

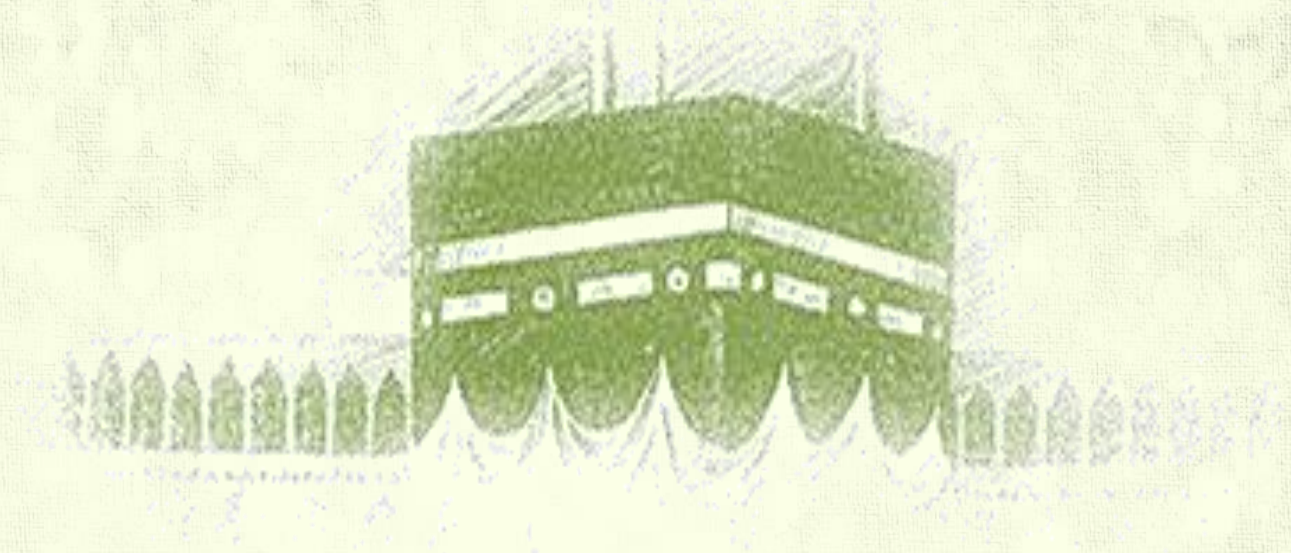
THE

NOBLE BIRTH

OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD

(PEACE BE UPON HIM)

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Recommended sources:

'Sirat-ul-Mustafa' by the great Shaykh Maulana Idris Khandehlwai

'Sealed Nectar' by Saifiur Rahman Mubarakpuri

For more detailed narrations and for chains of various narrations:

'Sirat al-Halabiyyah'

'Raudat-ul-Unuf'

'Al-Bidayah wan-Nihayah'

'Al-Muwahib al-Ladunniyyah'

Please keep us in your prayers.

'Verily, Allah chose Kinānah
from the descendants of Isma'il.
He chose Quraish from Kinānah,
He chose Banu Hāshim from Quraish,
and He chose me
from Banu Hāshim.'

(Hadith narrated in Sahih Muslim)

ABDUL MUTTALIB: ZAMZAM AND THE VOW

- Abdul Muttalib dreams for four days that he is told to dig Zam Zam (It had been covered up by the Jurhum tribe when they left). He digs and finds it.
- Quraish differ with him about who will be in charge of its treasures. He goes with Quraish to a wise woman to resolve the issue. Water gushes from under his camel when they run out of water in the desert. Seeing this, they understand that it should be him. Besides, his family were already in charge of Siqayah and Rifadah (providing water and food to pilgrims).
- He has one son, Hārith, at this time. He vows that if he is granted ten sons, he will even sacrifice one for Allah. Later when his sons reach the age of understanding, he sees a dream reminding him of his vow.
- He draws their names randomly to decide whom it would be. The name of Abdullah, his youngest and most adored, comes out. He is persuaded to go to a fortune teller and she tells him to write Abdullah's name on one arrow and ten camels, which was the blood money for a life, on another. He kept drawing Abdullah's name until the eleventh time. Upon this, he sacrifices a hundred camels in exchange for Abdullah's life and gives a large feast.

