

Adam & Eve

Chapter 1

ChatGPT: List of the most well-known things about Adam and Eve

1. First Humans Created by God
2. Garden of Eden
3. The Forbidden Fruit
4. The Consequences of the Fall
5. Symbol of Sin and Disobedience
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Biblical Families – Chap 1: Adam & Eve

Bible Occurrences:

- “Adam” 27 occurrences in NKJV (Gen 2, 3, 4, 5, Deut 1x), Josh 1x), 1 Chron (family of...), Job, Luke, Rom, 1 Cor, 1 Tim, Jude)
- “Eve” 4 occurrences in NKJV (Gen 3, 4, 2 Cor, 1 Tim)

ChatGPT Summary

1. First Humans Created by God
 - a. Adam and Eve are traditionally considered the first man and woman created by God.
 - b. Adam was created from dust or clay, and Eve was created from Adam's rib (Genesis 2:7, 2:21–22).
2. Garden of Eden
 - a. They lived in a paradise called the Garden of Eden, where everything was provided for them.
 - b. The garden contained many trees, including the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.
3. The Forbidden Fruit
 - a. God commanded them not to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.
 - b. The serpent (often interpreted as Satan) tempted Eve to eat the fruit, and she shared it with Adam.
 - c. This act is often called "The Fall" or Original Sin in Christian theology.
4. The Consequences of the Fall
 - a. After eating the fruit, they became aware of their nakedness and felt shame.
 - b. God banished them from the Garden of Eden.
 - c. They were subject to pain, labor, and death as a result.
 - d. The serpent was cursed to crawl and eat dust.
5. Symbol of Sin and Disobedience
 - a. Their story is central to the doctrine of original sin in Christianity.
 - b. Adam and Eve's disobedience is seen as the reason for the fallen state of humanity.
6. Parents of Humanity
 - a. Adam and Eve had several children, including Cain, Abel, and Seth.
 - b. They are seen as the progenitors of the human race.
7. Their Names and Meanings
 - a. Adam comes from the Hebrew “adamah” (earth), signifying his creation from the ground.
 - b. Eve (Hebrew: Chavah) means “life” or “mother of all living.”
8. Islamic Perspective
 - a. In Islam, Adam (Ādam) and Eve (Hawwā') are also the first humans.
 - b. The Qur'an tells a similar story but emphasizes individual accountability—no concept of inherited original sin.
 - c. They repent and are forgiven by Allah after disobeying Him.
9. Cultural Influence
 - a. Their story has influenced art, literature, theology, and philosophy for centuries.
 - b. The term “Adam and Eve” is often used symbolically to refer to human origins or innocence lost.
10. Legacy of Free Will
 - a. The story emphasizes free will, temptation, and the consequences of moral choices.
 - b. It is a foundational myth in Western religious thought about human nature, sin, and redemption.

✓ Foundational Myth – Meaning:

A foundational myth (or origin myth) is a story that explains the origin of something fundamental—like a people, culture, institution, or belief system. It often serves to:

Explain why the world is the way it is,

Define core values and beliefs,

Provide a shared identity for a group or culture,

Offer moral or spiritual lessons.

These stories are often symbolic or metaphorical, not necessarily intended as literal historical accounts.

💡 In the Case of Adam and Eve:

The story of Adam and Eve is considered a foundational myth because it explains:

The origin of humanity: Where humans came from.

Why suffering, death, and evil exist: The result of disobedience or sin.

Human nature: Our capacity for choice, temptation, shame, and morality.

The relationship between God and humans: Responsibility, trust, punishment, and mercy.

The need for redemption: Especially in Christian theology (leading to the story of Jesus).

🧠 Important Note:

Calling it a “myth” doesn’t mean it’s false or fictional—it simply refers to a story with deep cultural, spiritual, or symbolic meaning that shapes a worldview.

In religious traditions, many believe it to be historically true.

In scholarly or literary contexts, it's studied for its symbolism and influence on cultures.

