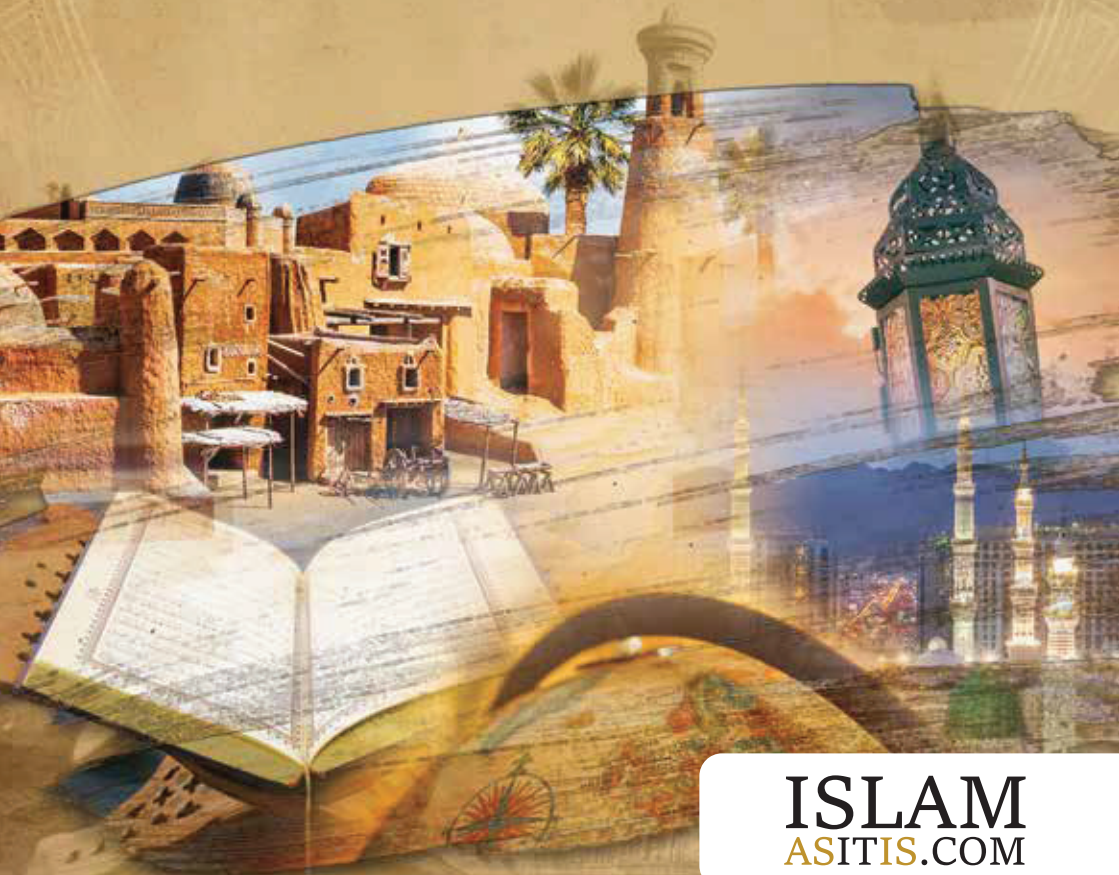


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**Around 1400 years ago,
the entire world was full of
tyranny and barbarity. Slavery
spread across all parts of the
world, affecting all genders,
age groups and races.**




**Battles and wars would
begin over tiny issues.
Cruelty, oppression and
killing of innocent souls
were considered part of
the society.**





**Ignorance, barbarism,
oppression, dishonesty,
impurity and wickedness were
prevalent. In the words of the
Holy Quran, "Corruption had
appeared throughout the land
and sea" (The Qur'an:30:41)**



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**Girls were buried alive after
their births. Women had no
respect and rights. They had
no social status and were
forced into slavery.**





**Religions and cultures
were based on idolatry,
human worship and bowing
down before stones,
animals, and trees.**



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Alcoholism, fornication and gambling were elements of social life. In the words of the Holy Quran, "The world was on the edge of burning Hell".