Sayyidina Mu'awiyah says:

I heard a (Bedouin) man say to the Prophet (peace be upon him):

يا ابنَ الذبيحينِ

'O son of the two sacrificed ones!'

and the Prophet (peace be upon him) laughed.

(Narrated in Tafsir al-Qurtubi)

ABDULLAH'S MARRIAGE TO AAMENAH

Abdullah grows into a an eligible and respected young man. He is arranged to marry the most pleasant and noble young woman of Quraish. Once, Abdul Muttalib once went to Yemen and met a wise man who informed him that there would be both Prophethood and kingship emerging from his progeny. The man asked the connection between Banu Zuhra and himself, which there was none at the time. Later, Abdul Muttalib marries his son Abdullah to Aamenah, daughter of Wahb, the chief of Banu Zuhra and himself marries her cousin, Haalah, from whom he would have Safiyyah and Hamza. On the way to his marriage, Abdullah is proposed to by a woman - Qutailah or Raqeeqah, sister of Waraqah - who studied previous scriptures. He does not pay her any mind. He passes by her again and she takes her offer back, explaining that she saw the light of the last Prophet shining on his forehead which has now transferred to his wife Aamenah, to be passed on to their son who would be the last Prophet. Abdullah and Aamenah move into his home and they are very happy. Abdullah goes on a business trip to Syria. He stops over in Madinah (then known as Yathrib) and passes away there. Aamenah is pregnant with Rasulullah (peace be upon him). He has no blood siblings. Around 50 days before his birth, 'the elephant incident' takes place.

AAMENAH'S PREGNANCY

'I came forth from marriage, I did not come from fornication all the way from Adam until my father and mother begot me. None of the fornication of Jahiliyyah reached me.'

(Hadith narrated in Tabarān'is Awsat)

- She felt no troubling symptoms or cravings of pregnancy
- The smell of perfume would emanate from her
- In those days people would put an amulet on expecting mothers to ward off evil things, out of superstition. When they put it on Aamenah, it would fall off.
- She had dreams giving her glad tidings about her son's greatness
- She could hear unseen beings, the angels, making Salam to her
- She had a dream: 'You are carrying the leader of this nation, and when he is born name him Muhammad.'
- She had a dream where an angel informed her: 'You are carrying the leader of this nation so when he is born recite: I put him in the protection of the one from the evil of every envier.'

أُعِيذُهُ بِالْوَاحِدِ مِنْ شَرِّ كُلِّ حَاسِدٍ



'When my mother became pregnant with me, she saw something as a light came out of her, and illuminated the palaces of Bostra in Shām.'
(Hadith narrated in Tabarāni)



'I was the slave of Allah and the Seal of the Prophets
when Adam was still in the form of mud on the ground
and I will tell you about that.

I am the answer to the prayer of my father Ibrahim
the glad tidings of Isa concerning me
and the dream that my mother saw which the mothers of Prophets see.'
(Hadith narrated in Musnad Ahmed)

And remember when Isa son of Maryam said, 'O children of Israil! I am truly Allah's
messenger to you, confirming the Torah which came before me, and giving good news of
a messenger after me whose name will be Ahmad.' Yet when he (the Prophet Muhammad
(peace be upon him)) came to them with clear proofs, they said, 'This is pure magic.'

(Qur'an: 61:6)

