to the creation of this new life form.

### Bible

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man [of] the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Koran

3: 60. Surely the case of Jesus is like the case of Adam. HE created him out of dust, then he said to him, "Be", and he was.

55: 15. He created man of dry ringing clay which is like baked pottery.

God created Adam in the image and likeness of Himself.

Bible

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Genesis 2:2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

Genesis 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

The word "image", as the modern historian Zecharia Sitchin points out, refers not only to the appearance of God but to the genetic code of Him as well. Genesis 5:3 confirms this thesis, for in it we learn that Adam's sons carried the "image" and "likeness" of Adam just the same.

Bible

Genesis 5:1 This [is] the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

Genesis 5:2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

Genesis 5:3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat [a son] in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

We learn from the Koran that Adam was created with the divine command "Be".

Koran

3: 60. Surely the case of Jesus is like the case of Adam. HE created him out of dust, then he said to him, "Be", and he was.

However, in another verse, the Koran conflicts with itself regarding the method used in Adam's creation. Was Adam's creation as immediate as "Be!", or did it involve several stages? The verse below reports that Adam was created first, then given shape.

Koran

7: 12. And WE indeed created you and then WE gave you shape; and then WE said to the angels, 'Submit to Adam; and they all submitted. But Iblis did not; he will not be of those who submit.

Allah created Adam with His own hands. Though the Koran fails to clarify whether Allah created Adam in His own image as reported by the Bible, the following verse reports a resemblance with Bible's claim.

Koran

38: 76. God said, 'O Iblis, what hindered thee from submitting to what I had created with MY two hands? Is it that thou art too proud, or art thou really above obeying my command?

Finally the breath of life had to be breathed into Adam's nostrils. Unlike the Bible, Allah calls that breath "spirit", His own spirit.

Koran

15: 27. And, surely, WE created man from dry ringing clay, of black mud wrought into shape.

15: 28. And the jinn WE have created before of the fire of hot wind.

15: 29. And remember when thy Lord said to the angels, I am about to create man of dry ringing clay, of black mud wrought into shape:

15: 30. So when I fashioned him in perfection and have breath into him of MY spirit, fall ye down in submission to him.'

## The Divine Committee

In the Bible when God decides to create Adam He is speaking to a committee, as if in a meeting. The result of the meeting is the confirmed decision of Adam's, thus mankind's, creation by the members of the divine committee. Adam was to be created in the image of God. Whether that word "image" represents the genetic code of God or something else remains to be solved. But one thing is for sure: Adam was God's job.

### Bible

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

The same committee is mentioned more than once in the Bible. "sons of God" did in fact stood in the presence of the Lord. Whether they were the real sons of God, or a breed that preceded Adam's own remains a mystery. Much to our surprise, Satan had the clearance to stand at the court of the Lord next to the "sons of God" as well. From the verses follow the one cited below; one gets the impression that Satan worked for God. When God says in Isaiah 45:7: "I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these [things].", may be this is what He meant.

### Bible

Job 1:6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.

Job 1:7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

The Koran, too, confirms the presence of a committee. When Allah decides to create Adam, He, again, announces the decision to a committee. It is a committee of angels this time. The angels do not like the idea. They do not want man to be created at all. They speak of the havoc man might cause if created. Moreover, when they do, it is as if they knew how terrible the results could be, for creation of man might have been yesterday's news to them. Allah's new attempt to create man (not named Adam then) could really have been His second.

#### Koran

2: 31. And when thy Lord said to the angels, 'I am about to place a vice regent in the earth,' they said 'Wilt THOU place therein such as will cause disorder in it, and shed blood? - and we glorify THEE with THY praise and extol THY holiness,' HE answered, 'I know what you know not.'

## The Purpose Of Adam's Creation

What could be the divine purpose behind Adam's creation? Why did God decide to create a replica of His own image? According to the Koran, Allah wanted "to place a vice regent in the earth", but whether Adam was to be created in "the image" of Allah remains anonymous. Bible gives Adam and his descendants the role to "replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over every living that moveth upon the earth".

#### Bible

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which [is] upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which [is] the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

Genesis 1:30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein [there is] life, [I have given] every green herb for meat: and it was so.

Genesis 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, [it was] very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Adam, according to the Koran, acts as a computer, a databank; recalling the names Allah taught him upon Allah's call.

#### Koran

2: 32. And HE taught Adam all the names, then HE put the objects of these names before the angles and said, 'Tell ME the names of these, if you are right,'

2: 33. They said, 'Holy art THOU ! No knowledge have we except what THOU hast taught us; surely THOU art All-Knowing, the Wise.'

2: 34. HE said 'O Adam, tell them their names;' and when he had told them their names, HE said 'Did I not say to you, I know the secrets of the heavens and the earth, and I know what you reveal and what you hide ?

## Adam's First Job

One of the first tasks God assigned Adam was to name the living creatures put before him. The audition for the job took place at the Garden of Eden.

#### Bible

Genesis 2:19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought [them] unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that [was] the name thereof.