(The Qur'an: 03:103)





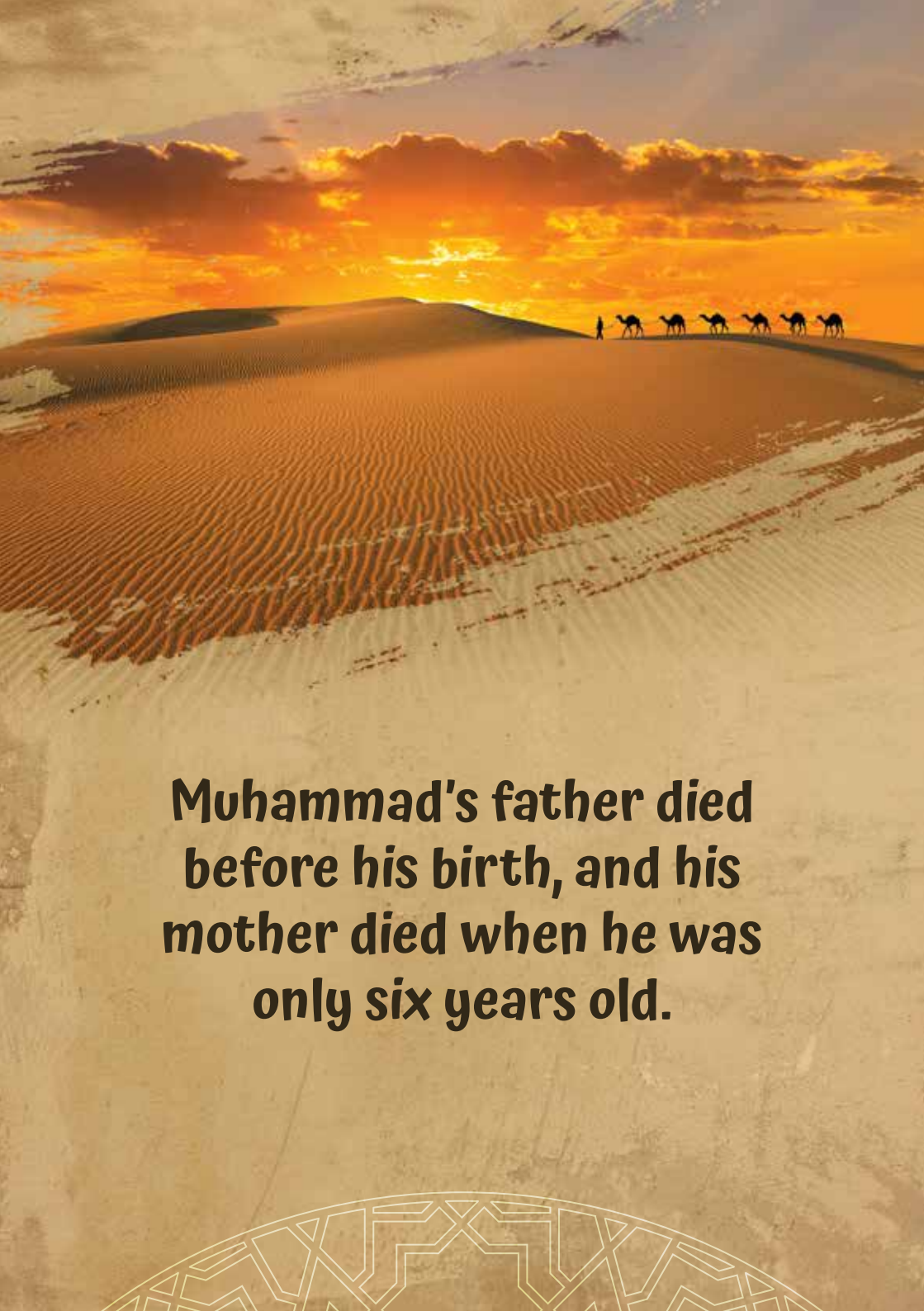
**This was the scenario when
the birth of Muhammad
(peace be upon him) took
place in the city of Makkah
in the year 570 CE.**






**Muhammad was born to
Abdullah and Aminah, both
belonging to the noble
families of Makkah.**



A full-page background image of a desert landscape at sunset. The sky is filled with vibrant orange and yellow clouds. In the distance, a line of sand dunes is visible. On the crest of one of the dunes, a small caravan consisting of several camels and a person is silhouetted against the bright sky. The foreground shows the rippling texture of sand dunes.

