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Isa ﷺ was one of the five great  
Prophets and Messengers.

His birth was of a miraculous nature as  
he was born of a mother, but no father.  
He is still alive and will return to the  
earth again, before he dies.

Long years ago in Jerusalem lived Isa's  
grandmother, Hannah and his  
grandfather, Imran.

Hannah did not have children for a very  
long time. One day she prayed to Allaah  
and asked Him ﷺ to give her a child.

Expecting to have a baby boy, she said that if Allaah ﷺ blessed her with a son, she would give the boy to serve Allaah.

It was the practice at that time to give the boys to work and serve in the masjid of the Sacred House in Jerusalem.

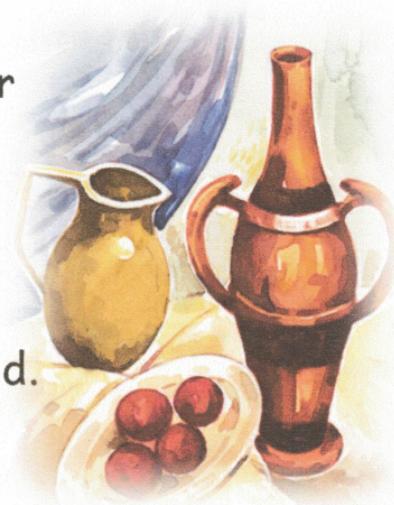
Allaah ﷺ accepted her dua and blessed her with a baby: but it was a baby girl.

So she prayed to Allaah saying, “O Allaah! I have given birth to a female child ,,, and I have named her Maryam...”

Allaah ﷺ had a reason for giving Hannah a baby girl. He had chosen Maryam for a great purpose by which she would Allaah.

She was to be the mother of one of the great Prophets, and the birth that Prophet was going to be miraculous.

So Hannah took her baby daughter and gave her to the rabbis who were in charge of the masjid.



Zakariyyah ﷺ was the Prophet at that time, and Allaah made him the guardian of Maryam.

Allaah chose Zakariyyah to look after her because He عزوجل, wanted her to grow up in the company of the righteous people and to learn from Zakariyyah's great knowledge and righteous conduct.

Maryam ﷺ had a great role to play and Allaah عزوجل was preparing her for it.

Maryam ﷺ was chosen above the women of the nations because of her service to Allaah, her modesty, honour and innocence.

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And (remember) when the angels said:  
“O Maryam! Verily, Allaah has chosen you,  
purified you and chosen you above the women  
of the Alamin (of her lifetime).”

Zakariyyah ﷺ built a separate room  
for her in the masjid, where Maryam  
could spend her time alone,  
worshipping Allaah through out the  
day and night.

Surah Ale Imran 3 vs. 42

Whenever he went to see Maryam,  
Zakariyah ﷺ observed many miracles.  
He would notice that she always had  
plenty of different types of food.

In winter, he would find that she had fruits  
that were only available in the summer  
months, and in summer, fruits that were  
available only in the winter months.

When he asked her where she got these  
fruits from, she would reply,

**"This is from Allaah. Verily Allaah provides  
sustenance to whom He wills without limit."**



Isa<sup>عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ</sup> the son of Maryam

In this way she grew up in the masjid.

One day while she was in seclusion,  
Allaah<sup>عَزَّوَجَلَّ</sup> sent the Angel Jibreel to her.  
He came in the form of a complete and  
perfect man, not in the form of an angel.

Mayram was afraid when he appeared.  
She was alone and feared that this man  
had come to harm her.  
She did not know he was an angel.

So she said,

“Verily, I seek refuge with the Most Gracious  
from you, if you do fear Allaah.”

Surah Maryam v.18

Isa <sup>عليه السلام</sup> the son of Maryam

**The angel replied, “I am only a Messenger from your Lord to announce to you the gift of a righteous son.”**

Maryam was very surprised and asked, “How can I have a son when no man has touched me ...? The angel said, “So it will be for Allaah creates what He wills. When He has decreed something, He says to it only, “Be” and it is.”

Allaah<sup>عز وجل</sup> was going to create this child without a father, and he would be a sign to mankind.

Allaah has the power to do all things.

He created Aadam<sup>عليه السلام</sup> without a mother or a father.

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Then He created Hawwa (Aadam's wife)  
from only a father, without a mother.

