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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)**



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



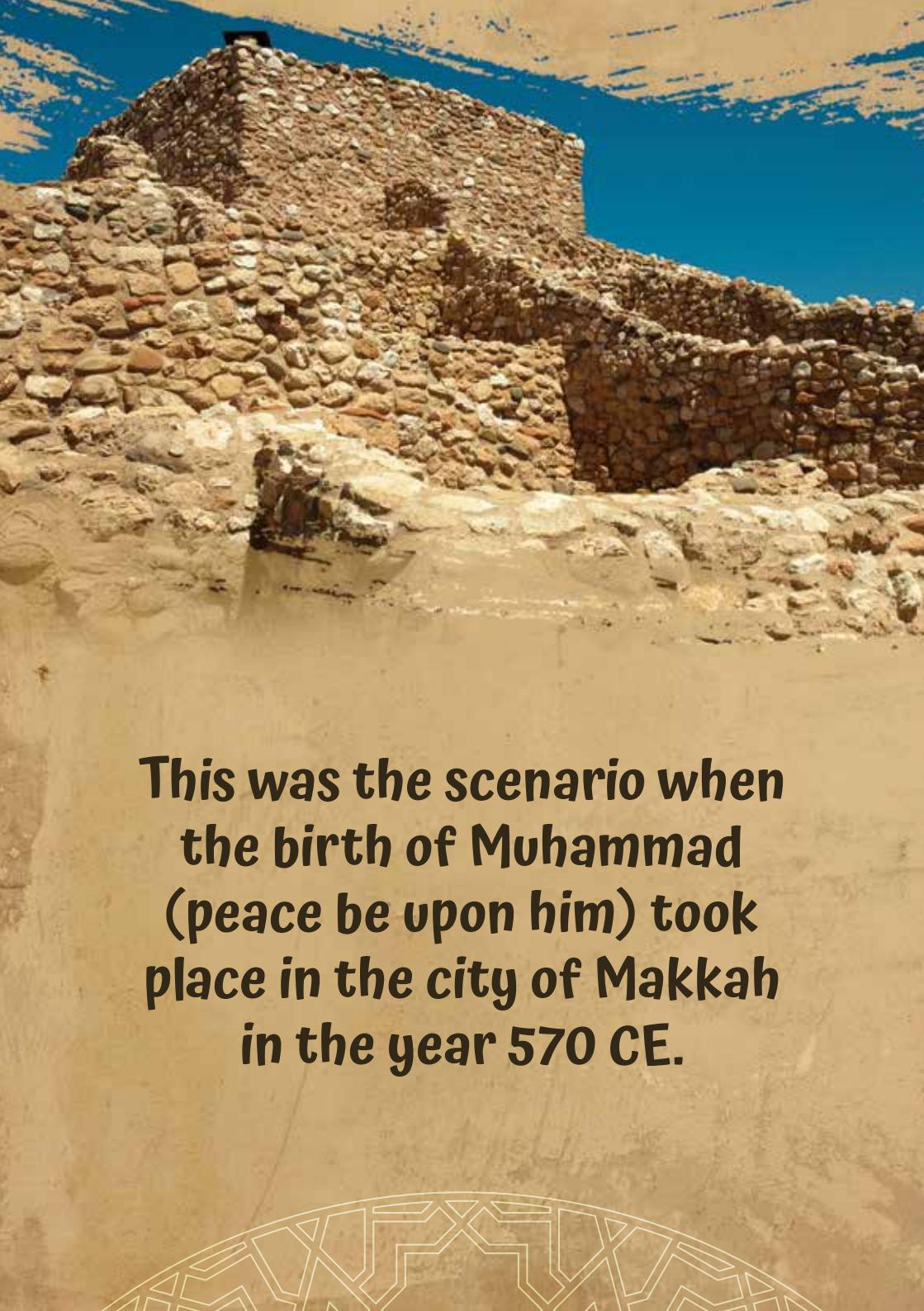


**Religions and cultures  
were based on idolatry,  
human worship and bowing  
down before stones,  
animals, and trees.**

