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BIRTH, PROPHETHOOD AND ASCENT

The Birth of Sayyidah Maryam ﷺ

Many years ago, within the community of the Israelites, there lived a very pious and religious saint. His name was Sayyidunā ‘Imrān ﷺ and he had a wife called Sayyidah Hannah ﷺ. They were both well respected amongst the people.

However, to their sorrow, they had no children of their own. Sayyidah Hannah ﷺ longed very much for a child. She would regularly make du‘ā and ask Allāh ﷻ to grant her a pious child.

Allāh ﷻ, the All-Merciful, answers the prayers of those who ask from Him. Her prayer was also answered and within a few days she was expecting a child. Overcome with joy and happiness, she made a promise to Allāh ﷻ that the child would be given over for the service of the blessed Masjid in Al-Quds (Jerusalem), Al-Masjidul Aqsā. In those days, people would give their sons over for the service of the Masjid.

Sayyidunā ‘Imrān ﷺ died just before his wife was due

to give birth to their first child. Soon after, Sayyidah Hannah ؑ gave birth to a girl whom she named Maryam (Mary). On seeing the baby girl, Sayyidah Hannah ؑ was sad as she thought she would not be able to fulfil her promise. However, Sayyidah Hannah ؑ did not know that this girl was special, as Allāh ﷻ was going to bless her and grant her respect and honour.

Sayyidah Hannah ؑ looked after the newly born child until she began eating food. Thereafter, she handed the young child over to the khādims who looked after Al-Masjidul Aqsā.

The Upbringing of Sayyidah Maryam ؑ

When Sayyidah Maryam ؑ was brought to Al-Masjidul Aqsā, each of the khādims wanted the honour of looking after her, as she was the child of Sayyidunā ‘Imrān ؑ. They discussed amongst themselves as to who should be given the honour. Sayyidunā Zakariyyā ؑ was the head of the khādims and also the Prophet of Allāh ﷻ. He insisted that, since his wife was the aunt of Sayyidah Maryam ؑ, he had more right to look after her. After much discussion, they could not agree.

Finally, to put an end to the disagreement, Allāh ﷻ instructed the khādims to go to a river with their pens.

They used these pens to copy the Tawrāt, the book revealed to Sayyidunā Mūsā عليه السلام. On reaching the river each khādīm was to throw his pen into the water. The person whose pen went against the flow of the river would be the guardian of the child. This was to be a miracle from Allāh سبحانه to show whom He had chosen to be the guardian of Sayyidah Maryam عليها السلام.

The khādīms followed the instruction of Allāh سبحانه. The pen of Sayyidunā Zakariyyā عليه السلام went against the flow of the river. Sayyidunā Zakariyyā عليه السلام became the guardian of Sayyidah Maryam عليها السلام and she went to live with her aunt and Sayyidunā Zakariyyā عليه السلام.

Sayyidah Maryam عليها السلام grew up to be very pious and religious. Sayyidunā Zakariyyā عليه السلام gave her a special room which was connected to the Masjid. She would



worship Allāh ﷻ and read the Tawrāt there all day long. At night, she would return to her aunt Sayyidah Īshā‘ ﷺ with Sayyidunā Zakariyyā ﷺ. Whenever Sayyidunā Zakariyyā ﷺ visited her during the day, he found with her food and drink and fresh fruits which were out of season.

Puzzled and curious, he asked her, “Maryam, from where did you get these fruits?”

“From Allāh ﷻ,” she answered.

The Birth of Sayyidunā Yahyā ﷺ

When Sayyidunā Zakariyyā ﷺ saw this miracle, he thought, “If Almighty Allāh ﷻ can provide fruits out of season for Maryam, can He not bless me and my wife with a child in our old age?” Thus, he eagerly prayed to Allāh ﷻ, “O my Lord, give me a pious child.”

Allāh ﷻ sent angels to him with good news of a pious son. They said, “Allāh ﷻ has accepted your prayer and He gives you good news of a son. His name will be Yahyā. He will be noble and pious. He will be a Prophet of Allāh ﷻ.”

Sayyidunā Zakariyyā ﷺ said, “O my Rabb, how can

we have a son? I am very old and my wife cannot have children.”

Allāh ﷻ said, “It is easy for me. I do whatever I want.”

Thus, Allāh ﷻ granted Sayyidunā Zakariyyā ﷺ a child in his old age and Sayyidunā Yahyā ﷺ, cousin of Sayyidah Maryam ﷺ, was born.



