

* The People of Ad:



People of Ad: Iram would seem to have been an ancient 'Ad capital, in southern Arabia. It boasted of lofty architecture ("lofty pillars").

The Cushites were the first inhabitants of Arabia, i.e. the ancient Arabs are known in the national traditions by the name of Adites, from their progenitor, who is called Ad, the grandson of Ham⁴¹ via Amalec⁴² or possibly Adah. "The old race of Cushites, consisted originally of 12 tribes with the following designation: Ad, Thamud, Tasm, Djadis, Amlik, Oum, Ayim, Abil, Djourhoum, Wabar, Jasm, Anten, and Hashen.⁴³" The Omani epic *Kashf al-Gumma* (The End of Doubt) refers to a people of Ad in Dhofar and describes their involvement in the incense trade.



Medieval Arab genealogists divided Arabs into three groups:

- "Ancient Arabs", tribes that had vanished or been destroyed, such as 'Ad⁴⁵ and Thamud, often mentioned in the *Qur'an* as examples of God's power to destroy wicked peoples, (although remnants of their people survive today like the Mahra people). The Adites were destroyed by a storm, according to the Quran and they were succeeded by the people of Thamud.

- "Pure Arabs" of South Arabia, descending from Qahtan. The Qahtanites (Qahtanis) are said to have migrated to

⁴¹ *The New Larned history for Ready Reference Reading and Research*, 1922 citing F. Lenormant, *Manual of Ancient History*, bk. 7, ch.2. published 1869.

⁴² *The Bombay quarterly magazine and review*, Volume 2

⁴³ *Pre-Historic Nations or Inquiries Concerning Some of the Great Peoples and Civilizations of Antiquity and their Probable Relation to a still Older Civilization of the Ethiopians or Cushites of Arabia*, by John D. Baldwin, 1869, pg 78

⁴⁴ *Prophets in the Quran: an intro to the Quran & Muslim Exegesis*, Brannon M Wheeler, pg 65

⁴⁵ Surah 11:50-57 – The Quran