**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)**

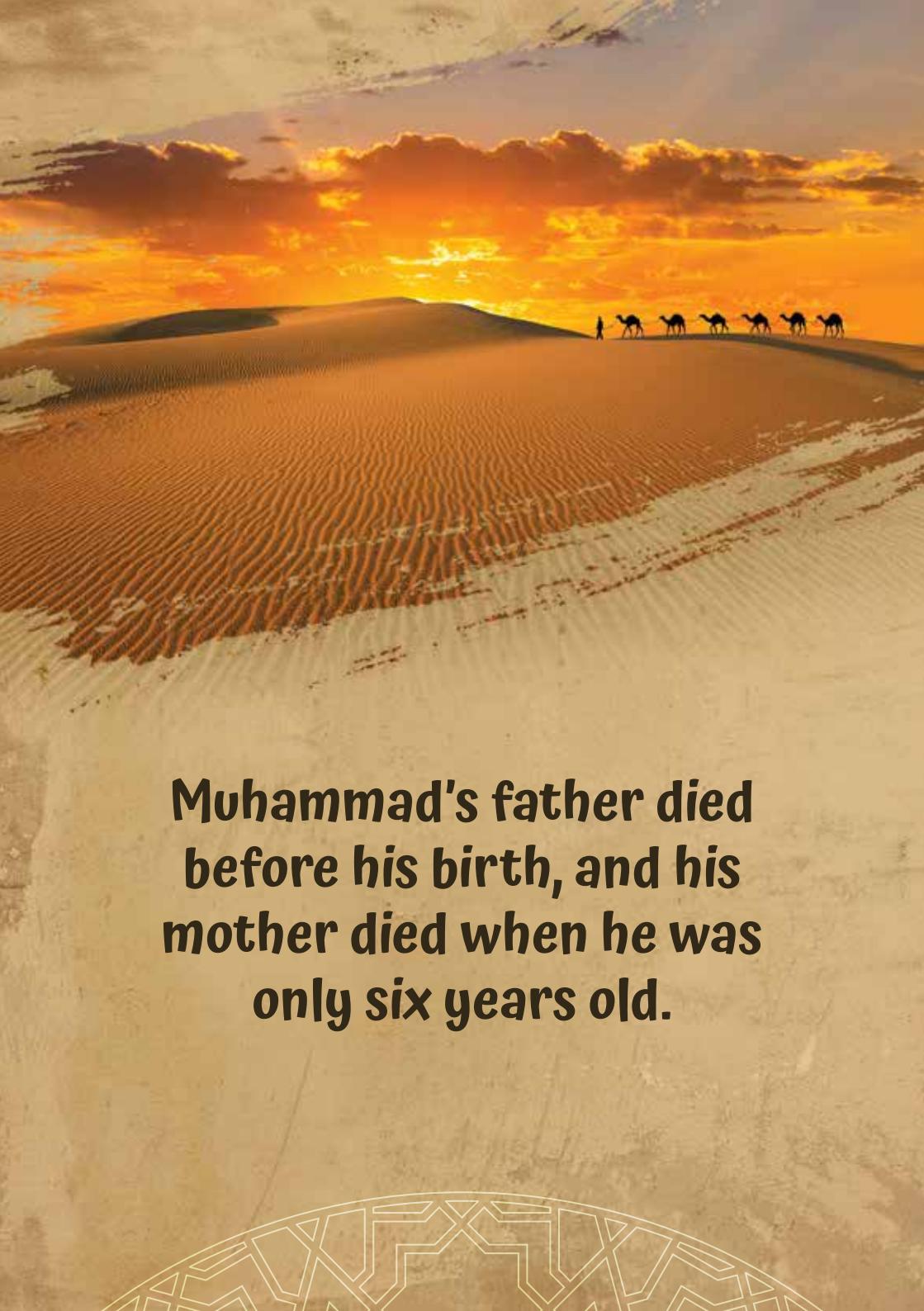




**This was the scenario when  
the birth of Muhammad  
(peace be upon him) took  
place in the city of Makkah  
in the year 570 CE.**