Genesis 2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

Koran confirms Adam's first job but makes several distinctions. The demonstration of Adam's talents was held right before the committee of angels. Contrary to the Bible, Koran suggests that Adam only named objects, non-living things. Adam did not make up the names himself but recalled and recited the names Allah taught him prior to the test. When their turn came the angels failed to name the objects Adam easily did. No distinction is made as to where the demo took place.

### Koran

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2: 35. And remember the time when WE said to the angels 'Submit to ADAM,' and they all submitted. But Iblis did not. He refused and deem himself too big; and he was of the disbelievers.

The Bible does not mention anything about Satan's response to Adam's creation. So it is assumed there was none. The Koran, however, as cited in the above verse, reports us that Iblis (Satan) refused Adam and God's command to bow down to him. According to the Bible, Satan comes into play only at the Garden of Eden and the forbidden tree incident.

## Adam In The Garden Of Eden

The Garden of Eden was a divine resort. The garden the Bible reports appear to have existed here on earth. God lived there. Adam and Satan were with Him. Adam's job was to "dress and keep" the garden. He could eat the fruits of any tree in the garden, except the tree of knowledge of good and evil, which stood in the center of the garden. Adam could fulfill his vegetarian diet by eating from any other tree. The tree of life was there too, yet God's prohibition did not include it. Eve was yet to be created. Therefore, God's order about the tree of knowledge of good and evil was addressed to Adam alone.

God warned Adam about the fatality of the tree. If Adam ate from it, he would certainly die.

Adam did eat from the tree. However, he did not die; at least not immediately. What God

might have been referring to could have been the risk of Adam's loss of immortality upon eating the fruits of the tree of knowledge of good and evil and not necessarily a sudden death.

#### Bible

Genesis 2:8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

Genesis 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

Genesis 2:11 The name of the first [is] Pison: that [is] it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where [there is] gold;

Genesis 2:12 And the gold of that land [is] good: there [is] bdellium and the onyx stone.

Genesis 2:13 And the name of the second river [is] Gihon: the same [is] it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

Genesis 2:14 And the name of the third river [is] Hiddekel: that [is] it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river [is] Euphrates.

Genesis 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Genesis 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Genesis 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

The Koran falls short to inform us on the whereabouts of the garden, the contents of it, and the dwellers that accompany Adam and his wife. Where was the garden? In heavens? Down on earth? Koran leaves the answer to this question blank.

#### Koran

2: 36. And when WE said `O Adam, dwell thou and thy wife in the garden, and eat therefrom plentifully where ever you will, but approach not this tree, least you be of the wrongdoers.'

Eve

Following God's warning about the forbidden tree, the Bible reports the creation of Eve. Eve was created at the Garden of Eden, following an operation God personally executed on Adam. Adam was put to a deep sleep first. Then, one of Adam's ribs was taken. Finally, God turned the rib into Eve. When Adam saw his eternal mate for the first time one of the first things he did was to name the species Eve belonged to, not Eve particularly, and called the new breed of humanity "woman". The name "Eve" was not given until the two broke God's law.

God took Eve to Adam and ordered all men and women that followed the first couple to leave their parents and lead their lives with their spouses. The first couple lived naked in the garden and was not ashamed. In other words, before eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, Adam and Eve did not know anything about procreation. Since they lacked the knowledge regarding their sexual nature, walking around naked might only have felt natural to both.

#### Bible

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, [It is] not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

Genesis 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

Genesis 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Genesis 2:23 And Adam said, This [is] now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Genesis 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

In the Koran, Eve's appearance comes into play right out of the blue. All of a sudden, we find out that Adam was not alone in the garden. His wife was with him. Koran does not mention any operation Adam endured for Eve's creation. Nevertheless, the Koran confirms the biblical story of the forbidden tree.

Koran

2: 36. And when WE said `O Adam, dwell thou and thy wife in the garden, and eat therefrom plentifully where ever you will, but approach not this tree, least you be of the wrongdoers.'

## The Forbidden Tree

Allah's warning differs from that of the God of the Bible. Adam is warned to not "approach this tree". Contrary to the Bible's warning, no death awaited him in case he did. He and his wife risked not their lives nor immortality. Koran reports that neither Adam nor Eve was immortal in the first place. Only their status before Allah was at stake; obedience would bring righteousness and rebellion the consequences of a "wrongdoer".

Koran

2: 36. And when WE said `O Adam, dwell thou and thy wife in the garden, and eat therefrom plentifully where ever you will, but approach not this tree, least you be of the wrongdoers.'

The Koran makes no distinction to whether the forbidden tree was the tree of knowledge of good and evil or the tree of life. The tree in question was only one.

Until that very moment in time when the first couple took their first bite, hell must have been empty of sons and daughters of Adam, or not have been created at all. The biblical price for eating from the tree God forbid is not a hell in another life, but hell here on earth. When God finds out that Adam and his wife ate from the tree, God curses Satan, the couple and their offspring. He does not sentence them to a hell some other place.

