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Guide to Parents

This book, one of a series of books, produced by Lajna Imaillah UK, is based on the stories narrated in the Holy Quran. They are designed for children of primary school age who can read and try the activities independently.

It is intended that after reading and enjoying these stories you can help your children to find the stories in the Holy Quran and read them for themselves. We hope that you will be able to enjoy sharing the stories with younger children by reading to them and discussing the story events. We also hope you will enjoy sharing the activities with your children.

May Allah enable us to follow the illuminating path of the righteous people who are a beacon of light for the humanity.

HAZRAT

Dear children,

In this book we will be learning about Hazrat Lut^{as}. Hazrat Lut^{as} was the nephew of Hazrat Ibrahim^{as}. Like his uncle, Hazrat Lut^{as} was sent as a prophet. He had to guide his people to the right path and warn them of the danger of their behaviour. Hazrat Lut^{as} believed in the teachings of Hazrat Ibrahim^{as}. He was only a subordinate to Hazrat Ibrahim^{as} just like Hazrat Isma'il^{as} and Hazrat Harun^{as}.

The story of Hazrat Lut^{as} began 4000 years ago. Hazrat Lut^{as} migrated from a place called Mesopotamia to Canaan with his uncle, Hazrat Ibrahim^{as}.

Mesopotamia is shown on a map on the next page.

What is a subordinate?

Subordinate means slightly lower in rank or position. For example the Promised Messiah^{as} was a subordinate of Hazrat Muhammad^{sa}. It is important to mention here that subordinate prophets are also appointed by God and not by the previous Prophets.

Did you know?

Hazrat Lut^{as} is known as Prophet Lot in the Bible.

LUT^{as}



Did you know?

Mesopotamia is now known as the Middle East, it now makes parts of Iraq, Kuwait, Turkey and parts of Syria. Canaan was the name given to the land next to the Mediterranean Sea which today we know as Jordan, Syria and Israel. It is believed that they migrated to the place now known as Syria.

About Hazrat Lut^{as} Allah has said in the Holy Quran,

“... surely he was one of the righteous” (Chapter Al-Anbiya, verse 76).

Allah sends righteous people as prophets to mankind so that humans can be taught the difference between the right and the wrong path.

The people of Hazrat Lut^{as} who lived in a town called Sodom, were on the wrong path. In the Quran, three bad deeds they did have been mentioned.

1. The men were having close relationships with men instead of women.
2. The people robbed travellers that were passing by.
3. They even committed crimes openly in their assemblies.

Hazrat Lut^{as} told them God wanted them to stop their evil ways.

The people were tired of the teaching and preaching of Hazrat Lut^{as} and they wanted to get him out of the city but needed a proper excuse.

Did you know?

Did you know? Hazrat Lut^{as} was a citizen of the town of Sodom and two of his daughters were also married in the town.

The people of Hazrat Lut^{as} were at war with their neighbouring tribes. They told Hazrat Lut^{as} not to encourage strangers to come to Sodom. However in that part of the country travel was not safe or comfortable so Hazrat Lut^{as} used to care for lonely wayfarers in his house. The people of Canaan had threatened to banish Hazrat Lut^{as} because of this.

Hazrat Lut^{as} taught his people to follow the right path, to be honest and to behave properly. Hazrat Lut^{as} warned them not to allow

unnatural relationships between men. He said, ‘... Do you commit an abomination such as no one in the world ever did before you? You approach men with lust instead of women. Nay, you are a people who exceed *all* bounds..’ (Chapter Al-A’raf, verses 81-82)

Did you know?

Intimate relationships between men and men are also discouraged in the Bible. Judaism, Christianity and Islam only allow intimate relationships between men and women within marriage.

However, Hazrat Lut’s people mocked him and said if you are telling the truth then why you don’t punish us.



LOVE
FOR ALL
HATRED
FOR NONE

Huzoor^{aba} also tells us to take the right path in all his sermons. One of our mottos is ‘love for all hatred for none’ - a love for humanity. Huzoor^{aba} explained this motto does not mean we love the activities of all people. This means we seek the best for all people.

Did you know?

Most people believe the messengers who came to warn Hazrat Lut^{as} were angels however it could be that they were righteous people. The people of Hazrat Lut^{as} had already been warned about a punishment. The messengers came to warn Hazrat Lut^{as} that the time for the punishment had arrived and to allow Hazrat Lut^{as} to leave safely.