QUESTIONS

1. WHAT PROMISE DID SAYYIDAH HANNAH ﷺ MAKE TO ALLĀH ﷻ?
2. WHY WAS SAYYIDAH HANNAH ﷺ SAD WHEN SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A BABY GIRL?
3. WHAT DID THE KHĀDIMS OF AL-MASJIDUL AQSĀ DISCUSS AMONGST THEMSELVES?
4. BRIEFLY SUMMARISE WHAT ALLĀH ﷻ INSTRUCTED THE KHĀDIMS TO DO TO END THE DISAGREEMENT.
5. WHO BECAME THE GUARDIAN OF SAYYIDAH MARYAM ﷺ AND WHAT WAS HIS STATUS?
6. WHAT DID SAYYIDAH MARYAM ﷺ DO DURING THE DAY?
7. WHAT MIRACLE DID SAYYIDUNĀ ZAKARIYYĀ ﷺ SEE WHEN HE VISITED SAYYIDAH MARYAM ﷺ?
8. WHAT DID SAYYIDUNĀ ZAKARIYYĀ ﷺ THINK WHEN HE SAW THE MIRACLE OF SAYYIDAH MARYAM ﷺ?
9. WHAT GOOD NEWS DID THE ANGELS BRING TO SAYYIDUNĀ ZAKARIYYĀ ﷺ?
10. WHAT DID SAYYIDUNĀ ZAKARIYYĀ ﷺ SAY WHEN HE HEARD THIS NEWS AND WHAT WAS THE REPLY FROM ALLĀH ﷻ?

The Birth of Sayyidunā 'Īsā ﷺ

Sayyidah Maryam ﷺ was chosen and purified by Allāh ﷻ. She would remain engaged in 'ibādah (worship). She would not leave her room without necessity. She worshipped Allāh ﷻ only. Sayyidunā Zakariyyā ﷺ and the khādims of Al-Masjidul Aqsā were very happy with her devotion, purity and piety.

Once, Sayyidah Maryam ﷺ went to the Eastern part of Al-Masjidul Aqsā. Suddenly, the Archangel Jibra'īl ﷺ (Gabriel) appeared before her in human form. Sayyidah Maryam ﷺ, being a noble, pure and pious woman, became worried and scared on seeing a stranger.



She said, “I seek the protection of Allāh ﷻ from you. Fear Allāh ﷻ and stay away from me.”

The Angel Jibra’īl ﷺ explained, “I am an angel sent by Allāh to give you good news of a pure and pious son.”

She replied in amazement, “How will I have a son when no man has ever touched me?”

The Angel Jibra’īl ﷺ replied, “It will happen. It is easy for Allāh ﷻ. He creates whatever He wills. When He decides to create something, He merely says ‘Be’ and it becomes as He desires. He will grant you a son in a miraculous way so that he can become a sign for people, by which they will recognise the power of Allāh ﷻ.”

“His title will be Masīh and his name ‘Īsā (Jesus). He will



be honoured in this world and the Hereafter. He will be from amongst those who are righteous and nearest to Allāh ﷻ. He will speak to people whilst still a baby in the cradle. Allāh ﷻ will teach him the book, give him wisdom and will make him a messenger to the children of Isrā'il (Israel).”

Allāh ﷻ had chosen Sayyidah Maryam ؑ for a great miracle. Allāh ﷻ wanted to show mankind that He could create a child without a father just as He created Sayyidunā Ādam ؑ without a father or a mother. Sayyidah Maryam ؑ became pregnant and was now expecting a baby as Allāh ﷻ had willed. However, she became extremely worried. She would say to herself, “What will the people say once they find out about the child?”



The days passed and the time to deliver the child came. She left her home and travelled to Bethlehem. There she felt the first pains of childbirth. Knowing that the time of delivering the child had arrived, Sayyidah Maryam عليها السلام sat under a date tree and leaned against its trunk. Exhausted, worried, hungry and in pain she said, “I wish I had died before all this and had become forgotten.”

The Angel Jibra’īl عليه السلام was sent again by Allāh سبحانه. He called out from a distance, “O Maryam, do not worry. Your Lord has created a spring of water beneath you. Gently shake the trunk of the date tree and fresh ripe dates will fall. Eat the dates and drink the water and cool your eyes by seeing the miraculous child.” This brought comfort to the helpless Sayyidah Maryam عليها السلام and she became overjoyed by the birth of Sayyidunā ‘Īsā عليه السلام.



