

السيرة النبوية قصة خاتم المرسلين

The Prophetic Biography

The Story of the Last Messenger

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Lesson 1: The Desert



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In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Learning objectives:

- *Learn* about the story of Ibrahim and Isma'eel
- *Discuss* the situation in the Arabian Desert

The Story of the Prophet ﷺ

- Why do we study the Story of the Prophet ﷺ?
- When did people start studying the Story of the Prophet ﷺ?



Chapter 1: The Story of Ibrahim

Ibrahim was a noble prophet and messenger of God.

Ibrahim always did as Allah told him.

He was known as “The Close Friend of the Most Merciful” (*Khaleel al-Rahman*).



Ibrahim's people did not like him.
He spoke to them for a long time.
They would not believe in Allah.

Ibrahim left his home and
travelled to a valley called *Bacca*.
He wished to worship Allah and
call people to Islam.

When Ibrahim went, Allah
revealed to him a command. Allah
told Ibrahim to leave his wife
Hajar and son Isma'eel alone in
the barren desert!



Ibrahim was a loyal servant of Allah. He knew that if he obeyed Allah, Allah would take care of his family.

When he began to leave, his wife, Hajar, called out to him. “O Ibrahim? Where are you going? Are you leaving us in this empty desert?”



Hajar was a noble woman too. She knew Ibrahim was a responsible man. He would only do this if Allah commanded.

“Did Allah command you to do this?” Hajar asked.

“Yes,” Ibrahim replied.

“If that is so, then do not worry!” Hajar said.



Quick Review:

- Why is Hajar not worried about being left alone in the desert?
- What is the name of the baby Hajar had with her?
 - A. Ishaaq
 - B. Adam
 - C. Isma'eel
 - D. Dawud



Chapter 2: Finding *Zamzam*

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Where could she find water in the empty desert!?

She ran up the side of a nearby mountain to look out and see if she could spot a well or river.



Hajar could not find anything on that mountain, so she ran down across to another mountain to look again.

She frantically ran back and forth between the mountains as baby Isma'eel cried for water below.

She called out to Allah for help. She knew that Allah would not abandon them.



Allah heard
Isma'eel
crying and
Hajar praying.

Allah created
a spring in the
ground that
gushed out at
Isma'eel's feet.



This spring
was named
Zamzam,
and caravans
from all
around
would stop
at the well
to get water.



Quick Review:

- What did Hajar do to look for water?
- What is the name of the spring Allah created?
 - A. Mishmish
 - B. Bi'r Taweel
 - C. Al-Hawd
 - D. Zamzam



Chapter 3: Building the *Ka'bah*



After some time, Ibrahim returned to *Bacca* to visit his family.

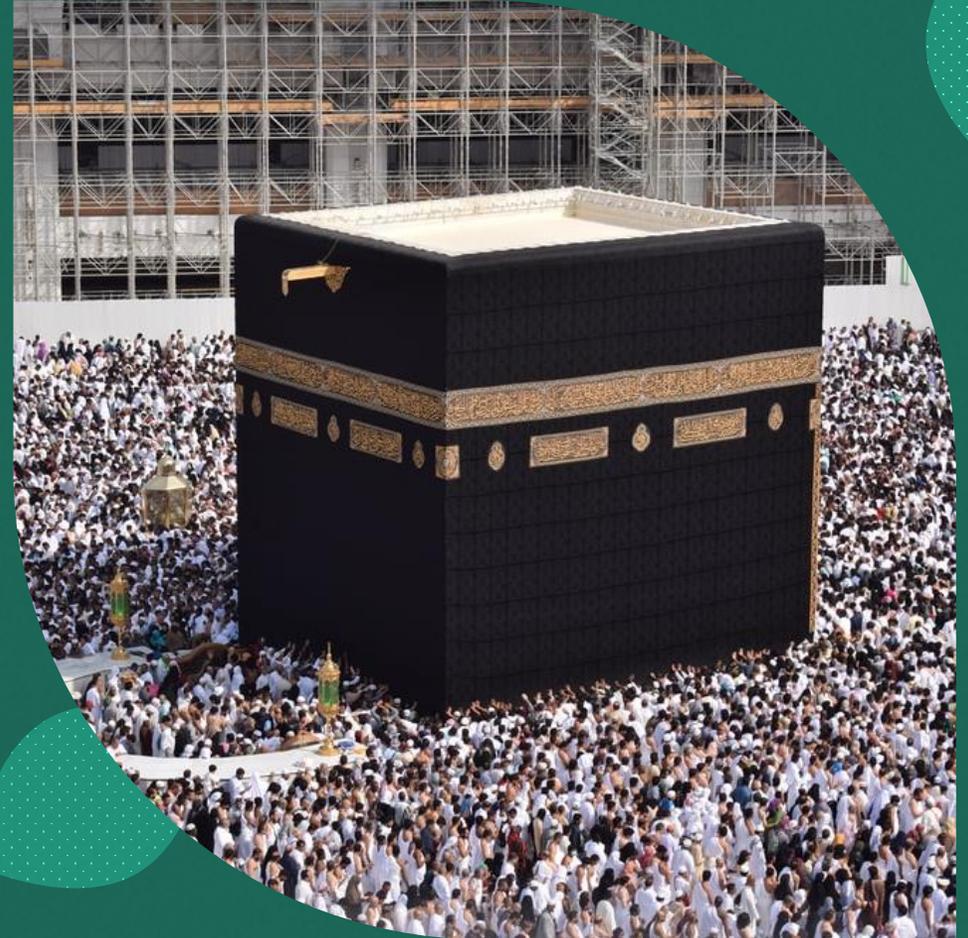
He was so happy to see how Allah cared for them.