رَبِّ انصُرْنِي عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْمُفْسِدِينَ

Hazrat Lut^{as} then prayed “... Help me, my Lord, against the wicked people” (Chapter Al-Ankabut, verse 31).

Messengers then came to warn him about the punishment for his people for their wrongdoings. Hazrat Lut^{as} was very upset when he heard of this punishment and felt helpless on the behalf of his people. Even after this warning, Hazrat Lut^{as} warned his people to turn to the right path.

Did you know?

The messengers who came to warn Hazrat Lut^{as} also brought glad tidings for Hazrat Ibrahim^{as} about a son to be born to him.

The people of Sodom came trembling with rage when they realised that due to Hazrat Lut^{as} these strangers had once again entered their city. Hazrat Lut^{as} asked his people not to disgrace him on mentioning this matter before his guests. He warned them again to have right relationships with women rather than men.



The messengers had informed Hazrat Lut^{as} to leave during the night and not to look back. It seems that the people of Hazrat Lut^{as} were destroyed by a terrible earthquake. Hazrat Lut^{as}'s wife didn't believe him and so was destroyed with his people. Allah has said in the Quran that she will enter fire.

In the Bible it says that the people of Prophet Lut^{as} were destroyed by 'fire and brimstone rained down from the sky' It says that wife of Prophet Lut^{as} was turned into a 'pillar of salt', perhaps like the

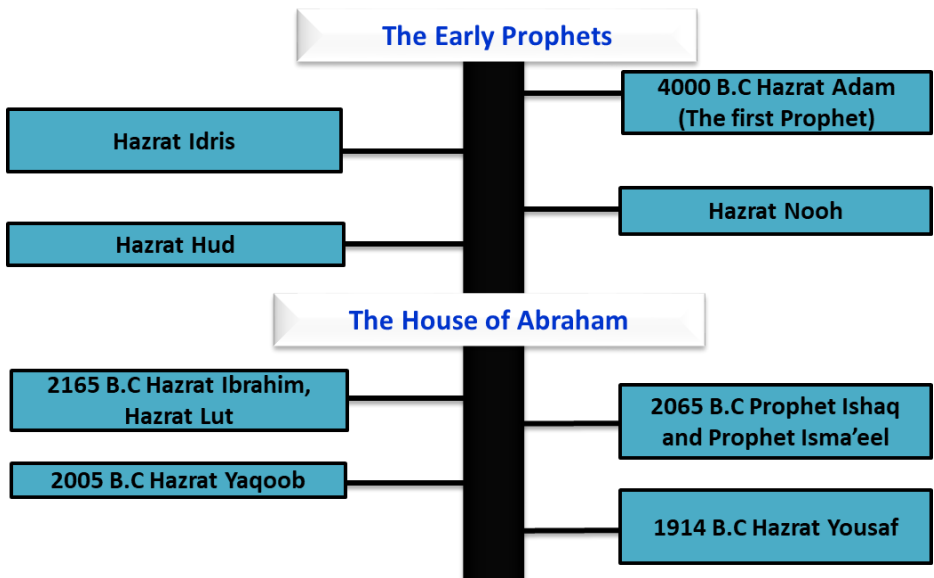
people of Herculanium and Pompei in Ancient Rome. We can see their remains in the museum, looking like statues.

Hazrat Lut^{as} was saved. He was given wisdom and knowledge.

Allah has told us that this punishment was not just meant for the people of Hazrat Lut^{as} but this story is given as a warning for the people of the Holy Prophet^{sa} too if they continued to reject Him.



Timeline of Prophets



Activity page

What did you learn today?

Which city did Hazrat Ibrahim^{as} and Hazrat Lut^{as} migrate to?

Which prayer should you recite for help against the wicked people? Try to memorise it....

Activity page

Name the three evil deeds that the people of Hazrat Lut^{as} were carrying out?

Describe how Hazrat Lut^{as} is related to Hazrat Ibrahim^{as}? Name the prophets that came before and after Hazrat Lut^{as}.

Activity page

Can you find all the words in this word search?

P Z A P I A L E R M
R E L I B P O B E I
O X Y A R P V A L G
P Y R T A I E B A R
H E R S H E G R O A
E T A M I E J H U T
T A M A M S G K T I
M E S S E N G E R O
R E L A T I O N S N

Prophet

Migration

Ibrahim

Love

Messenger

Right

Relations

Marry

Lut