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

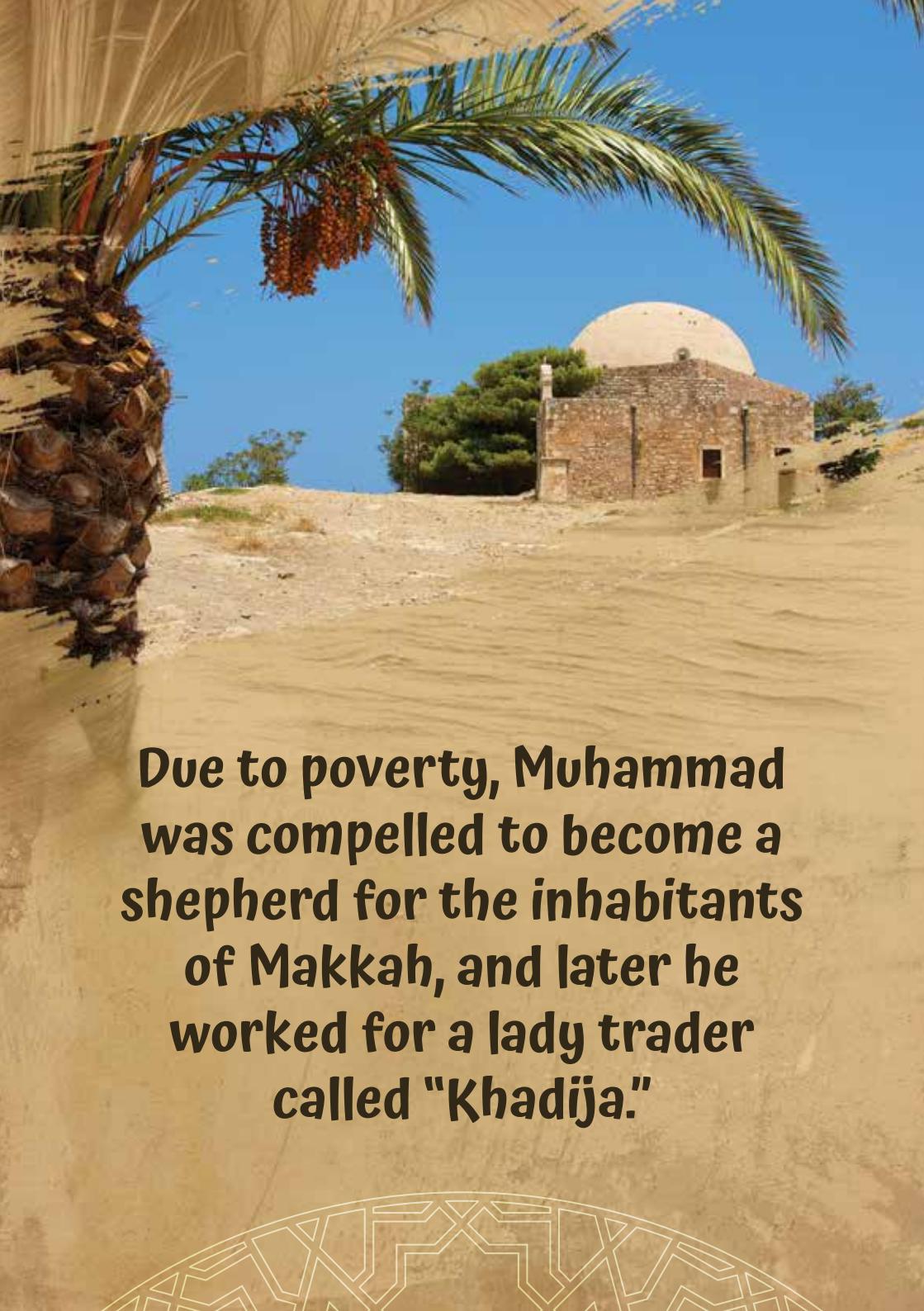




**Muhammad's father died  
before his birth, and his  
mother died when he was  
only six years old.**

