



# THE GREAT PROPHETS OF GOD





In the Name of Allah,  
the Most Gracious,  
the Most Merciful



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All Prophets and Messengers were sent with one Message. God says:

“Or have they taken gods besides Him? Say, [O Muhammad to them], ‘Produce your proof. This [Qur’an] is the message for those with me and the message of

those before me.’ But most of them do not know the truth, so they are turning away. And We sent not before you any messenger except that We revealed to him that, ‘There is no deity except Me, so worship Me.’” (Qur’an 21:24-25)

The belief in the Oneness of God was the central message delivered by all Prophets and Messengers to their respective peoples. God, the Exalted, says:

“He has ordained for you of religion what He enjoined upon Noah and that which We have revealed to you, [O Muhammad], and what We enjoined upon Abraham and Moses and Jesus - to establish the religion and not be divided therein. Difficult for those who associate others with Allah is that to which you invite them. Allah chooses for Himself whom He wills and guides to Himself whoever turns back [to Him].”  
(Qur’an 42:13)



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## THE PROPHET NOAH



He is the first Messenger sent by God. He was sent after his people began practicing Shirk (polytheism). Their condition deteriorated steadily and they forgot the fundamentals of their faith that were passed down to them by their forefathers who upheld the creed of Islam. God, the Exalted, says:

“Indeed, We sent Noah to his people, [saying], ‘Warn your people before there comes to them a painful punishment.’” (Qur’an 71:1)

They worshipped five idols named: Wadd, Suwa’, Yaghuth, Ya’uq and Nasr. Allah, the Exalted, clarifies their names in the Qur’an saying:

“And they said, ‘Never leave your gods and never leave Wadd or Suwa’ or Yaghuth and Ya’uq and Nasr.’” (Qur’an 71:23)

The Prophet Noah was very pious and truthful. He patiently called his people to righteousness. He called on them using a variety of different methods. God, the Exalted, says:

“He said, ‘My Lord, indeed I invited my people [to truth] night and day. But my invitation increased them not except in flight. And indeed, every time I invited

them that You may forgive them, they put their fingers in their ears, covered themselves with their garments, persisted, and were arrogant with [great] arrogance. Then I invited them publicly. Then I announced to them and [also] confided to them secretly. And said, 'Ask forgiveness of your Lord. Indeed, He is ever a Perpetual Forgiver.'" (Qur'an 71:5-10)

In spite of his efforts, many of his people turned away and rejected the Message. Only a few followed him and the disbelievers amongst his people continued in their disbelief and evil ways. So Allah prevented them from receiving any rain. Noah informed them that if they were to believe they would receive rain and so they believed, but soon afterward they returned to their disbelief. After spending long years in calling them to the path of Allah, but seeing no answer, he eventually beseeched God, the Exalted, saying:

“And Noah said, ‘My Lord, do not leave upon the earth from among the disbelievers an inhabitant. Indeed, if You leave them, they will mislead Your servants and not beget except [every] wicked one and [confirmed] disbeliever.’”


(Qur’an 71:26-27)

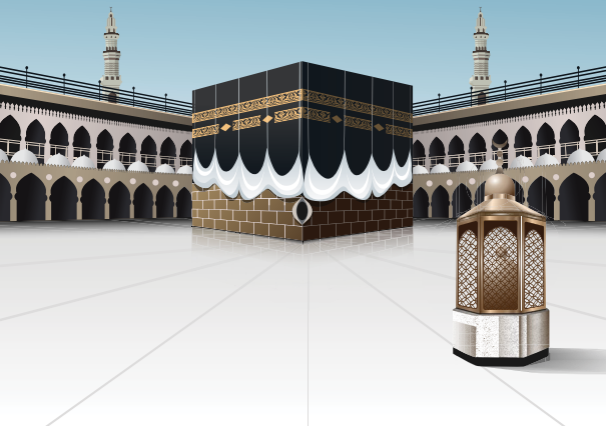
Allah answered his supplications and He ordered him to build an ark. Noah was a skillful carpenter and those who believed in the Message helped him. Once the ark was complete, God ordered Prophet Noah to gather a pair of each animal (a male and female). God then ordered the heavens to pour rain and the earth to release the water within it. God, the Exalted, says:

