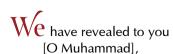


The Old, New and Final Testaments





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O People!

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This is the story of Adam and Eve as mentioned in the Quran, the final Message from God to humanity. According to the Quran, Eve is as honored as Adam, she did not deceive him. Both were tempted by the Satan. God said to Adam:

OAdam!

Dwell, you and your wife, in Paradise and eat from wherever you want but do not approach this tree, otherwise, you will be among the wrongdoers."

But Satan whispered to them to make apparent to them what was concealed from them of their private parts. He said: "Your Lord did not forbid you this tree except that you become angels or become of the immortals."

He swore to them: "Truly, I am a sincere advisor for you." So he made them fall, through deception.

When they tasted of the tree, their private parts became apparent to them, and they both rushed to cover themselves with leaves from the Paradise.

Their Lord called to them: "Did I not forbid you from that tree and tell you that Satan is a clear enemy to you?" They said: "Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves, and if You do not forgive us and have mercy upon us, we will surely be among the losers."

God said: "Descend, [some of your offspring will be enemies to one another]. There is in the Earth an abode and a provision for you for a time. In it you will live, and in it you will die, and from it you will be raised."





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We have bestowed upon you clothing to conceal your private parts and as adornment. But the dress of righteousness is the best for you. That is among the Signs of God that perhaps they will remember.

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Do not let Satan tempt you as he got your parents out of the Paradise, stripping them of their clothing to expose their private parts. He sees you, he and his tribe, from where you do not see them.

We have made the devils allies to those who do not believe. When they commit an immorality, they say: "We found our fathers doing it, and God has ordered us to do it." Say, [O Muhammad]: "God does not order immorality. Do you say about God what you do not know?"

Say: "My Lord has ordered justice and that you maintain yourselves [in worship of Him] at every place [or time] of prostration, and invoke Him, sincere to Him in religion." Just as He created you, you will return to Him.

A group [of you] He guided, and a group deserved [to be in] error because they had taken the devils as allies instead of God while they thought that they were guided.

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Take your adornment at every place of worship, and eat and drink, but do not be prodigal. God does not like the prodigals (wasteful and extravagant consumers) Say: "Who has forbidden the adornment of God which He has produced for His servants and the good things of provision?"

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Every nation has its appointed term; so when their time has come, they will not remain behind an hour, nor will they precede [it].

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If there come to you messengers from among you relating to you My verses or Signs, then whoever fears God and reforms, there will be no fear about them, nor will they grieve. But the ones who deny Our verses [or Signs] and are arrogant toward them, those are the companions of the Fire; they will abide in it eternally.

> Quran, 7: 19-36 Sahih Int. translation simplified and explained

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