



Life of Muhammad^{sa}

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KA'BA CLEARED OF IDOLS

The Prophet^{sa} made straight for the Ka'ba

The Prophet^{sa} smote one by one the three hundred and sixty idols in the house.

... and performed the circuit of the holy precincts seven times, mounted on his camel.

Staff in hand, he went round the house which had been built ..for the worship of the One and Only God, but which ... had been allowed to degenerate into a sanctuary for idols.

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As an idol fell, the Prophet^{sa} would recite the verse,

"Truth has come and falsehood has vanished away. Falsehood does indeed vanish away fast."

This verse was revealed before the Prophet^{sa} left Mecca for Medina and is part of the Chapter, Bani Isra'il (17: 81-82).

In this Chapter was foretold the flight of the Prophet^{sa} and the conquest of Mecca.

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The verses which contain the prophecy of the Prophet's^{sa} flight from Mecca, and the subsequent conquest of Mecca are as follows:

And say 'O my Lord, make my entry a good entry, and make my going out a good outgoing. And grant me from Thyself a power that may help me.' And, 'Truth has come and falsehood has vanished away. Falsehood does indeed vanish away fast!' (17: 81-82).

The conquest of Mecca is foretold here in the form of a prayer taught to the Prophet^{sa}.... The prophecy had literally come true.

It ... reminded the Meccans of the futility of their fight against God ..

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With the conquest of Mecca, the Ka'ba was restored to the functions for which it had been consecrated ... by the Patriarch Abraham^{as}.

The Ka'ba was again devoted to the worship of the One and Only God.

The idols were broken.

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One of these was Hubal. When it [Hubal] fell down in fragments, Zubair^{ra} looked at Abu Sufyan^{ra} and ... reminded him of Uhud.

"Do you remember the day when Muslims wounded and exhausted stood by and you wounded them further by shouting, 'Glory to Hubal, Glory to Hubal'?"

Was it Hubal who gave you victory on that day? If it was Hubal, you can see the end it has come to today."

Abu Sufyan^{ra} was impressed, and admitted it was quite true that if there had been a God other than the God of Muhammad^{sa}, they might have been spared the disgrace and defeat they had met with that day.

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The Prophet^{sa} then ordered the wiping out of the pictures which had been drawn on the walls of the Ka'ba.

Having ordered this the Prophet^{sa} said ..two rak'ats of prayer as thanksgiving to God.

The duty of wiping out the pictures had been entrusted to 'Umar^{ra}. He .. [wiped out] all the pictures .. except that of Abraham^{as}.

... the Prophet^{sa} [said that] ..it was an insult to the memory of Abraham^{as}, a great exponent of the Oneness of God to have his picture on the walls of the Ka'ba.

It was as though Abraham^{as} could be worshipped equally with God.

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It was a memorable day, a day full of the Signs of God Promises [being] fulfilled at last.

The Prophet^{sa} was the centre of devotion and faith.

In and through his person, God had manifested Himself, and shown His face, as it were, again.

The Prophet^{sa} sent for water of the Zamzam. He drank some of it and with the rest performed ablutions.

The pagans ... said again and again that they had never seen an earthly king to whom his people were so devoted