

SIRAH OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD

The Life of Prophet Muhammad

Our beloved prophet Muhammad was born in the month of Rabi' al-awwal (the 3rd month in the Islamic Calendar) in the year 571 CE in the city of Makkah, home of the Kaba in western Arabia. The year of Prophet Muhammad's birth is known as the Year of the Elephant, which relates to the story of Abraha's army that went to destroy the Kaba (see Sura Al-Fil in the Quran). Makkah was Arabia's most important pilgrimage center.

The Last and Final prophet was born into a noble family -the Banu Hashim, from the tribe of Quraysh. He was the first and only son of Abdullah and Amina. The name 'Muhammad' means "the praised one".

Muhammad's father died before his birth and Muhammad was raised by his mother Amina and his grandfather Abd al-Muttalib, who in keeping with Makkan tradition entrusted him at an early age to a wet nurse named Halima who became his foster mother. Muhammad grew up with the Bedouin family in the nearby desert, as the desert life was considered healthier for infants, while learning pure Arabic. The family of Halima and the whole village were very blessed with the coming of Muhammad. He lived with them for 4 years.

When he was six, Amina wanted her son to get to know her family who lived in Yathrib (later would be known as Madinah). They went there, but on the way back, Amina fell ill and died. Baraka, who had traveled with them as Amina's servant, took the child back to Makkah. His grandfather, Abd al-Muttalib, took him into his care. He was constantly to show love for his grandson. However, he died two years later. Muhammad's uncle, Abu Talib, would become his guardian.

Growing up Muhammad became a shepherd to earn his living. He sometimes traveled with Abu Talib, who was a merchant, accompanying caravans to trade centers. As a young man, Muhammad enjoyed an esteemed reputation, being known throughout the city as the 'the truthful (As-Sadiq), and trustworthy (Al-Amin).'

In his early twenties, Muhammad entered the service of a wealthy Makkan merchant, a widow named Khadijah. Muhammad carried her goods to the north and returned with a profit. Impressed by Muhammad's honesty and character, Khadijah eventually proposed marriage. They were wed in about 595 CE. He was twenty-five.

What month and year was Prophet Muhammad born?

What City and Country was Prophet Muhammad born in?

The year of Prophet Muhammad's birth was known as _____

Whose Army came to destroy the Kaba?

The Year of the Elephant relates to which Sura in the Quran?

True / False: Makkah was Arabia's most important pilgrimage center

Prophet Muhammad was born into which Noble Family?

What does the name "Muhammad" mean?

What tribe did Muhammad belong to?

When did Muhammad's father die?

What was the name of Muhammad's Father?

What was the name of Muhammad's Mother?

Who was Muhammad's Wet nurse?

As an infant, Muhammad grew up with the _____ family in the nearby desert.

When Muhammad was 6 years old, where did he travel to?

How old was Muhammad when his mother Amina fell ILL and Died?

What was the name of Amina's Servant that traveled with them?

What was Muhammad's Grandfather's name?

Who is from Yathrib?

How many years did Muhammad stay with his grandfather?

How old was Muhammad when his Grandfather died?

After death of his grandfather, who became the guardian of Muhammad?

As a young boy, how did Muhammad earn his living?

How did Abu Talib make a Living?

There were 2 people who loved Muhammad dearly as a boy. Who were they?

As a young man, what 2 names describe Muhammad's characteristics?

What is the meaning of As-Sadiq?

What is the meaning of Al-Amin?

Muhammad entered the services of a wealthy widower named whom?

How did Khadijah make a living?

Who proposed marriage to Muhammad?

What was Muhammad's age when he got married?

What was Prophet Muhammad's wife's name?

Muhammad Receives Revelation

At the age of forty, in the month of Ramadan in the year 610 CE, while retreating to Cave Hira, the Angel Jibril suddenly appeared to him and ordered: "Read!" Muhammad answered: "I cannot read!" The angel held him so tightly and again ordered; "Read!" Muhammad repeated, "I cannot read!" The angel held him tightly again, almost choking him, and repeated the order for the third time: "Read!" Muhammad answered the same. The angel maintained the hold and recited: "Read in the name of your lord (Rabb), who created mankind from a clot of blood. Read, and your Lord is most bountiful, he who taught by means of the pen, taught mankind what they did not know." (Sura al-Alaq, verse 1-5). The Quranic word for "read" is "IQRA."

This was the first revelation or Wahi, the beginning of the revelation of the Quran from Allah to his Last and Final Prophet. This was the start of Muhammad's mission as Rasulullah. Receiving Wahi through an angel was a strange experience for Muhammad. He returned home to Khadijah in great distress and said, "Cover me! Cover me!" Khadijah wrapped him in a cloak and asked what the matter was. Muhammad explained what had happened. Khadijah comforted him saying, "You have nothing to fear. Allah will not let you suffer any humiliation because you are kind to your people, you speak the truth, you help those in need, you are generous to your guests, and you support every cause. Khadijah was the first person, as well as the first woman to embrace Islam.

Some of the first Muslims are Ali ibn Abu Talib, who was the young cousin in his charge, Zayd his adopted son, his lifelong friend Abu Bakr. The number of Muslims grew slowly. Tradition reports that during the first three years only 30 to 40 Quraysh became Muslims. They would meet with the Prophet and learn the basics of Islam while new revelations kept arriving. This was the first community of believers, comprised of men and women of all clans and all social justice.