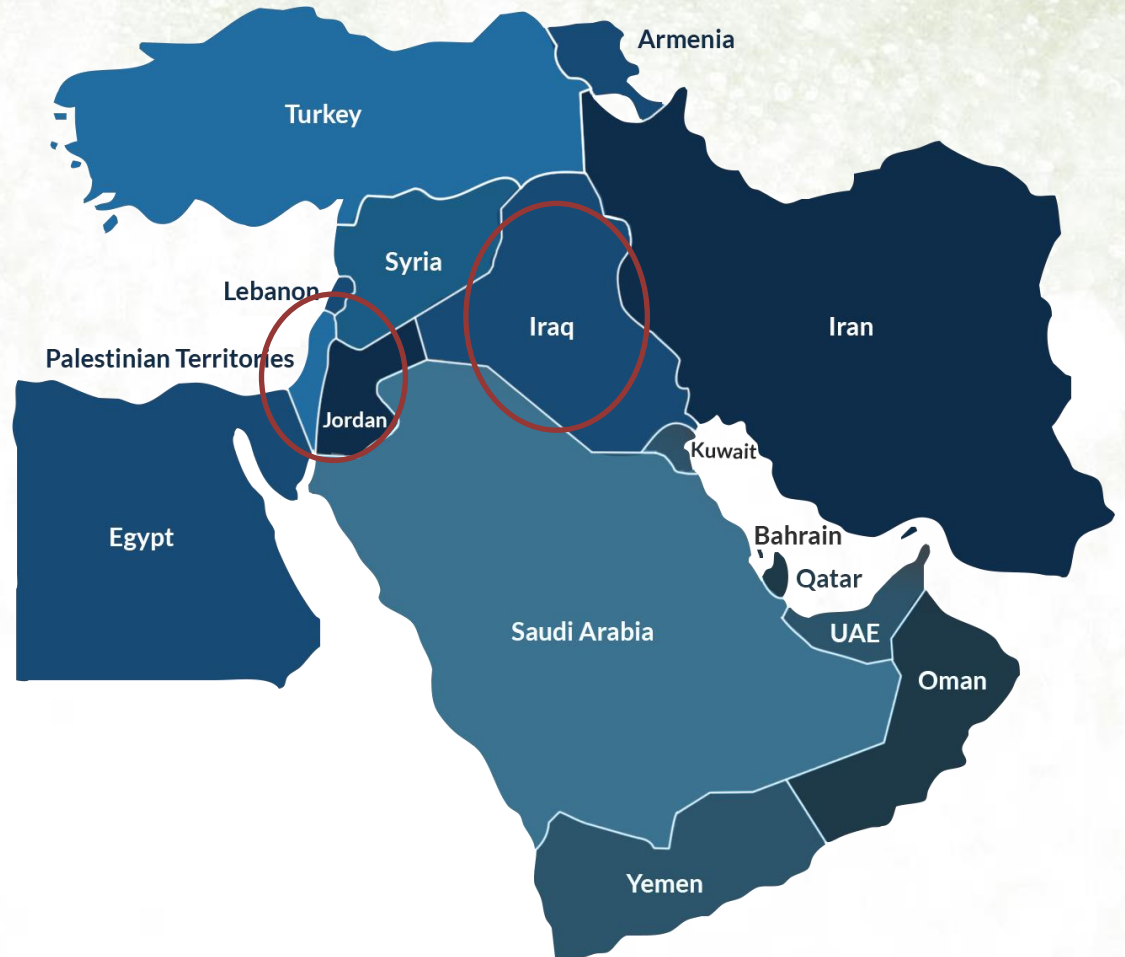
Our Lord, and send among them a messenger (the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon
him)) from themselves who will recite to them Your Ayaat and teach them the Book and
wisdom and purify them. Indeed, You are the Exalted in Might, the Wise.

(Qur'an 2:129)

SIGNS OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE GREATEST OF MANKIND

- The lake of Sāwah بحيرة ساوة dried up
- The valley of Samāwah السماوة filled up
- The lake of Tibria/Tiberias (sea of Galilee/Kinnereth) بحيرة طبريا dried up

These are signs mentioned in the previous scriptures as signs of the coming of the last Prophet. When this happened suddenly over one night, the priests who knew of these signs knew that the last Prophet was coming into the world, and that they should follow him when he announces his Prophethood.



