

# Prophets in the Quran: Sheeth and Idris

The Quran did not say much about Cain after he killed Abel, his brother. The Hadeeth (sayings and traditions of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) also did not mention details about Cain’s fate other than it is Cain who killed his brother and that he carries (owns) a share of every premeditated killing that takes place on earth. The prophet (pbuh) said: “No person is killed wrongfully, but a share of responsibility for his blood will be upon the first son of Adam, because he was the first one to kill.”

**Prophet Seth:** Adam, peace and blessings of Allah be upon him (pbuh), lost his two sons. His wife, Eve (Haw’aa in Arabic) was pregnant when Abel was killed. Eve gave birth to a set of twins, Sheeth (Seth) and his twin sister. Sheath means (God’s gift) to thank God for their twin.

In Islamic tradition, Prophet Seth (Sheeth in Arabic) is considered a prophet and a righteous servant of Allah, although detailed information about him was never detailed in primary Islamic sources such as the Qur’an and the authentic Hadeeths. Much of what is known comes from secondary sources and historical accounts that Muslims are cautious when they approach their contents.

Seth is considered one of the early descendants of Adam, known for his piety and righteousness. He was granted prophethood after Adam’s pass-

ing to continue guiding humanity. Seth was not mentioned by name in the Qur’an. He was described as a wise and faithful successor to Adam. It is believed that Adam entrusted Seth with the scriptures and divine knowledge that was given to him by God Almighty.

Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said that Seth was given 50 tablets (pages) of instructions from God that had all the commandments that would guarantee the guidance of the sons of Adam and protect them against Satan’s plans. Seth is thought to have passed on the knowledge of worship, moral values, and monotheism to his descendants.

Islamic teachings often emphasize the lineage of prophets, and Seth is seen as part of the chain of righteous individuals leading to later prophets. Prophet Seth (pbuh) played a role in preserving monotheism among Adam’s descendants. Seth is often remembered as a figure who maintained the worship of Allah and opposed idolatry. His story serves as a reminder of the continuity of divine guidance through chosen prophets. His role in the early lineage of humanity underscores the continuity of guidance and the importance of adhering to monotheism.

**Prophet Idris (pbuh):** Prophet Idris (Enoch in the Judeo-Christian tradition, pronounced Edrees) holds a signif-



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icant place in Islamic teachings. He is mentioned in the Qur’an and Hadith, and additional details about his life and mission are found in Islamic historical works and interpretations.

Prophet Idris is mentioned explicitly in two verses of the Qur’an: **“And mention in the book Idris. Indeed, he was a truthful one and a prophet. And We raised him to a high station.”** [Qur’an 19: 56-57] and **“And [mention] Ishmael, Idris, and Zul-Kifl (Ezekiel); all were from among the patients. And We admitted them into Our mercy. Indeed, they were of the righteous.”** [Qur’an 21: 85-86]. These verses highlight his truthfulness, patience, righteousness, and the honor Allah bestowed upon him by raising him to a lofty rank.

Prophet Idris (Enoch, pbuh) is a descendant of Prophet Adam (pbuh), specifically through Adam’s son Seth (pbuh). Some traditions suggest he was the great-grandfather of Prophet Nuh (Noah, pronounced Nooh in Arabic, pbuh). Prophet Idris lived during a time when humanity was growing in number, and corruption began to spread. He was sent to guide his

people back to the worship of Allah and a righteous way of life.

Prophet Idris (Enoch, pbuh) is often associated with wisdom, intellect, and advancements in civilization. Islamic traditions credit him with being the first to write with a pen and to use tools for tailoring and construction. He is said to have contributed to the development of astronomy, mathematics, and other sciences.

