

WINTER SEERAH INTENSIVE



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DAY 4 | EARLY MECCA

The Year of Sorrow

- Abu Bakr asked the Prophet SAW if he could migrate to Abyssinia and the Prophet SAW gave him permission.
 - On his way out of Mecca, Abu Bakr met Ibn Dughunnah
 - Ibn Dughunnah was not Muslim, but he told Abu Bakr not to leave Mecca and praised him for his hospitable characteristics.
 - Abu Bakr went back to Mecca under the protection of Ibn Dughunnah.
 - When Abu Bakr came back, Quraysh told him not to read Quran outside of his house. So, Abu Bakr built a little place of worship in his house and recited the Quran out loud. The people of Quraysh would come to listen to him recite.
 - Abu Bakr was a person who cried a lot whenever he would recite Quran and that intense weeping is what troubled Quraysh.
 - Quraysh went to Ibn Dughunnah and complained about Abu Bakr. Ibn Dughunnah went to Abu Bakr and asked him to stop reciting out loud and Abu Bakr refused.
 - Abu Bakr decided that he would rather lose the protection of Ibn Dughunnah than stop reciting Quran.

- During this time, the Prophet SAW was looking for a place to seek protection.
 - He SAW went to Taif with Zaid bin Haritha RA in hopes that their people would accept Islam and support him.
 - After Uhud, Aisha RA asked the Prophet SAW, "Have you ever seen a day worse than the day of Uhud." He SAW, "Oh Aisha, if only you saw the day that I visited Taif."
- He SAW went to Taif to find the tribe of Banu Thaqeef and give them the message of Islam. When he arrived, he went to the top three leaders whose names were 'Abdiyaalil, Mas'ood, and Habib. He SAW sat with them one by one and invited them to Allah SWT.
 - One of them said, "If you were a real prophet, I would unthread the entire threads of the Ka'bah."
 - This is a way of him saying that it was impossible for him SAW to be a prophet.
 - The second leader said, "Couldn't God find anyone better than you?"
 - The third leader said, "I swear to God, I am not saying anything to you. If you are a true prophet of Allah, it is dangerous for me to say anything against you and if you are a liar, then I do not want to speak to a liar."
- The Prophet SAW asked them to at least not mention this to Quraysh
- The leaders gathered the children of Taif and told them to come with rocks. They formed 2 rows that went for 6 kilometers and they threw rocks at the Prophet SAW and Zaid RA for their entire way out.
 - Zaid RA used himself as a shield to protect the Prophet SAW
 - The Prophet SAW was not able to take one step without being hit with a rock. He began to bleed from his head to his feet.
- Finally, the Prophet SAW and Zaid RA got to the garden of Utbah and Shaybah which was right outside of Taif.

- They sat in this garden to rest.
- When the Prophet SAW tried to take off his slippers, they were stuck to his feet because of the dried blood which was there.
- The Prophet SAW sat down and made the famous dua of Taif.

اللهم إليك أشكو ضعف قوتي وقلة حيلتي وهوانني على الناس يا أرحم الراحمين أنت أرحم الراحمين أنت رب المستضعفين وأنت ربى إلى من تكلني إلى عدو يتوجه مني أم إلى عدو ملكته امرى إن لم يكن بك غضب على فلا أبالي ولكن عافيتك هي أوسع لي أعود بنور وجهك الذي أضاءت له السموات والأرض وأشرقت له الظلمات وصلح عليه أمر الدنيا والأخرة أن ينزل بي غضبك أو يحل علي سخطك لك العتبى حتى ترضى ولا حول ولا قوة إلا بك

To You, my Lord, I complain of my weakness, lack of support and the humiliation I am made to receive. Most Compassionate and Merciful! You are the Lord of the weak, and you are my Lord. To whom do You leave me? To a distant person who receives me with hostility? Or to an enemy You have given power over me? As long as you are not displeased with me, I do not care what I face. I would, however, be much happier with Your mercy. I seek refuge in the light of Your face by which all darkness is dispelled and both this life and the life to come are put in their right course against incurring your wrath or being the subject of your anger. To You I submit, until I earn Your pleasure.

Everything is powerless without your support.

- This was one of the lowest points of the Prophet's SAW life. He did not have any backup plan at this point.
- The Prophet SAW has been faced with this difficult citation and yet, he does not complain about what Allah has done.
- He SAW complains about his own weaknesses in his supplication.
- The Prophet SAW said, "Whoever says 'يا أرحم الراحمين' Allah SWT will accept their dua."
- The dua of the Prophet SAW began with his complaints.

- He did not simply begin to ask Allah SWT without having a conversation with Him.
- Then the Prophet SAW said, "As long as you are not displeased with me, I do not care what I face."
 - His SAW main priority was the pleasure of Allah SWT.
 - The Prophet SAW said, *"If you see that Allah is blessing someone after they continuously disobey Allah, then know that is respite."*
 - This was the only thing the Prophet SAW was worried about.
 - The objective of pain is to know if Allah is happy with you or not.
 - We are trying to please everyone except Allah, but pleasing Allah will please everyone else.
- The Prophet SAW concluded by telling Allah SWT that if he had to do it all again to please Allah SWT, he would.
- After the Prophet SAW finished, Jibreel AS came from the skies.
 - Jibreel said, "Allah has heard your dialogue with the people of Taif and He has seen the way they treated you. He has sent for you the angel of the mountains. You can command the angel with what you would like."
 - Then the angel of the mountains called upon the Prophet SAW. He said, "Oh Muhammad, what do you wish? Do you want me to crush them in the valley?"
 - The Prophet SAW said, "No. I hope that Allah will bring along someone from their progeny who will worship Allah alone."
 - Eventually, some of the greatest people came from Taif. Muhammad ibn Al-Qasim Ath-Thaqafiy was from Taif and he brought Islam to the subcontinent.
- Utbah and Shaybah, who were enemies of the Prophet SAW, saw him sitting in the garden and felt pity for him due to his state, so they sent Addas, their servant, to give him fruits.

- Addas was a Christian and he was from Naynwa which was the land of the Prophet Yunus AS.
- When Addas put the fruits in front of the Prophet SAW, he SAW said bismillah as he grabbed the fruits. The Prophet SAW asked Addas his name and where he was from. When he said that he was from Naynwa the Prophet SAW said, "You are from the city of Yunus bin Matta." Addas said, "How do you know Yunus?"
- When the Prophet SAW told Addas about Yunus AS, Addas realized that the man who he was speaking too was also a prophet. When he realized this, he fell in sajdah to the Prophet SAW and he began to kiss the feet of the Prophet SAW.
- When 'Utbah and Shaybah saw this they were shocked that their servant was giving so much respect to the Prophet SAW.
- When he came back inside they said to him, "What is this? You prostrated to the Prophet and kissed his feet and we have never seen you do this to any of us."
- Addas said, "This is someone who is very righteous. When he spoke I understood that he was a prophet."
 - Utbah and Shaybah laughed at him.
- On their return from Taif, the Prophet SAW stopped in a place called Nakhlah. He SAW was praying tahajud and 7 Jinns came around him and listened to his recitation. The Prophet SAW was unaware of their presence.
 - This story is mentioned in Surah Al-Ahqaaf ayah 29-32 where Allah SWT spoke about the interaction of the Prophet SAW with the Jinns.
 - When the Jinns heard the Quran, they accepted Islam and went back to the other Jinns and told them what they had heard. The Jinns begin to invite the other Jinns to Islam.

