Stories of The Prophets

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Allah made the mountains and the seas.

He made all the animals.

He made the heavens and the stars.

He made the sun and the moon

and he made the angels.

The angels were like Allah's servants

and did everything He ordered.

Then Allah decided to make a man.
He called this first man Adam.

He taught him many things
so that Adam had more knowledge
than the angels.

There was one Jinn,
called Iblis and he thought
he was better than Adam
so Allah would not let him
stay with the other angels.

He was to be called
'Shaytan', the Devil.

Shaytan blamed Adam for what had
happened to him and was very angry.

Allah let Adam live in
a beautiful place because
he was good. The place was
called Paradise.

It was a very nice place but
Adam was a little lonely,
on his own all of the time.

Allah decided to help Adam.

He made Hawa to be Adam's wife.

They were happy and
liked living in Paradise.
There was, however,

one thing they were not allowed to do.

There was a special
tree and Allah had told them they must not
eat any fruit from that tree.

At first Adam and Hawa were

very good and kept away
from the tree.

Shaytan decided to do

something very naughty.

He told them they were silly
to keep away from the tree.

He said nothing would happen

if they ate its fruit.

He said the fruit was delicious

and they should try it.

After a while they began to

listen to Shaytan and thought

they would have just a little
taste of the fruit, just to see
what it was like.

Shaytan was very happy because
he had made them disobey Allah.

As soon as they had eaten
the fruit,

Adam and Hawa
realised that they had been
very naughty and
they felt guilty
for what they had done.

Allah forgave them
But He wouldn't let them
stay in Paradise any more

So He sent them to live on earth.

Adam had two sons
called Habil and Qabil.

Adam thought that
Habil, the younger son, should take over after him. But Qabil didn’t like this idea and was very jealous. To settle the argument Adam thought of an idea. He told his sons to think of a present to give to Allah and to leave it on top of a certain hill. The one whose present Allah accepted, would win the argument. Allah chose Habil’s present because Habil had taken a lot of time and trouble to choose his present.

Qabil was very upset and angry. He was so angry that he killed his
own brother. Afterwards, when he realised what he had done, he cried and cried but it was too late to be sorry.

After many years Adam had grandchildren and even great grandchildren. There were now lots of people on earth. Many of them obeyed Allah but some were not so good and did just what they wanted to do all the time. This made Allah very unhappy. Allah chose Nuh, a good man, to tell the people that what they were doing was wrong. But they wouldn't listen to him and carried on doing bad things. Allah decided that
all the naughty people should be punished.

He told Nuh to build a big ark near his house.

Nuh quickly got busy choosing good wood and building it up into a fine ark.

A lot of people laughed at him but he did not take any notice of them, because Allah had told him what to do.

When he had finished, he put lots of food into the ark and collected the good people together.

They also took lots of animals with them into the ark, two of every kind.
One day, all of a sudden,
the sky went very dark
and it started to rain.
Lightly at first, then
more and more heavily. Soon
there was water everywhere.
The bad people were not
laughing any more. They
were frightened because
they had no shelter
from the water.
Only the good people
in the ark were
safe and dry.

A long time ago,
a great tribe lived in the
South of Arabia.
They were called Ad.
They were very clever and
could do many things.
They used the mountains
for their homes.
They carved out great mansions
with wonderful pillars.
They called their city Iram.
It was very famous.
As time went on,
the people of Ad
thought more about themselves
and less about Allah.
They thought they didn't need Allah, because they had lots of money and power.

They thought they were being clever but really they were foolish. Before long they turned to bad ways. Gangs of them used to rob and kill people travelling by.

There was still one good man among them. His name was Hud. He did not belong to any of
the gangs.

He did not agree with the things they did.

He tried to tell them to stop their bad ways and told them to follow Allah’s ways.

Hud said Allah would punish the bad ones but most of the people still would not listen. They thought they were more clever than the messenger of Allah.

Allah told Hud to take all the good people into a big cave near the city. The very next day a terrible tornado came and only the good ones, the ones who had listened, were saved.

The people of Thamud
lived in a valley
called al-Hajr
in the north of Arabia.

It was a good land
so everything grew very easily.
Cattle and sheep grazed
on the land.

Everyone
had plenty of everything.

When people have a lot
they sometimes forget
who provides everything,
they sometimes forget Allah.

When this happens
Allah sends a messenger
or a prophet
to try to help the people.