The Qur’an emphasizes his patience and righteousness, suggesting he endured challenges from amongst his people in his mission with steadfastness and devotion to Allah. The Qur’an states that Allah raised Idris to a “high station,” (location, place, or rank) which scholars interpret in different ways: Some suggest it refers to his spiritual rank and closeness to Allah. Others believe it indicates that he was physically raised to the heavens before his death, similar to the ascension of Prophet Isa (Jesus, pbuh). This last belief is supported by certain narratives from Jewish and Christian traditions, but there is no definitive consensus on this interpretation in Islamic teachings. The best we can understand about this his-station is to believe that on the day of Judgment he will assume a high rank, an indication of the hard work he had to go through in his call to the right path of God and teaching monotheism.

Prophet Idris (pbuh)

called his people to worship Allah, avoid idolatry, and adhere to ethical and moral principles. He reminded them with their grandfathers Adam and Seth and how they worked to oppose the subtle and deceptive suggestions or temptations of Satan to lead people away from the path of righteousness and obedience to Allah.

Prophet Idris (Enoch, pbuh) is revered for his piety, intellectual contributions, and perseverance in spreading the message of monotheism. His life symbolizes the pursuit of knowledge, patience in adversity, and unwavering faith in Allah.

After the death of Prophet Idris (Enoch), people continued to follow the teachings and traditions of Adam, Seth and Idris. The population grew, and their traditions were passed down from one generation to the next. However, Satan was always present, working tirelessly to fulfill his promise to deceive humanity, tempting them to disobey Allah, and leading them away from the right path – worshipping Allah alone and never attributing partners to Him.

God Almighty has warned us from Satan when he uncovered Satan’s intentions toward us (Adam and his sons): The Quran says: **“(26) Indeed, We created man from sounding clay moulded from black mud. (27) As for the jinn, We created them earlier from smokeless fire. (28) And (then) when your Lord**

said to the angels, **“I am going to create a human being from sounding clay moulded from black mud. (29) So when I have fashioned him and had a spirit of My Own (creation) breathed into him, fall down in prostration to him.” (30) So the angels prostrated all together— (31) but not Iblis (Iblis is Satan’s name), who refused to prostrate with the others. (32) Allah asked, “O Iblis! What is the matter with you that you did not join others in prostration?” (33) he (Satan) replied, “It is not for me to prostrate to a human You created from sounding clay moulded from black mud.” (34) Allah commanded, “Then get out of Paradise, for you are truly cursed. (35) And surely you are condemned until the Day of Judgment.” (36) Satan appealed (replied), “My Lord! Then delay my end until the Day of their resurrection.” (37) Allah said, “You will be delayed (38) until the appointed Day.” (39) Satan responded, “My Lord! For allowing me to stray I will surely tempt them on earth and mislead them all together, (40) except Your chosen servants among them.” (41) Allah said, “This is the Way, binding on Me: (42) you will certainly have no authority over My servants, except the deviants who follow you.”** [Quran 15: 26-42]

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## Church closing in Bethlehem, Pa. donates the last of its money in act of charity

BETHLEHEM, Pa. – A church whose congregation has roots going back to the 19th century is closing and donating hundreds of thousands of dollars from the sale of its building to charity in a Pennsylvania city named for the biblical birthplace of Jesus.

Trinity United Church of Christ in Bethlehem will host its final service Sunday as its members end decades as a parish with Christmas season charitable donations of nearly \$400,000, the Morning Call of Allentown reported.

Trinity has – like many

other houses of worship – suffered a decline in membership and sold the Gothic Revival-style church building with large stained-glass windows to another congregation.

Three Bethlehem United Church of Christ congregations formed Trinity in 1972: Zion, Calvary

and St. Paul’s Reformed Church, which started in 1888.

St. Paul’s bought the church building in 1957. It was built in 1913 and, after selling it, Trinity church leaders chose donations based on church members’ participation with the recipients.

“The congregation is very proud of the work we have done in the community through our food pantry and volunteer efforts, and we wanted to leave a legacy to continue those efforts,” said Trinity’s pastor, the Rev. Den Schappell.

Recipients will include homeless shelters, food

pantries, church ministries, the nearby Jefferson Elementary school, the Moravian University music program and a local Boy Scouts of America council.

Trinity members will hold a final liturgical service Sunday, Schappell said.

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13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,  
14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”



Luke 2:13-14

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