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- The star of 'Ahmed' which would shine brightly as a red star when the last Prophet was born. It is said that this would occur when any Prophet was born.
- A year of drought turned into a fertile year
- Earthquake in Persia after which fourteen minarets fell down from Kisra, the Sassanid emperor's, palace
- Shaitan let out a cry of despair on four occasions: When he was cursed, when he was cast from Jannah, when the Messenger of Allah Muhammad (peace be upon him) was born, when Surah Fatiha was revealed
- Jinns could no longer fly near the lowest heaven to eavesdrop and were cast with fiery embers by the angels
- Fire which Magians (Zoroastrians) kept burning for 1000 years was extinguished
- All kings' thrones turned upside down, fortune tellers and magicians lost their ability
- Idols around Ka'bah fell down and animals of Quraish spoke that night, 'The Messenger of Allah has been born, by the Lord of the Ka'bah! He is the peace bringer to the world and light bringer to its residents.'
- Many wise men informed their people of the noble birth

SPECIFIC INCIDENTS: HIS GRANDFATHER'S DREAM

Abdul Muttalib was asleep by the Ka'bah. He had a wondrous dream. He saw a tree growing until it reached the sky. The tree had branches that spread to the East and the West. It appeared that a very bright light was shining on the tree. Abdul Muttalib saw the Arabs and the non-Arabs bow to the tree. The tree continued growing larger, higher, and brighter. Then he saw some people from Quraish holding to the branches of the tree, while others of the Quraish tried to chop down the tree. A very handsome youth stopped them from chopping down the tree. Abdul Muttalib saw himself put his hand out to grab the tree, but he could not reach it.

This tree represents the message of Islam which would be brought by Abdul Muttalib's grandson. Some from his tribe will embrace it but others will try to fight it, remaining unsuccessful. This message will spread across the world. Abdul Muttalib had also met monks on his journeys to Shām and Yemen who informed him that he would be the ancestor of the last Prophet.

SPECIFIC INCIDENTS: HASSĀN RECOLLECTS

The Sahabi Hassān ibn Thābit narrates, 'One day when I was seven years old, I was at the place of the Jews in their suburb (of Madinah) and there was a Jewish Rabbi who was sitting high on top of a house and was calling out: 'O Jewish people! Today the star of Ahmad has emerged or appeared and it does not appear except with his arrival.'

SPECIFIC INCIDENTS: ABU MĀLIK RECOLLECTS

The Sahabi Abu Mālik ibn Sinan mentioned that the Jewish Rabbi of Madinah named Joshua mentioned the coming of the last Prophet Ahmed who would come from the Haram (sacred precinct). When asked his description, he replied, 'A man who will neither be short or tall. There is a slight red mark in the whites of his eyes (this was a sign in the Prophet (peace be upon him) so that they could recognise him exactly). He will wear a turban and ride a donkey (a sign of humbleness). His sword will be on his shoulder (meaning he will be fought by enemies but will be victorious) and this city (Madinah) will be his place of migration.' Another Jewish leader named Zubair ibn Bātā mentioned that the star of Ahmed had been seen and thus they knew that the last Prophet (peace be upon him) was born.

SPECIFIC INCIDENTS: THE JEWISH MAN'S MESSAGE

There was a Jewish merchant in Makkah on the night that the Prophet (peace be upon him) was born. He inquired, 'O people of Quraish! Was there any new-born among you?□ They went to find out.' He said, 'Tonight, the Prophet of this last nation was born. Between his shoulders there is a mark containing a few baby hairs on it.□ They accompanied the Jewish person and went to the Prophet (peace be upon him)'s mother, and asked her if they could see her son. She brought him to them and they uncovered his back and saw the birth mark, whereupon the man fell unconscious. When he regained consciousness, they asked him what the matter was. He answered, 'By Allah, Prophethood has gone away from Banu Israil (and been blessed to the Arab Prophet).'

SPECIFIC INCIDENTS: THE DREAM OF THE PERSIAN

At that time, Iran's head judge known as Mubezan, had a dream: 'I saw that hundreds of roaring camels, with rearing Arabian horses before them, swam across the River Tigris and spread into the lands of Iran.' The Kisra (emperor) found this dream of honest, knowledgeable and just Mubezan very meaningful. He asked his interpreters of its meaning. 'It means that something very important will happen on the Arabian side.'