The Miracle of Sayyidunā 'Īsā ﷺ

The greatest worry of Sayyidah Maryam ﷺ was how to face the people. Though they were all aware of her purity and piety, how would she remove their bad thoughts? However, Allāh ﷻ helped her once again.

When she decided to return to her people, the Angel Jibra'īl ﷺ advised her saying, “If people ask you about the child, then stay silent and let them know that you have kept a fast for Allāh ﷻ and cannot speak to anyone today.” In those days, a person who fasted had to stay away from eating, drinking and talking.

When Sayyidah Maryam ﷺ returned with her newborn child to Al-Masjidul Aqsā, the people were surprised and shocked. They asked, “O Maryam, what have you done? Your father was not an evil man and your mother was not a bad woman. They were both very pious and no one in your family has ever committed such a big mistake. From where did you get this child?”

Following the instruction of Jibra'īl ﷺ, Sayyidah Maryam ﷺ did not answer. Instead, she just pointed to the small child. Surprised, the people said, “Don't be silly Maryam! How can we speak to a child who is still a baby in the cradle?”

However, to their amazement they heard the child say, “I am the servant of Allāh. He has decided to give me the Book and make me a Prophet.”

“He has made me blessed wherever I may be. He has ordered me to perform salāh and give zakāh as long as I am alive.”

“He has made me kind to my mother and has not made me arrogant nor unfortunate.”

“May the peace of Allāh be on me on the day I was born, the day I die and the day I will be resurrected.”

The people were amazed and astonished on hearing these precious words from a baby in the cradle. They accepted the miraculous birth of Sayyidunā ‘Īsā عليه السلام as a sign of the power of Allāh سبحانه. They now had good thoughts about Sayyidah Maryam عليها السلام and treated her with great respect and honour.

ذَلِكَ عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ قَوْلَ
الْحَقِّ الَّذِي فِيهِ يَتَرُونَ

QUESTIONS

11. BRIEFLY EXPLAIN THE CONVERSATION THAT TOOK PLACE BETWEEN SAYYIDAH MARYAM ؑ AND THE ANGEL JIBRA'IL ؑ.
12. WHAT DID ALLĀH ﷻ WANT TO SHOW MANKIND THROUGH THE BIRTH OF SAYYIDUNĀ 'ĪSĀ ؑ?
13. WHICH PROPHET WAS CREATED WITHOUT A FATHER OR A MOTHER?
14. WHAT DID SAYYIDAH MARYAM ؑ DO WHEN IT WAS TIME TO DELIVER THE CHILD? DESCRIBE THE BIRTH OF SAYYIDUNĀ 'ĪSĀ ؑ.
15. WHAT DID THE ANGEL JIBRA'IL ؑ ADVISE SAYYIDAH MARYAM ؑ TO DO WHEN SHE DECIDED TO RETURN TO HER PEOPLE?
16. WHAT DID SAYYIDUNĀ 'ĪSĀ ؑ SAY WHILST HE WAS STILL A BABY IN THE CRADLE? GIVE FULL DETAILS OF WHAT WAS SAID.



Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ - The Prophet of Allāh ﷻ

Years passed and Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ grew up and became an adult. All around him, the world had become evil and corrupt. The Israelites had forgotten the message of Allāh ﷻ brought to them by Sayyidunā Mūsā ﷺ. They committed all kinds of evil, so much so that they had even killed Prophets sent to them by Allāh ﷻ. They had given up good morals and good character and adopted bad qualities instead, such as telling lies, cheating, hatred and jealousy. Their religious leaders changed the Book of Allāh ﷻ, the Tawrāt, for the sake of worldly gains. In this way halāl was made harām and harām made halāl. Many of the commands of Allāh ﷻ in the Tawrāt were changed and a lot of the original text no longer remained.



When the Israelites had gone too far in disobeying Allāh ﷻ, Allāh ﷻ ordered Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ to announce the message of Allāh ﷻ to the Israelites. He said, “O People, I am a servant and Messenger of Allāh ﷻ. I am a human like all the Prophets before me. They were sent by Allāh ﷻ to guide their people. Allāh ﷻ has sent me for your guidance and has revealed to me His book, the Injil. Follow me and believe in the One and only Allāh ﷻ. Allāh ﷻ is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him only. This is the straight path leading to success in this world and the Hereafter.”

Thus, Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ called the people to believe in the oneness of Allāh ﷻ, the Angels, the Divine Books, all the Prophets and the Hereafter. He invited them to lead a good and honest life and ordered them to stay away from wrong. He encouraged them to be good to one another and help each other.