- Although the journey to Taif was outwardly negative, many good things came out of it.
 - Addas RA accepted Islam
 - The Jinns accepted Islam
 - Later on Taif accepted Islam
- When the Prophet SAW returned from Ta'if, he came into Mecca under the protection of Mut'im ibn 'Adi.
 - The Prophet SAW had also asked Suhail ibn Amr for protection, Mut'im ibn 'Adi is the one who gave it to him.
- Mut'im and his sons put on their armor and entered into Mecca walking around the Prophet SAW as he walked around the Ka'bah.
- As they walked into Mecca, Abu Sufyan said to Mut'im, 'Is he following you or are you protecting him?' Mut'im said, "I am protecting him." Abu Sufyan said, "If he is under your protection then we will not go against your word."
 - A few years later, Mut'im ibn 'Adi passed away.
- The Prophet SAW later said that if Mut'im was still alive, he would do so many favors for him.
- After the battle of Badr, the Prophet SAW said that if Mut'im came and negotiated with the Prophet SAW regarding the captives of Badr, then he would have let them all be free just because he asked.
- The Prophet SAW never forgot the favors of Mut'im even though he was a non-Muslim
 - Today, we forget to recognize the favors other people have done for us
 - Recognizing the favors other people have done for you is prophetic.

- This journey took place in the month of Rajab, after the most difficult year of the Prophet's SAW life.
- There was no better event that could have taken place after this difficult year.
- The purpose of this journey was to comfort the Prophet SAW after his difficulties.
 - Allah SWT said:

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَسْرَى بِعَبْدِهِ لَيْلًا مِنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ الْأَقْصَى
الَّذِي بَارَكَنَا حَوْلَهُ لِنُرِيهُ مِنْ آيَاتِنَا إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ (17:1)

Glory to (Allah) Who did take His servant for a Journey by night from the Sacred Mosque to the farthest Mosque, whose precincts We did bless,- in order that We might show him some of Our Signs: for He is the One Who heareth and seeth (all things). (17:1)

- Surah Isra begins with the journey to Isra. Allah SWT begins this surah with سُبْحَانَ which means Allah is pure from all defects.
 - To question if the Prophet SAW was capable of traveling on this journey is questioning Allah's ability.
 - Allah SWT is beyond what one can imagine.
 - This is why this word should be used in any situation which causes doubt due to its miraculous nature.
- The word أَسْرَى means night journey, but Allah SWT also says لَيْلًا to show that this journey occurred in a portion of the night.
- Allah SWT refers to the Prophet SAW by saying بِعَبْدِهِ. Why wouldn't Allah SWT refer to him SAW as Nabi or Rasool?
 - When someone is going to be presented in front of someone more superior to them, they do not present themselves with their titles.
 - The Prophet SAW is going to visit Allah SWT, so all titles are left behind. He SAW is going as Allah's slave.

- Allah SWT speaks about the land of Palestine by saying **الَّذِي بَارَكْنَا حَوْلَهُ**
- He SWT describes it as a blessed land.
- Masjid Al Aqsa is a masjid where Isa AS was lifted to the heavens and here the Prophet SAW is lifted to the heavens.
- Palestine is a land of prophets. There are several prophets buried there.
- On this night, the Prophet SAW was sleeping in the house of Umm Hani, his aunt.
- The Prophet SAW said, “All of a sudden, the roof was split open, and angels woke me up and took me to Hateem (the extended area around the Ka’bah). They laid me down and split my chest. My heart was washed and placed back and stitched. Then this animal, which was bigger than a donkey but smaller than a mule, was brought in front of me. The animal was decorated from its nose to its saddle.”
- When the Prophet SAW went to get on it, it stiffened. Jibreel AS said to the animal, “Are you doing this to Muhammad? This is the greatest human in the eyes of Allah that will ever ride your back.” When Jibreel AS said this, the animal started to sweat out of nervousness.
- The Prophet SAW rode the Buraq from Mecca to Masjid Al-Aqsa.
 - Its leap was as far as the eye could see
 - It was the ride of the prophets
- On their journey, the Prophet SAW stopped to pray tahajud in an area with palm trees. Jibreel asked the Prophet SAW if he knows where they stopped. He SAW did not know and Jibreel told him it was Yathrib (Madinah).
- Then they stopped in another place to pray and Jibreel told him they were in Egypt, the land of Musa, by the mountain of Toori Sayna’.
- They stopped again and the Prophet SAW prayed and Jibreel told him that this was Bethlehem, where Isa AS was born.

- As they proceeded, they witnessed several scenes.
 - There were people calling out to the Prophet SAW. Jibreel AS told him to respond back to those people. He told the Prophet SAW that they were the righteous people from his community.
 - They went ahead and they saw a very old woman on the side of the road. She had all of the decorations of the world on her and she had her arms open to the Prophet SAW. She said, "Oh Prophet I have a question for you" and Jibreel told the Prophet SAW to continue moving and not to look back.
 - Then they heard another voice calling out and they saw an old man. Jibreel told the Prophet SAW to continue moving. When they got away Jibreel said, "The old woman that you saw was the dunya. The world is coming to its end, so do not run after it. And the old man was shaytaan."
 - On this journey, the Prophet SAW saw the Dajjal. When asked to describe him, he SAW said, "He has curly hair. It is as if there is a floating raisin in his eye."
 - They came across a group of people who were scraping their faces with nails of copper. Jibreel said that these were the people who backbite.
 - Then they saw a person swimming in a river while swallowing stones. Jibreel told him that they used to consume interest.
 - Then they saw people whose heads were being crushed by boulders. Their heads would be replaced and then crushed over and over again. Jibreel said that these were the people who did not pray their prayers on time.
 - They saw people whose tongues were being cut with scissors of fire. Jibreel said they were teachers who did not practice what they preached

- Then they saw a group of people who had beautiful fresh food placed in front of them but they were eating rotten disgusting food. Jibreel said these are the people who were blessed with pious spouses but they engaged in adultery.
- On this journey, the Prophet SAW smelled a fragrance. Jibreel AS told him that it was the fragrance from the grave of Maashita, the hairdresser of Pharaoh.
 - This woman was punished by Pharaoh for being Muslim.
 - Pharaoh had her children thrown in a fire and then she was thrown into it. Before her baby was taken from her and thrown in, it spoke to her and said, "Oh mother be patient."
 - There were 4 children who spoke while they were babies: Maashita's baby, the person who testified for prophet Yusuf, Jurayj, and prophet Isa.
- The dua for protection against black magic and evil eye was taught to the Prophet SAW:

أَعُوذُ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَاتِ الَّتِي لَا يُجَاوِزُهُنَّ بَرًّ وَلَا فَاجِرًّ، مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ وَذَرَأَ وَبَرَأً، وَمِنْ
 شَرِّ مَا يَنْزِلُ مِنْ السَّمَاءِ، وَمِنْ شَرِّ مَا يَعْرُجُ فِيهَا، وَمِنْ شَرِّ مَا ذَرَأَ فِي الْأَرْضِ، وَمِنْ شَرِّ مَا
 يَخْرُجُ مِنْهَا، وَمِنْ شَرِّ فِتَنِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ، وَمِنْ شَرِّ كُلِّ طَارِقٍ إِلَّا طَارِقًا يَطْرُقُ بِخَيْرٍ يَا رَحْمَنُ

I seek refuge in the Perfect Words of Allah which neither the upright nor the corrupt may overcome from the evil of what He created, of what He made, and of what He scattered, from the evil of what descends from the heavens, and of what rises up to them, from the evil of what He scattered in the earth, and of what emerges from it, from the evil trials of night and day, and from the evil of every night visitor, except the night visitor who comes with good, O Merciful One.

