




Life of Muhammad^{sa}

BY

HADRAT MIRZA BASHIRUDDIN
MAHMUD AHMAD^{ra}

ISLAM SPREADS TO MEDINA



The annual Hajj drew near, and from all parts of Arabia pilgrims began to arrive in Mecca.

The Prophet^{sa} went wherever he found a group of people, expounded to them the idea of One God

The Prophet^{sa} was in the valley of Mina when he saw a group of six or seven people. ...they belonged to the Khazraj tribe

The Prophet^{sa} spent some time telling them that the Kingdom of God...

The group became much impressed. They accepted the Message ...

ISLAM SPREADS TO MEDINA

There were, at the time, two Arab and three Jewish tribes at Medina

- The Arab tribes were the Aus and the Khazraj
- The Jewish tribes the Banu Quraiza, the Banu Nadir, and the Banu Qainuqa`.

The Aus and the Khazraj were at war.

- The Quraiza and the Nadir were in alliance with the Aus and the Qainuqa` with the Khazraj.

Tired of unending warfare, they were inclined to peace. At last they agreed to acknowledge the Khazraj Chief, 'Abdullah bin Ubayy bin Salul, as King of Medina

ISLAM SPREADS TO MEDINA

From the Jews, the Aus and the Khazraj had heard of ...the advent of a Prophet^{sa} "like unto Moses^{as}."

When the people of Medina heard of the Prophet^{sa}, they became impressed and began to ask if this Meccan Prophet^{sa} was not the Prophet^{sa} they had heard of from the Jews.

Many young men readily believed.

ISLAM SPREADS TO MEDINA

At the next Hajj twelve men from Medina came to Mecca to join the Prophet^{sa}.


They met the Prophet^{sa} in the valley of Mina and, holding the Prophet's^{sa} hand, solemnly declared their belief in the Oneness of God

When they returned to Medina, they started telling others of their New Faith.

They decided, therefore, to address a request to the Prophet^{sa} to send them some one to teach Islam.

The Prophet^{sa} agreed to send Mus'abra, one of the Muslims who had been in Abyssinia.

ISLAM SPREADS TO MEDINA



<p>At about this time, the Prophet^{sa} had a grand promise from God.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He had a vision in which he saw that he was in Jerusalem and Prophets had joined behind him in congregational worship.
<p>Jerusalem only meant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medina, which was going to become the centre of the worship of the One God
<p>Other Prophets congregating behind the Prophet^{sa} of Islam meant that</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• men following different Prophets would join Islam, and Islam would thus become a universal religion.

ISLAM SPREADS TO MEDINA

Conditions in Mecca had now become most critical.

Meccans laughed at this vision and described it as wishful thinking.

They did not know that the foundations of the New Jerusalem had been laid.

In those very days the Kaiser and the Chosroes of Iran went to war with each other.

Chosroes was victorious.

Meccans rejoiced over Iranian victories and said the judgement of God had been delivered—the idol-worshippers of Iran had defeated a People of the Book.

ISLAM SPREADS TO MEDINA

At that time, the Holy Prophet^{sa} received the following revelation:

The Romans have been defeated in the land nearby, and they, after their defeat, will be victorious in a few years—Allah's is the command before and after that—and on that day will the believers rejoice with the help of Allah. He helps whom He pleases; and He is the Mighty, the Merciful. Allah has made this promise. Allah breaks not His promise, but most men know not (30: 3-7).

The prophecy was fulfilled in a few years. The Romans defeated the Iranians and recovered the territories they had lost to them.

ISLAM SPREADS TO MEDINA

The part of the prophecy which said, "**On that day the believers shall rejoice with the help of God**", was also fulfilled.

Islam began to advance.

The Meccans complained of lack of Signs.

They were told that the prophecies about Islam and the Prophet^{sa} recorded in earlier books should be enough.

Meccans were warned that all their fond hopes would be smashed.

ISLAM SPREADS TO MEDINA

The
third
Hajj
arrived.

Among the pilgrims from Medina was a large party of Muslims.

Owing to Meccan opposition these Muslims from Medina wished to see the Prophet^{sa} in private.

The Prophet's^{sa} own thoughts were turning more and more to Medina, as a likely place for migration.

He mentioned this to his closest relations but they tried to dissuade him from all thoughts of this kind.

ISLAM SPREADS TO MEDINA



The Prophet^{sa}, however, was convinced that migration to Medina had been decreed. So he rejected the advice of his relations and decided to migrate to Medina.