However, they refused to accept him and his teachings. They were not willing to accept the truth. The religious leaders opposed him in everything he did. They mocked and laughed at him. They criticised him and taunted him. They even spread false rumours about his mother, Sayyidah Maryam ﷺ. They made fun of his teachings and also threatened him.

All this did not discourage Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ. He continued to convey the message of Allāh ﷻ. He paid no attention to the unhappiness nor the threats of the Israelites.

Miracles

The Israelites demanded Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ to show them miracles to prove he was the Messenger of Allāh ﷻ. With the help of Allāh ﷻ, he did many things which ordinary humans cannot do. He took clay in his hands, shaped it into a bird and blew over it; this made it come to life and fly into the air. He restored the eyesight of those born blind. He cured the leper. He brought the dead back to life. He would reveal to the people what they had eaten and also what they had kept in their homes. He did all this with the help of Almighty Allāh ﷻ.

Despite seeing these miracles, the rulers and the religious leaders stayed away from Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ. They feared that by accepting his teachings they would have to give up their honour and leadership. They behaved arrogantly and rejected the miracles and clear signs he had brought, even though they knew that these were true. Instead, they said it was magic.

The Message of Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ

However, Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ did not lose hope. He continued to convey the message of Allāh ﷻ with full courage and determination. He spent most of his time travelling from place to place teaching about the Oneness of Allāh ﷻ. He informed them of the Commands of Allāh ﷻ and called them towards the straight path, the path of success.

Like all the Prophets, Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ called towards the worship of One Allāh ﷻ. He said to his people, “Allāh is my Lord and your Lord; therefore, worship Him only. If you worship someone other than Allāh, you will never enter Paradise.”

Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ, like other Prophets before him, also gave good news of the arrival of the final Prophet who was to come after him, whose name would be Ahmad and Muhammad. Hence, Allāh ﷻ informed the people through Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ that our beloved Nabī ﷺ would come as the last and final Messenger.



The Disciples

Sayyidunā ‘Isā ﷺ travelled from village to village, town to town, and city to city, calling people towards the truth and guiding them to their Lord and Creator, Allāh ﷻ. He invited all, the rich and the poor, to accept the true religion of Allāh ﷻ. He wanted to save them from the wrong path and the evil ways into which they had fallen. Some rejected him but there were others who accepted him. They had no reason to reject him. They were aware that he was the most honest and had the best character.

Many of these people who were fortunate to accept his call were poor. They loved and respected him and supported him during all the trials and difficulties. From his followers, there were some who sacrificed their time and belongings to spread the religion of Allāh ﷻ. These people were called the Hawāriyyīn (disciples).

نَحْنُ أَنْصَارُ اللَّهِ ؕ أَمْنَا بِاللَّهِ ؕ
وَإَشْهَدُ بِأَنَّا مُسْلِمُونَ

QUESTIONS

17. WHAT WAS THE STATE OF THE WORLD WHEN SAYYIDUNĀ 'ĪSĀ ﷺ BECAME AN ADULT?
18. WHAT DID ALLĀH ﷻ ORDER SAYYIDUNĀ 'ĪSĀ ﷺ TO ANNOUNCE TO THE ISRAELITES?
19. HOW DID THE ISRAELITES REACT AFTER SAYYIDUNĀ 'ĪSĀ ﷺ BEGAN ANNOUNCING THE MESSAGE OF ALLĀH ﷻ ?
20. LIST THE MIRACLES OF SAYYIDUNĀ 'ĪSĀ ﷺ.
21. WHAT DID SAYYIDUNĀ 'ĪSĀ ﷺ SAY WHEN CALLING PEOPLE TOWARDS THE WORSHIP OF ALLĀH ﷻ?
22. WHAT GOOD NEWS DID SAYYIDUNĀ 'ĪSĀ ﷺ GIVE TO THE PEOPLE LIKE THE PROPHETS BEFORE HIM?
23. WHO WERE THE HAWĀRIYYĪN? DESCRIBE THEIR QUALITIES.

The Plot

Sayyidunā 'Īsā ﷺ did not have a home nor a family. He was not married. He would convey the message of Allāh ﷻ all day long and spend the night wherever he was. He became increasingly popular day by day. The leaders of the Israelites could not bear this. They feared that they would lose their control on the people. They tried their best to disgrace him. But as time passed, they realised that they were not successful. Now their

hatred for Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ increased. They decided to kill him and soon made a plan.