“The people of Noah denied before them, and they denied Our slave and said, ‘A madman,’ and he was repelled. So he invoked his Lord, ‘Indeed, I am overpowered, so help me.’ Then We



opened the gates of the heaven with rain pouring down. And caused the earth to burst with springs, and the waters met for a matter already predestined. And We carried him on a [construction of] planks and nails. Sailing under Our observation as reward for he who had been denied. And We left it as a sign, so is there any who will remember?" (Qur'an 54:9-15)

The Prophet Noah  had three offspring: Sam was the father of the Arabs, Ham was the father of the Ethiopians and Yafith was the father of the Europeans.



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## THE PROPHET ABRAHAM (IBRAHIM)



He is known as Khalil ar-Rahman (The Beloved Friend of God). His eldest son was Ismail (Ishmael) and his second son was Ishaq (Isaac), both prophets. From their descendants came the majority of Prophets and Messengers. Allah, the Exalted, says:

“Praise be to Allah, who has granted to me in my old age Ishmael and Isaac. Indeed, my Lord is the Hearer of supplication.” (Qur’an 14:39)

Allah chose him to deliver His message. The Prophet Abraham عليه السلام was living in a community of polytheists. They were idolaters who worshipped the stars and hand-made idols. Allah, the Exalted, says:

“And [mention, O Muhammad], when Abraham said to his father Azar, ‘Do you take idols as deities? Indeed, I see you and your people to be in manifest error.’ And thus did We show Abraham the realm of the heavens and the earth that he would be among the certain [in faith]. So when the night covered him [with darkness], he saw a star. He said, ‘This is my lord.’ But when it set, he said, ‘I like not those that disappear.’ And when he saw the moon rising, he said, ‘This is my

lord.’ But when it set, he said, ‘Unless my Lord guides me, I will surely be among the people gone astray.’ And when he saw the sun rising, he said, ‘This is my lord; this is greater.’ But when it set, he said, ‘O my people, indeed I am free from what you associate with Allah. Indeed, I have turned my face toward He who created the heavens and the earth, inclining toward truth, and I am not of those who associate others with Allah.’”

(Qur’an 6:74-79)

He was not happy with what he witnessed from his people. He sensed that there had to be a God who was greater than what his people worshipped. He knew that these idols did not have the power to offer any benefit or harm! Abraham would frequently argue with his people using logical arguments as to why these idols did not deserve any reverence. He said, as God tells us:

“And recite to them the news of Abraham, When he said to his father and his people, ‘What do you worship?’ They said, ‘We worship idols and remain to them devoted.’ He said, ‘Do they hear you when you supplicate? Or do they benefit you, or do they bring harm?’ They said, ‘But we found our fathers doing thus.’ He said, ‘Then do you see what you have been worshipping, You and your ancient forefathers? Indeed, they are enemies to me, except the Lord of the worlds, Who created me, and He [it is who] guides me. And it is He who feeds me and gives me drink. And when I am ill, it is He who cures me. And who will cause me to die and then bring me to life. And who I aspire that He will forgive me my sin on the Day of Recompense.’ [And he said], ‘My Lord, grant me authority and join me with the righteous.’” (Qur’an 26:69-83)

The Prophet Abraham continued calling his people to the path of Allah, to believe in the Oneness of God and to leave aside all that they worshipped. But they rejected his message and even tried to kill him, but Allah saved him. Allah tells us about this, saying:

“He said, ‘Then do you worship instead of Allah that which does not benefit you at all or harm you? Uff to you and to what you worship instead of Allah. Then will you not use reason?’ They said, ‘Burn him and support your gods - if you are to act.’ Allah said, ‘O fire, be coolness and safety upon Abraham.’ And they intended for him harm, but We made them the greatest losers.” (Qur’an 21: 66-70)