### Bible

Genesis 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire [shall be] to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Genesis 3:17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed [is] the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat [of] it all the days of thy life;

Genesis 3:18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

The chronology of events in the Koran is much different. Before the forbidden tree incident another event takes place. This time the location is not the Garden of Eden. Exactly where, Koran does not clarify. We will assume it was Allah's court in heavens. Following the creation of Adam, Allah asks Satan to bow down before His new creature. Satan declines. Allah gets angry. That is when Allah mentions hell as the penitentiary of Allah's vengeance.

### Koran

38: 85. God said, `The truth is, and the truth alone I speak,

38: 86. `That I will, certainly, fill Hell with thee and with those who follow thee, all together.'

In the end, Satan is dismissed from the court of Allah.

### Koran

7: 12. And WE indeed created you and then WE gave you shape; and then WE said to the angels, `Submit to Adam; and they all submitted. But Iblis did not; he will not be of those who submit.

7: 13. God said, `What prevented thee from submitting when I commanded thee ?' He said, `I am better than he. Thou hast created me of fire while him hast thou created of clay.'

7: 14. God said, `Then go down hence; it is not for thee to be arrogant here. Get out; thou art certainly of those who are abased.'

Yet, the subsequent event that follows Satan's rebellion and arrogance against Allah takes place right in the garden. Whereabouts of the garden still remains unclear. Here, Koran

conflicts with itself once again. If Satan were “rejected” from Allah’s court prior to the forbidden tree incident, how could he be in the garden, no matter where the garden was, living next to Allah, Adam and his wife?

#### Koran

7: 20. `O Adam ! dwell thou and thy wife in the Garden and eat therefrom wherever you will, but approach not this tree lest you be among the wrongdoers.

7: 21. But satan made evil suggestions to them so that he might make known to them what was hidden from them of their shame and said, `Your Lord has only forbidden you this tree, lest you become angels or lest you become of the immortals.'

7: 22. And he swore to them, saying, `Surely I am a sincere counsellor unto you.'

7: 23. So he caused them to fall into disobedience by deceit. And when they tasted of the tree, their shame became manifest to them and they both began to cover themselves with the leaves of the Gardens. And their Lord called them, saying, `Did I not forbid you that tree and tell you, verily Satan is to you an open enemy ?'

7: 24. They said, `Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves and if Thou forgive us not and have not mercy on us, we shall surely be of the losers.'

7: 25. God said, `Go forth, some of you will be enemies of others. And for you there is an abode on the earth and a provision for a time.'

7: 26. HE said, `Therein shall you live and therein shall you die and therefrom shall you be brought forth.'

Adam and Eve were not only the first couple in time, but also the first two to ever break the law of God. Satan’s intervention cost the couple not only immortality, but also the paradise-like qualities of the garden as well; all in exchange for a life full of misery, sweat and hardships. As God, the Creator must have known the “defects” of His creations much better than Satan. If only God could have built a fence around that tree...

## Satan

In both the Koran and the Bible, Satan is the name of a breed and a deity. Satan existed before Adam. Satan, like Adam, had offspring.

### Bible

Genesis 3:13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What [is] this [that] thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Genesis 3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou [art] cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

The Koran confirms Satan's progeny.

### Koran

18: 51. And call to mind the time when WE said to the angels, 'Submit to Adam,' and they all submitted but Iblis did not. HE was one of the jinn; and he disobeyed the command of his Lord. Will you than take him and his offspring for friends instead of ME while they are your enemies ? Evil is the exchange for the wrongdoers.

Satan was the commander in chief of "hosts" of satans. He deserved attention. He was created before Adam, and as Koran reports, fire was his raw ingredient.

### Koran

26: 95. Then will they be thrown headlong therein, they and those who have gone astray,

26: 96. And the Hosts of Iblis, all together.

7: 12. And WE indeed created you and then WE gave you shape; and then WE said to the angels, 'Submit to Adam; and they all submitted. But Iblis did not; he will not be of those who submit.

7: 13. God said, 'What prevented thee from submitting when I commanded thee ?' He said, 'I am better than he. Thou hast created me of fire while him hast thou created of clay.'

## Satan At Work

In the Koran, Adam's first meeting with Satan takes place prior to the forbidden tree incident. Allah, after creating Adam, asked the angels to bow down to him. All angels did, except Satan, or Lucifer, the angel of light. Joseph Campbell (infamous author of "Masks of God") asks a very

intelligent question at this very point: How could Allah accuse Satan for not worshipping any deity other than Himself? What Allah wanted from Satan conflicted with Allah's earlier orders that forbid any of His creatures to bow down or worship any other than Himself. Satan was smart enough to avoid falling into the trap Allah asked of him, yet he was dismissed from Allah's presence anyway.

#### Koran

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7: 13. God said, 'What prevented thee from submitting when I commanded thee?' He said, 'I am better than he. Thou hast created me of fire while him hast thou created of clay.'

7: 14. God said, 'Then go down hence; it is not for thee to be arrogant here. Get out; thou art certainly of those who are abased.'

7: 15. He said, 'Respite me till the day when they will be raised up.'

7: 16. God said, 'Thou art of those who are respited.'