SIX SPECIFIC INCIDENTS: THE PRIEST CONFIRMS

Kisra wrote a letter to Nu'mān bin Munzir, the governor of Hira about certain signs they witnessed. Nu'mān sent for a scholar named Abdul Masih bin Amr to Madayin. Kisra gave audience to the scholar right away. Abdul Masih told him that he could not give information to Kisra about what happened and he added: 'My uncle Satih, who lives near Damascus, has got enough knowledge to answer them.' Upon this, Kisra assigned Abdul Masih to go and get information about the events from Satih. The famous prognosticator of Damascus, Satih, was very old. He was close to death and could barely speak. When he heard the news, Satih, opened his eyes and cried out in excitement: 'O Abdul Masih! When Divine revelation will be read more. When the staff holder(s) will become dominant. When the valley of Samāwah is overflowing. When the river of Sāwah dries up. When the fire of the Persians has died out. And Damascus is not Damascus anymore for Satih. As many as the number of the towers in Kisra's palace that fell down, rulers will come out from the Sassanids and then the promise will be realized.'



In 2012, the directorate of Antiquities and Heritage in the governorate of Al-Najaf unearthed a 1700-year old monastery built before Islam belonging to the Christian monk Abdul Massih Ibn Bqila whose gravestone found in the church is inscribed with the words in Kufic script 'May God Have Mercy On Abdul Masih'.

THE BLESSED BIRTH

- City: Makkat-ul-Mukarramah
- Area: Banu Hāshim area, near mount Abu Qubais (the first mountain created)
- Day: Monday
- Month: Rabi-ul-Awwal
- Date: 8th or 12th according to soundest narrations, other views too
- Solar date: 20th April 571 A.D.
- Year: When 'the elephant incident' occurred in Makkah
- Time: Before rising of dawn
- Naming: Named 'Muhammad' which means 'the most praised/the most praising' by his mother and grandfather who saw dreams informing them to name him such
- Aqeeqah: Tradition to have hair cut, give a feast and charity on 7th day after birth

His mother Aamenah said, 'When I gave birth to the Prophet (peace be upon him), with him came out a light that lit the space between the east and west. He then fell on the ground, and leaning on his hands, took a handful of soil, grasped it, then raised his head toward Heaven.' (al-Bidayah wan-Nihayah)

THE BLESSED CONDITION DURING BIRTH

- Not pinched by Shaitan as he usually pinches babies upon their birth which causes them to cry. Neither were Maryam and her son Isa son of Maryam (peace be upon them) pinched by Shaitan.
- Born circumcised ; one his miracles is that none have seen his private parts
- His umbilical cord cut
- He was born clean of blood or meconium stool
- He was full of light and fragrance and all around him commented on that
- He has the seal of Prophethood which was a slightly raised flesh on his left shoulder; a sign that he was the last of all Prophets
- The traditional birthing position of mothers at that time was the squatting position

Some narrations indicate:

- He (peace be upon him) made Sajdah
- He raised his hands to the heavens
- He raised his Shahadah finger
- He said words of Tauheed

EYE WITNESSES SEE THE LIGHT

Fatimah, mother of the Sahabi Uthman ibn Abul Aas, was present during the blessed birth. She says,

'At the time of Muhammad (peace be upon him)'s birth, I saw the house filled with lights. The stars drew so near that I thought they were going to fall on me.'

