Lecture 19

**Life History of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)**

**Torture and Persecution**

* After Hazrat Umar (RA) embraced Islam, Muslims gained courage to preach openly.
* The Quraysh offered bribes to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) to abandon Islam, which he refused.
* Tortures intensified:
  + **Hazrat Bilal (RA)**: Tortured on hot sand with heavy stones placed on his chest.
  + **Hazrat Uthman (RA)**: Beaten and tied by his uncle.
  + **Hazrat Ammar (RA), Hazrat Yaasir (RA), and Hazrat Sumayyah (RA)**:
    - Hazrat Sumayyah (RA) became the first martyr, killed by Abu Jahl.
  + **Hazrat Zaeerah (RA)**: Beaten into blindness.
  + **Hazrat Khabbab-bin-Aret (RA)**: Pushed into fire.

**Migration to Abyssinia**

* In the 5th year of Islam, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) allowed Muslims to migrate to Abyssinia due to severe persecution.
* Abyssinia's ruler, Negus (Najjashi), provided refuge and later embraced Islam.

**Boycott of Banu Hashim**

* Quraysh tribes imposed a boycott on Banu Hashim, lasting three years (7th-10th years of Islam):
  + Exiled to the valley of Shu'ab Abu Talib.
  + Endured extreme hardship, often lacking food and water.
* The boycott ended when the document of the agreement, stored in the Kaaba, was found eaten by ants, except for the name of Allah.

**Loss of Hazrat Khadija (RA) and Abu Talib**

* After the boycott:
  + Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) lost his wife, Hazrat Khadija (RA), and his uncle, Abu Talib, in the same year (Year of Grief).
  + Left without familial protection, persecution increased.

**Journey to Ta’if**

* Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) visited Ta’if (48 km from Makkah) with Hazrat Zaid-bin-Harith (RA) to preach Islam.
* Faced rejection and insult:
  + Children and youth stoned them, causing severe injuries.
* Despite the suffering, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) prayed for their guidance, showcasing his noble character.

**Isra and Miraj (Ascension)**

* Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) journeyed from Makkah to Jerusalem (Baitul Muqaddas) on Buraq.
* Ascended to the seven heavens, meeting various prophets.
* Received the gift of five daily prayers (Salat).
* The journey occurred in one night.

**Pledges of Aqabah**

* **First Covenant (621 CE)**:
  + Six people from Madinah accepted Islam and pledged allegiance.
  + Promised to worship only Allah, avoid sins, and follow Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).
* **Second Covenant (622 CE)**:
  + 73 men and 2 women pledged to protect Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and Islam, sacrificing their lives if needed.
  + Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) assured them Paradise as their reward.

**Hijrah (Migration to Madinah)**

* Quraysh plotted to assassinate Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).
* He left Makkah with Hazrat Abu Bakr (RA) and hid in the Cave of Thoor for three days.
* Reached Madinah safely, marking the start of the Islamic calendar (Hijri Year 1).

**Arrival in Madinah**

* **Quba**:
  + Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) stayed here for 14 days and built Masjid-e-Quba (the first mosque in Islam).
* **Madinah**:
  + Warmly welcomed by the Ansar (Helpers).
  + Established Muwakhat (Islamic Brotherhood) between the Muhajireen (Migrants) and Ansar.

**Masjid-e-Nabawi**

* Built with contributions from Sahaba, including Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).
* Simple structure with mud bricks and a roof of palm tree trunks and leaves.
* Included a platform for poor companions (Ashaab-e-Suffah).

**Constitution of Madinah**

* A treaty between Muslims, Jews, and other tribes of Madinah:
  + Ensured mutual defense and freedom of religion.
  + Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) acted as the final arbitrator in disputes.

**Munafiqeen (Hypocrites)**

* Led by Abdullah bin Ubay bin Sulool, who secretly opposed Islam while pretending to support it.
* Collaborated with Jews to undermine Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

**Wars with the Quraysh**

* **Battle of Badr (2 AH)**:
  + Quraysh, led by Abu Jahl, attacked with 1,000 men.
  + Muslims, numbering 313 with minimal resources, achieved victory with Allah’s help.
  + 70 Quraysh were killed, including Abu Jahl, and 70 were captured.
  + 14 Muslims were martyred.
  + Marked a turning point, strengthening Islam.