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## Foreword

This booklet is one of a series of stories regarding some of the Prophets mentioned in the Holy Qur'an. These booklets have been much anticipated and it gives me great pleasure to write this foreword.

The Holy Qur'an, a guide to all mankind, has given detailed accounts on how messengers of Allah conveyed His Divine teachings. The steadfastness demonstrated by the prophets is inspiring and I feel an important means for youngsters to strengthen their own approach to their faith. These stories remind us that even through hardships, our firm faith in Allah the Almighty is the only route to salvation.

It is essential that these stories are relayed according to the teachings of the Holy Qur'an. Readers will find this booklet a source of information and a useful method of increasing religious knowledge. I would like to acknowledge and give heartfelt thanks to the Lajna Ima'illah UK Isha'at team under the leadership of Mrs. Zahida Ahmed for undertaking and supervising its completion for the benefit of our younger members.

I pray that those who read this book are truly inspired. May we always be guided by Allah the Almighty, Ameen.

Nasira Rehman  
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Alhamdulillah, with the blessings of Khilafat, this is a great honour for Lajna Ima'illah UK to design and produce stories of Prophets of Allah, at the time when we are celebrating 100 years of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in the UK.

Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih II (May Allah be pleased with him) established Lajna Ima'illah in 1922 for the training and education of Ahmadi Muslim women. He envisioned a broader and active role for Ahmadi women. He felt their participation was of great importance for the success of the Jama'at. Women play an important role in the moral and spiritual development of their children. They are responsible for raising the leaders of tomorrow.

Keeping this in mind, we are presenting this booklet for the younger members of our community so they can be inspired by the special people of Allah.

Zahida Ahmed  
Secretary Isha'at Lajna Ima'illah UK  
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# **HAZRAT NUH**

(peace be on him)

## **AND**

# **THE GREAT FLOOD**



The story of Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) is one which shows how Allah rewards those who listen to Him and warns those who do not. Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) came from the same family as Hazrat Adam (peace be on him) and came as a warner to his people.

The family of Hazrat Adam (peace be on him) had increased in number and spread to many places. Through the Grace of Allah the skills and knowledge of these people had increased but over time they began to worship idols which

they had made with their own hands. They spent much of their time doing wicked things that Allah the Almighty disliked.

Amongst these people lived a man called Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him). He was a good, kind and pious man. He always remembered Allah and disliked the behaviour of the people around him. Allah chose him to be His Messenger. Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) tried to make his people realise the things they were doing wrong and how bad they had become. More importantly, he told them to worship the one true God, who had created them and all other things on Earth. He warned them again and again that if they did not change their ways, Allah would punish them.

Only a few humble people accepted Hazrat Nuh's (peace be on him) message, most were very stubborn and proud. They laughed and made fun of him and his small number of followers. They said, *'Our fathers worshipped these idols and we will continue to do the same.'* They would say to Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him): *'When did you become a Prophet? Yesterday you were one of us and today you are a Prophet of God!'*<sup>1</sup>

The chiefs, the nobles and wealthy would say: *'Couldn't Allah find anyone else to be a Prophet apart from this ordinary, common man?'*<sup>2</sup>

Others said: *'He is a man just like us. If Allah wanted he could have sent down Angels!'*<sup>3</sup>

No matter how hard Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) tried, his people did not listen to him. They accused him of being a liar who wanted power and wealth, but Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) told them that he had no reason to lie. He did not ask for any wealth from anyone, and was suffering because of the abuse they hurled at him. However, he knew that his reward was with Allah alone.

Despite Hazrat Nuh's (peace be on him) efforts, only a few people accepted him as a Prophet and became his followers. Even Hazrat Nuh's (peace be on him) wife and one of his sons, did not believe in him.

The chiefs mocked Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) and told him to drive away his humble followers. His followers were ordinary, humble, poor people who worked hard to earn their living and the wealthy looked down upon them thinking they were nothing. But Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) knew how much Allah loved these humble people, because they had seen the truth in Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) and were doing as Allah said. In His eyes, they were far, far greater than those who only loved power and wealth, and wasted their time on these things. No one could have predicted what would happen in the future – certainly

not these misguided people! Allah was to bless these poor, humble people with the blessings of the Heavens and the Earth!

There came a time when Hazrat Nuh's (peace be on him) people said to him: '*We do not wish to discuss anything else with you.*'<sup>4</sup> They taunted him further by saying: '*Tell us when our destruction will come.*' Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) simply replied that Allah would bring it to them when He pleased.

Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) was very sad, he loved his people very much and he wanted them to be saved, but he also knew that Allah loved His creatures far more than he did. He spent his days trying to make them believe in Allah and he spent his nights in prayer. He prayed for them despite the fact that they were so cruel to him and his followers; he even prayed for those who, at one time, wanted to have him stoned.