Outline

- Introduction
- Formed (Gen 1:21-27, 2:18-23)
- Sinned (Gen 3:1-8)
- Sons (Gen 4:1-8)
- Suffering (Gen 4:25-26)
- Conclusion

OUTLINE from Book

- I. Introduction
 - A. Adam/Eve: first example of husband/wife, father/mother, children, & family
 - B. Adam:
 1. H120 "man" (Gen 1:26),
 2. H121 "mankind" (Hos 6:7),
 3. *a city* (Jos 3:16)
 4. H127 Adamah – "the earth" (Jos 19:36)
 - C. Eve:
 1. 2:19 – God made land animals and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them
 2. 2:22 – God made woman and brought her to Adam
 3. Called "woman" in Gen 2:23: H802 (translated wife (425x), woman (324x), one (10x), married (5x), female (2x), miscellaneous (14x))
 - a) Opposite of man
 4. Called "Eve" in 3:20: H2332 "life" or "living" (mother of all living)
 - D. Philosophers argue that moral responsibility hinges on assumption of free will
 - 1. Of all God's creation, only humans possess capacity to choose (right/wrong), only humans require a savior, only they are capable of sinning
- II. Formed
 - A. First: heavens and earth
 - B. Second: creation of man v 2:18
 - 1. First marriage, first family
- III. Sinned
 - A. Serpent more cunning than any beast of the field
 - B. Compare Gen 2:16-17 and 3:2-3
 - 1. James 1:13-16: 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.
 - 2. 1 John 2:15-17: 15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.
 - 3. 1 Timothy 2:14: 12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve; 14 and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. 15 Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.
 - C. How long were Adam & Eve in the garden?
 1. Gen 2:7 – Man became living being
 2. 2:8 – Planted garden
 3. 2:22 – made woman
 4. 3:6 – sin enters
 5. 3:23 – kicked out of garden
 6. 4:1 – Cain born ("craftsman" or "smith") (Kenite) (H7014)
 7. 4:2 – Abel ("vapor") (H1893)
 8. 4:25 – Seth – here they began to call on the name of the Lord
 9. 5:3 – Seth (H8352) ("compensation"). Adam was 130 when he begot Seth
- IV. Sons
 - A. Concept of original sin. Sin passed from one generation to the next?
 1. 1 John 3:4, Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.
 2. 1 John 5:17, All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.
 3. Child has committed no unrighteousness
 - a) James 4:17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.
 - B. Adam & Eve chose to sin
 - C. With our freedom to choose, the book says Sin became companion to the human family as men/women continue to choose it
 - D. Murder and other sin begin in the heart (Matt 5:21-22); not what one inherits
- V. Suffering
 - A. Sin results in suffering – not just eternal (2 Cor 5:10) but in this life also (Duet 22:6-7???)
 - B. Biggest takeaway from this first section is: Suffering is a theme in the Bible
 1. Matt 17:24
 2. Mark 8:34
 3. Luke 9:23 adds "daily"
 - C. Seth (compare to Job) – Job 42:12-17
- VI. Conclusion
 - A. Placed in an ideal setting, they chose disobedience
 - B. Story illustrates that sin is not a force imposed from outside but willful decision to reject God in favor of self

God's command vs Eve's words

Genesis 2:16-17	Genesis 3:2-3
<p>16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying,</p> <p>“You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,</p> <p>17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ¹you shall not eat,</p> <p>for in the day that you eat⁴ of it</p> <p>you ^mshall surely die.”</p>	<p>2 And the woman said to the serpent,</p> <p>“We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,</p> <p>3 but God said, ^v“You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden,</p> <p>neither shall you touch it,</p> <p>lest you die.’ ”</p>

The World Before the Flood

Patriarch	Year of Birth	Age at Birth of Next Patriarch	Year of Death
Adam	1	130	930
Seth	130	105	912
Enosh	235	90	905
Cainan	325	70	910
Mahalaleel	395	65	895
Jared	460	162	962
Enoch	622	65	365
Methusaleh	687	187	969
Lamech	874	182	777
Noah	1056	500	

GENESIS 5: A TIMELINE

"RoE" = Age of the Earth

