

The Great Messengers

HAZRAT ADAM عليه السلام



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Hazrat Adam ﷺ

Hazrat Adam's ﷺ name appears in 11 Surahs and a total 25 times in the Qur'an.

Allah Ta'ala created Hazrat Adam ﷺ in his complete form from clay and breathed into him his soul which immediately became a body. Allah then commanded the angels to prostrate to Hazrat Adam ﷺ out of respect. All of them prostrated besides Iblees (Shaytan the cursed), who refused to obey the command out of pride and arrogance. At that point Iblees was regarded to be the most pious and devoted servant to Allah in worship of all heavenly beings.

Why Iblees Refused to Prostrate

Iblees argued that he would not prostrate because he was superior since he was created from fire and Hazrat Adam ﷺ was created from sand. When a person lacks understanding in any matter, even the feeblest of arguments will appear to be valid and correct to them.

Iblees begs for Time

Due to his refusal to prostrate as commanded, he became rejected in the court of Allah. When Iblees realised that his disobedience and arrogance has banished him from the mercy of Allah and has deprived him from entrance into paradise he asked Allah to grant him respite till the day of Qiyaamah so that he may take revenge by misleading humankind. Allah Ta'ala approved of his request so that he may test humankind.

Adam as a Khalifa

Allah granted Adam ﷺ superiority over all his other creation and conferred upon him the responsibility of being his vicegerent on earth to ensure that all his commands would be fulfilled.

The angels were surprised by this news and wondered what made them unfit for this role. They feared that this new creation would wreak havoc on earth just as the jinn had once done.

Teaching Adam

Allah endowed Adam عليه السلام with the knowledge of the names of everything. Then he brought him before the angels and asked them: “What knowledge have you regarding these things?” They had no knowledge and they realised at once that this question was to admonish them and to point out to them that being the vice-gerent of Allah is dependent on knowledge, not on glorification and supplication, and knowledge was the noblest quality of Adam.

Hawa joins Adam in Jannah

Adam عليه السلام lived in paradise but all along had a feeling of loneliness and a natural need for a partner. Then Allah created Hawwa from his rib and when Adam عليه السلام met her he became contented.

The two of them were given permission to live in Jannah and to enjoy the fruits of paradise except the fruit of one tree and they were warned that Iblees was their arch-enemy, who would try to beguile them.

Exit from Paradise

Iblees found a way to mislead Adam عليه السلام and Hawa (Radiyah Anha). He whispered and cast the thought into their minds that the tree was the tree of everlasting life and that eating from its fruit would bring everlasting life in paradise. He swore an oath that he was a well-wisher and not an enemy. Adam عليه السلام exhibiting a human weakness of forgetfulness ate from the prohibited tree. As soon as this happened, he realised that he was unclothed and he and Hawa began covering themselves with fig leaves.

Allah Ta'ala admonished Adam and unlike Iblees, He at once felt sorrowful and admitted his fault. He begged for forgiveness and took refuge in repentance.

Allah Ta'ala pardoned him but the command was given that he and his wife together with their progeny and their arch enemy shaytan will all inhabit the earth.

Habil and Qabil

Hazrat Adam ﷺ used to father twins, a boy and a girl each time. His 2 sons, Qabil and Habil grew up to be strong men. Qabil was a farmer while Habil was a shepherd. The time came where they desired partners. Allah's command was that offspring from every pair marry the opposite gender of another pair. The only restriction was that an individual of a twin could not marry the other twin from the same birth.