Eventually, the day came when Allah told Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) that no one else from among his people would believe in him.<sup>5</sup> He told him not to be sad for them. Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) accepted Allah's Will and submitted to him praying:



.... رَبِّ لَا تَذَرُ عَلَيَّ الْأَرْضِ مِنَ الْكٰفِرِيْنَ دِيَارًا .

***Rabbi Laa Tazar Alal-Arzi minal-Kaafireena Dayyaaran***

***'My Lord, leave not of the disbelievers even one dweller in the land. (Surah Nuh: verse 27 )***

Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) knew that his people would be destroyed. This was because Allah knew that as long as those people were alive, they would not allow the message of Allah to spread. Destroying them would also punish those who do not listen to him.

Allah commanded Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) to build



an ark with the help of his followers. They did as Allah commanded. They worked in the heat of the sun, building a magnificent boat. As they worked those who did not believe laughed and mocked them. Ignoring the taunts, Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) and his followers continued to work hard building the ark, because they knew that Allah's promise of a great destruction was about to come true very soon.

As the time of the disaster drew closer Allah told Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) and his followers to collect up food supplies and some animals that would be useful to them. The rains began to fall. At first no one was worried, but it fell harder and harder, and suddenly there was water everywhere. So much so, that the land could no longer absorb it. At the same time the springs and fountains began to gush. Water from the Heavens and the Earth flooded the

land. As Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) and his followers got into the ark, Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) prayed to Allah:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ مَجْرئَهَا وَمُرْسئَهَا إِنَّ رَبِّي لَغَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ۝

***Bismillaahi Majrayhaa wa mursaahaa-Inna Rabbee La  
Gafoorur-Raheem***

***'In the name of Allah, be its course and its mooring. My  
Lord is assuredly most Forgiving, Merciful'.***

(Surah Hud: Verse 42)

The rising water lifted the Ark and soon it was afloat. As it rode on the waters, those on board watched as houses crumbled. People tried to grab their precious belongings. Where were their gods now? Why did they not help them? They too crumbled and were washed away by the water. Some people tried to climb the heights of the surrounding hills in order to find safety from the water, but there was no escaping from God's punishment that day. The waters continued to rise rapidly and the waves grew to the size of mountains.

The people who had not believed in Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) were overtaken by the punishment promised by Allah and those who had believed were saved as Allah had

promised. One of Hazrat Nuh's (peace be on him) own sons did not believe in his father's message. Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) tried one last time to make him listen in the hope that he might be saved, he said: 'O my son embark with us and be not of the disbelievers.'<sup>6</sup> Yet even so, when the flood waters were rising, and Hazrat Nuh's (peace be on him) words were being fulfilled, his son did not believe in him and said: 'I shall take shelter in the mountains.'

Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) replied:

.... لَا عَاصِمَ الْيَوْمَ مِنْ أَمْرِ اللَّهِ إِلَّا مَنْ رَحِمَ ...

***Laa Aasimal-Yauma min Amrillaahi Illaa man Rahima***

***'There is no shelter this day from the decree of Allah except for him to whom Allah shows mercy.'***

(Surah Hud: Verse 44)

With these words, the waves divided Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) from his son and he was drowned. Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) was very upset; he remembered God's promise that all his family would be saved, so when his son drowned he questioned Allah about His promise.

God spoke to Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) and said:

... يٰنُوْحُ اِنَّهٗ لَيْسَ مِنْ اَهْلِكَ ؕ اِنَّهٗ عَمَلٌ غَيْرُ صٰلِحٍ ...

***Yaa Nuhu Innahoo Laisa min Ahlika Innahoo Amalun Ghairu Saalihin***

***'O Nuh he is surely not of your family; he is indeed a man of unrighteous conduct.....'***

(Surah Hud: Verse 47)

Now Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) realised what God had meant by 'family'. His family were only those people who were righteous, who believed in the message from Allah the Almighty, and followed the path chosen for them by Him. When Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) realised his mistake, he asked Allah to forgive him.

Then a time came when Allah stopped the rain and the earth soaked up the water. The ark came to rest on a mountain called Al-Judi.<sup>7</sup> When Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) left the Ark he said:

... رَبِّ اَنْزِلْنِيْ مُنْزَلًا مُّبْرَكًا وَّاَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْمُنْزِلِيْنَ ؕ

***Rabbi Anzilnee Munzalam-Mubaarakan Wa Anta Khairul-Munzileen***

***'My Lord, cause me to land a blessed landing, for Thou art the Best of those who bring people to land'***  
(Surah Al-Mu'minun: Verse 30)

At last all those in the Ark could set foot on dry land again. They thanked Allah for His Mercy and Grace.

Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him) and his followers began a new life. They lived according to Allah's Law, worshipping Him alone. This community was blessed by Allah. Allah gave them honour, dignity, wisdom and wealth.

The descendants of Hazrat Nuh's (peace be on him) spiritual family grew in number, and among them were kings and prophets. They travelled and spread to many different lands, and wherever they went they taught people about Allah the Almighty.

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