At that time, the area was ruled by the Romans. The Israelites came to the Roman Governor of Damascus whose name was Pilate. They said, “‘Īsā is a threat to the Government. He has a large following. He does not follow the laws of the country. He wants to become the leader of the Israelites. If he is not stopped, he may call upon his men to fight against the Government. You need to take immediate action and stop him.” These lies convinced the Governor who immediately ordered that Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ be arrested.

Allāh ﷻ informed Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ of this evil plot. He gathered his disciples and said, “This is the time for our test. I will not be with you for long. Therefore, I give you the responsibility of preaching the message of Allāh. Who will be my helpers in spreading the religion of Allāh?”

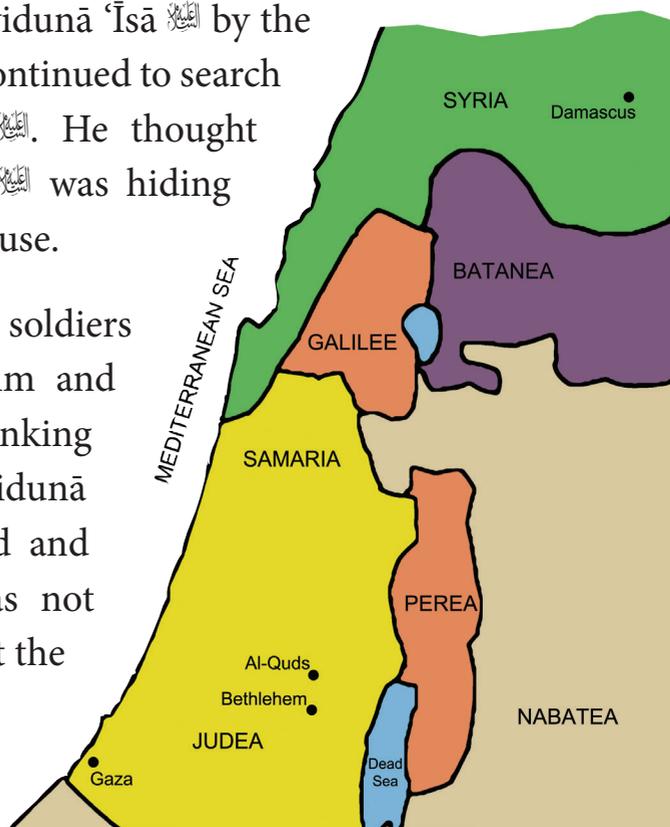
The disciples replied, “We make a promise to you that we will always remain the helpers of the religion of Allāh. We believe in Allāh and we will remain steadfast in obeying Allāh, the only Lord and Creator.”

Sayyidunā 'Īsā ﷺ is Raised Up into the Heavens

The soldiers surrounded the house where Sayyidunā 'Īsā ﷺ was staying. Allāh ﷻ protected him, just as He protected other Prophets when they were in danger. Allāh ﷻ raised him up alive into the Heavens and saved him from the enemies.

The soldiers sent one of their men into the house to search for Sayyidunā 'Īsā ﷺ. When he entered the house, he could not find Sayyidunā 'Īsā ﷺ. While he was searching, his own face changed to look like that of Sayyidunā 'Īsā ﷺ by the will of Allāh ﷻ. He continued to search for Sayyidunā 'Īsā ﷺ. He thought that Sayyidunā 'Īsā ﷺ was hiding somewhere in the house.

After a while, more soldiers went in to assist him and they arrested him thinking that he was Sayyidunā 'Īsā ﷺ. He screamed and shouted that he was not Sayyidunā 'Īsā ﷺ, but the



soldiers paid no attention. They thought it was normal for every criminal to behave like this. They seized him and eventually crucified him on a cross.

Many people thought that the crucified man was Sayyidunā ‘Īsā عليه السلام. However, the truth is that Allāh ﷻ saved his beloved Prophet from the evil people. The belief that Sayyidunā ‘Īsā عليه السلام was crucified is not correct. Allāh ﷻ says, “They definitely did not kill him. But Allāh ﷻ raised him into the Heavens.” He is alive on the second heaven.

Our Beloved Nabī ﷺ met him during Mi‘rāj when he travelled through the seven heavens. Our Beloved Nabī ﷺ said, “During Mi‘rāj, I met Sayyidunā ‘Īsā عليه السلام on the second heaven. He was of medium height and a reddish white complexion. His body was so clean, that it appeared as if he had just had a bath.”