Qabil becomes Jealous of his Brother

The daughter born with Qabil was more beautiful than the one born with Habil. When Hazrat Adam ﷺ decided that the prettier sister has to be married to Habil, Qabil refused to accept it. It was resolved that the matter be determined by either of them presenting a sacrifice to Allah. The sacrifice that was consumed by a fire from the heavens was considered to be accepted, and the one who had offered it would marry the more beautiful of the sisters. Habil brought the best of his cattle while Qabil brought the worst of his crops. Allah Ta'ala accepted Habil's sacrifice due to his sincerity and obedience. Qabil was now further infuriated when he realised that his hope to marry his twin sister had faded and he went to the extent that he threatened to murder Habil, saying, "I will surely kill you!" (5:27)

Habil replied, "Allah accepts (sacrifices) only from those of Taqwa". (5:27)

The First Murder on Earth

Habil added, “The fact of the matter is that if you stretch out your hand to kill me, I will not stretch out mine to kill you. Verily I fear Allah, the Rabb of the universe”. (5:28)

Continuing with the story, Habil added, “I would rather that you take on yourself my sins and your sins and you become of the dwellers of the fire. Such is the punishment of the oppressors.” (5:30)

Commentators mention that Habil was stronger than Qabil, but chose not to defend himself (although it was permissible) because he felt that it was better to die as an oppressed person than to kill another.

This plea of Habil had no effect on Qabil and he instantly killed his brother. This was the first murder committed by man on earth.

Burial of Habil

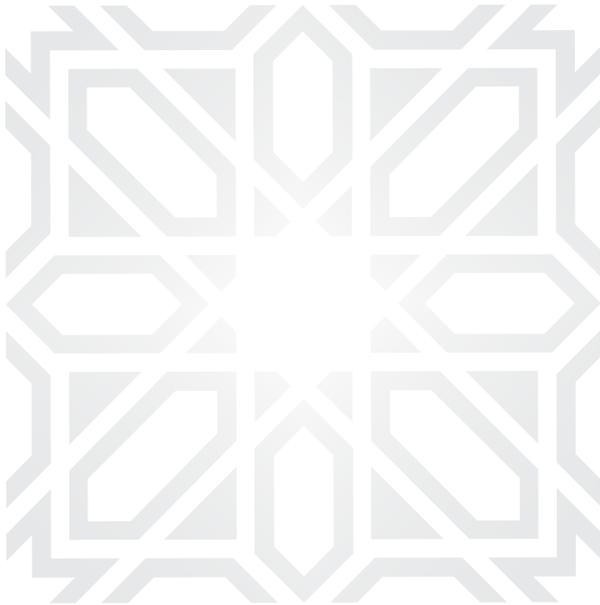
Qabil did not know what to do with his brother’s dead body. Allah Ta’ala sent two crows to the scene. They began to fight and the one killed the other and buried it. The victorious bird used its claws and beak to dig a hole and covered the victim in the hole. Allah refers to this when He says, “Then Allah sent a crow to dig (a hole in) the earth to show him how to conceal the corpse of his brother.” (5:31)

Following the example of the crow, Qabil then buried his brother and “He (Qabil) cried out, “Woe unto me that I could not be like this crow and conceal the body of my brother!” So, he became one of the remorseful ones.” (5:31)

He expressed remorse that he had killed his brother and that he lacked the intelligence to do as a crow had done.

Adam's Death

Before his death, Adam ﷺ reassured his children that Allah ﷻ will not leave man alone on the earth, but will send His prophets from time to time to guide them. The prophets will have different names, attributes and miracles, but they will be united in one aspect; the call to worship Allah alone. This was Adam's ﷺ bequest to his children. Adam ﷺ finished speaking and closed his eyes. Then the angels entered his room and surrounded him. When he recognised the Angel of Death among them, his heart smiled peacefully. So, they took his soul, embalmed and wrapped him, dug the grave and laid him in it. They prayed on him and put him in his grave, saying: "O Children of Adam, this is your tradition at the time of death."



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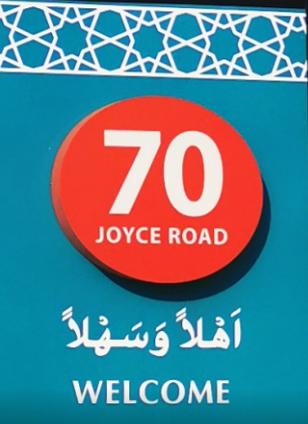
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