**Muhammad's father died
before his birth, and his
mother died when he was
only six years old.**






As an orphan, Muhammad was brought up by his grandfather, Abdul Motalib and later by his uncle, Abu Talib.





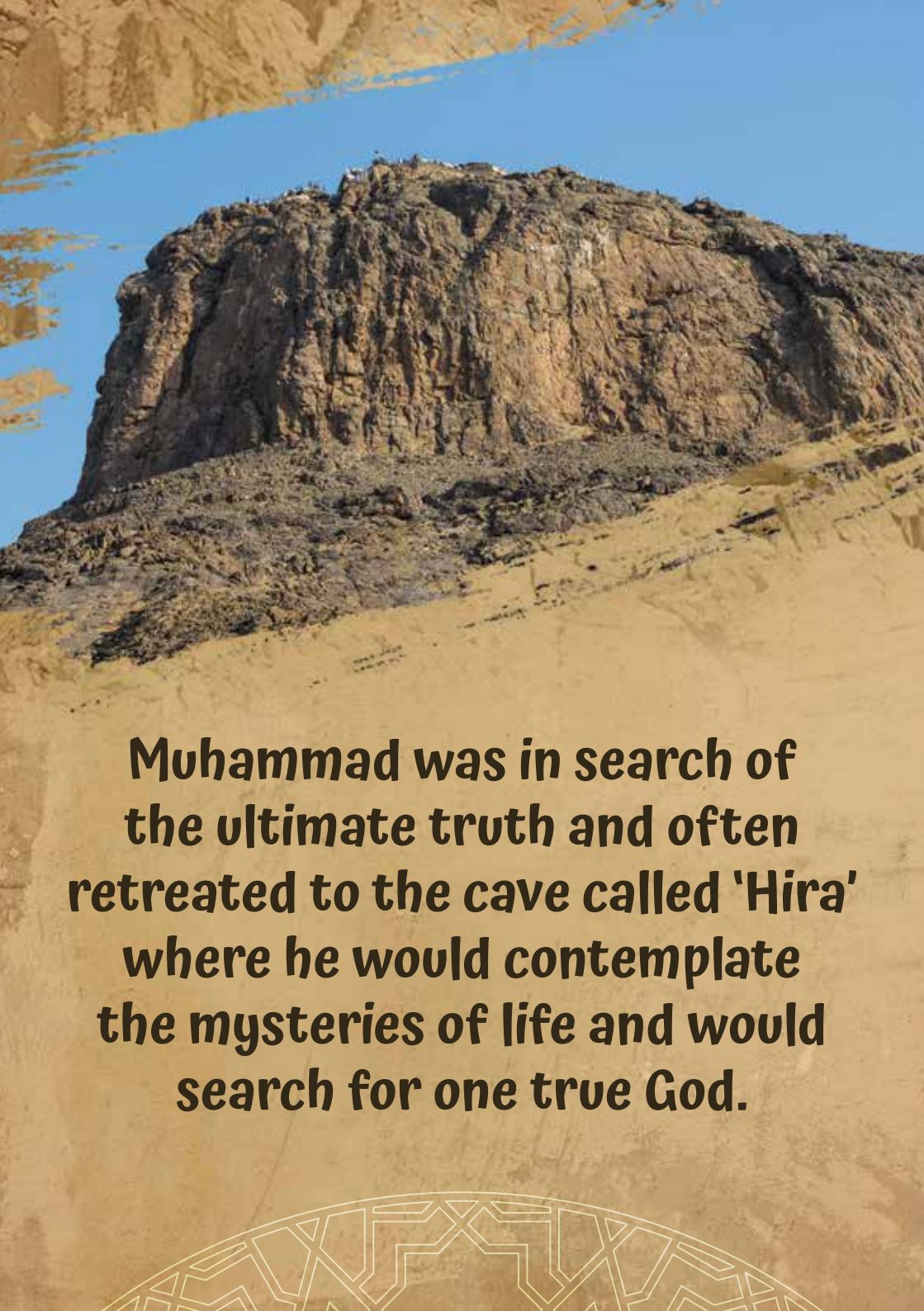
Due to poverty, Muhammad was compelled to become a shepherd for the inhabitants of Makkah, and later he worked for a lady trader called "Khadija."