- When they arrived at Masjid Al-Aqsa, there was a large congregation waiting for him.
- He SAW tied the Buraaq in the same location that all the other prophets tied their animals to.
- Then Prophet SAW led all of the prophets in salah.
- The Prophet SAW arrived at Bait al-Maqdis and there were several angels awaiting his presence.
- The masjid was filled with people, but the Prophet SAW was asked to lead salah.
 - Some scholars say that this was tahajud prayer and others say it was fajr.
- After salah, the prophets began to introduce themselves to the Prophet SAW.
 - Ibrahim AS said, “I thank Allah who made me His Khaleel (best friend), and He gave me kingdom and made me an independent nation and He saved me from the fire.”
 - Musa AS said, “I thank Allah who made me the prophet which He spoke to directly.”
 - Dawud AS said, “I thank Allah who has given me a massive kingdom, who educated me with the knowledge of the Zaboor, who made iron soft for me, who made the mountains subservient to me, who made the creatures of the sky praise Allah with me, and who gave me the skill of speech and decisive choice.”
 - Sulaiman AS said, “All praise is to Allah who made the wind subservient to me, who made the Jinns under my command, and who gave me the skill to communicate with birds.”

- Isa AS said, "I praise Allah who made me His word (created me from His command), who made me like Adam, who educated me with the Injeel, who gave me the power to create birds from clay, who gave me the ability to cure leprosy, blindness, and to give life to the dead. Allah has elevated me and protected me and my mother from the influence of shaytaan."
 - Only 2 people in the universe were protected from the whispers of shaytaan and they were Isa and Maryam AS.
 - Other prophets had a shaytaan but they were not influenced by him.
- Then the Prophet SAW introduced himself. He SAW said, "I praise Allah who has sent me as a mercy to the entire universe. He sent me to all of mankind. I praise Allah who has given me the Furqaan. He has revealed upon me the Quran. He has given me the best of followers. He made my followers the last to come but the first to enter Jennah. He split my chest, took my burden off of me, elevated my status, and He made me the opening and the ending."
 - The Prophet SAW said: *Jannah is forbidden upon all prophets until I enter Jennah and all nations will be halted until my nation enters Jennah.*
- Then Prophet Ibrahim AS stood up and said, "This is why the Prophet SAW is better than all of you."
- After this, 3 vessels were presented to the Prophet SAW.
 - One had wine, one had milk, and one had honey.
 - The Prophet SAW chose the vessel with milk.
 - Jibreel AS said, "Had you chosen the alcohol, your ummah would have been misguided."

- The journey of Mecca to Bait al-Maqdis is called Isra' while the journey from Bait al-Maqdis to the heavens is called Mi'raj.
- The word عَرَجْ means to climb a ladder.
- A ladder made of rubies and pearls was brought in front of the Prophet SAW and he was told to climb the ladder.
- The Prophet SAW reached the first sky. He SAW knocked on the door. The angel of the first sky asked who was there. Jibreel AS introduced himself. Then the angel asked who was with him and Jibreel said it was Muhammad SAW. The angel asked if they were sent and Jibreel said that they were sent by Allah SWT. The angel welcomed them and the first sky was opened up.
 - In this sky there was an old man. When he looked to his right he smiled and when he looked to his left he cried. The Prophet SAW asked who this person was and Jibreel said, "This is your father Adam."
 - The Prophet SAW went to Adam AS and said salam. Adam AS said, "Welcome my righteous son and righteous prophet."
 - When he looked to his right, he saw the people going to Jannah.
- Then the Prophet SAW ascended to the second sky. The angel of the sky had the same conversation with Jibreel as the angel of the first sky. They were welcomed into the second sky.
 - The Prophet SAW met Isa and Yahya AS. He SAW said salam to them and they said, "Welcome our righteous brother."
 - Some narrations said that it was Isa and Zakariyya AS in this sky.
- Then they ascended to the third sky and the Prophet SAW was introduced to Yusuf AS.
 - He SAW said, "I saw that Yusuf was given the beauty of the world."
- Then they ascended to the 4th sky and the Prophet SAW met Idris AS.
- In the 5th sky he SAW met Harun AS.

- In the 6th sky he SAW met Musa AS.
 - Every time he met a prophet, they would say, "Welcome my righteous brother and prophet."
 - When he SAW met Musa, Musa began to cry. He was asked why he was crying and he said, "I'm crying over the fact that this man came much later and he will have an ummah with many more followers that will enter Jennah."
- In the 7th sky he SAW met Ibrahim AS.
 - Ibrahim AS was the only prophet who did not stand up to greet the Prophet SAW.
 - He was reclining with his back resting on Bait al-Ma'moor.
 - This is the physical Ka'bah of the angels.
 - It is exactly above the Ka'bah of this world, in the 7th heaven.
 - Every day, 70,000 angels do tawaf around this Ka'bah.
 - No angel will be able to visit it twice because there are so many angels waiting to visit it.
 - Ibrahim AS said, "Welcome my righteous son. Oh Muhammad, give my greetings to your ummah and inform them that the land of Jennah is fertile, the water is fresh, and it is flat. To plant something in Jennah, one must say subhanallah, alhamdulillah, la ilaha illa Allah, and Allahu akbar."
 - Adam and Ibrahim AS were the only 2 prophets who referred to the Prophet SAW as their son.
 - Adam AS is the father of all creation and Ibrahim AS is the Prophet's SAW biological father and his spiritual father.
 - Ibrahim made dua for him SAW and contributed several things to the city of Mecca.
 - The Prophet SAW said, "I am the answered supplication of my father Ibrahim."