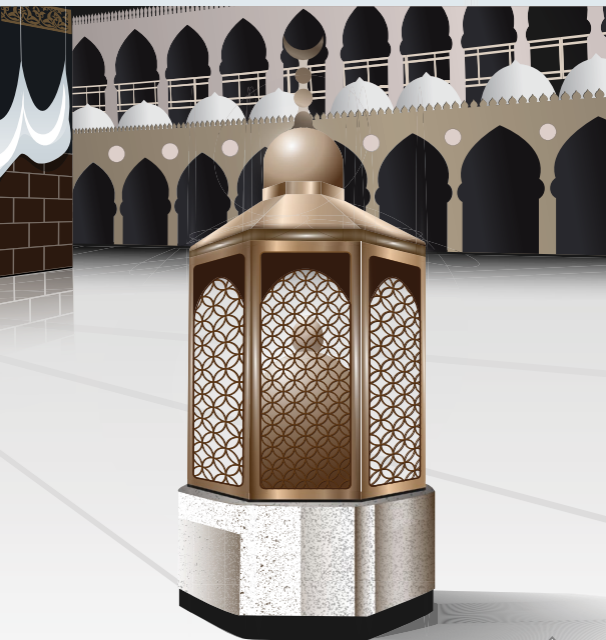
After continuous preaching, God ordained that the Prophet Abraham take his wife, Hajar, and their son, Ismail, to Makkah. There, God ordained that he build the Ka’bah. From the Prophet

Ismail's progeny came the final prophet of God, the Prophet Muhammad, who was sent to all of mankind. Allah, the Exalted, says:

“And [mention] when Abraham said, ‘My Lord, make this a secure city and provide its people with fruits whoever of them believes in Allah and the Last Day.’ [Allah] said, ‘And whoever disbelieves - I will grant him enjoyment for a little. Then I will force him to the punishment of the Fire, and wretched is the destination.’ And [mention] when Abraham was raising the foundations of the House and [with him] Ishmael, [saying], ‘Our Lord, accept [this] from us. Indeed You are the Hearing, the Knowing. Our Lord, and make us Muslims [in submission] to You and from our descendants a Muslim nation [in submission] to You. And show us our rites and accept our repentance. Indeed, You are the Accepting of repentance, the Merciful. Our Lord, and

send among them a messenger from themselves who will recite to them Your verses and teach them the Book and wisdom and purify them. Indeed, You are the Exalted in Might, the Wise.’”

(Qur'an 2:126-129)







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## THE PROPHET MOSES (MUSA)



“And when Moses arrived at Our appointed time and his Lord spoke to him, he said, ‘My Lord, show me [Yourself] that I may look at You.’ [Allah] said, ‘You will not see Me, but look at the mountain. If it should remain in place, then you will see Me.’ But when

his Lord appeared to the mountain, it was rendered dust, and Moses fell unconscious. And when he awoke, he said, ‘Exalted are You! I have repented to You, and I am the first of the believers.’” (Qur’an 7:143)

The Prophet Moses has been mentioned in the Qur’an over 130 times, making him the most mentioned prophet in the Qur’an. God provided him with nine miracles. The first was when his staff was transformed into a serpent, by the will of Allah. The second miracle was when his hand shone forth with a beautiful, radiant light. These signs were granted to Moses so that he could convince Pharaoh of the fallacies of his ways and so that he would accept Islam. Allah, the Exalted, says:

“And Moses said, ‘O Pharaoh, I am a messenger from the Lord of the worlds. Obligated not to say about Allah except

the truth. I have come to you with clear evidence from your Lord, so send with me the Children of Israel.' [Pharaoh] said, 'If you have come with a sign, then bring it forth, if you be of the truthful.' So Moses threw down his staff, and suddenly it was a serpent, manifest. And he drew out his hand; it was white [with radiance] for all to see." (Qur'an 7:104-108)

Allah sent him to the Pharaoh of Egypt and his people to call them to the belief in the Oneness of Allah and to cast aside all of their falsely worshipped gods. God, the Exalted, says:

"And Pharaoh said, 'O eminent ones, I have not known you to have a god other than me. Then ignite for me, O Haman, [a fire] upon the clay and make for me a tower that I may look at the God of Moses. And indeed, I do think he is among the liars.'" (Qur'an 28:38)