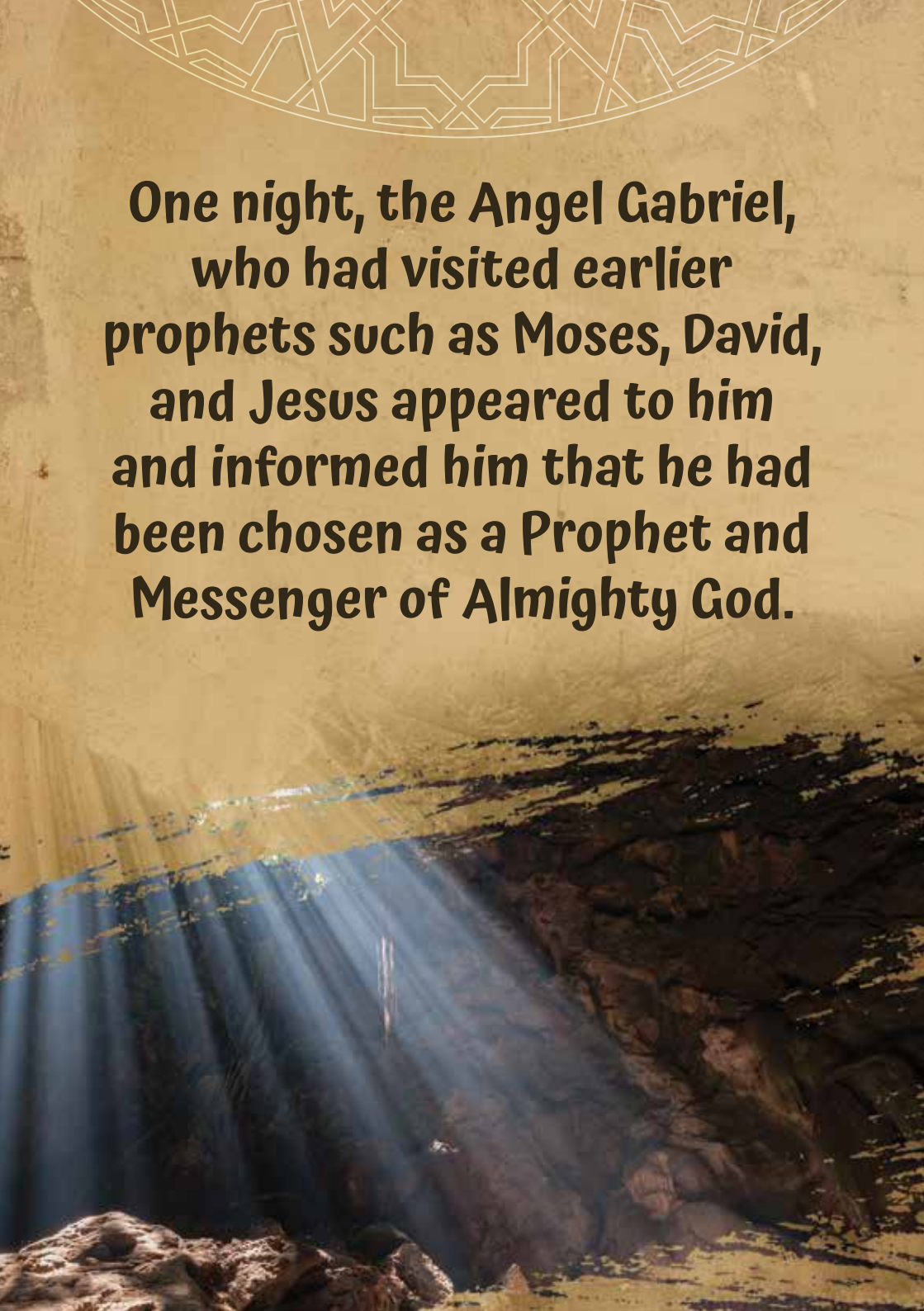


**When he was a youth,
Muhammad had sterling
qualities and a pure personality.
He was not involved in evils
such as polytheism
and idolatry.**





