



LILITH, THE FIRST WOMAN

*“God created man and woman in the Divine image.
In God’s image they were created;
male and female God created them.”*

(GENESIS 1:27)

IN THE BEGINNING WHEN GOD CREATED MAN AND WOMAN, God called the first man Adam and the first woman, God called Lilith. The first man and first woman were both created from the same earth and God’s breath made them come alive. In the beginning, they shared everything.

God planted a garden in Eden and placed Adam and Lilith there to till it and tend it together. Adam and Lilith loved the garden that God had made, and they loved each other.

Lilith would climb the trees to gather pomegranates. Adam and Lilith loved to play catch with the gold-red fruit that seemed to come together on the bottom in a kiss. When they were tired of playing, Lilith would take the pomegranates and split them open. Adam would scoop out the juicy seeds. Then Adam and Lilith would sit by the river that flowed through the garden and suck on the pomegranate seeds together.

Sometimes Adam would gather sweet oranges and peel them for Lilith, and Lilith would squeeze the oranges in her hands to make juice. She would hold hands with Adam, and they would laugh when their hands stuck together.



A PSALM OF SERACH

*“These are the names of the Israelites,
Jacob and his descendants who came to Egypt....
Asher’s sons...
and their sister Serach.”*

(GENESIS 46:8-17)

IN THE TIME OF THE FAMINE IN CANAAN, THERE WAS A woman named Serach who lived for over four hundred years. She always carried her harp and often played as she walked. Throughout her long life, she grew in wisdom, but her voice remained young.

When Jacob’s sons went down to Egypt to find food for their family, they returned with wagons overflowing with grain, and they carried surprising news. Their brother Joseph was Prime Minister of Egypt! Joseph had been Jacob’s favorite son, and his brothers had been jealous of him. They had sold him into slavery, and then told Jacob that Joseph had been torn apart by an animal. But Joseph was neither dead nor a slave.