

Life of Makka Before

Before Muhammad was born, Makka was involved in tribal ruling. There were about 4 or 5 tribes living at the time. These tribes worshiped idols. Muhammad's father, Abd Allah, belonged to the Quraish tribe. The Quraish tribe, which Ibrahim was against, but they didn't believe him. The Quraish tribe was one of the tribes who worshiped idols. Before Muhammad was born, his father, Abd Allah, died.

Prophet Muhammad was born in Makka, in a town called Arabia. He was born on a Monday on the 12th of Rabi-al-Awwal 1,400 years back. Muhammad (SAAWS) was born in the year of 570. At the time the names Muhammad and Ahmed were new to the Arabic language. His grandfather, Abd al-Muttalib, named him Muhammad, but his mother Amina binti Wahab named him

Ahmed. Anyway, during the time the Governor of the Yemen, Abraha, arrived in Makka, with troops on elephants, planning to destroy the Ka'ba. Though Allah was planning to stop him with the birds he sent down, carrying pebbles of clay. All the troops on elephants were destroyed and a little while after Abraha had died a painful death. In the Quran Suratt al-Fil explains the event when it says

"ترميهن بحجارة من سجيل". Amina, his mother, took him for a few days, then as the custom, Halima Sa'dia had nursed him for two years.

Ever since Halima took Muhammad in, she

she noticed he brought blessings with him. For example: Her goats gave more milk, and food lasted up to four days instead of two. After two years passed Halima took Muhammad back to Makka, but a plague was spreading in the city so she took him back to her village for two more years.

Muhammad (SAAWS) went back to live with his mother when he was 4, then when he turned six he went to visit family in Madina with his mother. He had stayed in Madina for one month. On the way back to Makka, Amina, Muhammad's mother died in somewhere called Abwa. A man named Umm Aiman was traveling with them and took him to Makka. Until he was about eight years old, his grandfather, Abdal-Muttalib, took care of him. When Muhammad turned eight his grandfather died. His uncle, his dad's only real brother, took care of Muhammad after his grandfather's death. Muhammad

was a unique child, instead of playing games like the others he helped his uncle, Abu Talib in his workshop. Allah had protected Muhammad from any wrongdoing before he was a prophet. When Muhammad was still young, idol-worshipping was still very common, but Muhammad didn't take part in it even if his family did.

One time when Abu Talib and Muhammad (SAAWS) went to go trade in Syria, they stopped at a place named Busra at a christian monastery. When they were there a monk told

Muhammad (SAWS) that "Muhammad is the chief of the Messengers of God."

When Muhammad (SAWS) was a young man he started to get experience of trade from his uncle, Abu Talib in Syria. Muhammad became a successful trader from his hard work, truthfulness, and honesty. People called him Sadiq (true) and Amin (trustworthy). The Quraysh were rebuilding the Kaaba at the time. They asked Muhammad (SAWS) what they should do and he said they should spread a large cloak and place the black stone in the middle. This proved Muhammad was respected. Later on

Muhammad (SAWS) met a rich widow named Khadija. Khadija had a servant named Maisara and she sent her to help Muhammad with his business. He earned about three times more than he ever thought he would on Khadija's goods. Khadija was impressed by Muhammad's trustworthy and kindness that Maisara spoke of that she set up a proposal. Muhammad (SAWS) accepted and they soon got married. At the moment Khadija was 40 and Muhammad was 25, though they had a happy marriage. They had many children and their family was respected throughout the community.

One day, Muhammad was in the Cave of Hira thinking about Allah, when angel Jibril ^{peace be upon him} came and told Muhammad to read.