7: 17. He said, 'Now, since Thou hast adjudge me to be erring, I will assuredly lie in wait for them on Thy straight path;

7: 18. 'Then will I surely come upon them from before them and from behind them and from their right and from their left, and Thou wilt not find most of them to be grateful.

7: 19. God said, 'Get out hence, despised and banished. Whosoever of them shall follow thee, I will surely fill Hell with you all;'

Satan's arrogance caused him a divine curse; the curse of Allah.

#### Koran

38: 72. Call to mind when thy Lord said to the angels, I am about to create man from clay;

38: 73. 'And so when I fashioned him in perfection, and have breathed into him of My Spirit, fall ye down into submission to him.'

38: 74. So the angels submitted, all of them together.

38: 75. But Iblis did not. He behaved proudly, and was of those who disbelieved.

38: 76. God said, 'O Iblis, what hindered thee from submitting to what I had created with MY two hands? Is it that thou art too proud, or art thou really above obeying my command?'

38: 77. He said, 'I am better than he. Thou hast created me of fire and him hast Thou created of clay.'

38: 78. God said, 'Then get out hence, for, surely, thou art rejected;

38: 79. And, surely, on thee shall be MY curse till the Day of Judgment.'

38: 80. He said, 'My Lord, then grant me respite till the day when they shall be raised.'

38: 81. God said, 'Certainly, thou art of the respited ones,

38: 82. 'Till the day of the known time.'

38: 83. He said, 'So be Thy glory, I will surely, lead them all astray,

38: 84. 'Except thy chosen servants from among them.'  
38: 85. God said, 'The truth is, and the truth alone I speak,  
38: 86. 'That I will, certainly, fill Hell with thee and with those who follow thee, all together.'  
38: 87. Say, 'I ask not of you any reward for it, nor am I of those who are given to affection.

The Bible is oblivious on this scene in the script. Neither Satan nor the angels were asked to bow down to Adam. According to the Bible, Satan's reason for dismissal from the Garden had to do with the forbidden tree alone.

Right after Allah's dismissal of Satan from His court, the Koran reports the Garden incident. Allah asks Adam to dwell in the Garden and "eat therefrom wherever you will, but approach not this tree". Satan, either face to face or through inspiration, suggests Adam to eat from it. If Adam does, he could be immortal, or an angel. Eve too. Satan even swears on it. Now, what could the poor couple do but to fall into Satan's trap? How could they possibly not? Satan swears. Satan lies. Satan convinces them. They surely were not created to be robots. As humans, being sold or bought into a concept could only be their nature, if not their natural defect.

#### Koran

7: 20. 'O Adam ! dwell thou and thy wife in the Garden and eat therefrom wherever you will, but approach not this tree lest you be among the wrongdoers.  
7: 21. But satan made evil suggestions to them so that he might make known to them what was hidden from them of their shame and said, 'Your Lord has only forbidden you this tree, lest you become angels or lest you become of the immortals.'  
7: 22. And he swore to them, saying, 'Surely I am a sincere counsellor unto you.'  
7: 23. So he caused them to fall into disobedience by deceit. And when they tasted of the tree, their shame became manifest to them and they both began to cover themselves with the leaves of the Gardens. And their Lord called them, saying, 'Did I not forbid you that tree and tell you, verily Satan is to you an open enemy ?'  
7: 24. They said, 'Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves and if Thou forgive us not and have not mercy on us, we shall surely be of the losers.'  
7: 25. God said, 'Go forth, some of you will be enemies of others. And for you there is an abode on the earth and a provision for a time.'  
7: 26. HE said, 'Therein shall you live and therein shall you die and therefrom shall you

be brought forth.'

7: 27. O children of Adam, WE have indeed send down to you raiment to cover you nakedness and to be a means of adornment; but the raiment of righteousness - that is the best. That is of the commandments of ALLAH, that they may remember.

7: 28. O children of Adam, let not Satan seduce you, even as he turned your parents out of the Garden, stripping them of their raiment that he might show them their nakedness. Truly, he sees you, he and his tribe, from where you see them not. Surely, WE have made Satan friends of those who believe not.

There is an interesting detail to all this: Allah gave Satan the permission to fool humankind into traps Himself. When Satan actually did what he said he would do in the Garden incident, Satan ended up being the scapegoat once again. Allah, after telling Satan what to do and how to do it, or foreseeing the ways of Satan on day one, rather than preventing him from taking evil action, blames him for his determination to do all the evil he had in mind. Please observe the verse 17:65 below.

#### Koran

17: 62. And call to mind when WE said to the angels, 'Submit to Adam,' and they all submitted. But Iblis did not. He said, 'Shall I submit to one whom Thou hast created of Clay?'

17: 63. And he said, 'What thinkest thou? Can this whom thou hast honoured above me be my superior? If Thou wilt grant me respite till the Day of Resurrection, I will most surely bring his descendants under my sway except a few.'

17: 64. ALLAH said, 'Begone! and whoso follow thee from them, Hell shall surely be the recompense of you all - a full recompense;

17: 65. And entice whomsoever of them thou canst with thy voice, and urge against them thy horsemen and thy footmen and share with them in wealth, and their children, and make promises to them.' And Satan promises them naught but deceit.