- After meeting all of the prophets, he SAW is taken to Sidratul Muntaha.
 - The Prophet SAW said that this tree has branches and leaves which are made of gold and there are butterflies which are always flying around it.
 - Here, the Prophet SAW saw Jibreel in his true form.
 - He had 600 wings with pearls and rubies hanging from them
 - This area is called Sidratul Muntaha for 2 reasons:
 - Anything that comes from beneath ends there
 - Anything that comes from above stops there
 - The angels can not pass this point.
 - Jibreel told the Prophet SAW that he must continue up on his own.
- The Prophet SAW ascended to Dhariff Al-Aqlam.
 - This is the place where the noise of the pen is heard.
 - It is where decisions are being made.
 - The future of people is being documented and transcribed.
 - Scholars say that Jannah is horizontal to Dharif Al-Aqlam, not above it.
 - Allah SWT says in Surah Al-Najm:

عِنْدَ سِدْرَةِ الْمُنْتَهَى (14) عِنْدَهَا جَنَّةُ الْمَأْوَى (15)

Near the Lote-tree beyond which none may pass (53:14) Near it is the Garden of Abode (53:15)

- If destiny has been determined then what is being written at this location?
 - Allah SWT said in Surah ar-Rad:

يَمْحُوا اللَّهُ مَا يَشَاءُ وَيُثْبِتُ وَعِنْدَهُ أُمُّ الْكِتَابِ (13:39)

Allah erases or confirms what He pleaseth: with Him is the Mother of the Book (13:39)

- Allah SWT has written what He has, but He has the choice to erase and change destiny when he wants.
- The Prophet SAW said that there are ways in which a person can change their destiny. These include:
 - Giving charity
 - Respecting parents
 - Dua
- If something changes, this change was also in the knowledge of Allah SWT.
 - Allah SWT knows what we will ask for and He knows what will be changed.
- Then the Prophet SAW ascended past Dharif Al-Aqlam.
 - Allah SWT said in Surah Al-Najm:

ثُمَّ دَنَا فَتَدَلَّ (53:8)

Then he approached and came closer (53:8)

- The word دَنَّ means to come close and فَتَدَلَّ means to lower something.
- The Prophet SAW was brought closer to Allah SWT. Then Allah SWT covered him in His noor and the Prophet SAW fell into sajdah.
- The Prophet SAW said: "After I passed the Dharif, I went ahead and the doors opened. Then I saw the most massive light and a curtain made of silk, rubies, and pearls. Then Allah SWT began to speak with me."
- Did the Prophet SAW see Allah SWT?
 - Abu Dharr RA once asked the Prophet SAW, "Did you see Allah?" The Prophet SAW said, "It was light that I saw."
 - Majority of narrations state that no one could have seen Allah SWT.

- Ibn Abbas RA said that the Prophet SAW said that he saw Allah SWT.
- Aisha RA said that anyone who says the Prophet SAW saw Allah SWT is a liar.
- Overall, we will not know what happened and this is not fundamental to our Islamic belief.
- Then Allah SWT gave the Prophet SAW 3 gifts:
 - Salah
 - The last 2 verses of Surah Al-Baqara
 - These verses are a dua.
 - Ali RA said that anyone who has the slightest bit of intellect would never forget to recite these 2 verses before sleeping.
 - The Prophet SAW said: *Whoever recites the last 2 verses of Surah Al Baqarah before sleeping will get a reward which is equal to spending the entire night in tahajud.*
 - The promise of forgiveness for the ummah of the Prophet SAW as long as they do not associate partners with Allah SWT.
- Allah SWT had a conversation with the Prophet SAW and He gave him the gift of 50 daily prayers.
 - Then the Prophet SAW began to descend the skies.
 - At each sky, the prophet in that sky would meet him and ask him what gifts he received from Allah SWT.
 - When he reached Musa AS, Musa told him that 50 prayers would be too much. He told him to go back to Allah SWT and ask him to lower the number.
 - The Prophet SAW went back up to Allah SWT and asked for a reduction, so Allah SWT made it 45.
 - When he went back down and reached Musa AS, he told him to go back and ask for more reduction.
 - This happened 9 times until there were only 5 prayers.

- After having 5 prayers prescribed, the Prophet SAW descended the skies. When he reached Musa AS, he told him to go ask for more of a reduction because this would still be too much for his people.
 - Musa AS only had 2 prayers prescribed to him and his people, yet they were not obedient, so he thought the ummah of the Prophet SAW would not be able to handle it.
- The Prophet SAW felt ashamed to go back up to Allah SWT and ask for more reduction, so he accepted the 5 prayers and descended.

Wisdoms of Al-Mi'raj

- Why didn't Ibrahim AS tell the Prophet SAW to reduce the number of prayers?
 - The quality of Ibrahim AS is 'khaleel' which is a person who accepts anything that Allah SWT says.
 - The quality of Musa AS is 'kaleem' which is a person who speaks with Allah SWT.
 - Musa spoke to Allah SWT a lot throughout his prophethood.
 - He would prolong his conversations with Allah SWT as much as possible because he loved speaking to Allah SWT.
- The greatest miracles that happened during the life of the Prophet SAW are the splitting of the moon and his ascension to the heavens.
 - There are several narrations to prove that it was a physical ascension, not a spiritual one.
 - This is important to understand because when the Prophet SAW returned to Mecca the disbelievers would refuse this journey.
 - If it was just a dream, they would have accepted it.

- When the Prophet SAW was spoken to as a messenger to mankind, Allah SWT called him with all of his attributes, but when he was being introduced to Allah SWT, all titles were left behind and he was introduced as a slave of Allah SWT.
- The Prophet SAW was taken up to Allah SWT during the night.
 - Allah SWT wants His slaves to speak to Him at night when there is privacy and they are only focused on Him.
- Why did the Prophet SAW go to Bait al-Maqdis?
 - Allah SWT wanted to honor the Prophet SAW of going to Bait al-Maqdis because all other prophets had gone there.
- Every prophet that the Prophet SAW met had a symbolic meaning.
 - The Prophet SAW would be kicked out of his home of Mecca just like Adam AS was kicked out of Jennah.
 - The Prophet SAW would be persecuted by his family just like Yusuf AS was persecuted by his family. Yusuf As forgave his brothers just like the Prophet SAW would forgive the people of Mecca when they come back and conquer it.
- How did the Prophet SAW meet the other prophets in Bait al-Maqdis when they have all passed away and been buried?
 - The Prophet SAW said that Allah SWT has made the bodies of prophets forbidden for the earth to consume.
 - The scholars say that it is possible that Allah SWT resurrected the prophets and brought them to Bait al-Maqdis.
 - The most authentic opinion is that Allah SWT made the prophets' souls enter physical bodies which were made in the skies which resembled their actual features when they were alive.
 - Isa AS is the only prophet who did not die, so he is still in his physical body in the heavens.

- When the Prophet SAW went to the skies, he saw angels worshipping Allah SWT in different positions.
 - Some were standing, some sitting, some were bowing, and some were prostrating.
 - An angel which has been fixated to worship Allah SWT in a specific position will not be able to worship Allah SWT in any other position.
 - Every creation of Allah SWT worships Him.
 - Trees worship Allah SWT standing.
 - Cattle worship Allah SWT bowing.
 - Reptiles worship Allah SWT in sajdah.
 - Rocks worship Allah SWT sitting.
 - Allah SWT has honored our ummah with the ability to do all positions in one rakah.

- When the Prophet SAW returned, he began to tell the people of Mecca what happened and they refuse to believe it.
- When Abu Jahl heard this he gathered more people and brought them to listen to the Prophet SAW.
- They all began to mock the Prophet SAW after he spoke.
- The Prophet SAW continued to tell them that he was telling the truth, so they asked him to describe Bait al-Maqdis.
 - While the Prophet SAW was at Bait al-Maqdis, he did not look at the details of it.