The rest of mankind are created with  
a mother and a father.

Isa the son of Maryam was born from  
only a mother and no father.

Allaah ﷺ completed the four types of  
creation of the human being, showing  
mankind the power of their Creator  
and Maker, Allaah.

The angel continued to inform her of the son to be born to her.

Angel Jibreel told her that the baby's name would be Isa the son of Maryam, and he would be known as the son of Maryam because he did not have a father.

He told her that Isa would be held in honour in this world and in the Hereafter and he would be near to Allaah ﷺ.

The angel also informed her that her son would speak to the people while he was a baby and he further said, this was how Allaah had willed it, and so it would happen.

Isa ﷺ the son of Maryam

Maryam ﷺ accepted what Allaah ﷺ had decreed for her.

So Isa ﷺ was born to her.

There are various reports on where she had the baby, but she was commanded to fast\* on the day she returned to her people with the baby.

So when she returned, the people were surprised to see Maryam with a baby.

They started questioning her about the baby. She indicated to the people that she was fasting and pointed to the baby.

\*The people at that time were not allowed to talk while fasting.

Isa ﷺ the son of Maryam

The people were annoyed and asked her how they could talk to a baby.

Then Isa ﷺ spoke. He said,

"Verily I am a slave of Allaah, He has given me the Scripture and made me a Prophet;

And He has made me blessed wheresoever I be, and has enjoined on me Salat and Zakat, as long as I live. And dutiful to my mother, and made me not arrogant, unblessed.

And salam be upon me the day I was born, and the day I die, and the day I shall be raised alive!"

Isa ﷺ was made a Messenger to the Children of Israeel and like all the other Prophets, he was sent to call the people to worship Allaah ﷺ alone.

Isa ﷺ the son of Maryam

Isa ﷺ said,

"And verily Allaah is my Lord and your Lord. So worship Him (Alone). That is the Straight Path.

Isa ﷺ learned the Tawrah, the Book  
that was given to Moosa ﷺ .

He was given the Injeel, which  
confirmed what was in the Tawrah and  
also foretold the coming of a Prophet  
after him, from among the Arabs whose  
name would be Ahmad.

Ahmad is one of the names given to our  
Prophet Muhammad ﷺ .

Isa ﷺ was also given the power to  
perform many miracles.

Isa ﷺ would make the shape of a bird with clay, and when he blew into it, it became a true bird and flew away.

He would cure the blind, so they could see and would also cure the lepers.

He would also bring the dead back to life.