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

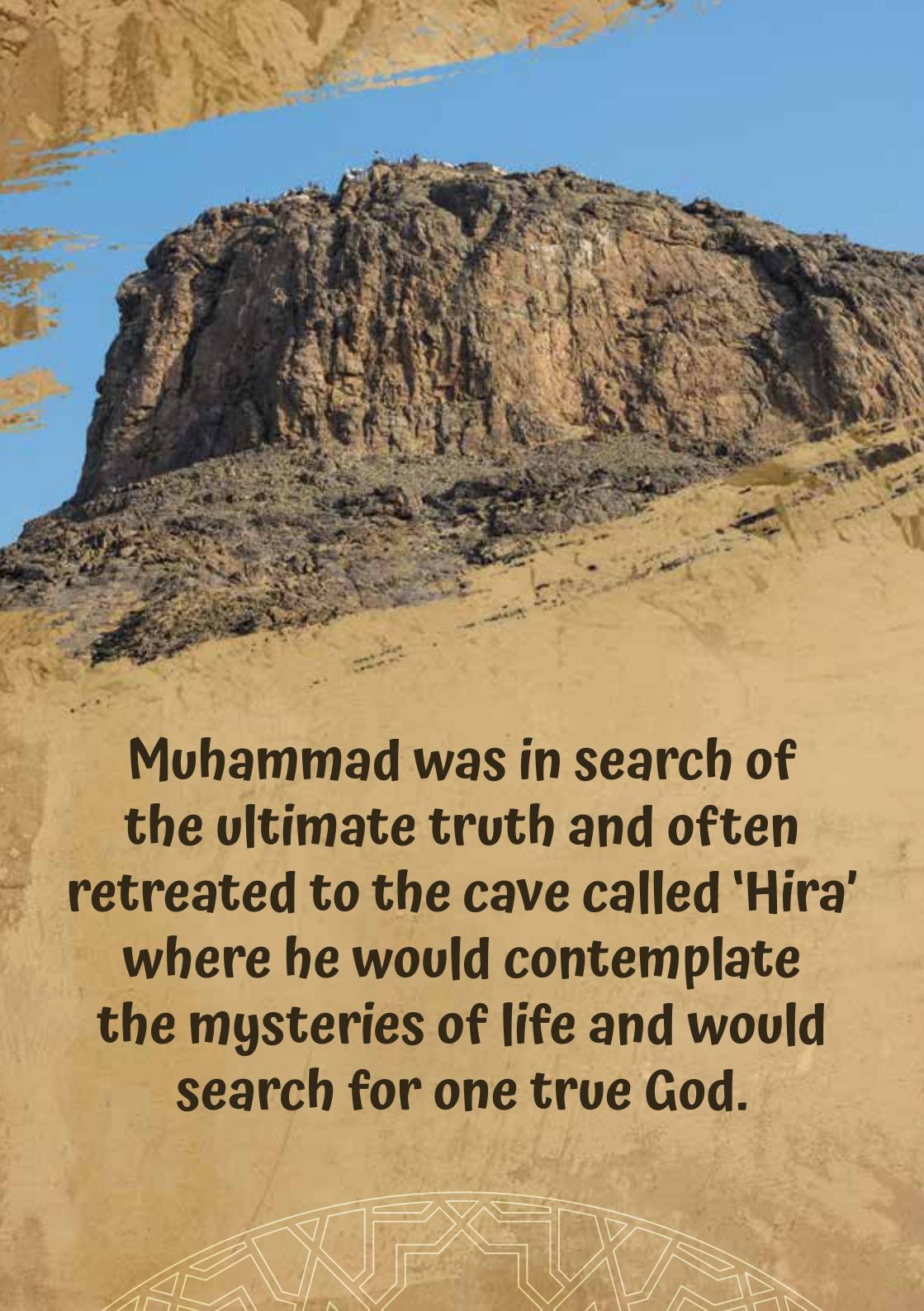




**Due to poverty, Muhammad was compelled to become a shepherd for the inhabitants of Makkah, and later he worked for a lady trader called "Khadija."**

