

# OLD TESTAMENT CHARACTERS

## “Adam and Eve”



Genesis 2:20 - And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field.

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## **ADAM and EVE**

### **INTRODUCING ADAM THROUGH EVE**

I am Eve. Adam gave to me that name, because I at one time was the mother of all human beings who were born and who lived upon the earth. In another respect, I am the mother of the whole human race.

Adam was in existence before I was. He came to be by a divine act when God on the sixth day of creation climaxed His works by forming a man out of the dust of the ground and breathing into his nostrils the breath of life, thus he became a living soul. His original task was to care for the garden that God had planted in Eden.

In this garden were trees of many kinds, but two trees were most prominent among them: the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Both trees were of great interest to God. The fruit from one tree, if eaten, would cause one to live in a physical body forever; however, God's greater interest focused on the other. As a matter of fact, He gave strict orders to Adam saying, "Of every tree in the garden, you may freely eat: but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it, for in the day you eat of it, you will surely die." These instructions were given to Adam before I came to be.

God decided that Adam needed me. There are many ways, I suppose, that God could have caused my origin. He could have formed me as He did Adam out of the dust of the ground, or as He did the beast of the field and the fowl of the air. It is possible that He could have produced me through an evolutionary process, but He chose none of these methods. He caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and taking one of his ribs, God formed me. I was bone of Adam's bone and flesh of his flesh. When God presented me to him, I was full grown.

You see I was not born. I had no parents, no brothers or sisters, no playmates, no childhood, no home environment or influences, no school to attend. I was the first woman and my children were the first children, but before there were children, Adam spent much time briefing me on what names he had given to the animals and how he was to care for the garden. He strictly instructed me about the trees and particularly about the tree of knowledge of good and evil. We both agreed that if we never touched the fruit from that tree we would never eat and thus we would never die.

Though we had good intentions, our purposes did not work out as God had commanded and as we had planned. You may read all about the disaster that happened to us in Genesis 3.

However deeply our shame and our regret, it was still a horrible fact that I submitted to the serpent's temptations and at my suggestion Adam ate of the fruit and engaged in open defiant rebellion against the clearly understood command of God.

Pandora's box was open. Sin entered our family and through us the human race. The elegant serpent was reduced to crawl on his belly and eat dust all of his days. My sorrows were multiplied and my anxieties increased with the birth of each new child. God made Adam my ruler. For Adam's rebellion, God cursed the ground and left him to fight with thorn and thistle. It became agonizing to observe the sweat of his face and sense the fear of death that characterized his soul.

## **ADAM, THE FIRST MAN**

Before Adam there were beings, but no human beings. Adam was the first man. He did not come into being by an evolutionary process. He came into being by an act of God's creative power.

"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 thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Gen. 1:26, 27).

In God's image and in God's likeness man was made. The physical part of man came from the dust of the earth. It was into the physical that God breathed a part of Himself. Some contend that man's likeness to God is physical with hair, and eyes, and bones and flesh. However, this cannot be because God is Spirit, man was created like God in spirit, in holiness, in righteousness, in intelligence, in personality, in will, in freedom, and in love. Like God also, man had power, authority, and dominion. God created him as a ruler over the beast of the field, the fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea.

By reason of the fall and sin, man marred the image of God that was placed in Adam. This likeness and image of God in man being stained and tarnished by the fall caused a person at birth to have Adam's sinful nature.

# **LET US LOOK AT ADAM AND EVE**

## **THE ORIGINAL COUPLE**

In some respects, Adam and Eve were the most important couple that has ever lived in the history of the whole human race. They were the first pair. They were endowed with a state of holiness that enabled them to commune and have fellowship with God their Creator. Since they were the first, they bore the responsibility that no other couple has ever had. But Adam was created before Eve. Let us observe him in this original state.

## **ADAM, THE ORIGINAL MAN**

God planted a garden eastward in Eden. In the garden, God placed Adam whom He had formed. In this garden grew many types of plants and trees that were most beautiful to the sight and good for food. Two of the more important trees were the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. From the land of Eden flowed a river that was designed to water the plants and trees of the garden. Rather broad was the land of Eden, because four great rivers flowed through its territory. The name of the first was Pison, that wound its way through the whole land of Havilah, a country from which Adam's posterity mined the precious metal of gold. Discovered there also was bdellium and the onyx stone. A second river named Gihon compassed the whole fertile land of Ethiopia. This country was a thousand miles to the south and very wealthy in natural resources. A third river named Heddekel, better known as Tigris, flowed through the vast lands that were later known as Assyria. The fourth and famous river, known as Euphrates, streamed its way through the territory that later became known as Babylon. Within the vast stretches of Eden, on the eastern side, God made a special garden where He placed Adam.

Duties were assigned to Adam. He was to dress and keep the garden. Regulations and prohibitions were clearly outlined and communicated to him: "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 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" (Genesis 2:16,17).

God observed Adam and concluded that he needed a helper. The Lord caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept. God took one of his ribs and formed it into a woman whom He named Eve, then gave her to Adam in marriage. These two became the first couple.