- Allah SWT displayed Bait al-Maqdis in front of the Prophet SAW in that moment so that he was able to describe it to the people of Mecca.
- The Prophet SAW counted the windows of Bait al-Maqdis and the people were shocked.
- Then he SAW told them that on his way back, he saw a caravan coming to Mecca.
 - He SAW described the caravan in detail.
 - The people of Mecca asked when this caravan would be arriving and he said it would arrive in 3 days before sunset.
 - On this caravan's journey there was a delay and it was going to arrive after sunset.
 - Allah SWT halted the sunset so that the caravan would arrive when he SAW said it would.
- The people of Mecca refused to believe this journey.
 - Some people who had accepted Islam left after they heard this.
- Abu Jahl went to Abu Bakr RA and told him what was happening. Abu Bakr RA asked who was claiming that they went on this journey. Abu Jahl said, "Your friend." Abu Bakr RA said, "If Muhammad claims to have traveled to Bait al-Maqdis to the seventh heaven, then I believe it."
 - This was another reason why Abu Bakr RA was known as Al-Sideeq
 - Abu Bakr's iman was greater than all of the sahabah's iman.
 - This journey was even difficult for some of the sahabah to understand.
 - Abu Bakr RA was also known as Al-Ateeq because he was freed from the hell fire.
 - Even though he was guaranteed Jennah from early on, he continued to do good actions to seek it.

- Lessons from the return include:
 - Take permission before entering someone's house
 - There are blessings in traveling early in the morning, around tahajjud time.
 - If we want an intimate relationship with Allah SWT, the best time to worship Him is the night time.
- Quraysh demanded miracles again, but Allah did not give them what they asked for.
 - One of the reasons why Allah did not give them what they asked was because if He did and Quraysh still chose not to believe, then they would all be subject to complete destruction at that point.
 - Another reason is that the Quran is the greatest miracle. So sending other miracles would be of no use since they already had the greatest miracle right in front of them.
 - The Prophet SAW split the moon in half with the permission of Allah
 - He made the motion with his finger and it split in half.
 - Then, he motioned for each half to move away from the other
 - Even after this, Quraysh did not believe and they called him a magician.

- The Prophet SAW would continue to spread the message of Islam to tribes around Mecca.
- Quraysh sent Dhimaad, who could cure people from the effect of Jinns, to see the Prophet SAW and cure him from his "illness." When Dhimaad met the Prophet SAW, the Prophet SAW started by mentioning the beginning phrases of a khutbah. Dhimaad asked him 3 times to repeat what he said. He was amazed by his speech and said that these words have broken all laws of language and it is like a dictionary of an ocean because the words are so deep. Then, Dhimaad accepted Islam.
- The tribe of Khazraj was having conflict with the other tribes of Madinah, so they came to Mecca to try to make allies with Quraysh.
- Before the entire group came from Yathrib, Eyas bin Mu'aath and Abu al-Haseel came to speak to the Prophet SAW on behalf of the people of Khazraj.
- The Prophet SAW heard their case and then gave them the message of Islam.
 - Eyas bin Mu'aath said that he had heard this from the Jews of Madinah and he believed that the Prophet SAW was truthful.
 - He went to Abu al-Haseel and suggested that they accept Islam.
 - Abu al-Haseel began to pelt him with stones and called him crazy, so Eyas decided to stay quiet and did not accept Islam.
 - A few days after they arrived back in Madinah, Eyas bin Mu'adh became ill and he was on his deathbed.
 - Before he passed away he said subhanallah, la ilaaha illah allah, and allahu akbar.

- The Prophet SAW said that this man was a believer.
- He was the first believer of Madinah.
- During the 11th year of prophethood, a group of 6 pilgrims from Yathrib (Madinah) came to Mecca.
 - As'ad bin Zurarah was their leader and he came with 'Awf ibn Haarith, Uqbah bin 'Amir, and 3 others.
 - They came to Aqabah, near Mina, and met the Prophet SAW.
 - He gave them the message of Islam and they pledged their allegiance to the Prophet SAW.
 - One man, named Thakwaan bin 'Abd al-Qays, pledged his allegiance to the Prophet SAW, but he did not go back to Madinah like the rest of pilgrims did.
 - He is the only person who is considered of the Muhaajireen and of the Ansaar.
- The terms of their pledge were:
 - They would not worship other than Allah SWT
 - They would not commit zina
 - They would not steal
 - They would not kill
 - They would not accuse anyone innocent
- After they accepted Islam, they asked the Prophet SAW to send someone back to Madinah with them to teach the rest of Madinah Islam.
 - The Prophet SAW sent Mus'ab bin Umair and Abdullah bin Ummi Maktoom RA.

- When Mus'ab RA arrived, he was teaching Islam in the house of As'ad bin Zurarah.
- People were secretly accepting Islam and learning about it.
- Usaid bin Huthair, the son of one of the leaders from the 'Aws tribe, found out that people in Madinah were accepting Islam.
 - He came into the house of Asad bin Zurarah and he said, "Oh As'ad, if you were not a relative of mine, I would kill you for what you are doing here."
 - Mus'ab bin Umair RA asked him to listen to what they were teaching. He RA told him that if he didn't like it, then they could argue, and if he liked it, then they could negotiate.
 - Mus'ab RA recited Quran and Usaid said, "I have never heard anything more beautiful than this. What do I have to do to enter your religion?"
 - Mus'ab RA told him to shower, change his clothes, and come back. He did this and then accepted Islam.
- Usaid RA then told Mus'ab bin Umair RA that he knows a person who if he accepted Islam, all of Madinah would accept Islam.
 - This person was Sa'ad bin Mu'adh.
- When they told Sa'ad about Islam, he became angry.
 - Mus'ab bin Umair RA told him to listen to what they have to say and if he doesn't agree then they can argue.
 - When he listened to the Quran, he said the same statement that Usaid said and then he accepted Islam.

- Sa'ad bin Mu'adh RA was the leader of Bani Abd al-Ashhal who was from the tribe of 'Aws.
 - Only one person, named Usairim, did not accept Islam.
 - He did not accept Islam until Uhud.
 - He accepted Islam on the morning of Uhud and then he passed away before Dhuhur.
 - This means that he did not pray a single prayer, but he still died as a Muslim.
- As'ad bin Zurarah RA was the first person to start a Jummah prayer in Madinah.
 - He realized that the Jews had Saturday and the Christians had Sunday, so he wanted the Muslims to have Friday.
 - Before Islam, the day of Jumuah was called 'Arooba.