To the people of Thamud,
Allah sent Salih.
Salih told the people
to remember Allah
but a lot of people just
laughed
at him and would
He did not give up. He still tried to persuade them to worship Allah and soon people began to listen. They realised Salih was right. The leaders of Thamud were upset by this. They did not want people to listen to Salih. They did not believe Salih was sent by Allah. They wanted him to prove it, they wanted a sign. They told Salih to bring them a camel but it had to be a special camel.
Salih prayed to Allah and Allah sent the special camel.
The camel gave lots and lots of milk so all the poor people had enough to drink, and they were very happy.
The leaders of Thamud became angry again to see Salih and his followers so happy.
They decided to kill the camel.
Salih told them that Allah would punish them.
Salih took all the good people away from the valley.
A terrible earthquake came and destroyed the valley.
and all the bad people.

If they had listened to Salih

they would have been saved.

Many years ago a boy
called Ibrahim lived
in Canaan.

he was very clever and was always asking questions.

Most of the people he knew
worshipped idols but
Ibrahim did not.

The people had
forgotten the messages
that Adam, Hud, Nuh
and Salih had
brought them.

Instead of praising
Allah they worshipped
statues.

Ibrahim told his father
he didn't think people should worship objects they had made themselves. His father was angry and told him not to say anything about the gods again.

Ibrahim decided he must show the people they were wrong so he thought of a plan.

One night he sneaked into the place where all the statues were kept. With an axe he chopped off the heads from all but one of the statues.

The biggest one he left.

The next morning the people were very angry and upset at what had happened. They were sure Ibrahim had done it.
They gathered in the public square and asked him if he had done it. Ibrahim told them to ask their big idol if he knew who was responsible. But, of course, the statue could not speak and the people knew it was only stone. Ibrahim shouted at them and asked how they could worship lumps of stone. The bad people were even more angry. They started to collect wood for a fire. They were going to burn Ibrahim to death. They made a big bonfire and put Ibrahim on the top. Everyone came to watch. They lit the wood. The fire burned, the flames grew higher and higher. The people had to
back away from the heat
of the flames.

Ibrahim was a good
person. He believed in Allah.

Allah would protect him.

Allah would not let the
fire harm him. When the
flames dies down the people
could not believe their eyes.

They saw that Ibrahim
was alive and the flames
had not harmed him at all.

How had this happened?

They all knew this was a
great miracle and they
fell to their knees.

This wonderful thing had
made them believe in Allah.

Some people would still not
They thought Ibrahim was just a magician.

Nimrod, the king of Canaan, heard all about Ibrahim.

He wanted to talk to him.

He asked Ibrahim about Allah.

Ibrahim told him that Allah could do all things.

He could give life and death.

Nimrod said that he too could do that.

His soldiers brought two men in. Nimrod ordered one to be killed and the other to be saved.
Nimrod thought that this made him like Allah.

Ibrahim told him that Allah brings the sun every morning from the East.

He asked Nimrod if he could bring the sun from the west next day, of course, Nimrod was unable to do that.

Ibrahim married a girl called Sarah. They lived very happily in Palestine. They worked and had plenty of everything. Ibrahim became very wealthy, but he was a good man. He always helped other people too.

After many years Ibrahim and Sarah still had no
children. This made
them very sad. They
both wanted a
child to share
their life with.
Sarah told Ibrahim
that he should marry
her servant Hajar too,
so that Ibrahim and
Hajar could make a
cchild together.

After a while Ibrahim
did marry Hajar and
she had a son.
They called him Ismail.
They were all very
happy.
Ibrahim, Hajar and Ismail
moved to a valley in
Arabia. They settled in
a good place with hills
and mountains on all
tides to protect them.
After a while Ibrahim said that he should go back to see Sarah and to get more food and water. Before he left he prayed to Allah to look after his wife and son because they did not have much food and water left.

The food and water soon began to run low. Hajar was very worried. What could they live on? They prayed to Allah.
Hajar went to the top of the mountain, Mount Safa, to look for Ibrahim.

Now their water was all gone and they were desperate.

She went to the other side of the valley and climbed to the top of Mount Marwa. She looked towards the North, East, West and South for help but found none.

Hajar kept running backwards and forwards between Mount Safa and Mount Marwa.

She did this seven times.

Suddenly she saw Ismail kick the ground with his heel.

A spring of water gushed out – beautiful, pure water, they were saved.

Even today this water, called
Zamzam, still flows in the Valley of Hijaz and when people go to Makkah on Hajj they go seven times between the two mounts in memory of this miracle that saved the lives of Hajar and Ismail.

When Ibrahim returned he was amazed to see the valley. The water had made the place very fertile. All the animals and caravans visited and made it a prosperous place.