The biblical explanation is quite the contrary: If they were to eat from the tree, or touch it, they would surely die. At least that was what God warned them about. The Bible puts the blame on Eve, for she is the one whom Satan approached and fooled first. The Serpent, or Satan convinced Eve that what God told them about the forbidden tree was a lie, and eating from the tree would not cost them their lives. Furthermore, Satan went ahead and told Eve that eating from the tree would turn her into a god. Eve looked at the tree. It was pleasant to

the eye. She grabbed a fruit, took a bite and handed the fruit over to Adam for another. Before they knew it, their eyes were opened. The couple realized for the first time that they were walking around and living in the Garden naked. Thus, the first feeling the two felt was shame and the first thing they did was to cover their obscene parts with fig leaves.

### Bible

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Genesis 3:2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

Genesis 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which [is] in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Genesis 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, and that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make [one] wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Genesis 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they [were] naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Genesis 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where [art] thou?

Genesis 3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I [was] naked; and I hid myself.

Genesis 3:11 And he said, Who told thee that thou [wast] naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

Genesis 3:12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest [to be] with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

## The Curse

Though He could easily have, God chose not to forgive Adam and his wife. Rather, He chose to curse them, and all their future offspring. For those who wonder why life is tough, the biblical scholars answer: God's curse is the reason.

God first cursed the serpent. Satan was sentenced to live on his belly and eat dust all of his life. Just like all the serpents do. A strange kind of hatred was put in between Satan and woman, her seed and Satan's seed, and that hatred is to bruise Satan's head and Satan is to bruise "his" (not her) heel.

Following the forbidden tree incident, the Koran has no record of Allah's curse against Adam or his wife. God cursed only Satan. Yet, the event that caused the curse was Satan's refusal of bowing down to Adam; not the forbidden tree incident.

Koran

38: 77. He said, 'I am better than he. Thou hast created me of fire and him hast Thou created of clay.'

38: 78. God said, 'Then get out hence, for, surely, thou art rejected;

38: 79. And, surely, on thee shall be MY curse till the Day of Judgment.'

Following Satan's refusal, and being cursed by Allah in return, the Koran takes us to the events in the garden. Though Allah somewhat forgave Adam, he certainly did dismiss him, his wife and Satan from the Garden.

Koran

2: 37. But Satan caused them both to slip by means of it and drove them out of the state in which they were. And WE said, 'Go forth hence; some of you are enemies of others and for you there is an abode in the earth and a provision for a time.'

2: 38. Then Adam learnt from his Lord certain words of prayer. So HE turned towards him with mercy. Surely HE is Oft-Returning with compassion, and is Merciful.

The Bible reports a different story. Following God's "curse them all" briefing, Adam accepts his mistake and names his wife "Eve". His justification for the name "Eve" is : "She is the mother of all living". Was it so? At least then? She would be the mother of all children of Adam later in

time. But then, she could have only been the mother of her unborn children. Furthermore, her maternity would encompass only mankind. The animal kingdom, for instance, would have to stand out of such claim. Yet, in Adam's words, Eve was "the mother of all living". Adam could have been a naive personality, but he certainly was not a liar.

#### Bible

Genesis 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

Genesis 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Genesis 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

Genesis 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

Genesis 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

The Koran mentions nothing regarding Adam's naming of the female species, nor Eve. The name "Eve" is not even mentioned in Koran. The Koran makes no distinction as to who took the first bite. As a man, Adam had full responsibility over his and his wife's actions. In a way, who took the first bite mattered only to a degree, for regardless of the party who sinned first, Adam seems to be held responsible.

Again Koran suggests that Adam was never immortal, not even before he and his wife reached for the forbidden tree. When we observe Satan's words below, we find out that Adam was created as a mortal from day one. Therefore, what Adam lost by eating from the forbidden tree was surely not eternal life according to the Koran.

#### Koran

15: 27. And, surely, WE created man from dry ringing clay, of black mud wrought into

shape.

15: 28. And the jinn WE have created before of the fire of hot wind.

15: 29. And remember when thy Lord said to the angels, I am about to create man of dry ringing clay, of black mud wrought into shape:

15: 30. So when I fashioned him in perfection and have breath into him of MY spirit, fall ye down in submission to him.'

15: 31. So the angels submitted, all of them together.

15: 32. But Iblis did not; he refused to be among those who submit.

15: 33. God said, `O Iblis, what has happened to thee that thou wouldst not be among those who submit ?'

15: 34. He answered, `I am not going to submit to a mortal whom Thou hast created of dry ringing clay, of black mud wrought into shape.'

15: 35. God said, `Then get out hence, for surely, thou art rejected.

15: 36. And, surely, on thee shall be MY curse till the day of Judgment.'

15: 37. He said, `My Lord, then grant me respite till the day when they shall be raised.'

15: 38. God said, `Thou art of those who are respited.

15: 39. `Till the day of the appointed time.,

15: 40. He answered, `My Lord, since Thou hast adjudged me as gone astray, I will surely make straying from the right path appear beautiful to them on the earth and I will surely lead them all astray,

15: 41. `Except Thy chosen servants from among them.'