Second Pledge of 'Aqabah

- In the 13th year of prophethood, Mus'ab bin Umair RA returned to 'Aqabah with 73 men and 2 women to pledge allegiance to the Prophet SAW.
- Some of these people included:
 - Ubayy ibn Ka'ab RA
 - He became the Qari of this ummah
 - Hassan bin Thabit RA
 - He was the poet of the Prophet SAW
 - Sa'ad bin Khaythamah RA
 - Sa'ad bin Rabi' RA
 - Mu'adh bin 'Amr bin Jumuh RA
 - Abdullah bin Rawaha RA
 - Nusaybah RA
 - She fought in the battle of Uhud when they were being defeated.
- The people pledged their allegiance to the Prophet SAW and they asked him to come with them to Madinah.
- 'Abbas, the Prophet's SAW uncle who was not yet Muslim, was present at this pledge.
 - He told them that they must promise to protect the Prophet SAW like they protect their own women and children and that they must support him with everything they have. They agreed to this.
 - The Prophet SAW told them that if they remain true to this, they are promised the best in this life and the best in akhira.
- The first person to pledge his allegiance was As'ad bin Zurarah RA.
- Abbas bin Ubudah was a part of this group.
 - He stood up and said, "Do you guys know what it means if you pledge to the Prophet SAW? Meccans will come after you. Romans will come after you. If you do this you will be in deep trouble."

- Then he asked the Prophet SAW what he would get in return if he pledged his allegiance.
- The Prophet SAW said, "Jannah".
- Among the 80 people present, the Prophet SAW chose 10 to be the leaders of the Ansaar.
- Among the assigned leaders was:
 - As'ad bin Zurarah RA
 - Abdullah bin Rawaha RA
 - Sa'ad bin Rabi' RA
- This time, the pledge meant that they would give their lives for the Prophet SAW.
- This pledge is spoken about in the Quran:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ اشْتَرَى مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَنفُسَهُمْ وَأَمْوَالَهُمْ بِأَنَّ لَهُمُ الْجَنَّةَ يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَيَقْتُلُونَ وَيُقْتَلُونَ وَعِدَّا عَلَيْهِ حَقًّا فِي التَّوْرَاةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ وَالْقُرْآنِ وَمَنْ أَوْفَنِي بِعَهْدِهِ مِنَ اللَّهِ فَاسْتَبِشُوا بِيَعْمَلُكُمُ الَّذِي بَأْيَعْتُمْ بِهِ وَذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ (9:111)

Allah hath purchased of the believers their persons and their goods; for theirs (in return) is the garden (of Paradise): they fight in His cause, and slay and are slain: a promise binding on Him in truth, through the Law, the Gospel, and the Qur'an: and who is more faithful to his covenant than Allah? then rejoice in the bargain which ye have concluded: that is the achievement supreme.

(9:111)

- The Prophet SAW did not shake hands with the women present, but they would stretch a rope or a sheet and hold each end of it and the Prophet SAW would make them repeat the same pledge.
- Now the Prophet SAW would be able to begin the migration to Madinah.

- The Prophet SAW could not order his companions to migrate until Allah SWT gave them the order to go.
- The first person to migrate was Umm Salamah RA.
 - She migrated along with her husband.
 - The family of Umm Salamah RA saw them leaving and they forced her to stay behind.
 - Her husband's family came and told her that she could not keep her child, so they took her child from her. She said that for one year she would come out to the valley and cry from sunrise to sunset. Finally, she got her child back and she migrated by herself to Madinah.
 - Uthmaan bin Math'oon, who was not yet Muslim, saw her travelling alone and he helped her travel through the desert to masjid Quba where she was united with her husband.
- Everyone who migrated had to hide during their migration.
 - If Quraysh found out that someone was migrating, they would abuse them and try to kill them.
- Umar RA was one of the only people to migrate publicly.
 - Before he migrated, he went to every gathering and leader and told them that he would be migrating and if they have a problem, he will be waiting for them in a valley.
 - He said, "Anyone that wishes his wife to become a widow, his children to become an orphan, and his mother to cry over his loss, I am waiting for him."
 - No one dared to show up in front of Umar.
 - The Muslims who were afraid to migrate joined Umar RA when he left.

- Haarith bin Hishaam bin 'Ayaash was one of those who migrated with Umar RA.
- Shortly after they arrived in Madinah, Abu Jahl came to Madinah and told Haarith that his mother took an oath that she would not comb her hair, shower, or eat until he came back.
- He felt sympathy for his mother so he went back to Mecca.
- The Prophet SAW would make dua for him every day that he comes back to Islam.
- Ayyash was one of the people who migrated with Umar.
 - He used to be a friend of Abu Jahl
 - Abu Jahl went to Madinah while the Prophet SAW was still in Mecca. He told Ayyash that his mother made a vow not to shower or take any shade until he comes back to Mecca.
 - Ayyash wanted to go back to help his mother, but Umar tried to get him to stay because he knew that Abu Jahl was likely fooling him.
 - Ayyash went with Abu Jahl and on their way back to Mecca, Abu Jahl tied up Ayyash and held him captive for years.
- Most Muslims migrated, but some people remained in Mecca.
- Among them was Suhaib Al-Rumi RA.
 - Quraysh cornered Suhaib on his way out of Mecca and tried getting him not to go.
 - Suhaib negotiated with Quraysh and offered them all of his money and property if they let him go to Mecca and Quraysh agreed.
 - Later, when the Prophet SAW met Suhaib, he told him that Allah was pleased with his transaction.

|| — The Assassination Plot of the Prophet SAW — ||

- The Prophet SAW was given permission to migrate by Allah SWT. Jibreel told the Prophet SAW that Abu Bakr RA would travel with him.
- When the Prophet SAW got this news he went to the house of Abu Bakr RA and told him that he would be migrating.
- Abu Bakr RA asked if he would be allowed to accompany him and the Prophet SAW said yes.
- Abu Bakr RA began to cry.
 - Aisha RA said about this moment, “I did not know that men could cry out of happiness until I saw my father cry when the Prophet SAW told him he could be his companion on this journey.”
- Quraysh knew that the Prophet SAW would be migrating soon, so they met to discuss how they should stop him.
 - An old man who was not known by anyone came into this meeting.
 - People began to give their suggestions.
 - One person suggested that they imprison the Prophet SAW.
 - Another person suggested that they should banish him to another land where people can't find him.
 - Abu Jahl suggested that they kill him.
 - The old man spoke up and agreed with his idea.
 - This old man was Iblis.
 - Allah SWT spoke about this moment in the Quran:

وَإِذْ يَمْكُرُ بِكَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِيُثْبِتُوكَ أَوْ يُقْتُلُوكَ أَوْ يُخْرِجُوكَ وَيَمْكُرُونَ وَيَمْكُرُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ خَيْرُ الْمَاكِرِينَ (8:30)

Remember how the Unbelievers plotted against thee, to keep thee in bonds, or slay thee, or get thee out (of thy home). They plot and plan, and Allah too plans; but the best of planners is Allah. (8:30)

- The dirt blinded the hundreds of people who were waiting outside of his home.
- He met Abu Bakr RA who had prepared camels for their travel.
- Abu Bakr RA also had his free slaves, 'Amir bin Fuhail and Abdullah bin Uraiqid.
- As they were leaving, Asma RA, the daughter of Abu Bakr RA, wanted to give them a pouch with food but there was no place to put it on the camel.
 - She ripped off her belt and tied it around the camel and hung the food from it.
 - After this day, she was called Thaatul Nitaaqayn, The Possessor of 2 Belts.
- The Prophet SAW and Abu Bakr RA headed to Mount Thawr, which was south of Mecca.
 - The next morning, a man came and saw all of Quraysh standing outside of the house of the Prophet SAW. He asked them what they were doing and they said they were waiting for Muhammad (SAW). The man said that he saw him moving south.
 - Quraysh entered the house and found Ali RA sleeping in his bed.
- Why didn't Quraysh walk into the house of the Prophet SAW at night and assassinate him?
 - It was one of the etiquettes of Quraysh that they would not enter someone's home without their permission.
 - Although they were evil people, they held onto some morals and values.