Sayyidunā ‘Īsā عليه السلام has not yet died a physical death. He was raised up into the Heavens with his body and soul. He is still alive and will remain alive for a long time. He will come again onto this earth before Qiyāmah (the Last day) and will live for some time, before dying a physical death.

QUESTIONS

24. WHAT WAS THE PLOT OF THE ISRAELITES?
25. HOW DID ALLĀH ﷻ PROTECT SAYYIDUNĀ 'ĪSĀ ﷺ WHEN THE SOLDIERS SURROUNDED THE HOUSE WHERE HE WAS STAYING?
26. WHO WAS THE MAN THAT WAS CRUCIFIED?
27. WHAT DOES ALLĀH ﷻ SAY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO SAYYIDUNĀ 'ĪSĀ ﷺ?
28. WHERE DID NABĪ MUHAMMAD ﷺ MEET SAYYIDUNĀ 'ĪSĀ ﷺ DURING MI'RĀJ AND HOW DID HE ﷺ DESCRIBE HIM?
29. WHEN WILL SAYYIDUNĀ 'ĪSĀ ﷺ RETURN?



DESCENT, RULE AND DEATH

Qiyāmah

Every Muslim believes in Qiyāmah when the entire world will come to an end. Rasūlullāh ﷺ has told us about many major signs of Qiyāmah which are all true. From amongst them, one sign is the descent of Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ from the Heavens.

Sayyidunā Mahdī

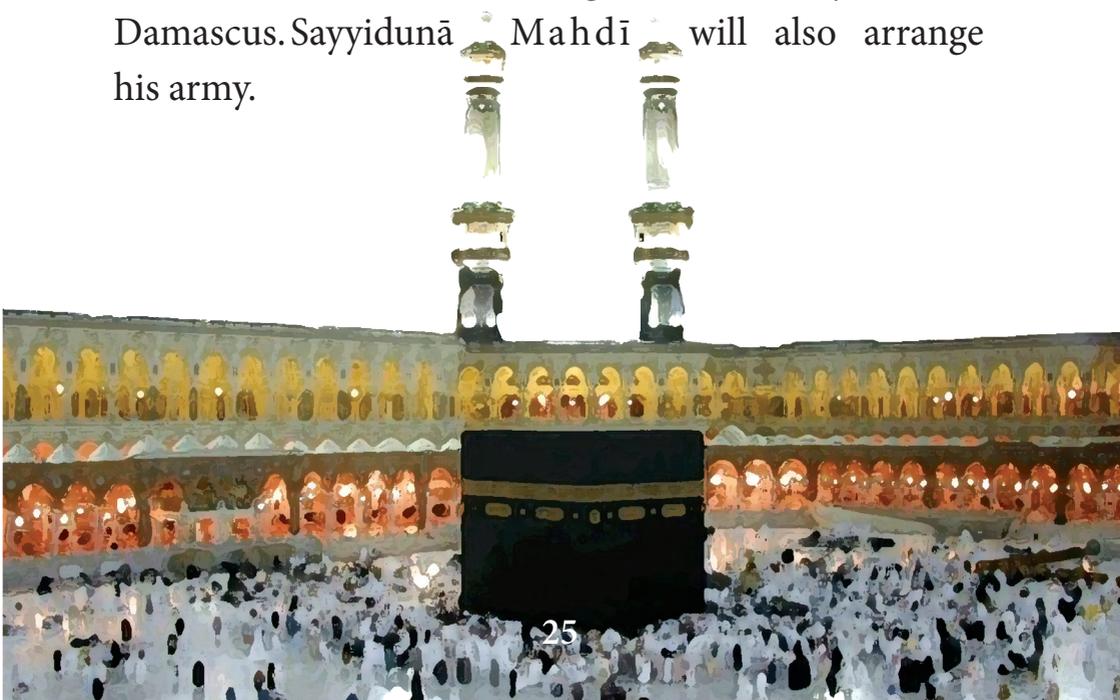
At the time of the descent of Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ, the leader of the Muslims will be Sayyidunā Mahdī, who will be a descendant of Sayyidah Fātimah ﷺ, the beloved daughter of Rasūlullāh ﷺ. Sayyidunā Mahdī will be born in Madīnah Munawwarah. His name will be Muhammad and his title will be Mahdī. His father’s name will be ‘Abdullāh and mother’s name will be Āminah. He will go into battle against the enemy. After heavy fighting he will liberate Damascus and Constantinople (Istanbul). He will establish rule with complete justice.