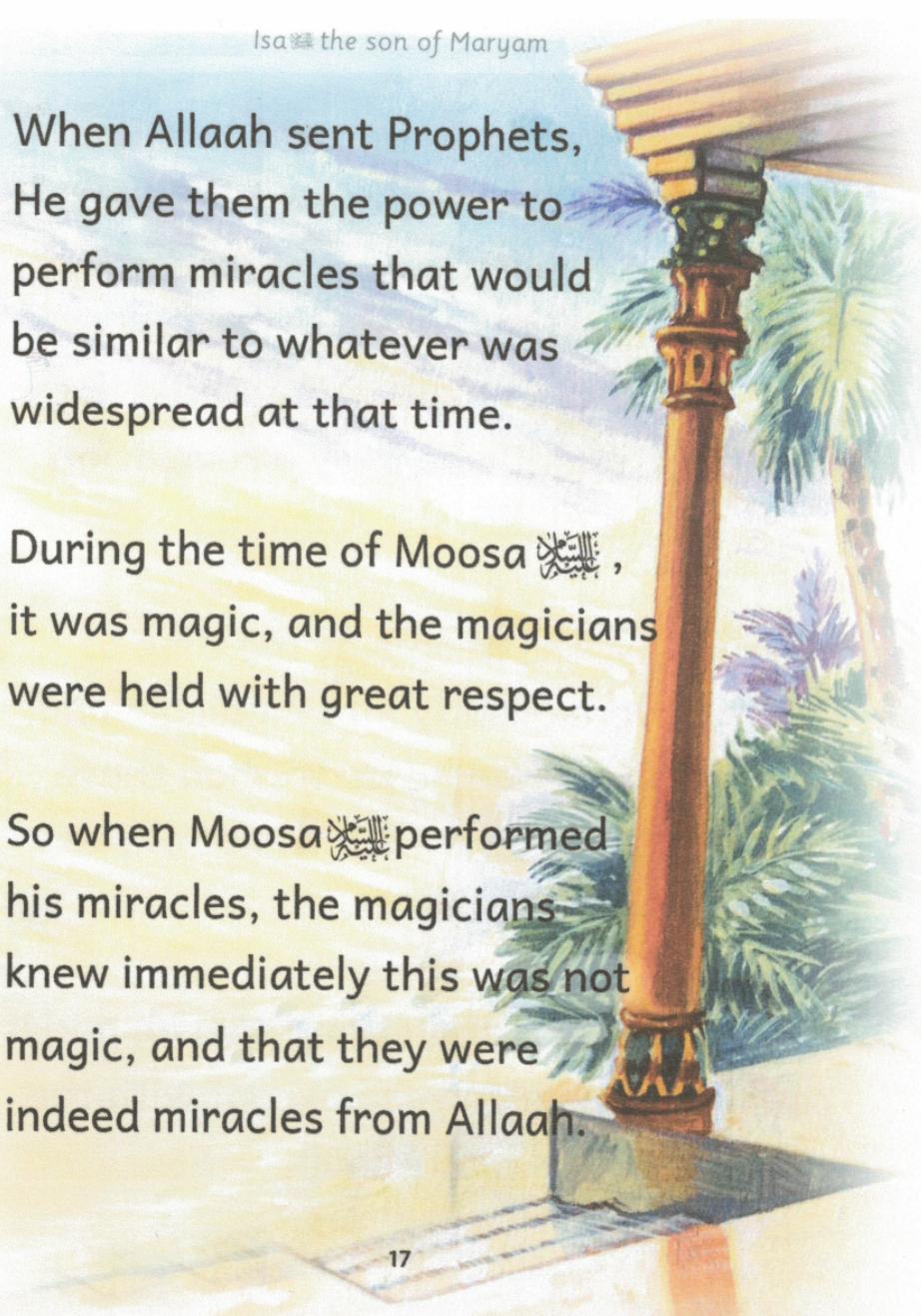
Once his disciples asked him to call upon Allaah to send from heaven a table with food on it. Allaah answered the dua of Isa ﷺ and the angels brought the table down to earth.

It was not in his power to do any of these on his own. He was able to do these only because Allaah granted him this ability.

When Allaah sent Prophets,  
He gave them the power to  
perform miracles that would  
be similar to whatever was  
widespread at that time.

During the time of Moosa ﷺ ,  
it was magic, and the magicians  
were held with great respect.

So when Moosa ﷺ performed  
his miracles, the magicians  
knew immediately this was not  
magic, and that they were  
indeed miracles from Allaah.



Isa <sup>عليه السلام</sup> the son of Maryam

In the time of Muhammad ﷺ, it was poetry. The people were great poets and used to write wonderful poetry. So when Allaah ﷺ revealed the Qur'aan to him, the poets knew they could not match it, and it was truly a revelation from Allaah the Almighty.

Similarly, the people at the time of Isa <sup>عليه السلام</sup>, were greatly into medicine and physics. So when he performed these miracles they knew it was not of the ordinary.

They knew it was something special and it could not be performed except with the help of Allaah.

The miracles that Isa ﷺ performed were a sign for the people to accept him as a Messenger.

But like all the other Messengers, most of the people refused to accept Isa ﷺ as a Prophet and Messenger. Only a few people believed in him.

When Isa ﷺ realized that the people did not accept his message, he asked, "Who will be my helpers in Allaah's Cause?" Al-Hawariyyun (the disciples) said: "We are the helpers of Allaah; we believe in Allaah, and bear witness that we are Muslims."

Al Hawariyyun were the disciples of Isa ﷺ, similar to the sahabah of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

But those who disbelieved Isa ﷺ were making plans to kill him and wanted the king's support.