**Muhammad was in search of
the ultimate truth and often
retreated to the cave called 'Hira'
where he would contemplate
the mysteries of life and would
search for one true God.**




**One night, the Angel Gabriel,
who had visited earlier
prophets such as Moses, David,
and Jesus appeared to him
and informed him that he had
been chosen as a Prophet and
Messenger of Almighty God.**

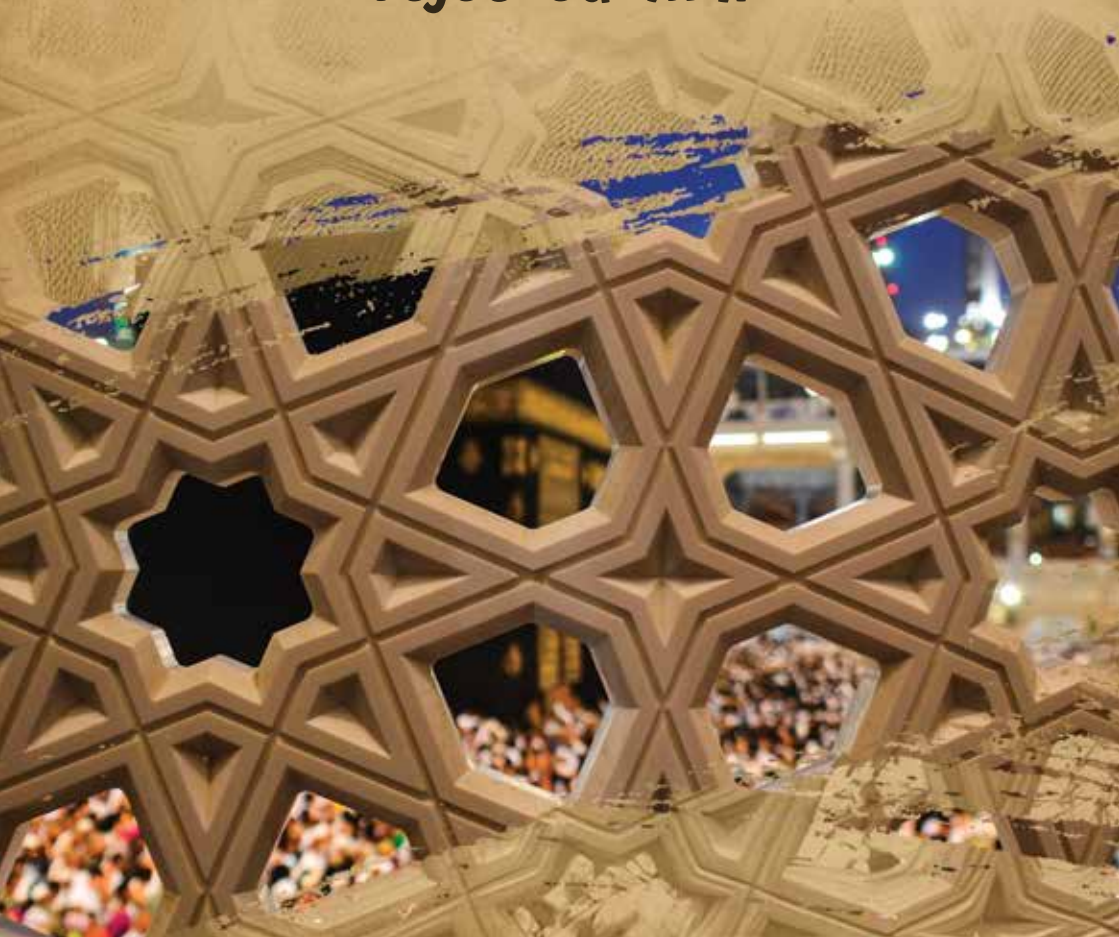



By making Muhammad a messenger, Almighty God made him responsible for eradicating idolatry, oppression, injustice and ignorance by spreading the true religion of God.






**On attaining the responsibility
of Prophethood, he started
his mission first, in his
city, Makkah, where some
accepted his call and many
rejected him.**





The people of Makkah started oppressing the new Prophet and his followers who believed in the oneness of God and were against worshiping man-made gods.