Prophet Moses called the Pharaoh with wisdom and beautiful words to believe in the Oneness of Allah. But the Pharaoh opposed him and gathered together all of the sorcerers of that time to defeat Moses. Moses, however, was victorious, as his staff transformed, by the will of Allah, into a snake and swallowed the deceptions cast by the sorcerers. Allah mentions this story to us:

“Said the eminent among the people of Pharaoh, ‘Indeed, this is a learned magician Who wants to expel you from your land [through magic], so what do you instruct?’ They said, ‘Postpone [the matter of] him and his brother and send to the cities gatherers who will bring you every learned magician.’ And the magicians came to Pharaoh. They said, ‘Certainly there is for us a reward if we are the predominant?’ He said, “Yes, and moreover you will be among those made near [to me].’ They said, ‘O

Moses, either you throw [your staff], or we will be the ones to throw [first].’ He said, ‘Throw,’ and when they threw, they bewitched the eyes of the people and struck terror into them, and they presented a great [feat of] magic. And We inspired to Moses, ‘Throw your staff,’ and at once it devoured what they were falsifying. So the truth was established, and abolished was what they were doing. And Pharaoh and his people were overcome there and became debased. And the magicians fell down in prostration [to Allah].” (Qur’an 7:109-120)

The Pharaoh and his people disbelieved in the Message of God, so God punished them with a number of trials. He sent upon them floods, locusts, lice, frogs, and blood as signs. Still, they refused and persisted in disbelief. Each punishment was lifted by the blessing of the supplication of Prophet Moses.

Shortly after each event, they returned and persisted in their disbelief. Allah says about this:

“And they said, ‘No matter what sign you bring us with which to bewitch us, we will not be believers in you.’ So We sent upon them the flood, locusts, lice, frogs and blood as distinct signs, but they were arrogant and were a criminal people. And when the punishment descended upon them, they said, ‘O Moses, invoke for us your Lord by what He has promised you. If you [can] remove the punishment from us, we will surely believe you, and we will send with you the Children of Israel.’ But when We removed the punishment from them until a term which they were to reach, then at once they broke their word.”  
(Qur’an 7:132-1355)

After all of this, Allah ordered the Prophet Moses to take his people, under the cover of night, and leave Egypt, so that

they could practice their faith freely. Once the Pharaoh realized that they had left, he chased after them with his troops. Moses and his people reached the shores of the Red Sea, at which the Children of Israel exclaimed, “The Pharaoh will capture us!” Moses, who had complete trust in God, struck his staff on the water and the sea parted into pathways through which his people entered, by the will of Allah. Allah then saved Moses and his people and destroyed Pharaoh in the sea. God, the Exalted, says:

“And when the two parties saw one another, the companions of Moses said, ‘Indeed, we are to be overtaken!’ [Moses] said, ‘No! Indeed, with me is my Lord; He will guide me.’ Then We inspired to Moses, ‘Strike with your staff the sea,’ and it parted, and each portion was like a great towering mountain. And We advanced thereto the pursuers. And We saved

Moses and those with him, all together. Then We drowned the others.” (Qur’an 26:61-66)

God, the Exalted, then says:

“And We took the Children of Israel across the sea, and Pharaoh and his soldiers pursued them in tyranny and enmity until, when drowning overtook him, he said, ‘I believe that there is no deity except that in whom the Children of Israel believe, and I am of the Muslims.’ Now? And you had disobeyed [Him] before and were of the corrupters? So today We will save your body that you may be to those who succeed you a sign. And indeed, many among the people, of Our signs, are heedless.” (Qur’an 10:90-92)





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## THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD

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The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is the last of the Prophets and Messengers. He was sent by God to all of mankind. He is from the family of the Prophet Ishmael, the son of Abraham. He was born in Makkah, a few months after the death of his father. His mother later died while he was still young, and he was cared for by his

Grandfather, Abdul-Muttalib, and later by his uncle Abu Talib.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was a shepherd taking care of a flock of sheep in Makkah. He was very well-known for being trustworthy and having never told a lie in his life. The people of Makkah even called him “The Truthful” and “The Trustworthy”. Whenever people left for a trip, they would entrust him with their valuables.

