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# Stories of the Prophets

The lives and lessons of the 25 prophets named in the Quran — from Adam to Muhammad ﷺ, drawn from the Quran and authentic hadith.

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## CHAPTER 01

# The Prophets of Islam

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The lives and lessons of the 25 prophets named in the Quran — from Adam, the first, to Muhammad ﷺ, the last. Each story on the site is drawn from the Quran and authentic hadith, cited to its source, with isra'iliyyat and unverified embellishments avoided.

## CHAPTER 02

# One message, from first to last

The people, the languages, and the miracles differed, but the message did not. From Adam to Muhammad ﷺ, every prophet was sent to call people to worship Allah alone and to abandon everything worshipped beside Him.

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَسُولٍ إِلَّا نُوحِيَ إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْبُدُونِ

*"And We sent no messenger before you except that We revealed to him that there is no deity except Me, so worship Me."*

21:25

## CHAPTER 03

# The prophets are brothers

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The Prophet ﷺ described the prophets as sons of one father by different mothers: their outward laws and circumstances varied, but the religion they carried was one. A believer therefore honours every one of them and refuses to elevate one at the expense of another or to reject any of them.

*"The prophets are paternal brothers; their mothers are different, but their religion is one."* SAHIH

Sahih al-Bukhari 3443

## CHAPTER 04

## Nabi and Rasul — a careful distinction

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Scholars distinguish two terms: a nabi (prophet) receives revelation from Allah, while a rasul (messenger) is a prophet sent with a message to convey, often to a people who have rejected the truth or with a fresh law. Every messenger is a prophet, but not every prophet is described as a messenger.

No fully authentic text fixes the total number of prophets. The large figures sometimes quoted come from reports graded weak (da'if) or disputed, so it is safest to say only that they were many — and to affirm each one Allah and His Messenger ﷺ named without adding numbers of our own.

## CHAPTER 05

## The five of firm resolve (Ulul-'Azm)

Allah tells the Prophet ﷺ to be patient "as the messengers of firm resolve were patient." Most scholars identify these five — Nuh, Ibrahim, Musa, Isa, and Muhammad ﷺ — from the covenant Allah took, naming them together in one verse.

وَإِذْ أَخَذْنَا مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ مِيثَاقَهُمْ وَمِنْكَ وَمِنْ نُوحٍ وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ  
وَمُوسَىٰ وَعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ

*"And [mention] when We took from the prophets their covenant, and from you, and from Nuh, Ibrahim, Musa, and Isa the son of Maryam."*

33:7

## CHAPTER 06

## Why we read these stories

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The Quran does not narrate the prophets for entertainment; it calls their accounts a lesson for people of understanding. Read this way — hold to tawhid, be patient when the truth is rejected, trust that Allah's promise is real, and look at how the deniers ended — each story is a mirror for our own lives, not just a chapter of the past.

لَقَدْ كَانَ فِي قَصَصِهِمْ عِبْرَةٌ لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ

*"There was certainly in their stories a lesson for people of understanding."*

12:111

Read with care: much popular detail comes from isra'iliyyat (earlier Jewish and Christian lore). Take only what agrees with the Quran and authentic Sunnah, suspend judgement on the rest, and reject what contradicts them. The prophets are not to be raised above their rank as human messengers, nor lowered by attributing to them sins Allah did not.

## CHAPTER 07

# A note on isrā'īyyāt

Much of the extra detail in popular prophet stories — names, dates, dialogue, dramatic embellishment — entered tafsir and storytelling from the earlier scriptures and the lore of Banū Isrā'īl. The Salaf handled such material with a three-part rule: accept what the Qur'an or authentic Sunnah confirms, reject what contradicts them or the 'īṣmah of the prophets, and neither affirm nor deny the rest.

*"Convey from me, even if only one verse; and narrate from Banu Isra'il, and there is no harm in that. And whoever deliberately lies about me, let him take his seat in the Fire."* **SAHIH**

Sahih al-Bukhari 3461

This is a permission to relate, not a licence to prove: such reports are never made a proof (hujjah) in creed or law. For that reason the prophet pages on this site keep to the Qur'an and authentic hadith and deliberately leave these embellishments out — each story's lesson is complete without them.

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Those who carried the message forward

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كُلُّ ءَامَنَ بِاللّٰهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ ۖ وَكُتِبَ عَلَيْهِ ۖ وَرُسُلُهُ ۖ لَا نَفَرَقَ بَيْنَ  
أَحَدٍ مِّن رُّسُلِهِ ۖ

*"Each one believed in Allah, His angels, His books, and His messengers, [saying], 'We make no distinction between any of His messengers.'"* —

*Quran 2:285*

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