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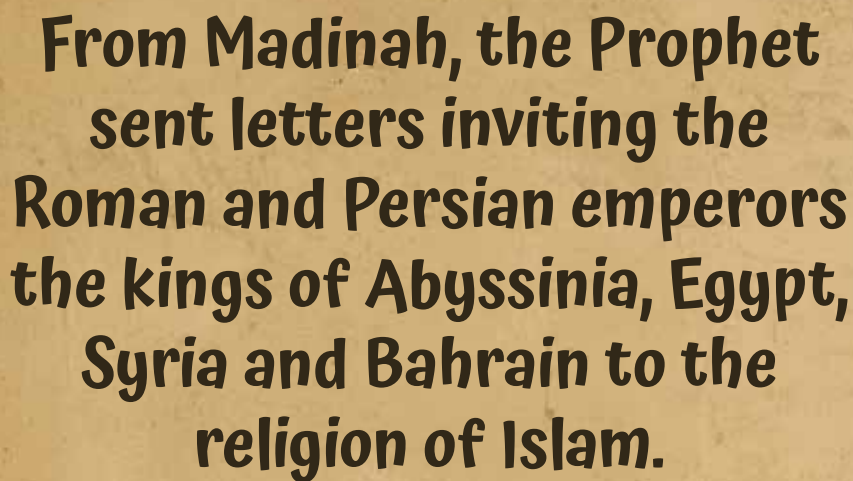
**To stay away from oppression
and to convey the true message
of Islam to humanity, Prophet
Muhammad and his followers
migrated to Madinah.**






In Madinah, the Prophet and his followers were warmly welcomed and they were able to spread the message of the one true God, far and wide.






**From Madinah, the Prophet
sent letters inviting the
Roman and Persian emperors
the kings of Abyssinia, Egypt,
Syria and Bahrain to the
religion of Islam.**





In his letters to the emperors and kings, Prophet Muhammad conveyed the message that the success of this world and the hereafter is only in accepting the fact that 'No one is worthy of worship except the one and only God, and Muhammad is a true messenger of God.



Prophet Muhammad stayed in Madinah for approximately ten years. During this period, he established a remarkable region that set an example of justice, equality and fairness.





The Prophet Muhammad gathered several followers who not only took up the responsibility of practicing Islam, but also conveyed the message of the Prophet to other parts of the world.



**Therefore, the message that
had started in Makkah, in a
short period of time, crossed
the Arabian Peninsula and
reached Africa, Europe, China,
India and Russia.**





**Right from the first
revelation in the cave of Hira
until his death 23 years later,
the Qur'an continued to be
revealed to the Prophet.**




The Prophet, through his words and deeds demonstrated the significance of upholding good conduct among mankind as stated in the revelations to make a paradise on this earth.





**Prophet Muhammad breathed
his last on the 12th of Rabi
al Awwal in 632 CE and
was buried where he died,
in his room adjacent to the
Prophet's Mosque in Madinah.**





**The prophet was from
a noble family. He was
knowledgeable, forbearing,
generous, just, modest, brave,
submissive and merciful.**



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The Prophet Muhammad forgave people and would let go even if they transgressed against him. When the people of Makkah and Taif did wrong to him, he prayed for them, saying 'O God! Have mercy on them, for they do not know me.



Most of the time, Prophet Muhammad's food were dates and water. Cooking didn't usually take place in his house.