Dajjāl

Sayyidunā Mahdī will then go to Syria. A few days after his arrival, Dajjāl (the Antichrist) will appear in the area between Syria and Iraq. He will see with only one eye.

His right eye will have no sight and will stick out like a grape. The letters ك ف ر (kāf, fā, rā) will be on his forehead. Every believer will be able to read them and recognise that he is a disbeliever. He will claim to be a prophet and then declare himself to be god. His coming will be a test for mankind. He will show people false miracles like bringing the dead back to life, causing the rain to fall and making fruits and crops grow from dry land.

He will travel to many countries where people will join him in large numbers. He will also travel to Makkah and Madīnah but will not be able to enter as the angels will be guarding both places. He will then go towards Damascus with his followers. He will gather his army outside Damascus. Sayyidunā Mahdī will also arrange his army.



Descent of Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ

After arranging his army, Sayyidunā Mahdī will go to the Jāmi‘ Masjid for Fajr Salāh. At that time Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ will descend from the Heavens on the Eastern minaret of the Jāmi‘ Masjid in Damascus, Syria. He will be supported by two angels with his hands resting on their shoulders. From the minaret he will come down by a ladder. Sayyidunā Mahdī will request Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ to lead the salāh. Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ will insist that Sayyidunā Mahdī should lead, as he is the leader of the believers.

After the salāh, Sayyidunā Mahdī will lead the army to the battlefield and Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ will advance to kill Dajjāl. On seeing Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ, Dajjāl will try to



escape. However, Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ, will go after him and kill him. Dajjāl’s army will be defeated and the evil and corruption of Dajjāl will come to an end.

Through the Grace of Allāh ﷻ, all people on earth will happily become believers and live in peace and harmony. After some time, Sayyidunā Mahdī will pass away and Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ will become the leader of the believers.

QUESTIONS

30. WHAT IS QIYĀMAH? STATE ONE OF ITS MAJOR SIGNS.
31. GIVE SOME DETAILS OF SAYYIDUNĀ MAHDĪ.
32. WHAT WILL DAJJĀL LOOK LIKE?
33. WHAT WILL DAJJĀL CLAIM TO BE AND WHAT WILL HE DO TO MAKE PEOPLE BELIEVE HIM?
34. WHY WILL DAJJĀL NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER MAKKAH AND MADĪNAH?
35. WHICH PLACE WILL SAYYIDUNĀ ‘ĪSĀ ﷺ DESCEND TO FROM THE HEAVENS?
36. DESCRIBE HOW SAYYIDUNĀ ‘ĪSĀ ﷺ WILL DESCEND FROM THE HEAVENS.
37. WHO WILL KILL DAJJĀL?
38. WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER DAJJĀL AND HIS ARMY ARE DEFEATED?

Ya'jūj and Ma'jūj

During the rule of Sayyidunā 'Īsā عليه السلام, Ya'jūj and Ma'jūj (Gog and Magog) will appear. They will cause havoc and destruction throughout the world. Upon the order of Allāh سبحانه, Sayyidunā 'Īsā عليه السلام and the believers will take refuge on Mount Tūr. Allāh سبحانه will destroy Ya'jūj and Ma'jūj and Sayyidunā 'Īsā عليه السلام and the believers will come down from the mountain.

Sayyidunā 'Īsā عليه السلام will rule for forty years. Honesty, trustworthiness, goodness and blessings will spread throughout the world. During his rule, all will live peacefully. Camels will walk with lions, oxen with cheetahs and goats with wolves. Children will play with snakes without being harmed. The milk of a goat will have so much barakah (blessing) that it will be enough for a whole tribe. Hatred and jealousy will disappear. All the people will be healthy and wealthy.

Demise

Sayyidunā 'Īsā عليه السلام will marry and have children. He will live a good life with piety. Thereafter, he will pass away in Madīnah Munawwarah and will be buried alongside Rasūlullāh صلى الله عليه وسلم. A few years after his demise, Qiyāmah will come.

Our Beloved Nabī Muhammad ﷺ - The Final Prophet

We believe that our beloved Nabī Muhammad ﷺ is the last and final Prophet. You are probably thinking that how can our Nabī ﷺ be the last Prophet when Sayyidunā ‘Īsā عليه السلام is to come back to this world again? The answer is simple. When Sayyidunā ‘Īsā عليه السلام will return before Qiyāmah, he will not come as a prophet. Instead he will come as a follower of our Nabī ﷺ. However, this does not mean that the prophethood of Sayyidunā ‘Īsā عليه السلام will be taken away. Let us use an example to understand this.

