

## Prophet Muhammad

### A MERCY FOR HUMANITY

#### Family

Born in 570 CE; in *the Year of the Elephant* (Quran 105).

- ◊ Father ⇒ Abd Allah ibn Abd al-Muttalib
- ◊ Mother ⇒ Amina bint Wahb
- ◊ Wife ⇒ Khadija bint Khuwaylid —the first woman to accept Islam
  - ◊ The Prophet's line is continued *only* through their daughter **Fatima** —who married Imam Ali, the first man to accept Islam
  - ◊ Khadija and Fatima are two of *the four ladies of heaven*

#### Childhood

He became an orphan at the age of 6, then his grandfather Abd Al-Muttalib took care of him, then his uncle Abu Talib took care of him and his aunt Fatima bint Asad essentially became his mother.

Later the Prophet joined his uncle on business trips and gained the title Al-Sadiq Al-Amin —*the truthful and trustworthy one*.

#### Nicknames

Rasool Allah	≈	<i>messenger of God</i>
Al-Sadiq Al-Amin		<i>the truthful and trustworthy one</i>
Al-Mustafa		<i>the chosen</i>
Habib Allah		<i>God's beloved</i>
Khiyarat Khalq Allah		<i>the best of God's creations</i>
Sayyid al-Mursalin		<i>master of the prophets</i>
Khatam al-Nabiyyin		<i>the last of the prophets</i> (33:40)
Rahmat li-l-'Alamin		<i>a blessing for the worlds</i> (21:107)
Al-Nabi al-Ummi		<i>the unschooled prophet</i> (7:158) ( <i>Al-Islam!</i> )

#### A quick look at the Prophet's life

... “age” ⇒ “event” ...

- ◊ 6 ⇒ Became an orphan
- ◊ 25 ⇒ Marries the businesswoman Khadija
- ◊ 35 ⇒ Birth of Fatima (108) (*Al-Islam!*)
- ◊ 40 ⇒ The angel Gabriel visited Muhammad requesting him to *recite* (96:1)
- ◊ 43 ⇒ *Dawat al-ashira*; the Prophet began to publicly invite people to Islam, starting with his family (26:214)
- ◊ 49 ⇒ The Prophet travels to Jerusalem (17) and to heaven (53)
- ◊ 50 (“1 AH” / 622 CE) ⇒ Emigration from Mecca to Medina/Yathrib (16:41)
- ◊ 53, 54, 56 ⇒ Battles of Badr (3:121-127), Uhud (4:88), and Al-Khandaq (the siege of Medina) (33)
- ◊ 57 ⇒ The signing of the *Treaty of Hudaibiyyah* (48:1)
- ◊ 59 ⇒ The conquest of Mecca —without any bloodshed! (28:85) (*Al-Islam!*)
- ◊ 60 ⇒ *The Event of Mubahalah* (3:61) (*Al-Islam!*)
- ◊ 61, 62, 63 ⇒ Farewell pilgrimage, event of Ghadir Khumm (5:67) (5:3), and death —in what is now Saudi Arabia

**Look!** Your left hand has the number 81, in Arabic, on it; and the right has 18 on it. The Prophet's age is  $81 - 18 = 63$ ! *Also*, Allah has 99 names:  $81 + 18 = 99$ !

#### Event of Mubahalah

In 10 AH, a group of Christians disputed with the Prophet about Isa ibn Maryam, Jesus.

- ◊ Like prophet Jesus, prophet Adam also had no father; moreover, he also had no mother.
- ◊ They were commanded (3:61) to perform *mubahalah*: Each group should ask God to destroy the liars.

Quran 3:61 mentions our sons, our women, and ourselves in reference to who the Prophet took with him: Hassan and Hussein, Fatimah, and Ali.

The Prophet has said:

- ◊ *Hassan and Hussein are the masters of the youth of paradise.*
- ◊ *All the people of paradise are youths.*

#### Further Islamic Stories from *Al-Islam.org*

- ◊ Stories of Bahlool
- ◊ Stories of The Prophets
- ◊ Stories from the lives of the Prophets, Imams, and Companions
- ◊ Story of the Holy Ka'aba And its People
- ◊ Short Stories by Amina bint Al-huda —she is the sister of Ayatullah Sayyid Mohammad Baqir al-Sadr and she is an activist who created Islamic awareness among the Muslim women of Iraq.