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LILITH AND EVE

"Heresies About Adam Having More than One Wife"

Several people have notified us asking, "Who is Lilith? Was she the first woman created and not Eve?"



According to Rabbinic Talmud, Adam had a wife before Eve, whose name was "Lilith".

Her story seems to have been invented to reconcile the different creation myths of **Genesis Chapters 1 and 2**. In **Chapter 1**, man and woman are created out of the earth; but in **Chapter 2**, Adam is alone, and so God makes Eve from Adam's rib.

The Rabbi's began with the Biblical reference to man's first creation as a bi-sexual being; male and female He (God) created them (the first humans).

Some of the Rabbi's found in this image something similar to what Aristophanes proposed in the Symposium: a dual bodied being later divided into two who must thereafter seek each other out. But others tried to take into account the later creation of Eve detailed further on in the text. If woman was created from Adam, after his initial creation, then what happened to the female created at first?

The answer, according to the Midrash, was that she was Lilith; created WITH Adam, she refused to comply with Adam's demands that she submit herself to him, and in the end, fled from him by using the ineffable Name of God.

Adam then complained to God about his loneliness and the creation of Eve followed, together with the fall and the expulsion from Eden. Adam, blaming this on Eve, separated from her, and for a time reunited with Lilith, before finally returning to Eve.

Another legend has it that Lilith was Adam's first wife, created together with him on the sixth day and from the same materials. Some say that Lilith was created a little later after Adam complained to God that he alone of the creatures of the earth, had no partner. Either way, Lilith was created independently from and equal to Adam, and this led to problems.

Not least of them arose because Adam always liked to be the dominate one in intimacy. No doubt this was merely a symptom of deeper differences, but it was the issue that caused the rift in the end. After a particularly fierce argument, which Adam attempted to win by force, Lilith, in fury, uttered the mystical, ineffable Name of the Almighty, clapped her hands and flew away.

Adam complained to Jehovah that he had been abandoned, so God sent 3 angels to persuade Lilith to return home. They found her on the shores of the Red Sea in a place populated by a particularly lascivious breed of demons, from whose attentions she had been giving birth to a hundred more little demons every day. At least, that is how the angels reported it in Adam's version of events.

The 3 angels tried to coax Lilith to return to Adam but she only laughed: "How could I go back to Adam after the entertainment I have enjoyed here?"

The angels threatened to kill her but she only dared them to try. Which they did, and failed because she had learned some magical tricks in her exile. But after a great battle they managed to bundle her into the outer darkness and slaughtered her offspring.

Adam, meanwhile, had been provided with a new mate in the form of Eve, who was fashioned from his rib in the hope that this would bind her more dutifully to him. And the rest of their tale is famous enough not to need repeating here.

In the outer darkness, Lilith, whose most common form was of a woman from the waist up and a serpent below, became the consort of Samael and other fallen angels. Fury with Adam, and grief for her slaughtered children, led Lilith to plot revenge. By mating with the rebel angels, she gave birth to many of the greatest demons to plague

the world. Chief among them were the “lilin” or “lamiae” of the ancient world, vampires, also known as “succubi”, who were fatal ravishers of men and devourers of newborn babes.

Lilith was banished from the world of Adam and Eve but she occasionally managed to sneak back. It's often said that the serpent that tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden was none other than Lilith and many Medieval scenes of the temptation show the serpent as a woman from the waist up, handing over the fatal fruit to bring about the fall.

Lilith's offspring also continued to plague Adam's descendants whenever possible as “succubi” or vampires.

The screech owl is Lilith's token bird and the form in which she often prowls the night. It is also reported that Lilith dwells in the desert whispering to traveling men in the wind to entice them.

Some ancient statues show her as a voluptuous young woman with owl's wings and feet, but she can adopt any guise to human eyes.

The legend of Lilith is a dark and grim one, but it gives a glimpse into a long buried strata of the feminine in Jewish legend.

This filtered into Christian mythology, too, in the form of Gnostic legends which tell of God, Himself, having a Heavenly consort, and daughters such as Sophia, the Wisdom of God, to whom countless Eastern churches are dedicated.

The first two chapters of Genesis were written differently. **Chapter 1** is an overview of God's creation while **Chapter 2** is the detailing of God's creation. They are one and the same events yet some wished to separate them.

In the beginning God created all things in 6 days then rested on the 7th. Sin came into the world when Eve disobeyed the command of God and Adam followed suit, which was why they were then banned from the Garden of Eden.

How could Lilith have gone to the Red Sea when man had not been removed from the Garden of Eden and the Red Sea may not have been formed at that time? How could she have children by angels and been pursued by the three angels of God then Eve be created all on the 6th day when that was when God created humans?

They have used the word “Lilith” from the Isaiah passage. **Isaiah 34:14**, “The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest.’

The Hebrew word for “screech owl” is #03917. לילית *liylyth*, lee-leeth' - from 3915; a night spectre.

This passage is the reason they used the “owl” as her token bird and being present at night; they try to prove her existence because of this Hebrew word. Yet this is the only place in the Bible that mentions it and is taken totally out of context.

God's Word gives the names of Adam and Eve, so why didn't He have Lilith's name mentioned in the Genesis account or other passages? God named others in Scripture who had done sinful deeds, why not hers and the account of her existence?

Scriptures state that the man is to be the head of the woman and women are to submit to their husbands. **Colossians 3:18**, “**Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands**, as it is fit in the Lord.”

The account of this woman they call “Lilith” was created for the sole purpose to have women in a superior role and to try to prove that women can have authority over man and be independent without the covering of her husband.

I Corinthians 11:3, “But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; **and the head of the woman is the man**; and the head of Christ is God.”

No wonder Paul cautions believers not to give heed to Jewish fables. **Titus 1:14**, “Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.