15: 42. God said, `This is a path leading straight to ME;

15: 43. `Surely, thou shall have no power over MY servants, except such of the erring ones as choose to follow thee.'

15: 44. And, surely, Hell is the promised place for them all.

15: 45. It has seven gates, and each gate has a portion of them allotted to it.

15: 46. Verily, the righteous, will be placed amid gardens and fountains.

15: 47. `Enter therein with peace, in security.'

On another explanation, the Koran conflicts with itself again as to what exactly Satan said to deceit Adam. Earlier we read:

#### Koran

7: 21. But satan made evil suggestions to them so that he might make known to them what was hidden from them of their shame and said, `Your Lord has only forbidden you this tree, lest you become angels or lest you become of the immortals.'

The above verse puts the blame of eating the from the tree on Adam and Eve. So do the below verses. Yet above Satan is trying to deceit Adam and Eve together. His words are aimed at both Adam and his wife. Below, Koran 20:121, Satan is speaking and thus trying to deceit Adam alone. Above, Satan's baits are life as an angel and "immortality". Below, Satan entices Adam

with “the tree of eternity” and tries to direct Adam “to a kingdom that never decays”. Simply put, contrary to the Bible, Satan sells Adam immortality; something Adam did not have then.

#### Koran

20:116. And verily, WE had made a covenant with Adam beforehand, but he forgot, and WE found in him no resolve to disobey US.

20:117. And remember when WE said to the angels, ‘Submit to Adam,’ and they all submitted. But Iblis did not. He refused to submit.

20:118. Then WE said, ‘O Adam, this is an enemy to thee and to thy wife; so let him not drive you both out of the garden, lest thou come to grief;

20:119. ‘It is decreed for thee that thou shalt not hunger therein nor shalt thou be naked;

20:120. ‘And that thou shalt not thirst therein, nor shall thou be exposed to the sun.’

20:121. But Satan whispered evil suggestions to him. He said, ‘O Adam, shall I direct thee to the tree of eternity, and to a kingdom that never decays?’

20:122. Then they both ate thereof, so that their nakedness became manifest to them, and they began to cover themselves with the leaves of the garden. And Adam observed not the commandment of his Lord, so his life became miserable.

The Bible ends the story of the Garden of Eden with the curse of God. Satan’s and woman’s seed were cross-cursed. What God exactly meant when He uttered His curse to Satan remains a mystery.

#### Bible

Genesis 3:13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What [is] this [that] thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Genesis 3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou [art] cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Genesis 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire [shall be] to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Genesis 3:17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed [is] the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat [of] it all the days of thy life;

Genesis 3:18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

Genesis 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the

ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou [art], and unto dust shalt thou return.

The Koran denies any curse from Allah unto the couple following the forbidden tree incident. To the contrary, Allah somewhat forgives Adam, guides him and does not say a word to Satan who caused the first couple to sin. Yet, we know that Allah following Adam's creation, before the forbidden tree incident, did indeed curse Satan.

#### Koran

20:123. Then his Lord chose him for HIS grace, and turned to him with mercy and guided him.

20:124. God said, `Go forth both of you from here; some of you will be enemies of others. And if there comes to you guidance from ME, then whoso will follow MY guidance, will not go astray, nor will he come to grief;

20:125. `But whosoever will turn away from MY remembrance, his will be a straitened life, and on the Day of Resurrection WE shall raise him up blind.'

20:126. He will say, `My Lord, why hast Thou raised me up blind, while I possessed sight before ?'

20:127. God will say, `Thus did OUR Signs come to thee and thou didst ignore them and in like manner wilt thou be ignored this day.'

20:128. And thus do WE recompense him who transgresses the limits of Divine Law and believes not in the Signs of his Lord; and the punishment of the Hereafter is even severer and more lasting.

In spite of the differences between the Bible and the Koran, the aftermath of the garden incident is the same in both. Because of eating from the forbidden tree, Adam and Eve lost their privilege to live forever in the Garden together with their Creator.

## The Children Of Adam

Adam and Eve had three sons, Cain, Abel and Seth. Cain was a farmer, the first farmer in history and Abel, the first shepherd.

#### Bible

Genesis 4:1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

Genesis 4:2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

The Koran conflicts with the Bible regarding the number of sons Adam had. The number of sons Adam had is listed as two in the Koran. Furthermore, neither their names, nor their occupations are revealed in the scripture.

#### Koran

5: 28. And relate to them with truth the story of the two sons of Adam, when they each offered an offering, and it was accepted from one of them and was not accepted from the other. The latter said, 'I will surely kill thee.' The former replied, 'ALLAH accepts only from the righteous;

Following the garden incident, Adam is barely mentioned in the Koran. Only a few more verses relate to him.

#### Koran

3: 34. ALLAH chose Adam and Noah and the family of Abraham and the family of Imran above all peoples of the time.