## **Five Observations About Original Man**

### **Made in the Likeness and Image of God**

An image may be physical, formulated in the likeness of something else, or in the likeness of what one believes to be something else. There were images of the Greek gods that sculptors chiseled out of stone or poured melted metal into a form. These were lifeless, physical idols. An image may also be an imitation, a copy or a counterpart. But when God created man he was neither a physical image of God, nor a mere imitation of Him. The Latin term “Imago Dei” applies to man as being in the image of God, but not in a physical likeness, since God is Spirit and is not a physical being. Thus we must seek other means to determine how man was in the likeness and image of God.

An insight might be gained by understanding what God’s original purpose was. It is stated in 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.” This was God’s purpose for man, but to fulfill such a purpose, God had to create an unusual being. Therefore, the type of person whom He created had characteristics like unto God. Adam was like God as an intellectual being, as a moral being, as a free being, as a responsible being, and as a social being.

### **Adam as an Intellectual Being**

That Adam was an intellectual being is verified by Genesis 2:19, 20: “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. 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.”

To commune with God and give names to the beast of the field, the fowl of the air, the cattle and other creatures of the earth implies unusual intellect and rationality. The fact that man had such rationality set him apart and above all other creatures who were formed from the ground.

Not only did God create him with a highly developed intellect, He gave him a language by which he could use his rationality and communicate his thoughts to others. He talked with God about the trees of the garden and later communicated what he had learned to his wife Eve. The level of Adam's intellect was equal to, if not superior to, man's highest intellect of today, which is a direct contradiction to the evolutionary theory of the development of man.

### **Adam as a Moral Being**

The fowl of the air, the cattle, and the other beast of the field were neither rational nor moral beings. Original man was both. Paul advised his Ephesian believer, saying, "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Ephesians. 4:23, 24). The fact that man was created in God's likeness in righteousness and holiness means that man was endowed with the powers of discerning between right and wrong actions. To have these discerning powers one must have intellect, sensibility, will and conscience. The intellect empowers man to distinguish between right and wrong; sensibility advises him to do one or the other; the will decides the issue; and the conscience approves or disapproves the decision.

Through Adam's intellect, God had conveyed the knowledge of right and wrong. It was right to eat of the fruit of most of the trees in the garden of Eden. It was wrong for him to eat of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam's sensibility advised him what he should do regarding God's command about the tree. His will, however, decided against the command of God. Finally, Adam's conscience condemned him for his disobedience. We therefore conclude that Adam in his original status was created as a moral being.

### **Adam as a Free Being**

From the beginning, Adam had the power to make his own decisions and exercise his will in free choices. Previously, God had created angels as free moral agents. Like man, they were created by God. Like man, they were intellectual beings. Like man, they had sensibility. Like man, they had sociability, personality, and responsibility. Like man, they had a will and freedom of choice. Unlike man, they were spiritual beings only, whereas Adam was both a spiritual and a physical being. Unlike man, they were sexless and non-reproductive, whereas Adam and Eve were commanded to multiply and replenish the earth.

Like the angels, Adam exercised his freedom of choice. He had freedom to choose between things that were right. His tragedy came when he exercised his freedom in choosing between the right and the wrong.

### **Adam as a Social Being**

God concluded that it was not good for man to be alone and that it was better for him to have a helper. Thus He caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam. He took one of Adam's ribs and from it He made a woman and named her Eve. Previously, Adam's social life had been a relationship with God. They had enjoyed companionship and communion with each other. After Eve entered the scene, his social life consisted of a fellowship with God and a companionship with his wife. For his new companionship, Adam was most grateful and concluded that, "She is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man" (Genesis 2:23). For the original pair and all married couples thereafter, God decided that "a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). As Adam lived with Eve, the two had time to make detailed plans to fulfill the will of God, but Eve encountered the serpent and a sad state of affairs followed.

### **Adam as a Responsible Being**

"God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. God blessed them and said, Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth" (Genesis 1:28).

To sustain Adam and Eve with food, God gave them the seed of the plants and the fruit of all the trees but one. In the original state, human beings and animals were to be vegetarians. Adam's responsibility was great in the earth. He had a God-given control over all of the animal kingdom, including the fowl of the air, the fish of the sea, and all creeping things that move upon the earth.

Adam's responsibility was circumscribed by a moral code, for God commanded him, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; forbidden is the fruit from 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" (Genesis 2:16, 17).

## ADAM AND EVE

Assignment: Genesis 1-6; Deuteronomy 32: 7-9; Job 31:33; Romans 5:14-21; 1 Corinthians 15; Psalms 8.

### True-False

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Adam gave names to all cattle, fowl, and beast.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. They were naked, but not ashamed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. God spoke to Eve, "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. God made coats of skin and clothed them.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. God said unto them, "Be fruitful and multiply."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Abel was born before Cain.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. God placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. God created man in His own image.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. The serpent said, "Ye shall surely die."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. A curse was placed upon Adam.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Adam called his wife's name Eve.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Eve bore Abel.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Adam and Eve were driven from the garden.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. They were given authority over every living thing on earth.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. They heard God's voice and feared.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Eve bore Seth.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. God forbade man to eat of the fruit of the tree.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. A deep sleep fell upon Adam and God took his rib.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. God placed no curse upon the serpent.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. God said, "The man is become as one of us."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. And Adam died.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Adam said, "She shall be called woman."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. Eve said, "Neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die."

