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## A Biographical Study of Adam

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# *Adam*

## CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

- I. Inside the Garden of Eden
  - A. His divinity
    1. He was created directly by God (Gen. 1:27)
    2. He was made in God's image (Gen. 1:26-27)
    3. He was formed from the dust of the ground (Gen. 2:7)
  - B. His duties
    1. He was placed in Eden by God (Gen. 2:8-14).
    2. He was commanded to work and take care of Eden (Gen. 2:15).
    3. He was given dominion over all creatures (Gen. 1:26, 28).
    4. He was commanded to increase in number (Gen. 1:28).
    5. He named all the animals (Gen. 2:19-20).
    6. He was the source for Eve's creation (Gen. 2:21).
    7. He was allowed to eat of any tree in the Garden except one (Gen. 1:29; 2:16-17).
    8. He was forbidden to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17).
  - C. His disobedience—He disobeyed God and ate of the forbidden tree (Gen. 3:6).
  - D. His despair
    1. Adam realized his spiritual nakedness and tried to hide it from God by sewing fig leaves together (Gen. 3:7).
    2. He was judged by God (Gen. 3:17-19).
      - a. A curse was placed upon the ground.
      - b. By sweat and sorrow he would till the ground.
      - c. At the end, he would return to the ground.
  - E. His deliverance
    1. He was promised a future Savior (Gen. 3:15).
    2. He was forgiven and clothed with animal skins by God himself (Gen. 3:21).
    3. He named his wife Eve, meaning "mother of all living."
  - F. His departure—Adam was driven from Eden, lest he eat of the tree of life and live forever in his sin (Gen. 3:22-23).
- II. Outside the Garden of Eden
  - A. He fathered another son, Seth, in addition to several unnamed sons and daughters (Gen. 4:25; 5:4).
  - B. He was 130 at the birth of Seth (Gen. 5:3).
  - C. He died at the age of 930 (Gen. 5:5).

## THEOLOGICAL SUMMARY

- I. Job assured God he was not attempting to hide his sin as Adam once had (Job 31:33).
- II. Luke traced the genealogy of Christ back to Adam (Luke 3:38).
- III. Paul contrasted the person and work of Adam with the person and work of Christ (Rom. 5:12-21; 1 Cor. 15:20-23, 45-50).
  - A. Adam came from the dust of the earth and possessed a natural, corruptible body.
  - B. Christ came from above and possessed a supernatural, incorruptible body.
  - C. Adam introduced sin and death into the world because he disobeyed God. This he passed on to all his descendants.
  - D. Christ introduced righteousness and life into the world because he obeyed God. This he passes on to all who believe in him.
  - E. To remain in Adam is to die.
  - F. To be joined to Christ is to live.
- IV. Paul used Adam to explain why he placed the man to be head of the woman (1 Tim. 2:12-14).
  - A. The chronological reason—Adam was created before Eve.
  - B. The theological reason—Adam was not deceived when he sinned, as was Eve.

## STATISTICS

*Father:* God (Gen. 1:27; 2:7)

*Mother:* God (Gen. 1:27; 2:7)

*Spouse:* Eve (Gen. 2:21)

*Sons:* Cain, Abel, Seth, and unnamed sons (Gen. 4:1-2, 25; 5:4)

*Daughters:* Several unnamed daughters (Gen. 5:4)

*First mention:* Genesis 2:19

*Final mention:* Jude 1:14

*Meaning of his name:* “Of the ground, dust”

*Frequency of his name:* Referred to 30 times

*Biblical books mentioning him:* Nine books (Genesis, Deuteronomy, 1 Chronicles, Job, Luke, Romans, 1 Corinthians, 1 Timothy, Jude)

*Occupation:* Tiller of the ground (Gen. 3:17-19, 23)

*Place of birth:* Inside the Garden of Eden (See Gen. 2:7-8.)

*Place of death:* Outside Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:23-24)

*Age at death:* 930 (Gen. 5:5)

*Important fact about his life:* He was the world’s first human being (Gen. 1:27; 2:7).