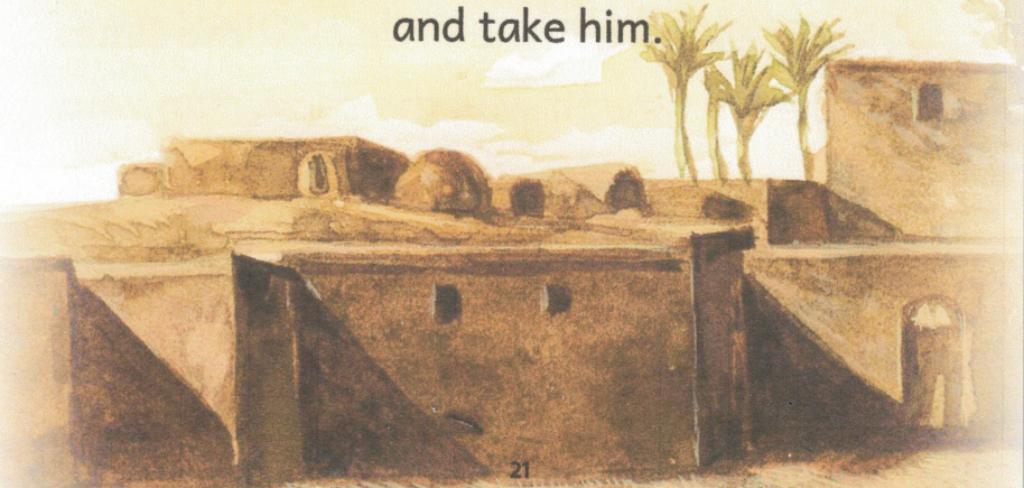
The king was also a disbeliever. So they went and incited him, telling him many lies about Isa ﷺ complaining to him that not only was Isa ﷺ misguiding the people, but was also asking them to disobey the king.

The king when he heard this was very angry and ordered his army to capture Isa and to torture him and crucify him.

But Allaah the All Knowing, knew of their wicked plan and protected Isa ﷺ and saved him.

At the time the king's army was coming to capture him, Isa ﷺ was with a group of his disciples in his house.

The army surrounded the house. Isa ﷺ knew they would soon enter and take him.



So he asked his disciples if anyone was willing to take his image, meaning to look like him; the one who did so would be with him in Jannah.

He was doing all this by the command of

Allaah ﷺ

A young man agreed but Isa ﷺ was hesitant because he was very young.

He asked the question two or three times and each time, it was the same man who volunteered.

Finally Isa ﷺ agreed. Allaah made the man look just like Isa ﷺ.

Isa ﷺ the son of Maryam

A hole was made in the roof of the house and Isa ﷺ was taken up to the heavens, body and soul while he was asleep.

"And remember when Allaah said: "O 'Isa!  
I will take you and raise you to Myself..."

Everything is possible with Allaah.  
He is the All Powerful.

Isa ﷺ was 33 years old at that time.

After Isa ﷺ was taken up, his disciples came out of the house.

\*Surah Ale Imran 3 vs. 55

The soldiers who were around, saw the man who looked like Isa ﷺ.

They took him and crucified him.  
(Remember for the sacrifice he made,  
this man will be with Isa ﷺ in Jannah).

They then boasted that they had crucified Isa, but truly they had not.

**But Allaah raised him up (with his body and soul) unto Himself. And Allaah is Ever All-Powerful, All-Wise.**

They had only crucified another man who looked like Isa ﷺ.

Isa ﷺ did not die. He was taken to the heavens and he is still alive.

Surah al Maidah 5 vs. 158

Isa ﷺ the son of Maryam

And Allaah ﷺ will send him again,  
close to the end of the world.

Towards the end of the world ad-Dajjal  
will appear.

Ad-Dajjal will be the greatest test and  
trial for the people from the time of  
Aadam ﷺ.

He will call the people to worship him,  
saying that he is Allaah.

He will perform so many marvellous tricks that will seem so real that the people will be confused and think it to be true and so believe him.

Alhamdulillah, the Prophet ﷺ has not only described what ad-Dajjal looks like and the marvels he will perform, but he has also told us the ways we can protect ourselves from him.

While ad-Dajjal is causing confusion on earth, Allaah will send Isa ﷺ back.

In a hadith reported in Sahih Muslim,  
the Prophet ﷺ said,

“... Allaah will send Isa son of Maryam down. He will descend close to the white minaret to the east of Damascus.

He will be wearing garments lightly coloured with saffron and his hands will be placed on the wings of two angels. Whenever he lowers his head droplets fall. Whenever he raises his head precious stones that look like pearls fall.