**Multiple Choice — Indicate by letter the answer that best corresponds to the statement:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. In the disobedience and fall, who bore the greatest responsibility?

- A. the serpent
- B. Adam
- C. Eve
- D. Cain

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Which verse sets forth the first promise of a redeemer?

- A. Genesis 1:26
- B. Genesis 2:15
- C. Genesis 3:15
- D. Genesis 4:2

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. To whom did God say, "Dust shalt thou eat all of the days of thy life"?

- A. the serpent
- B. Eve
- C. Cain
- D. Abel

\_\_\_\_\_ 4 . To whom was God speaking when He said, "Let us make man"?

- A. angels
- B. previous race of men
- C. animals
- D. other members of the Trinity

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. The effects of the fall of man were felt by whom?

- A. Adam and Eve only
- B. the whole human race
- C. Cain and Abel only
- D. those before the flood only

# ADAM AND EVE

## DRILL

### Spelling:

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Image        | 6. Social      |
| 2. Original     | 7. Responsible |
| 3. Intellectual | 8. Sinful      |
| 4. Moral        | 9. Regenerated |
| 5. Freedom      | 10. Justified  |

### Give the right word:

11. It means that man was like God in thought, spirit, attitude. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Before the fall of man, Adam was the first and only man. \_\_\_\_\_

13. Meant by this word is that one can think, communicate, and speak. \_\_\_\_\_

14. One has this quality when he can distinguish between right and wrong. \_\_\_\_\_

15. One has this quality when he has the right to decide between right and wrong. \_\_\_\_\_

16. One is this type of person when he has fellowship and communion with others. \_\_\_\_\_

17. One is this type of person when he is given a duty and fulfills it. \_\_\_\_\_

18. One is this type of person when he disobeys God's will and Word. \_\_\_\_\_

19. One is this type of person when God forgives his transgressions and sins. \_\_\_\_\_

20. One has this blessing when God judges him just and innocent. \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions about the Experiences of Adam:

21. Out of what was Adam originally made? \_\_\_\_\_

22. Who breathed into his nostrils and made him a living soul? \_\_\_\_\_

- 23. What did Adam do for the animals that were brought to him? \_\_\_\_\_
- 24. Before Eve, with whom did Adam communicate? \_\_\_\_\_
- 25. Who concluded that it was not good for Adam to be alone? \_\_\_\_\_
- 26. What was Adam doing when his rib was taken? \_\_\_\_\_
- 27. Adam was first; who was the second person to live? \_\_\_\_\_
- 28. Who was to rule the fowl, fish, and beasts? \_\_\_\_\_
- 29. Who commanded Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply? \_\_\_\_\_
- 30. To whom did God give herbs, trees, beasts, fowls, and creeping things? \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions about Adam and Eve:**

- 31. What did Adam call Eve? \_\_\_\_\_
- 32. Who received the command not to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? \_\_\_\_\_
- 33. Who tempted Eve? \_\_\_\_\_
- 34. Who ate first of the forbidden fruit? \_\_\_\_\_
- 35. Who gave the fruit unto Adam? \_\_\_\_\_
- 36. After eating, what did they discover? \_\_\_\_\_
- 37. What did they use to make aprons? \_\_\_\_\_
- 38. Who came in the cool of the day to talk with Adam? \_\_\_\_\_
- 39. Who asked the first question? \_\_\_\_\_
- 40. Who gave the first answer? \_\_\_\_\_

**More Questions about Adam and Eve:**

- 41. From what garden were they driven? \_\_\_\_\_
- 42. What was the serpent to eat? \_\_\_\_\_

43. Who was to crush the head of the serpent? \_\_\_\_\_
44. What was cursed for Adam's sake? \_\_\_\_\_
45. Out of what did God make clothes to cover the nakedness of Adam and Eve? \_\_\_\_\_
46. Of what tree would God not allow Adam to eat in his sinful state? \_\_\_\_\_
47. Who was Adam's first son? \_\_\_\_\_
48. Who was Adam's second son? \_\_\_\_\_
49. Which son pleased God most? \_\_\_\_\_
50. Which son became a murderer? \_\_\_\_\_

## **ANSWERS TO DRILL ON ADAM AND EVE**

### **Give the correct word:**

11. Image
12. Original
13. Intellectual
14. Moral
15. Freedom
16. Social
17. Responsible
18. Sinful
19. Regenerated
20. Justified

### **Questions about the Experiences of Adam:**

21. Dust
22. God
23. Named them
24. God
25. God
26. Sleeping
27. Eve
28. Adam
29. God
30. Adam

### **Questions about Adam and Eve**

31. Woman
32. Adam
33. Serpent
34. Eve
35. Eve
36. They were naked
37. Fig Leaves
38. God
39. God
40. Adam
41. Eden
42. Dust
43. Seed of the woman
44. Ground
45. Skins
46. Tree of Life
47. Cain
48. Abel
49. Abel
50. Cain