

# The Teaching Crow



(Birds and Animals Mentioned in Quran)

## The Story of Qabil and his brother Habil

Have you ever heard about a bird that may teach somebody? And guide him to behave correctly in what he is doing? This man has learnt from this bird and did what it advised him to do.

I am that teaching bird.

Do not wonder and say: "that is impossible."

I will now tell you my story, and narrate to you my novel, but before, I shall reveal to you something about my personality, descriptions, and identity.

I am the crow. Have you ever seen me before, or even heard of me?

Anyway, I will explain to you everything in this concern: I am a permanently black bird, and I do not have any other colour, and as long as I am growing up, my black colour gets darker and darker and never becomes white. I am very close to the pigeon in size, or if I am small, it is close to the stock dove.

My voice is called "cawing", and it is strange to ears; people become pessimistic

when they hear my cawing, and they hate my existence, but as a matter of fact, I

am wrongly judged because my existence is not a misfortune at all.

I always live in the high trees, or at the top of mountains between rocks. I am very sharp-sighted, sensitive to even very weak sounds, and pay attention to whatever moves around and even I am given as an example in caution, sight, and hearing.

I feed on worms and insects, so I clean up fields from diseases. I have two long black legs by which I can walk through mud and water. My beak is strong and pointed so that no insects can escape me. My wife's eggs are two in number, and we both alternate taking care of them. Our young are big headed, small in size, featherless, and black in colour. We feed them by our beaks some of what we have hunted in the day. We come to fields during autumn and winter, and we



leave them if summer comes.

This is my description through which I have revealed myself. At the time being, I shall present to you my stories with Prophets [peace be upon them].

One of my stories was mentioned in

### **First Story**

It is a cute and witty story, in which I was a teacher to Qabil (Cain) [the son of Adam] when he committed a forbidden act. Allah says:

"And [O Muhammad] recite to them [the Jews] the story of the two sons of Adam



[Habil and Qabil (Abel and Cain)] in truth; when each offered a sacrifice [to

Allah], it was accepted from the one but not from the other. The latter said to the

former: "I will surely kill you." The former said: Verily, Allah accepts only from those who are pious. If you do stretch your hand against me to kill me, I shall never stretch my hand against you to kill you: for I fear Allah, the Rabb [Lord] of the 'Alamin [mankind, jinn, and all that exists].

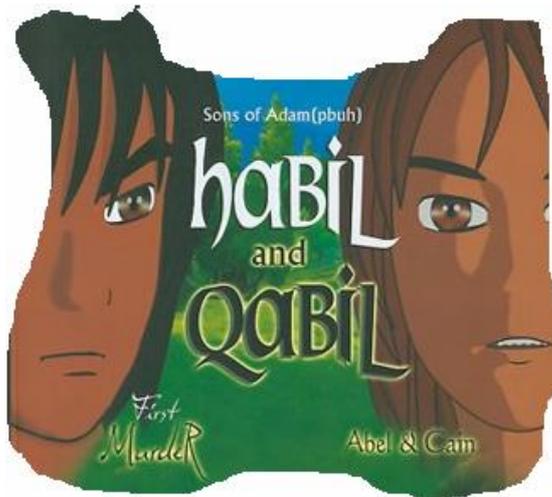
Verily, I intend to let you draw my sin on yourself as well as yours, then you will be one of the dwellers of the Fire; and that is the recompense of the wrongdoers.

So the Nafs [self] of the other [latter one] encouraged him and made fair-seeming to him the murder of his brother; he murdered him and became one of the losers. Then Allah sent a crow, which scratched the ground to show him how to hide the dead body of his brother. He [the murderer] said: "Woe to me! Am I not even able to be as this crow and to hide the dead body of my brother?" Then he became one of those who regretted." (Qur'an, 5:27-31)

This story was mentioned in the Qur'an to teach people what wrong, envy, and aggression could do to the best

two sons of Adam. And the story is about Qabil and his brother Habil. The two sons of Adam and Eve, and narrates the very first murder Allah was not pleased with.

Eve used to give birth each time to twins: a boy and a girl. And Adam used to



couple the boy from the first pregnancy to the girl from the second pregnancy and vice versa.

Eve gave birth to a beautiful girl the time she gave birth to Qabil, and with Habil, Eve gave birth to a less beautiful girl.

When years passed, Adam wanted to couple Habil and the beautiful girl, Qabil objected to that and said: "I am worthier than my brother to her", but Adam said to him: "O my son, Allah has ordered me to do this and all the Bounty is in the Hand of Allah. He grants to whom He wills."

The conflict, then, never stopped until they reached an agreement which satisfied them all, that was; each one of them should offer a sacrifice to Allah, and the one whose sacrifice was accepted would have the beautiful girl.

Habil offered a fat sheep because he had many, and Qabil offered a bunch of wheat because he was a farmer; then they both waited for the reply from Allah.

Soon, Allah sent a white fire that ate what Habil had offered and left Qabil's. The latter then became so angry with his brother and the Shaytan (Satan) had control over him, then he decided to kill his brother. However, Habil refused to fight his brother and even refused to defend himself.

Satan totally dominated over Qabil, so he took a stone and hit his brother's head and eventually he died.

Qabil then was so confused about his brother's body since burying the dead was

not known at that time. Finally, Allah sent two of my ancestors (the crows) to fight each other in front of Qabil until one of them killed the other.

After a minute, the killer crow dug a hole in the ground to bury his dead brother in order to teach Qabil how he should bury his brother after he had killed him.

Therefore, that was guidance and an inspiration from Allah to the crow to teach Qabil how he should bury his brother. However, after he did that he regretted and felt sorry for his crime.

Consequently, Allah prescribed for the Children of Israel that killing is an abominable crime. However, Allah made that a special mention to the Children of Israel because He knew they were cruel murderers.

That was the story of my ancestor-teaching crow with the two sons of Adam.

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