One night Ibrahim had a bad dream. He dreamt Allah told him to sacrifice Ismail. Ibrahim thought it was Shaytan playing nasty
tricks on him.

The next night Ibrahim had

the same horrid dream.

Ibrahim knew that

Allah would only

ask him to do such

a thing if he had good

reason.

Even though he loved

his son dearly, he was

prepared to do this

difficult thing for Allah.

Ibrahim told

Ismail they

had to go to

Mount Arafat.

He took a knife

and a rope with him.
On the way they passed

a place called Mina.

The devil, Shaytan, came
to Ibrahim and

tried to talk him

out of sacrificing

his son.

Ibrahim turned his back

on him and would not listen.

When they reached Mount

Arafat, Ibrahim told Ismail

what Allah wanted him to do.

Ismail listened and accepted

what was to happen. He was

an exceptional child.

He too was a

great prophet.

Ismail told his father to tie

his hands and legs and blindfold

himself so he would not struggle and
make his father even more upset than
he was going to be and Ibrahim was
blindfolded so he would not see his
son suffer.

Ibrahim did as Ismail
had said. He then took
the knife and did what
Allah had told him to
do. When he took
the blindfold from his
eyes he looked down, not
at his son but at a
dead ram.

Ismail was at his side.

Ibrahim was afraid.

He thought he had disobeyed
but then he heard a voice
telling him not to worry.

Allah looks after his
followers. Ibrahim and Ismail
had passed a difficult test.

Each year, during the
In the month of Dhul Hijjah these pilgrims go to Makkah, Mina and Arafat. They visit places where Ibrahim and Ismail lived and preached. They give a sacrifice just as Allah commanded Ibrahim to do. The pilgrims sacrifice animals in memory of the deed.
We must obey

Allah’s commands

as Ibrahim and

Ismail did. We

obey by doing

the things we

know are right,

praying, obeying

our parents and

always telling

the truth.

The Well of Zamzam

where water first flowed

to save the lives of

Hajar and Ismail, became

a popular place for the
caravans to stop.

Some people liked the place so much they decided to stay there.

This place became known as Makkah.

One day Ibrahim had a message from Allah.

He and Ismail were to build a place for people to pray.

They were to build an altar, it was to be known as the Ka'aba.

The angel Jibrail brought the message saying that the Ka'aba should be built near the Well of Zamzam, the most sacred place on earth.
The foundation stone
for the Ka'aba was to
come from heaven.

It is found today in a
corner of the Ka'aba and is
known as the black stone.

When Ibrahim was
building the Ka'aba
he was standing on
a large rock. Allah
softened the rock and
the shape of Ibrahim's
bare feet was left in
it. It is still there,
for all to see.

When Ibrahim was
very old the angels
came to see him and
said Allah was
going to give a son
to him and Sarah.

Sarah could not believe
it was true. She too was
old. The angels said that
all things are possible
to Allah. They said the
son was to be called
Ishaq. He was to be a prophet.

Sure enough,
Sarah did have
a son and they called
him Ishaq. he grew
up to be a great
prophet.

Ishaq married a
girl called Rebecca.

They had two sons,
called Esau and Yaqub.

Yaqub became a
great prophet.

Yaqub grew up and
married Zia and they
had lots of children,
both boys and girls.

His second wife Rohsie had two sons,

Yusuf and Benjamin.

Yusuf and Benjamin were very good, obedient sons and they became Yaqub’s favourites because of their good behaviour.

Yusuf too grew up to be a prophet.

All of these great prophets were descendents of Ibrahim.

He is known as the father of all the prophets.

Muhammad (s), our great and beloved prophet, the last of all the
prophets was a descendant of Ismail.

Yaqub was also known as Israil. Israil’s children could see that Yusuf was their father’s favourite. This made them very jealous. They became so jealous, some of them actually wanted to kill him. The jealous brothers finally decided to throw Yusuf into a deep well.

They went to Israil, their
father, to ask if they could
take Yusuf out with
them; they said they would
teach him to be a good
shepherd. Israil would
not let Yusuf go because
he thought the others
were planning to do
something bad.
One day Yusuf went to
Israil and said that he
had had a strange dream.
In the dream Yusuf
had seen the sun, the
moon and eleven stars
bowing down to him!

Israil felt that
the dream had a message, Yusuf was going to have a great future. He told Yusuf not to tell his brothers about the dream. Israil's son were still thinking of their plan to kill Yusuf. They pestered Israil to let them take Yusuf with them to their work. At last Israil agreed, but he made them promise to look after him.
They were so bad they knew they would break their promise.

