

God chose Adam and Noah and the House of Abraham and the House of Imran above all beings.

The seed of one another; God hearest, and knowest.

When the wife of Imran said, 'Lord, I have vowed to Thee, in dedication, what is in my womb, receive Thou this from me; Thou hearest, and knowest.'

And when she gave birth to her she said, 'Lord, I have given birth to her, a female.' And God knew very well what she has given birth to; 'and the male is not as the female, and I have named her Mary, and commend her to Thee with her seed, to protect them from the accursed Satan.'

Her Lord received the child with gracious favour, and by His goodness she grew up comely, with Zachariah taking charge of her, whenever Zachariah went in to her in the sanctuary, he found her provisioned, 'Mary ,' he said' how comes this to thee?' 'From God,' she said, 'truly God provisions whomsoever He will without reckoning.'

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