No disbeliever can survive Isa's breath, which reaches the distance of his sight. He will pursue ad-Dajjal and will follow him to the doors of the Palestinian city of Ludd where he will kill him....”

Isa ﷺ the son of Maryam

When ad-Dajjal sees Isa he (ad-Dajjal) will begin to melt like salt dissolves in water. Isa ﷺ will go to him and kill him.

It will also be during the time of Isa ﷺ, that the Ya'juj and Ma'juj will break through the barrier and escape.\*

They will appear from everywhere. They will destroy the property and wealth of mankind.

When Isa ﷺ sees the destruction, he will invoke Allaah to destroy Ya'juj and Ma'juj.

\*Read more about it in Surah al Kahf

Allaah ﷺ will answer the invocation of Isa ﷺ and send a worm to the necks of Ya'juj and Ma'juj.

All of them will die and the earth will be filled with their rotten bodies.

The stench will be unbearable and so Isa ﷺ will again invoke Allaah.

Allaah ﷺ will then send birds with necks as large as the necks of camels. They will carry the rotten bodies of the Ya'juj and Ma'juj and will throw them wherever Allaah wills.

Allaah ﷺ will then send a rain which will clean the whole earth.

Allaah ﷺ will command  
the earth to bring forth  
its fruit and vegetation.

Allaah will bless the  
earth once again and  
there will be plenty  
of food.

After Isa ﷺ has killed ad-Dajjal and the  
Ya'juj and Ma'juj have been destroyed,  
peace and safety will fill the earth.

So much so that the lions will mingle  
with camels, tigers with cattle and  
wolves with sheep. Children will play  
with snakes and they will not harm them.

Isa ﷺ will remain for forty years, and then he will die and the Muslims will offer the funeral prayer for him.\*

Describing Isa ﷺ the Prophet ﷺ said, "Today I saw myself in a dream near the Ka'bah. I saw a whitish brown man, the handsomest of all brown men you might ever see. He had the most beautiful Limma (hair hanging down to the earlobes) you might ever see. He had combed it and it was dripping water; and he was performing the Tawaf around the Ka'bah leaning on two men or on the shoulders of two men. I asked, "Who is this?" It was said, "Isa, the son of Maryam."\*\*

When Isa ﷺ returns he will call to Islam and judge by the laws that were sent to Muhammad ﷺ, as the religion of Islam is the last and final religion.

\*Imam Ahmad    \*\*Sahih al Bukhari

Isa ﷺ the son of Maryam

He will completely abolish all other religions that are there at that time.

Some people believe that because Isa ﷺ was born without a father that he is the son of Allaah. What they say is a great lie and a very great sin.

Allaah says, “It befits not (the Majesty of) Allaah that he should beget a son.  
Glorified be He ...”

Allaah ﷺ also says,

“Verily, the likeness of Isa before Allaah is the likeness of Aadam. He created him from dust, then said to him: “Be” and he was. This is the truth from your Lord, so be not of those who doubt.”\*\*

Everything is possible with Allaah.  
He is the Most Powerful.

\*Surah Maryam 19 vs. 35    \*\*Surah Ale Imran 3 vs. 59,60

Isa ﷺ the son of Maryam

Some even say and believe that  
Isa ﷺ and his mother are gods.

But Allaah ﷺ says,

The Messiah Isa, son of Maryam, was no more  
than a Messenger; ... His mother was a  
Siddiqah ... They both used to eat food ...”

They were just human beings, who ate  
food which was provided by Allaah,  
proving they dependent on Him.

And Allaah ﷺ will ask Isa ﷺ,  
“O Isa, son of Maryam! Did you say unto men:  
“Worship me and my mother as two gods  
besides Allaah?”\*\*

\*Surah al Maidah 5 vs. 75 \*\*Surah al Maidah 5 vs. 116

Isa<sup>عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ</sup> the son of Maryam

And Isa<sup>عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ</sup> will reply,

"Glory be to You! It was not for me to say  
what I had no right (to say)."

and he will further say,

"Had I said such a thing, You would surely  
have known it. You know what is in my  
inner-self though I do not know what is in  
Yours; truly, You, only You, are the All-Knower  
of all that is hidden (and unseen)."

We ask Allaah to send His peace and  
blessings on Isa<sup>عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ</sup> and his mother  
Maryam. Aameen

\*\*Surah al Maidah 5 vs. 116

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