When the king of a country goes to visit another



country, he will still remain the king of his own country. However, he will have to obey the laws made by the king of the country he is visiting. He will not be able to order people to follow his laws.

Similarly, when Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ will come again, his prophethood will remain with him. However, he will follow the religion taught by Rasūlullāh ﷺ. He will not come with a new religion. Our Nabī Muhammad ﷺ is the last and final Nabī and Rasūl.

Allāh ﷻ says,

“... he (Muhammad ﷺ) is the Rasūl of Allāh and the last and final Nabī.” (Qur’ān)

Our Nabī ﷺ said,

“I am the last and final Nabī. There is no prophet after me.” (Hadīth)

QUESTIONS

39. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE STATE OF THE WORLD DURING THE RULE OF SAYYIDUNĀ ‘ĪSĀ ﷺ.
40. WHERE WILL SAYYIDUNĀ ‘ĪSĀ ﷺ BE BURIED?
41. HOW CAN OUR NABĪ MUHAMMAD ﷺ BE THE LAST PROPHET WHEN SAYYIDUNA ‘ĪSĀ ﷺ WILL RETURN AFTER HIM? GIVE AN EXAMPLE.
42. WHAT DOES THE QUR’AN SAY ABOUT OUR NABĪ MUHAMMAD ﷺ BEING THE FINAL PROPHET?
43. WHAT DOES THE HADĪTH SAY ABOUT OUR NABĪ MUHAMMAD ﷺ BEING THE FINAL PROPHET?

BELIEFS

The following are important beliefs of Islām regarding Sayyidunā 'Īsā عليه السلام:

1. Sayyidunā 'Īsā عليه السلام is one of the well-known Prophets of Allāh ﷻ. He is a human like all the other Prophets عليهم السلام.
2. Almighty Allāh ﷻ revealed a book of guidance to him known as the Injīl. Over time it has undergone many changes and alterations.
3. Sayyidunā 'Īsā عليه السلام was born miraculously without a father. His mother Sayyidah Maryam عليها السلام was never married and no man had touched her.
4. The main objectives of the prophethood of Sayyidunā 'Īsā عليه السلام were:
 - To teach and emphasise the tawhīd (oneness) of Allāh ﷻ which was the very foundation of the teachings of all the Ambiyā عليهم السلام.
 - To guide people towards the straight path.
 - To give good news of the arrival of the last and final messenger, our beloved Nabī Muhammad ﷺ.
5. Like all the Prophets, Sayyidunā 'Īsā عليه السلام was able to perform many miracles through the help of Allāh ﷻ.
6. Sayyidunā 'Īsā عليه السلام has not yet died a physical death. He was not killed and he was not crucified. Allāh ﷻ raised him up into the Heavens alive, with body and soul. He is in the Heavens to this day.
7. Sayyidunā 'Īsā عليه السلام will return to this world shortly before Qiyyāmah during the rule of Sayyidunā Mahdī.

He will descend from the Heavens with his hands resting on the shoulders of two angels. His descent will be visible to all those present.

On his return, he will not come with a new religion. Instead, he will follow the religion of our beloved Nabī Muhammad ﷺ.

8. Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ will kill Dajjāl. All the people of the world will happily become believers during his rule.
9. Sayyidunā ‘Īsā ﷺ will marry, have children and die a natural death. He will be buried alongside our Nabī Muhammad ﷺ in Madīnah Munawwarah.
10. Nobody will be given prophethood after our Nabī ﷺ. Whosoever was to be given prophethood has received it before the coming of our Nabī Muhammad ﷺ, who is the last and final prophet.

QUESTIONS

44. HOW WAS SAYYIDUNĀ ‘ĪSĀ ﷺ SIMILAR TO ALL THE OTHER PROPHETS ﷺ?
45. WHICH BOOK WAS REVEALED TO SAYYIDUNĀ ‘ĪSĀ ﷺ AND WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO IT OVER TIME?
46. DID SAYYIDAH MARYAM ﷺ EVER GET MARRIED?
47. WHAT WERE THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE PROPHETHOOD OF SAYYIDUNĀ ‘ĪSĀ ﷺ?
48. THROUGH WHOSE HELP DID THE PROPHETS ﷺ PERFORM MIRACLES?
49. WHAT IS OUR BELIEF REGARDING PROPHETHOOD AND OUR NABĪ MUHAMMAD ﷺ?