- The Prophet SAW headed to the cave of Thawr.
 - He SAW knew that Quraysh was looking for him, so they took a detour to this cave.
- Abu Bakr RA and his family were at the service of the Prophet SAW throughout this entire journey.
- As they were walking to the cave, Abu Bakr RA would walk in front of the Prophet SAW, then behind him, then to the right of him, then to the left of him.
 - The Prophet SAW questioned Abu Bakr RA about why he was moving around him.
 - Abu Bakr RA responded, “I walk behind you fearing that someone is hunting for us so I try to protect you from the back. I walk in front fearing that someone is going to ambush us. I walk right and left to make sure that no one is coming to harm us.”
- The Prophet SAW asked, “Oh Abu Bakr, would you jeopardize your life to protect my life?”
 - Abu Bakr RA responded, “Any day oh messenger of Allah.”
- As they approached the cave of Thawr, Abu Bakr carried the Prophet SAW the rest of the way to the cave.
 - Sometimes, people who do not have much strength are given strength by Allah

- When they arrived at the cave of Thawr, Abu Bakr RA asked the Prophet SAW to wait outside so that he could clean the cave.
 - Abu Bakr RA ripped the fabric of his turban and began to fill in any holes in the cave where there may be scorpions or snakes.
 - Then he removed his upper cloth and continued to plug any holes.
 - There was one hole which he was unable to fill because he ran out of cloth.
 - Then he invited the Prophet SAW inside and the Prophet SAW laid down, placing his head in the lap of Abu Bakr RA.
 - Abu Bakr RA placed his foot on top of the hole which was uncovered.
- As the Prophet SAW rested, a scorpion in the hole began to bite Abu Bakr RA.
 - It bit him 3 times while the Prophet SAW was sleeping in his lap.
 - Abu Bakr RA shed a tear from the pain of this bite and the tear dropped on the face of the Prophet SAW.
 - He SAW woke up and asked Abu Bakr RA what happened.
 - Abu Bakr RA informed him that he had been bit by a venomous creature.
 - The Prophet SAW then wiped his saliva over the leg of Abu Bakr RA and Allah SWT cured his leg.
 - Scholars say that animals know who pious people are, so they questioned why a scorpion would bite Abu Bakr RA.
 - They said that this scorpion's view of the Prophet's SAW face was being blocked by the leg of Abu Bakr RA.
 - Although the scorpion knew who Abu Bakr RA was, it had to bite him in order to get a view of the Prophet's SAW face.

- One day the Prophet SAW was traveling and he wanted to rest so he told Jaabir RA to guard him while he rested. All of a sudden, a large tree ripped through the ground and moved toward the Prophet SAW. When he SAW woke up, he saw that the ground was ripped apart. He asked Jaabir RA what happened. Jaabir's face was pale and he told the Prophet SAW what happened. The Prophet SAW said, "Yes, this tree said to Allah SWT three times, 'Oh Allah, Muhammad SAW is in the valley, please do not deprive me of this sight.' Allah SWT gave the tree permission, so it came."
- The people of Quraysh were able to track down the Prophet SAW and they arrived at the cave.
- A spider had built a web on the mouth of the cave. Because of this, Quraysh thought that no one was in the cave.
- When Quraysh was close to the Prophet SAW and Abu Bakr RA, Abu Bakr RA began to cry. He RA said to the Prophet SAW, "If they were to look beneath their feet, they would see us." The Prophet SAW said, "What do you expect? We are two people and Allah SWT is the third." This calmed Abu Bakr RA.
- Allah revealed the following ayah about the support of Abu Bakr RA:

إِلَّا تَنْصُرُوهُ فَقَدْ نَصَرَهُ اللَّهُ إِذْ أَخْرَجَهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ثَانِيَ اثْنَيْنِ إِذْ هُمَا فِي الْغَارِ إِذْ يَقُولُونَ لِصَاحِبِهِ لَا تَحْزَنْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَنَا فَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ سَكِينَتَهُ عَلَيْهِ وَأَيَّدَهُ بِجُنُودٍ لَمْ تَرَوْهَا وَجَعَلَ كَلِمَةَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا السُّفْلَى وَكَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ هِيَ الْعُلْيَا وَاللَّهُ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ (9:40)

If ye help not (your leader), (it is no matter): for Allah did indeed help him, when the Unbelievers drove him out: he had no more than one companion; they two were in the cave, and he said to his companion, "Have no fear, for Allah is with us": then Allah sent down His peace upon him, and strengthened him with forces which ye saw not, and humbled to the depths the word of the Unbelievers. But the word of Allah is exalted to the heights: for Allah is Exalted in might, Wise. (9:40)

- Allah SWT is telling the disbelievers that if they don't want to support the Prophet SAW, he has the support of Abu Bakr RA and Allah SWT.
- They spent 3 days in the cave.
- While they were in the cave, Abu Jahl approached Asma bint Abu Bakr RA because he saw her returning from a distant area.
 - He told her to tell him where the Prophet SAW and Abu Bakr RA were.
 - Asma RA said, "I swear to Allah I know where they both are and I swear to Allah I will not tell you."
 - Abu Jahl threatened to abuse Asma RA but she refused to tell him anything.
 - Abu Jahl then hit Asma RA in the face and she began to bleed.
 - The next day, Asma RA came to the cave to deliver food to them, and the Prophet SAW saw the mark on her face.
 - He SAW made dua for the entire family of Abu Bakr RA. He SAW said, "Oh Allah, the entire family of Abu Bakr has supported me and I ask you to be pleased with them."
 - He SAW also said, "Abu Bakr is my companion here and he will also be my companion at the pond on the Day of Judgement."
- Aisha RA said that when Abu Bakr RA accepted Islam he had 40,000 dirhams and he spent all of that money on freeing slaves and sponsoring Muslims to migrate. He had only 5,000 dirhams with him when he migrated and he spent that money on the expansion of the masjid of the Prophet SAW.
- There were 4 people on this journey.
 - Abu Bakr RA
 - The Prophet SAW
 - 'Amir bin Fuhail
 - Abdullah bin Uraiqidh

- The people of Quraysh placed a bounty of 100 camels on the Prophet SAW and 100 camels on Abu Bakr RA. Whoever found him would get this prize.
- Suraqah bin Malik heard about this, so he decided to track down the Prophet SAW and Abu Bakr RA.
 - He was able to find them in the cave.
 - When Abu Bakr RA saw him approaching he began to cry.
 - The Prophet SAW said to let him come.
 - As Suraqah approached them, the Prophet SAW made dua and the hooves of his animal began to sink in the sand. Suraqah said, "Oh Muhammad, I know this is because of your prayer against me. If you relieve me from my trouble, I promise I will turn away." The Prophet SAW made dua and the animal was able to move. Rather than turning away, Suraqah began to move toward them, so the Prophet SAW made dua again and the animal began to sink. Again, Suraqah said that he will turn away, so the Prophet SAW let him go but he came toward them. After the third time that Suraqah asked to be released, the Prophet SAW told him to accept Islam. Suraqah refused to accept Islam but he told the Prophet SAW that when he goes back, he will mislead anyone who is trying to find him.
 - The Prophet SAW said to Suraqah, "Oh Suraqah, how will it be that one day you will wear the bracelets of Kisra." Suraqah asked the Prophet SAW to write his statement down so that when it happened, he would have evidence.
 - The Prophet SAW asked Abdullah bin Uraiqidh to write it for him on a leather patch.