3: 35. They were descendants of one another and ALLAH is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

7: 32. O children of Adam ! take your adornment at every time and place of worship, and eat and drink, but be not immoderate; surely, HE does not love those who are immoderate.

7: 36. O children of Adam, If Messengers come to you from among yourselves, rehearsing MY Signs unto you, then whoso shall fear God and do good deeds, on them shall come no fear nor shall they grieve.

7:173. And remember when thy Lord brought forth from Adam's children - out of their loins - their offspring and made them to bear witness against their ownelves saying, 'Yea, we do bear witness.' This HE did lest you should say on the Day of Resurrection, 'We were surely unaware of this.'

19: 59. These are the people upon whom ALLAH bestowed HIS blessings from among the Prophets of the posterity of Adam, and of the posterity of those whom WE carried in the Ark with Noah, and of the posterity of Abraham and Israel; and they are of those whom WE guided and chose. When the Signs of the Gracious God were recited unto them, they fell down, prostrating themselves before ALLAH and weeping.

From this point on, excluding the story of Cain's crime, the Bible remains the sole source for further information regarding Adam and his family.

## Cain And Abel

Cain and Abel were the first brothers in the history of mankind. In those days, God was constantly checking on His new creation. He was living with them. Offering sacrifices to their Lord must have been a routine task for the family of Adam. One day, Cain took some fruits and Abel "firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof" for an offering to their Lord. God loved Abel's offering better than He did Cain's. Cain got jealous. God personally tried to cool him down. But one day, when the two brothers were out in the field, Cain went ahead and killed his brother Abel.

### Bible

Genesis 4:3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

Genesis 4:4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

Genesis 4:5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

Genesis 4:6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

Genesis 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee [shall be] his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

Genesis 4:8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

Genesis 4:9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where [is] Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: [Am] I my brother's keeper?

Genesis 4:10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

The Koran confirms the Bible regarding the story of Adam's two sons. Parallel to the story in the Bible, Allah likes the offering of one of Adam's sons more than the other. Consequently, the jealous brother kills the other. Yet, the name of the victim remains anonymous. The Koran refers them as "the latter", and the "former". If "the latter" represents Abel, and "the former" Cain, then it was Abel who killed Cain. Nevertheless, one of them kills the other. Then a raven sent by Allah takes its place in the scene and shows the murderer how to bury the victim.

#### Koran

5: 28. And relate to them with truth the story of the two sons of Adam, when they each offered an offering, and it was accepted from one of them and was not accepted from the other. The latter said, 'I will surely kill thee.' The former replied, 'ALLAH accepts only from the righteous;

5: 29. 'If thou stretch out thy hand against me to kill me, I shall not stretch out my hand against thee to kill thee. I do fear ALLAH, the Lord of the Universe;

5: 30. 'I wish that thou shouldst bear the punishment of the sin against me as well as of thine own sin, and thus be among the inmates of the Fire, and that is the recompense of those who do wrong.'

5: 31. But his evil self induced him to kill his brother, and so he killed him and became one of the losers.

5: 32. Then ALLAH sent a raven which scratched in the ground, that HE might show him how to hide the corpse of his brother. He said, 'Woe is me ! Am I not able to be even like this raven so that I may hide the corpse of my brother ?' And then he became remorseful.

5: 33. On account of this, WE prescribed for the Children of Israel that whosoever killed a person - unless it be for killing a person or for creating disorder in the land - it shall be as if he killed all mankind; and whoso saved a life, it shall be as if he had saved the life of all mankind. And our Messengers came to them with clear Signs, Yet even after that, many of them commit excesses in the land.

In the Bible, when God found out about what Cain did, He got so angry, He cursed Cain for his crime. The rest was history. That moment Cain's fate changed forever. He was to be a fugitive, a vagabond on earth from then on. Cain found God's judgment too harsh. He was afraid of being slaughtered as a fugitive in a foreign land. If Adam and his family were the only ones

alive then, Cain's anxiety of being murdered by a foreigner in a foreign land does not make sense. Yet, God set a mark upon Cain to stop "others" who could slay him. Following his migration to an eastern land called "Nod", Cain married a woman and had a son. Since Adam and Eve had no daughters, it is obvious as to whom Cain married. Nevertheless, Cain named his son "Enoch", built a city and named it after his son.

#### Bible

Genesis 4: 11: And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

Genesis 4:12: When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

Genesis 4:13: And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

Genesis 4:14: Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.

Genesis 4:15: And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

Genesis 4:16: And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

Genesis 4:17: And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

After Abel's death and Cain's migration, Adam and Eve must have led quite a lonesome life. But it did not take too long before Seth was born to the couple. Following Seth's birth, a drastic change occurred in the lives of Adam and his family. God was no longer around. The family members now had to call on the name of the Lord first before they could see His glory and consult His wisdom. The Bible does not clarify the details of the rituals, if any, "calling upon the name of the Lord" required. Without a doubt, the act of "praying" to God started at this point in time.