Ibrahim made a prayer to Allah,

“My Lord, make this city ‘of Mecca’ secure and provide fruits to its people—those among them who believe in Allah and the Last Day.”

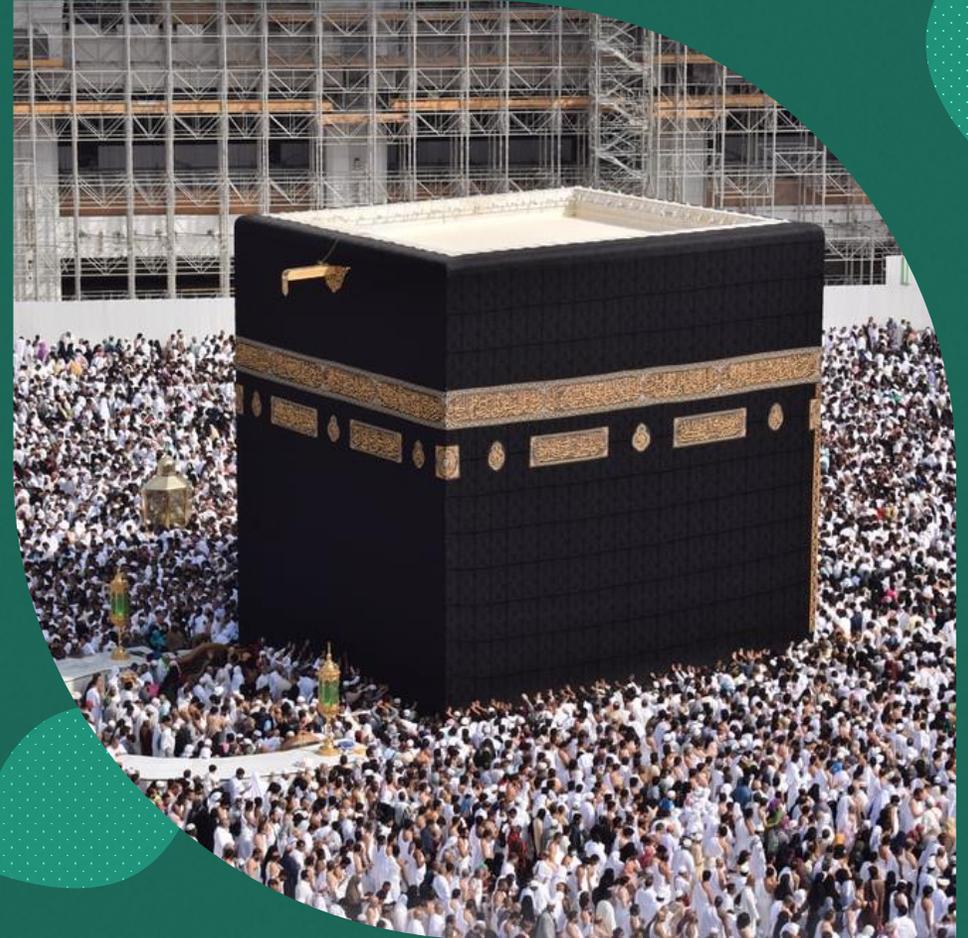
(Qur’an, 2:126)

