

PEOPLE OF THE ***BIBLE***
- *ADAM TO MOSES* -

-In Verse-

For Younger Readers

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PREFACE

The stories in this volume are taken from the first five books of the Old Testament of the Holy Bible. Although text from the Bible is included, most of the language used is contemporary English, presented in simple rhyming poetic form that is easy to read.

The story lines in the Bible have been followed closely; however, some portions have been omitted or condensed where it was thought that the material was not appropriate for some readers.

It is hoped that this book will be fun to read, in addition to being informative .

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PROLOGUE

Moses prayed¹:

“Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst joined the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.”

Before the beginning there was God !

God is the Creator from whom all springs,
all that exists, all life, all things.
Infinite, divine, benevolent Source,
invisible Energy, all-powerful Force,
omniscient Lord, Prime Mover and Cause
unknowable Spirit that always was,
and that will be,
eternally.

¹ Psalms 90 – A prayer of Moses, the man of God: v1,2

CHAPTER ONE

*Creation*¹

In six celestial days
God did all create.

He gave birth to Heaven and earth;
from His great might came “Let there be light”;
by His command came seas and land;
the sun, the moon, the stars in the sky,
all these did Holy God supply;
all grasses, herbs and all the trees,
all creatures of the lands and seas
came to exist by His decrees;

On the seventh day He rested.

A blueprint of what was to be,
was in His plan of destiny.
And, as part of that great plan,
God created man.
In God's own image was he made,
and his spiritual aspect laid.

God made a male, gave him a mate
and ordered that they procreate.
He gave to man a living soul,
bequeathed to him a special role.
Man was free to choose how his mind to use;
and free to use his will to reject or to fulfill God's will.

And he controlled what God had placed
upon this planet's face.

¹ Genesis 1,2

*The First Test*¹

In the Garden of Eden, lush, green and serene,
bright green herbs and grasses grew;
a winding sparkling stream ran thru;
there were exquisite flowers pure and new,
of many a delicate lovely hue,
their petals sweet with morning dew.
The great *Tree of Life* and other fruit trees,
swayed in the gentle fragrant breeze.
'Twas a garden of pleasure, of great delight,
cloaked in a sphere of shimmering light,²
and in its midst, radiant, aglow,
that all who view its power know,
a special large tree, of Divine Decree,
with sweetest fruit of crimson red
hung from branches broadly spread –
The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

From dust in the Garden, God made a man,
gave him life, as part of His plan.
He named him Adam, made him just and fair,
and put the Garden in his care.

Adam was radiant, strong and young²
when full grown into life he'd sprung;
soft curls fell over his broad forehead
as he lay newborn, an arm outspread.

¹ Genesis: 2,3

² Author's images

Then God made creatures - all various kinds -
all created by the Mastermind:
black-striped zebras, tawny lions,¹
huge brown elephants, graceful felines,
stately giraffes and handsome canines,
the deers and the monkeys, and porcupines,
horses and insects and coiled serpentines,
turtles and birds and stolid bovine –
and so many more
of that interesting corps.
They came to Adam, that he give each a name
and so forever their species proclaim.
Adam had a responsible role –
over all that lived he was given control.

This was a birth
of a Paradise on earth.
There'd be peace and harmony
for all eternity.

Then God spoke to Adam:
You may eat of all fruit that you see
except for the fruit of that one *special* tree,
The Knowledge of Good and Evil is its name,
to eat of its fruit you must refrain.
If you do, then you will die.
Do not this command defy.

That Adam was not to live all alone,
God made someone to be his own.
He put him to sleep, a sleep very deep,
and from a rib made him a mate.
Thus did God a female create.

¹Author's image

She was slender and young with long thick hair,¹
of beauty rare.

They breathed the fragrant Garden air ¹
as breezes wafted through their hair.
They ran and played as children do
and petals round the Garden threw.
Playfully did he pursue,
with happy smiles, his mate withdrew.
Naked in their innocence,
joyful in their residence
they lived in peace, the Lord to please.
Though both were child-like and naive
and played their games of make-believe
they knew they must the Lord obey,
and from his dictum did not stray –
until temptation came their way!

The sly subtle serpent, aware, set his snare
for the woman, the newer of the pair.
He asked: May you eat of all the fruit that you see?

Said she ,Yes, except for one big tree;
The Knowledge of Good and Evil is its name
from eating its fruit I must refrain,
for the Lord has said, eat that fruit and you will die.
I will not the Lord defy.

Tempted the serpent: Its a lie that you would die.
The Lord God knows but didn't disclose
that the fruit will make you very wise;
that's a fact I emphasize.
She listened to him and she gave in,

¹ Author's image

and so committed her first sin,
and then tempted Adam and he also ate,
by doing which he sealed his fate.

Suddenly they became aware,
that disobedient sinful pair,
of their naked state,
and fearing what might them await –
covered their privates with large fig leaves
to comfort achieve –
and hid from God..

The Lord God discovered that they were covered.

He questioned them:
What was the causation
of their fig-leaf decoration?
In their consternation
they gave their explanation
of the serpent's sly temptation
and of their violation
of Lord God's strong command
which they did understand.

Then came God's angry condemnation:

God cursed the serpent:
You are cursed above all beasts,
you'll be the worst and be the least.
You'll crawl on your belly and eat the dust,
man will always you distrust;
you'll live with him in enmity;
this is your miserable destiny.

God said to the woman:
I ordain –

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