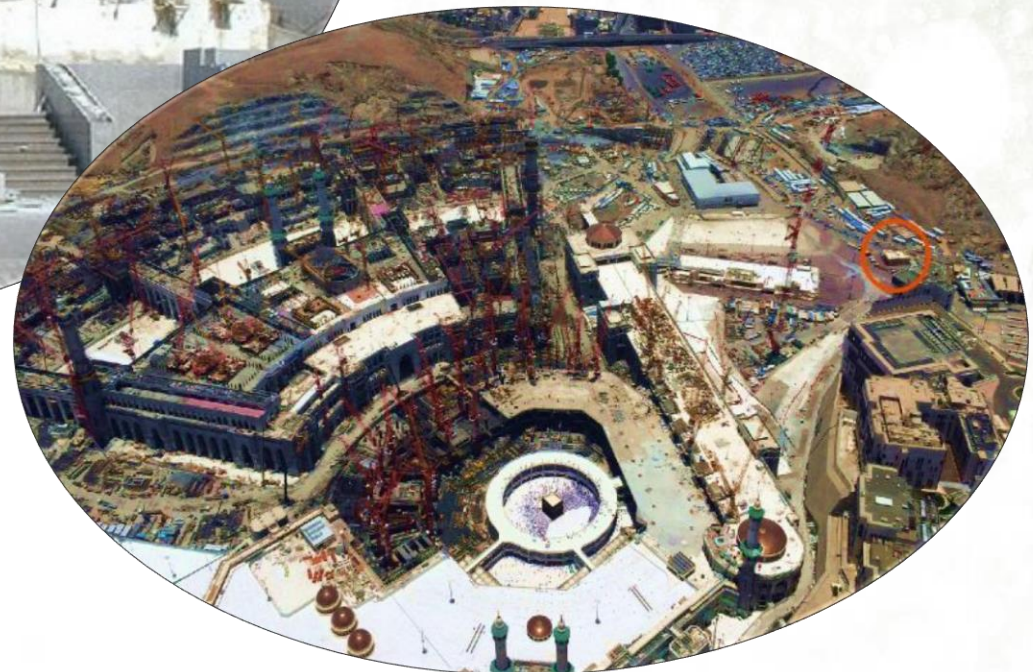
The scholars explain this to mean the angelic presence was very powerful and that Nur (pure celestial light) had surrounded the area.

Shifā, mother of the Sahabi Abdur Rahman ibn Auf, was present during the blessed birth. She says,

'I was there when the Messenger of Allah was born. I quickly came there for help. I heard a voice: 'May Allah's mercy be upon him.' The distance between the east and the west was filled with light. And I saw some palaces of Byzantine in that light....'

She was so awed by what she saw that she became one of the earliest Believers when the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) announced his Prophethood.

The blessed birth place
of the greatest of
mankind now functions
as an Islamic library
known as 'Maktabat
Makkat-ul-Mukarramah'



Urwah narrates, Thuwaibah was the freed slave girl of Abu Lahab whom he had freed, and then she suckled the Prophet (peace be upon him). When Abu Lahab died, one of his relatives (his brother Abbas) saw him in a dream in a very bad state and asked him, 'What have you encountered?' Abu Lahab said, 'I have not found any rest since I left you, except that I have been given water to drink in this (the space between his thumb and other fingers) and that is because of my freeing Thuwaibah.' (Sahih al-Bukhari)

'I am Muhammad
and I am Ahmad
and I am the Māhi (the expunger)
by whom unbelief is expunged
and I am the Hāshir (the gatherer)
at whose feet mankind will be gathered
and I am the Aaqib (the last to come)
after whom there will be no Prophet.'
(Hadith narrated in Sahih Muslim)

SPRING'S GIFT by Shaykh Hamza Yusuf

I envy the sand that met his feet
I'm jealous of honey he tasted sweet
Of birds that hovered above his head
Of spiders who spun their sacred web
To save him from his enemies
I envy clouds formed from the seas
That gave him cover from the heat
Of a sun whose light could not compete
With his, whose face did shine so bright
That all was clear in blinding night
I envy sightless trees that gazed
Upon his form completely dazed
Not knowing if the sun had risen
But felt themselves in unison
With those who prayed, and fasted too
Simply because he told them to
With truth and kindness, charity
From God who gave such clarity
His mercy comes in one He sent
To mold our hearts more heaven bent
I envy all there at his side
Who watched the turning of the tide
As truth prevailed and falsehood fled

And hope restored life to the dead
Men and Women through him found grace
To seek together God's noble face
I envy the cup that gave him drink
His thoughts that helped us all to think
To be one thought that passed his mind
Inspiring him to act so kind
For me this world is not one jot
If I could simply be a thought
From him to God throughout the ages
As revelation came in stages
I pity all who think it odd
To hear him say there is one God
Or he was sent by God to men
To hone their spirits' acumen
It's pride that blinds us from the sight
That helps good men to see his light
He taught us all to be God's slaves
And he will be the one who saves
Humanity from sinful pride
Muhammad has God on his side
So on this day be blessed and sing
For he was born to grace our Spring
With lilies, flowers, life's rebirth
In a dome of green like his on earth