**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.**



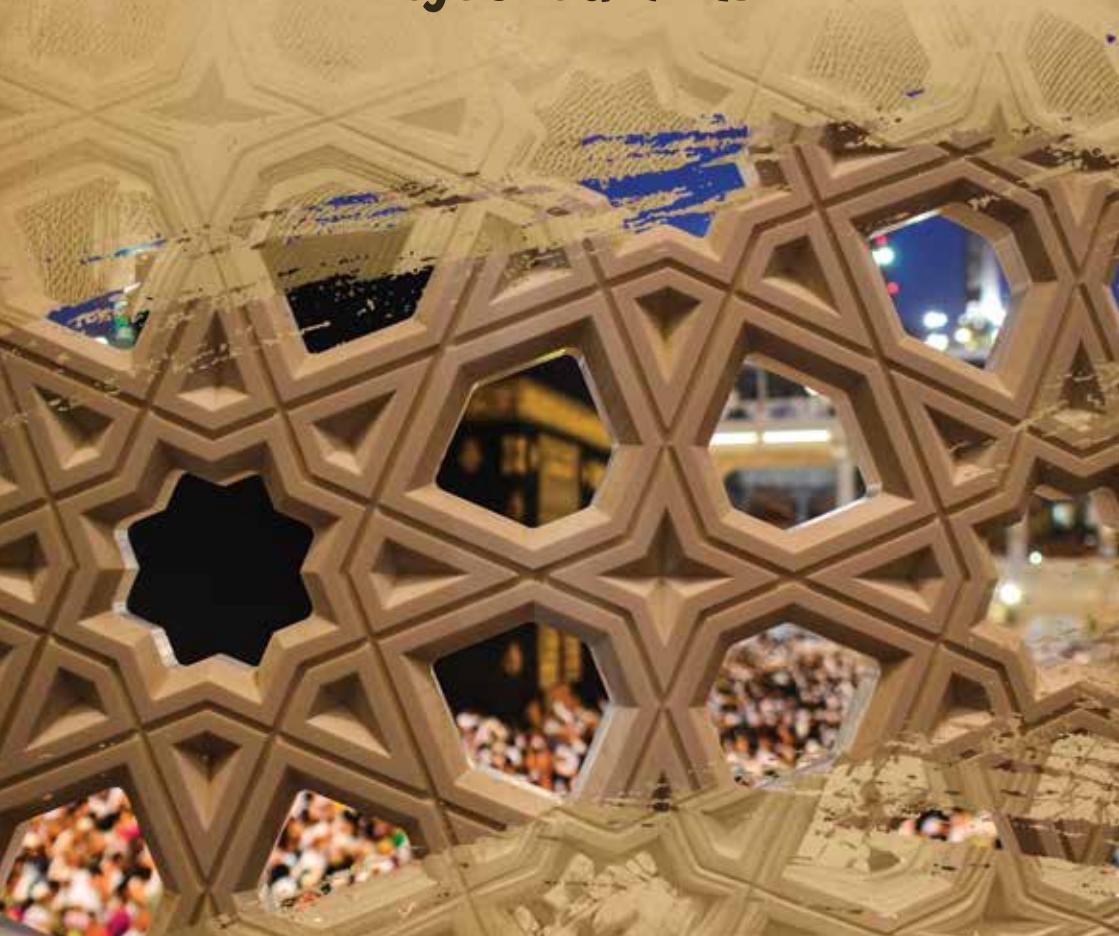
**One night, the Angel Gabriel,  
who had visited earlier  
prophets such as Moses, David,  
and Jesus appeared to him  
and informed him that he had  
been chosen as a Prophet and  
Messenger of Almighty God.**