And **remember** when **Abraham** raised the foundation of the House with **Ishmael**, **both** praying, **“Our Lord! Accept this** from us. You are indeed **the All-Hearing, All-Knowing.** (Qur’an, 2:127)

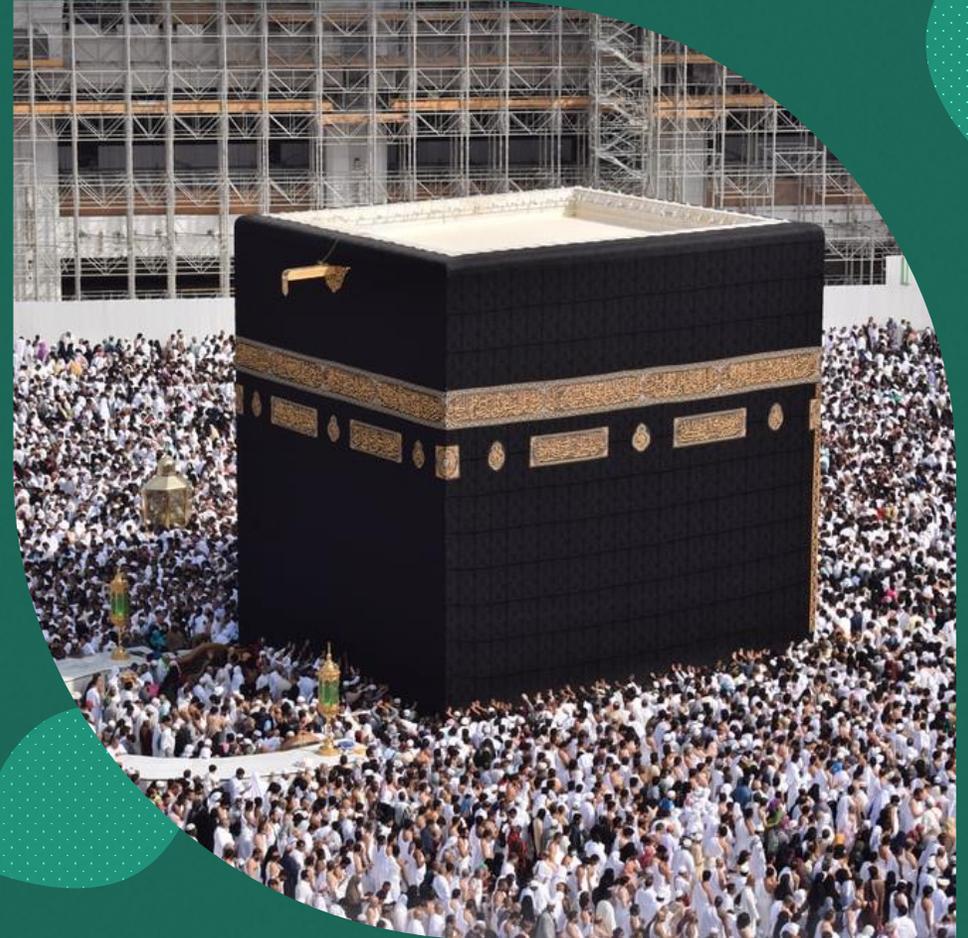


**Our Lord! Make us both
‘fully’ submit to You and
from our descendants a
nation that will submit to
you. Show us our rituals, and
turn to us in grace. You are
truly **the Acceptor of
Repentance, Most Merciful.****

(Qur'an, 2:128)



Our **Lord!** Raise from among them a **messenger** who will recite to them **Your** revelations, teach them **the Book** and **wisdom**, and purify them. Indeed, **You** 'alone' are **the Almighty, All-Wise.**" (Qur'an, 2:129)



The people of Bacca (now known as Makkah) and people from all around went to the Ka'bah to pray.

Allah sent many other prophets after Ibrahim and Isma'eel. Allah sent Ishaq, Ya'qub, Yusuf, Musa, Haroon, Ilyas, Sulayman, Dawud, Yahya, and 'Isa. They taught people the religion and story of Ibrahim.

Every year, many people from all around Arabia and near lands travelled hundreds of miles to visit Makkah. They worshipped Allah there as Ibrahim had prayed.



Quick Review:

- What did Ibrahim and Isma'eel build?
- What is the name of Bacca today?
 - A. Makkah
 - B. Madinah
 - C. Jeddah
 - D. America