- Years later, during the time of Umar's RA leadership, the Persian empire was conquered. The crown and bracelets of Caesar were brought to Umar RA. Suraqah came to Umar RA and told him that they belonged to him. Suraqah was not a part of the army which conquered Persia so Umar RA was hesitant to give it to him, but when he showed him the leather patch with the message of the Prophet SAW, he placed the bracelets on his arms.
- Men are not supposed to wear gold, so Umar RA placed the bracelets on his arms so show the truth of the Prophet's SAW prophecy, then he took them off and gave them to him to keep.
- Another person who spotted the Prophet SAW was Buraidah Al-Aslami.
 - He came with 70-80 people.
 - The name Buraidah comes from the word بَرَدْ which means to be cold or cool. The Prophet SAW took the positive aspect of his name and used it to reassure Abu Bakr RA.
 - He SAW said, "Matters are cooling down."
 - He SAW asked Buraidah where he was from and he responded that he was from Banu Aslam.
 - The Prophet SAW told him that he will become Muslim.
 - Buraidah, along with the people with him, became Muslim and they all migrated to Madinah.
 - Buraidah told the Prophet SAW that he wanted to be with him when he arrived in Madinah. He asked the Prophet SAW for a sign that he had met with.
 - The Prophet SAW took his turban and placed it on the staff of Buraidah and told him to show it to the people of Madinah so they would know that the Prophet SAW was coming.

- On their way to Madinah, they stopped at the tent of Umm Ma'bad.
- The best description of the Prophet SAW was given by her.
- The Prophet SAW and Abu Bakr RA stopped at her tent and asked if she had any food. She told them that she had nothing.
 - The Prophet SAW saw a small goat and asked her about it.
 - She said that it was very weak and had no milk.
 - The Prophet SAW asked her permission to milk the goat.
 - She responded, "May my parents be sacrificed to you if you think you can find milk in this animal."
 - The Prophet SAW said bismillah and wiped his hands over the animals udders and milk began to gush from it. He SAW asked for a utensil and they filled it with milk.
 - The Prophet SAW, Abu Bakr RA, Abdullah bin Uraiqidh, and 'Amr bin Fuhail drank from this milk.
 - The Prophet SAW filled the utensil again for the family to drink and they left.
- When the husband of Umm Ma'bad came home he asked her where the milk came from. She said, "A very blessed person just walked by." Abu Ma'bad asked her to describe him.
 - This is where we got the best description of the Prophet SAW.
 - Umm Ma'bad described the beauty of the Prophet SAW even when he was traveling in the middle of the desert.
 - Jaabir RA would say, "His face would glow like the full moon."
 - Aisha RA would say, "The women of Yusuf's time cut their fingers when they saw the beauty of Yusuf. If they saw my habib, they would cut their hearts in half."
 - Aisha RA said, "I was sowing one night and lost my needle. The Prophet SAW came in and the reflection of the noor of his face allowed me to find my needle."

- The Prophet SAW arrived in Quba on the 12th of Rabi' ul-Awwal.
- He SAW stayed here for 4 days and built the first masjid.
- The Prophet SAW said, "*Whoever prays in Masjid Quba gets the reward of Hajj and Umrah.*"
- The Prophet SAW would go to Masjid Quba every Saturday.
- On the 5th day the Prophet SAW stopped in the community of Banu Salim.
 - The people of Banu Salim knew that he SAW built masjid Quba in the neighboring community and they wanted something special for their community.
 - The Prophet SAW prayed the first Jummah in this community.
 - Lessons from the first khutbah included having taqwa and not harboring animosity for anyone.
 - This masjid is known as Masjid Jumu'ah.

- Everyone was eager to welcome the Prophet SAW.
 - The Jews were particularly eager to see him SAW because they knew about him from their scriptures.
 - Safiya RA said, "My father and uncle heard about the Prophet SAW in Quba so they went and looked at him. They said that he looked like a real prophet. Then my uncle asked my father, 'Are we going to follow him?' My father said, 'No way! He is not from Bani Ishaaq.'"
- The people of Madinah would wait for the Prophet SAW to enter every day for the 5 days that he was in Quba.
 - The Prophet SAW finally entered Madinah with Abu Bakr RA.

- Anas RA said, "When the Prophet SAW entered Madinah, everything in it was illuminated and when the Prophet SAW passed away, the light was taken out of it."
- Anas RA also said, "When I saw Abu Bakr and the Prophet SAW, I had never seen 2 people who were so identical."
- Before the Prophet SAW entered Madinah, he met Zubair and Talha RA in an area before Quba.
 - They gave Abu Bakr RA and the Prophet SAW new white clothes which they wore when they entered Madinah.
- When the women and children came out and saw them coming in, they did not know which one was the Prophet SAW.
- When the sun began to beam on the Prophet SAW, Abu Bakr RA took off his cloak and shielded the Prophet SAW from the sun.
 - Only then did the people of Madinah realize who the Prophet SAW was and who Abu Bakr RA was.
- The Prophet SAW stayed in the house of Abu Ayyub Al-Ansari
- When the Prophet SAW moved into Abu Ayyub's RA house, he SAW requested to live on the bottom floor while Abu Ayyub's family lived on the top floor so that the guests of the Prophet SAW would not disturb his family.
 - Abu Ayyub RA did not want the Prophet SAW to sleep beneath him so he told him to take the top floor.
 - After a few days, they realized that the Prophet SAW had too many guests so he took the bottom floor and Abu Ayyub's family took the top floor.
- Abu Ayyub and his wife used to eat the leftover food from the Prophet SAW to get the blessings from it.

- Some of the Jews accepted Islam but many of them did not accept because of their jealousy.
- One of the Jews who accepted Islam was named Abdullah bin Salam.
 - The Prophet SAW gave a speech when he entered Madinah.
 - This is the first narration ever documented in Madinah and it was narrated by Abdullah bin Salam. He SAW said, *"Oh people, spread salam, feed people, join ties with your relatives, and pray at night while the world is sleeping so you may enter Jennah with peace."*
- Maymun bin Yameen, who was a Jewish leader accepted Islam along with many others.