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PROPHET NŪH^[A.S]

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FUNDAMENTALS OF ISLAM

LEVEL 2

Prophet Nūḥ (Noah as)

Objectives >>>

Students should:

- Prophet Noah is one of the ūlūl 'Azm prophets
- The story of Prophet Noah's message
- Prophet Noah's quality of perseverance on the right path (al Istiqāmah)
- The importance of perseverance

Allah (SWT) sent many prophets to help guide the people to the right path. There were 124000 prophets sent to mankind. All of the prophets had different responsibilities. Some of them were sent to small communities, some of them to large communities and some of them to the entire world. Some prophets came with a book of Allah (SWT) like the Injil and the Qur'an, and others had no book. Therefore it is easy to see that some prophets had a much bigger job to do than others.

ŪLŪL 'AZM PROPHETS

Of all the prophets Allah (SWT) sent, five of them were given a greater job and therefore were called the ūlūl 'Azm Prophets, meaning the prophets with a great role.

These prophets were:

- Prophet Noah
- Prophet Abraham
- Prophet Moses
- Prophet Jesus
- Prophet Muḥammad (as)

PROPHET NOAH

Prophet Noah (as) was living in a time when people around him were worshipping idols. These idols were like stones built into shapes by the people themselves. They would pray to them even though they built them and took care of them.

Prophet Noah was sent to these people to teach them that worshipping idols was wrong and that there was only One God, Allah (SWT), that takes care of everyone and answers our prayers.

PROPHET NOAH AND HIS PATIENCE

The people of Noah were very stubborn. Prophet Noah had to preach and speak to them for a very long time. The Holy Qur'an says that he preached for 950 years. This means he lived a very, very long time.

Prophet Noah tried to help people in many ways. He spoke to people in public, in private, at night and in the day. However the people did not care about the prophet or Allah (SWT) so they would put their fingers in their ears so that they do not hear him.

VERY FEW FOLLOWERS

Although Allah (SWT) gave Prophet Noah a long life to help the people believe in Allah (SWT) and change, only very few changed. Some say it was only 80 people that became believers.

However even though the people would not listen to Prophet Noah, he remained very patient and for 950 years did not ask Allah (SWT) to punish them.

Once it was clear that there were going to be no more believers, Allah (SWT) did not allow any more women to become pregnant and no more babies were born for 40 years.

THE GREAT ARK OF NOAH

There came a time when Allah (SWT) wanted to prepare Prophet Noah for the punishment that He was going to send to the people. Allah (SWT) did not want Prophet Noah and the few believers with him to be affected by the punishment.

So Prophet Noah was ordered to build a very large ship, or ark. He began to do so even though people would laugh at him because he was building a ship where there was no water. But Prophet Noah was very patient and ignored them. He trusted in Allah (SWT) and knew that He was helping him.



Allah (SWT) ordered him to send all the believers as well as a pair of every animal on to the ship so that they would not suffer.

ALLAH SENDS HIS PUNISHMENT

After so many years of inviting people to become believers, Allah (SWT) knew that there was no one else that was going to stop worshiping idols, therefore after 40 years of no one having babies, there were no more children. Everyone was old enough to be responsible for his or her actions. It was now that Allah (SWT) sent His punishment.



The sky began to rain and rain and rain. It rained so much that the entire area began to flood.

People were trying to run away from the water. Even Prophet Noah's son was trying to escape to a mountain. Prophet Noah told him that no one can escape Allah's punishment today, but he ignored him. All the unbelievers and bad people were drowned. Only the believers in Allah (SWT) were saved on the ship.

A NEW BEGINNING

After a while, the storm settled and the Earth swallowed up all the floodwater. The only people that remained were the believers in Allah (SWT), not those who did not listen to Allah (SWT) Prophet. This was a new beginning.

PATIENCE

When we are going through something that makes us upset, or when we don't get what we want, it may be a test from Allah (SWT). This means that Allah (SWT) is checking to see if we really love Him or if we stop loving Him when He doesn't give us what we want.

It is very important that we thank Allah (SWT) when we are happy and when we are sad. When we get what we want and when we don't. Just like Prophet Noah stayed patient for 950 years, we should learn from his story and try to remain patient for as long as Allah (SWT) gives us life.

The same way Allah (SWT) gave Prophet Noah a new and better life with good people, if we remain patient we too will be given a better life in this world and the hereafter.

Class activity:

Circle the ūlūl 'Azm Prophets

Muhammad

Noah

ABRAHAM

Moses

JESUS

Adam

Ismail

Harun

Yahya

Review Questions

Q1. How many years did Prophet Noah preach to his people for?

- a. 10
- b. 950
- c. 63

Q2. What was Prophet Noah told to take with him onto the ship?

- a. All the people around him
- b. All the animals in the world
- c. Only the believers and a pair of each type of animal

Q3. Why did Allah (SWT) send a flood to the people of Noah?

- a. Because they disbelieved in Allah and there were not going to be any more believers
- b. Because there was too much rain in the clouds
- c. Because Prophet Noah built a ship