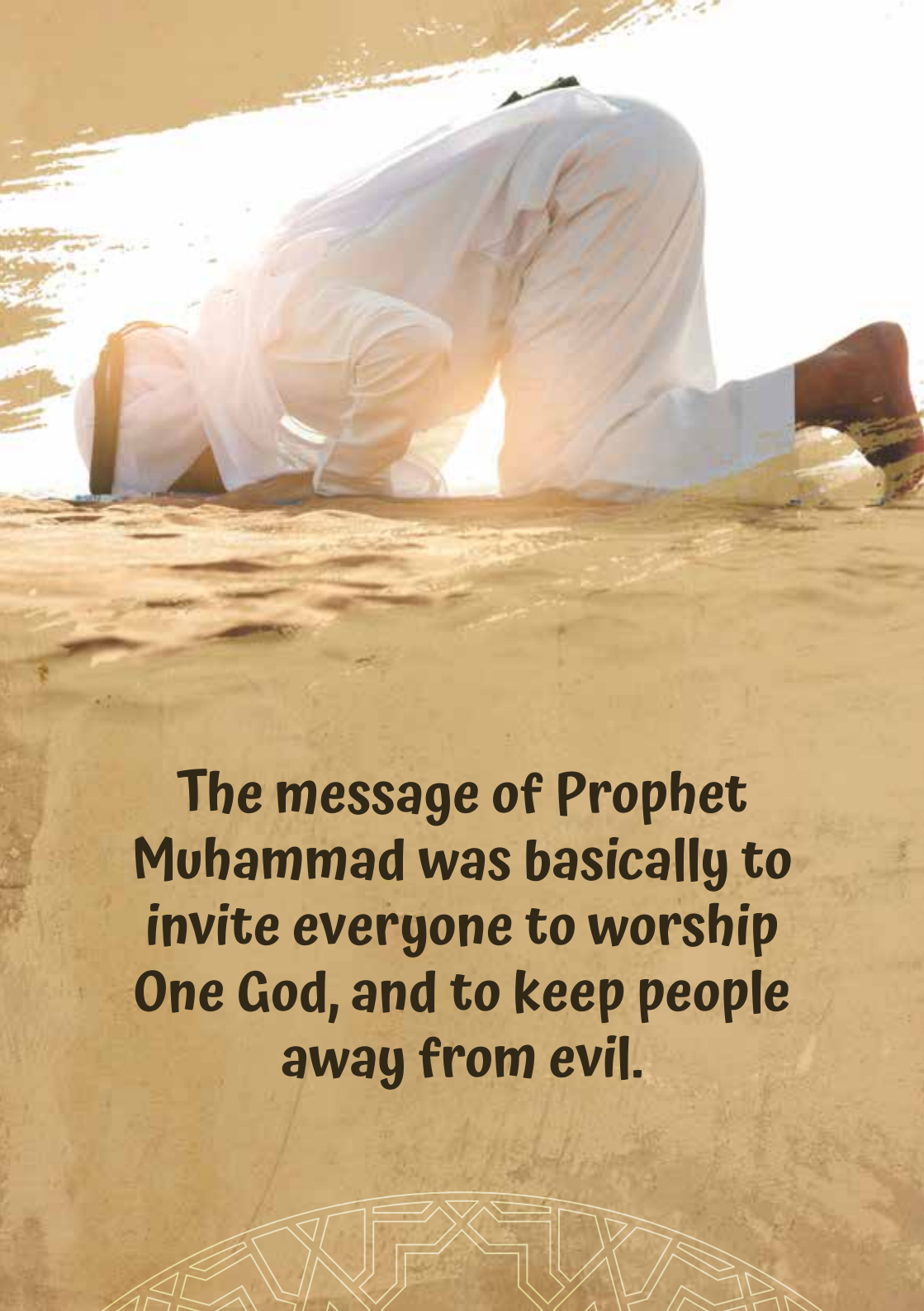


**The bed of the Prophet was
made of leaves of date palm
tree. He left no wealth that
could be inherited.**




Prophet Muhammad never distinguished between the poor and the rich, and whenever the poor invited him for a meal, he would accept the invitation and sit with them while eating.





**The message of Prophet
Muhammad was basically to
invite everyone to worship
One God, and to keep people
away from evil.**





**Prophet Muhammad did not
establish a new religion; instead,
he refreshed God's message and
all that the previous prophets,
such as Noah, Abraham, Moses,
David, Solomon, Joseph, John,
and Jesus (peace be upon them all)
had conveyed.**





Prophet Muhammad invited people to Islam, the foundation of which was simply worshipping One God and living a life in accordance with His will.



Prophet Muhammad is neither the founder of Islam nor its originator. He was only made responsible and accountable for conveying the message of God to the whole of mankind, which he fulfilled during his lifetime.





**Historical facts reveal
that the success of every
individual and nation, both in
this world and hereafter was
in accepting their prophets
and messengers.**



Thus, Muhammad (peace be upon him) is the last messenger and prophet sent to mankind. It is our duty and responsibility to study his life, understand his message and follow his footsteps in order to be successful in this life and attain Paradise in the hereafter.



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