#### Bible

Genesis 4:25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, [said she], hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

Genesis 4:26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

## The Descendants Of Adam

The Bible lists a highly detailed lineage for Adam. Adam lived for 930 years. Though Adam's life span sounds unbelievable in today's norms, 9.3 centuries do not even make a day in God's calendar. Because Cain had murdered his brother, and had to live the life of a fugitive, the Bible leaves him out of all chronology lists. The verses below enlist the legitimate male heirs of Adam down to Noah.

### Bible

Genesis 5:1 This [is] the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

Genesis 5:2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

Genesis 5:3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat [a son] in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

Genesis 5:4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:

Genesis 5:5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

Genesis 5:6 And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos:

Genesis 5:7 And Seth lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters:

Genesis 5:8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

Genesis 5:9 And Enos lived ninety years, and begat Cainan:

Genesis 5:10 And Enos lived after he begat Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters:

Genesis 5:11 And all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five years: and he died.

Genesis 5:12 And Cainan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalaleel:

Genesis 5:13 And Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters:

Genesis 5:14 And all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.

Genesis 5:15 And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared:

Genesis 5:16 And Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:

Genesis 5:17 And all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

Genesis 5:18 And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch:

Genesis 5:19 And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

Genesis 5:20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.

Genesis 5:21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:

Genesis 5:22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred

years, and begat sons and daughters:

Genesis 5:23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

Genesis 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he [was] not; for God took him.

Genesis 5:25 And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech:

Genesis 5:26 And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters:

Genesis 5:27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

Genesis 5:28 And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son:

Genesis 5:29 And he called his name Noah, saying, This [same] shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.

Genesis 5:30 And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters:

Genesis 5:31 And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.

Genesis 5:32 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

The verses quoted from First Chronicles below enlist Adam's sons and grandsons down to Abraham. Cain, again, is left out.

#### Bible

1 Chronicles 1:1 Adam, Sheth, Enosh,

1 Chronicles 1:2 Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered,

1 Chronicles 1:3 Henoah, Methuselah, Lamech,

1 Chronicles 1:4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

1 Chronicles 1:5 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras.

1 Chronicles 1:6 And the sons of Gomer; Ashchenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

1 Chronicles 1:7 And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

1 Chronicles 1:8 The sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan.

1 Chronicles 1:9 And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah, and Sabtecha. And the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

1 Chronicles 1:10 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be mighty upon the earth.

1 Chronicles 1:11 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim,

1 Chronicles 1:12 And Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (of whom came the Philistines,) and Caphthorim.

1 Chronicles 1:13 And Canaan begat Zidon his firstborn, and Heth,

1 Chronicles 1:14 The Jebusite also, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite,

1 Chronicles 1:15 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite,

1 Chronicles 1:16 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

1 Chronicles 1:17 The sons of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech.

1 Chronicles 1:18 And Arphaxad begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber.

1 Chronicles 1:19 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one [was] Peleg; because in his days the earth was divided: and his brother's name [was] Joktan.

1 Chronicles 1:20 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah,  
1 Chronicles 1:21 Hadoram also, and Uzal, and Diklah,  
1 Chronicles 1:22 And Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba,  
1 Chronicles 1:23 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these [were] the sons of Joktan.  
1 Chronicles 1:24 Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah,  
1 Chronicles 1:25 Eber, Peleg, Reu,  
1 Chronicles 1:26 Serug, Nahor, Terah,  
1 Chronicles 1:27 Abram; the same [is] Abraham.  
1 Chronicles 1:28 The sons of Abraham; Isaac, and Ishmael.

## Easton's Bible Dictionary Entry On "Adam"

### Adam

red, a Babylonian word, the generic name for man, having the same meaning in the Hebrew and the Assyrian languages. It was the name given to the first man, whose creation, fall, and subsequent history and that of his descendants are detailed in the first book of Moses (Gen. 1:27-ch. 5). "God created man [Heb., Adam] in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

Adam was absolutely the first man whom God created. He was formed out of the dust of the earth (and hence his name), and God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and gave him dominion over all the lower creatures (Gen. 1:26; 2:7). He was placed after his creation in the Garden of Eden, to cultivate it, and to enjoy its fruits under this one prohibition: "Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

The first recorded act of Adam was his giving names to the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air, which God brought to him for this end. Thereafter the Lord caused a deep sleep to fall upon him, and while in an unconscious state took one of his ribs, and closed up his flesh again; and of this rib he made a woman, whom he presented to him when he awoke. Adam received her as his wife, and said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." He called her Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

Being induced by the tempter in the form of a serpent to eat the forbidden fruit, Eve persuaded Adam, and he also did eat. Thus man fell, and brought upon himself and his posterity all the sad consequences of his transgression. The narrative of the Fall comprehends in it the great promise of a Deliverer (Gen. 3:15), the "first gospel" message to man. They were expelled from Eden, and at the east of the garden God placed a flame, which turned every way, to prevent access to the tree of life (Gen. 3). How long they were in Paradise is matter of mere conjecture.

Shortly after their expulsion Eve brought forth her first-born, and called him Cain. Although we have the names of only three of Adam's sons, viz., Cain, Abel, and Seth, yet it is obvious that he had several sons and daughters (Gen. 5:4). He died aged 930 years.

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