**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.

**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.



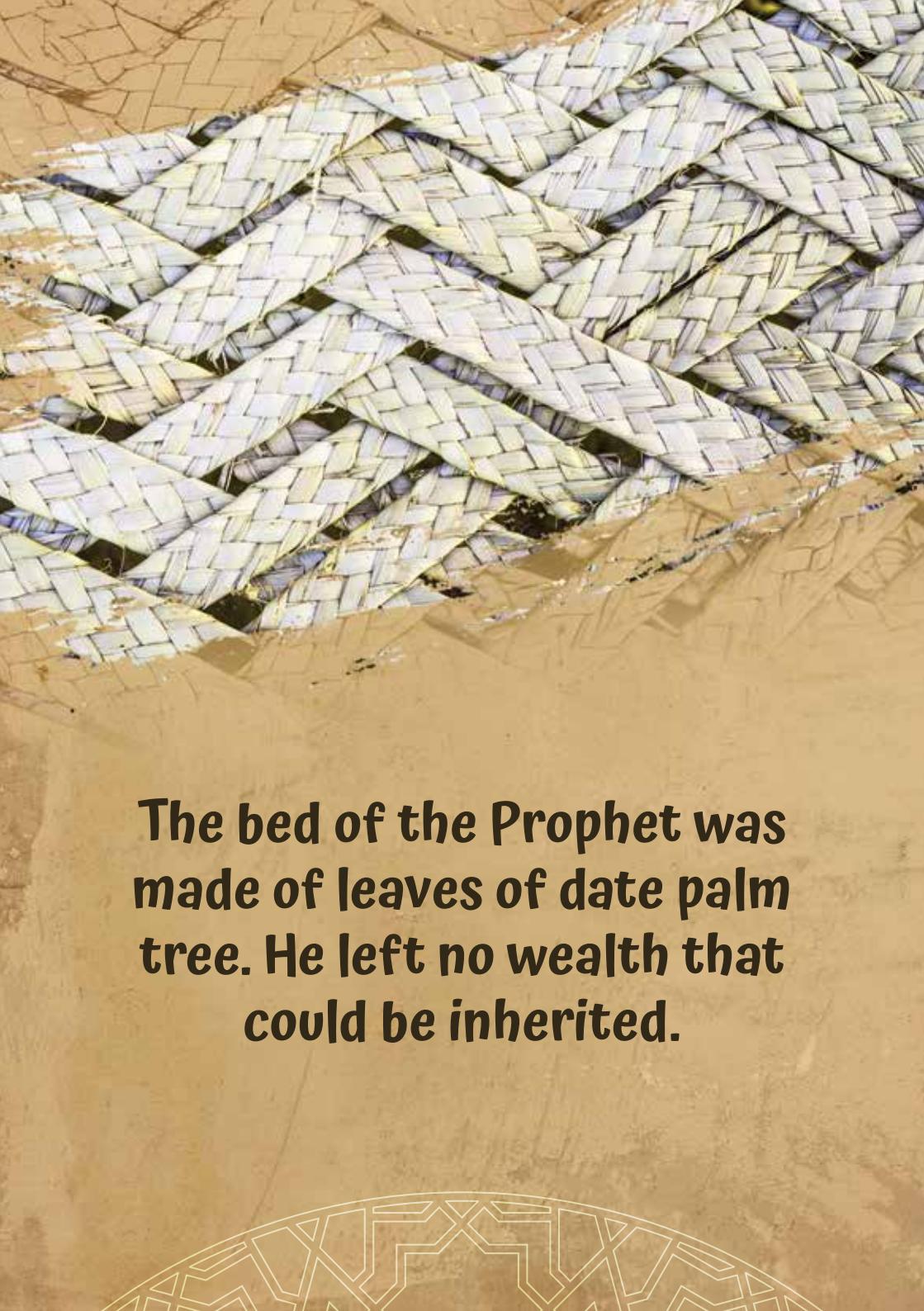
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**The Prophet Muhammad forgave people and would let go even if they transgressed against him. When the people of Makkah and Taif did wrong to him, he prayed for them, saying 'O God! Have mercy on them, for they do not know me.**