People who became Muslims during the Prophet's lifetime and saw him are called the Sahaba (the companions). They received Islam directly from him. They struggled with him for the cause of Islam.

Upon the completion of the third year of prophethood, Muhammad received a Revelation enjoining him to call the Quraysh directly to Islam (inviting them to worship God alone), but most people became angry and hostile to him. In the next decade, Muhammad and his followers were first belittled and ridiculed by the Makkans, the persecuted and physically attacked for departing from traditional Makkah's tribal ways (worship of the idols). His uncle, Abu Lahab, and his wife were very hostile toward the Prophet.

Isra & Miraj: The journey to meet Allah occurred on the 27th of Rajab in the tenth year of prophethood. Angel Jibril accompanied the prophet on the night journey (al-Isra); they rode on the animal called al-Buraq. First, they rode towards Jerusalem, Masjid al-Aqsa, where he met previous prophets and led them on prayer. Then, the Prophet was raised with the angel Jibril beyond space and time (Miraj). On his way, rising through the seven heavens, he met various prophets. At last he reached to a place beyond the heavens, Sidrat al-Muntaha, where the prophet receives the injunction of the five daily prayers.

Who came to Muhammad inside Cave Hira?

How old was Muhammad when he received the Revelation?

During the Revelation, what did Angel Jibril order Muhammad to do?

What is the Definition of **RABB**?

What is the Definition of **IQRA**?

This verse come from which Sura in The Quran?

“Read, and your Lord is most bountiful, he who taught by means of the pen, taught mankind what they did not know”

Where did this first Revelation occur?

What year was the revelation?

How old was Muhammad when received the Revelation?

How did Muhammad react toward his Revelation from Allah?

What is definition of **WAHI**?

What did Muhammad say to Khadijah when he returned home from the first Revelation?

Who comforted Muhammad when he came from Revelation?

Who was the first person and woman to Embrace Islam?

Name some of the first few people to Embrace Islam?

During the first 3 years, how many Quraish became Muslims?

True or False: The first community of believers comprised of only men of all clans and social justices.

Who were the **Sahabas**?

What is an **IDOL**?

Who was the dearest, closest, life-long friend of Prophet Muhammad?

Who was the young cousin of Prophet Muhammad who fought for Islam?

Who struggled alongside Prophets Muhammad for the cause of Islam?

What did Prophet Muhammad ask the Makkan's to do?

Which Uncle of Prophet Muhammad was very Hostile toward Prophet Muhammad?

What did the people of Makkah worship?

True/ False: His Uncle, Abu Lahab, and his wife were very gracious toward the Prophet.

Why did the people of Quraish become Angry and Hostile toward Prophet Muhammad?

How was Prophet Muhammad and his followers treated by the Makkans?

What did the enemies of Muhammad plan to do to him?

Journey to meet Allah occurred during what year of prophethood?

What was the night journey called?

Who accompanied Prophet Muhammad on the Night Journey?

What was the name of the animal which they rode on the night journey?

Name the Masjid in Jerusalem where they were led to prayer

What is definition of **Miraj**?

What was revealed to Prophet Muhammad at **Sidrat al-Muntaha**?

Where is **Sidrat al-Muntaha**?

Life in Madinah

Eventually, in the year 622 CE Muhammad and his followers left Makkah and traveled to Yathrib, which soon became known as Madinah, the City of the Prophet. Here Muslims were finally able to practice Islam openly since most of the people of the city embraced Islam and accepted Muhammad as their leader. The migration of the Muslim community from Makkah to Madinah is known as Hijrah and is considered an important date in Muslim History. In fact, it marks the beginning of the Islamic HIJRI calendar.

Madinah had a pluralist society; there was religious as well as tribal diversity. Muhammad remained here for the rest of his life (10 years), building the first Muslim community.

Muhammad's Final Years- In March 632, 10th Hijri, he returned to Makkah one last time to perform a pilgrimage, also known as Farewell Pilgrimage, and tens of thousands of Muslims joined him. After the pilgrimage, he returned to Madinah. Three months later on June 8, 632, 12 Rabi-ul-awwal, 11th Hijri he died there, after a brief illness. He is buried in the mosque in Madinah. After his death, Islam began to spread to neighboring areas and eventually to much of the world.

City of Yathrib later became known as which City?

Migration of the Muslim community from Makkah to Medina is known as _____.

The City of Medina became known as _____

Why is HIJRA important to Muslims?

What type of society was Medina?

How many years did Prophet Muhammad stay in Medina?

Why did Prophet migrate from Makkah to Medina?

What did Prophet Muhammad and his followers do in Medina?

Did the people of Medina accept Prophet Muhammad as their leader?

He returned to Makkah one last time to perform _____

Where did the Prophet and Muslims perform the Farewell Pilgrimage?

How many Muslims joined the Prophet during the Pilgrimage?

How old was Prophet Muhammad when he died?

In which city did the prophet die?

What was the cause of Prophet Muhammad's death?

Where did the beloved Prophet get buried after his death?

How many years did Prophet Muhammad teach Islam to his followers?

True/ False: After his death, Islam did not spread to neighboring areas and to much of the world.

Prophet Muhammad was the _____ and _____ Prophet sent by Allah.

What 2 things did prophet Muhammad leave us for Guidance?