When he reached the age of 40, God sent the Angel Gabriel to him and appointed Muhammad as a Prophet and Messenger to mankind. He spent 13 years in Makkah calling people to the path of God and later on migrated to Madinah. The people of Madinah responded and accepted Islam in droves. He died when he was 63 years old. His followers then spread the Message of Islam across the world, and until today people are accepting Islam in large numbers across the globe.



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## JESUS, THE MESSENGER OF GOD



### ■ Family of Imran

Prophets and Messengers were sent by God continuously after the Prophet Noah, may God praise him. God, the Exalted, says:

“Muhammad is not the father of [any] one of your men, but [he is] the Messenger of God and last of the prophets. And ever is God, of all things, Knowing.” (Qur’an 33:40)

The Prophet Jesus, the last Prophet from the Children of Israel, has a special place in the hearts of Muslims. He informed his people of the advent of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and he is mentioned in the Qur’an 25 times.

God has conveyed to us in the Qur’an some of the original passages that He revealed to Jesus. God also mentions details about the life of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She is spoken of highly and is known for being pure and chaste. God, the Exalted, says:

“Indeed, God chose Adam and Noah and the family of Abraham and the family of ‘Imran over the worlds. Descendants, some of them from others. And God is Hearing and Knowing.” (Qur’an 3:33-34)

## ■ Mary, may God praise her

God has praised Mary, the mother of the Prophet Jesus. God describes Maryam as pure, chaste and pious. He, the Exalted, says:

“And [the example of] Mary, the daughter of ‘Imran, who guarded her chastity, so We blew into [her garment] through Our angel, and she believed in the words of her Lord and His scriptures and was of the devoutly obedient.” (Qur’an 66:12)

The Qur’an clarifies that the birth of Mary was the result of a supplication that her own mother made. God, the Exalted, says:

“[Mention, O Muhammad], when the wife of ‘Imran said, ‘My Lord, indeed I have pledged to You what is in my womb, consecrated [for Your service], so accept this from me. Indeed, You are the Hearing, the Knowing.’” (Qur’an 3:35)

This supplication was the indirect cause through which she and her offspring were protected by God from the Devil. God provided for Mary and reared her with His blessings. Allah says:

“But when she delivered her, she said, ‘My Lord, I have delivered a female.’ And God was most aware of what she delivered, indeed the male is not like the female. ‘And I have named her Mary, and I seek refuge for her in You and [for] her descendants from Satan, the expelled [from the mercy of God].’ So her Lord accepted her with good acceptance, caused her to grow in a good manner and put her in the care of Zechariah. Every time Zechariah entered upon her in the prayer chamber, he found with her provision. He said, ‘O Mary, from where is this [coming] to you?’ She said, ‘It is from God. Indeed, God provides for whom He wills without account.’” (Qur’an 3:36-37)

Mary was very pious in her worship of God. She was the best of women in her generation. The Prophet, may God praise him, said:

“From among the women of the world who have reached perfection and who are worthy of following are: Mary, the daughter of Imrân; Khadijah, the daughter of Khuwaylid; Fatima, the daughter of Muhammed and Asiyah, the wife of Pharaoh.” (Tirmidhi).

God, the Exalted, says:

“And [mention] when the angels said, ‘O Mary, indeed God has chosen you and purified you and chosen you above the women of the worlds. O Mary, be devoutly obedient to your Lord and prostrate and bow with those who bow [in prayer].’” (Qur’an 3:42-43)

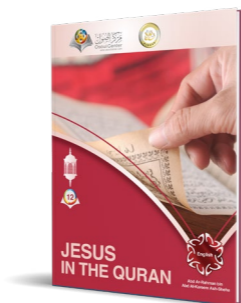
God revealed an entire chapter in the Qur'an carrying her name. It is the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter in the Qur'an. It is the only chapter in the Qur'an named after a woman, and in it God praises Mary. A praise of a similar nature cannot be found in any of the previous Scriptures.





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