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

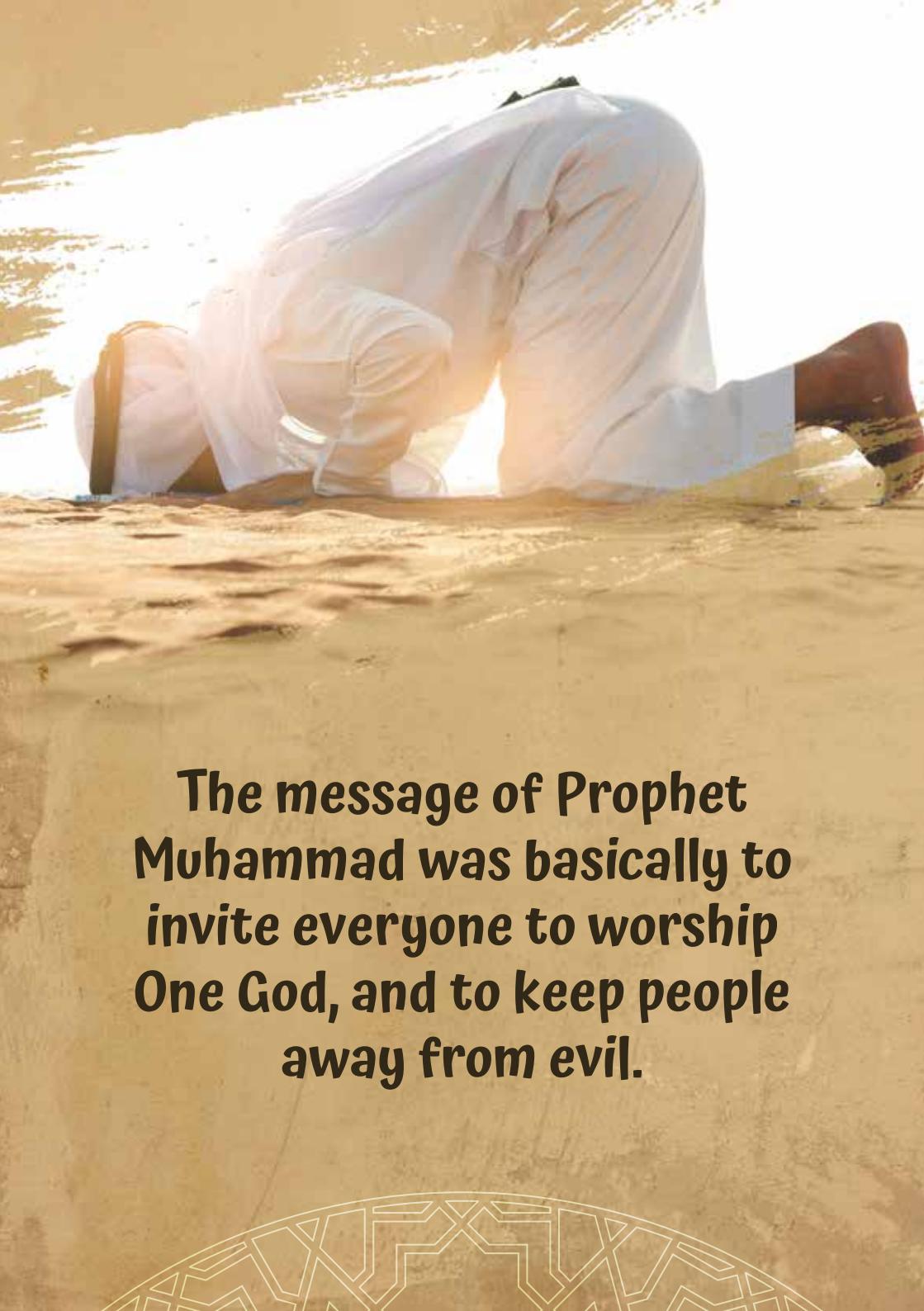




**The bed of the Prophet was  
made of leaves of date palm  
tree. He left no wealth that  
could be inherited.**

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 worshiping 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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