At the end of the day they asked Yusuf to take off his shirt. They killed a sheep and put blood all over Yusuf's shirt; then they threw Yusuf into a well.

They went home and showed the shirt to Israil. Pretending to be very upset; they told their father that Yusuf had got left behind and a wolf had eaten him!

Israil was very upset but he did not believe the story.
He knew that one day Allah would bring Yusuf back to him. Poor Yusuf spent the night in the well. The next morning, when someone put the bucket down the well to get water, he sat in the bucket. The man had to get help to pull the bucket up. He was very surprised to see a boy in it. The man was a merchant. The merchant decided to take Yusuf with
him to Egypt and to
sell him as a slave.

When they arrived in
Egypt, one of the noble
families bought Yusuf.

The man who
bought him told
his wife that they
should take care of
him, as he was a
good-looking child
and they had no
children of their own.

Yusuf became one
of the family.

The Pharaoh of Egypt
called Firawn had many
people working for him.

One of his assistants had
a very wicked wife who
said many things about
Yusuf that were quite untrue. She thought she loved him but he told her that she should honour her husband. She became very angry and persuaded her husband to have Yusuf put in prison.

While he was in prison, Yusuf used to tell everyone what their dreams meant and his explanation of the dreams always came true.

Allah had given Yusuf this great gift. Firawn kept having a strange dream and none of his wise men could explain what it meant.

Then Firawn heard of Yusuf’s great gift and sent for him. Yusuf would not leave
the prison until he had proven his innocence.

Firawn had an inquiry and discovered that Yusuf really was innocent, so he was able to leave prison.

Firawn's dream was most unusual. In it, he saw seven skinny cows eat seven big fat ones and there were seven skinny ears of wheat and seven fat ears of wheat. Yusuf explained that this meant there would be seven years of plenty but seven years of famine would follow, when there
would be no water and
go food for anyone.

After that there would
be a year of rain.

Firawn liked and trusted
Yusuf so he put him in
charge of all the store houses
in the land.

Yusuf had worked himself
up to a very powerful position.

Allah always rewards
good people.

Yusuf worked hard; he
made sure the store houses
were filled with wheat and grain.

Just as he had said, there were seven years of plenty. Those years passed very quickly.

Soon the seven years of famine came. The crops failed. People were hungry. Others were starving.

Yusuf had planned for this. He opened his stores and let everyone have some of the wheat.

Back in Palestine, Israil too was facing a hard time with no food for his family or the animals. He sent his sons to Egypt to get grain from the famous treasurer of Egypt. When they arrived
they were told that they
must get permission from
the governor to buy grain.

They went to see him, but
did not realise that the
fine man, in splendid robes was
really their brother. He told
them they could have some
grain, but if they wanted
any more, they would have
to come with their youngest
brother and parents.

Yusuf had recognised them
straight away and he longed
to see his father, mother
and young brother Benjamin
again.

Eventually the eleven
brothers returned with
their mother and father.

They bowed down before Yusuf.

Yusuf put his father on his
throne and reminded him of
the dream he had had so long ago.
The sun, the moon and eleven stars had bowed down before him just as his father, mother and brothers had done at this meeting. This was a great moment in his life and he thanked Allah, for all He had done for him.

The Prophet Shu’ayb was a descendent of the Prophet Ibrahim. He was sent to Midian and the Dwellers of the wood to give them Allah’s message. The Midianite people committed many sins. They gave short measures and weights, they robbed people and caused mischief but most seriously they tried to stop
people from
worshipping Allah.

Shu‘ayb tried to make
them change but they
would not listen to him.

They wanted to throw
him out and all the
people who had
listened to his words.

Then Allah sent an
earthquake and all
the evil people were
destroyed because they
would not obey the
word of Allah.

The prophet Yunus
was sent to Ninevah.

He became known as the
Lord of the Fish (Dhan–Nun).

He warned the people about
their evil ways and told them
to follow Allah but they
would not listen.
Yunus was so angry he left.

He sailed away but the ship was so full and heavy,

poor Yunus was thrown overboard.

He was swallowed by an enormous fish and he lived in its belly for three days.

Then the fish spewed him out on a shore.

He was very ill but Allah was protecting him.

A plant grew and its leaves protected Yunus from the sun and kept the flies away.

A wild goat provided him
with milk. When he became better he went back to Ninevah and gave the people Allah’s message once more. This time the people listened and Allah forgave them.

The Prophet Ayyub had been a wealthy man. He was a very good man but he lost his family and his wealth. He became ill and had terrible sores all over his body. However he never gave up. He spent his time praying. He was very patient and always kept his faith in Allah. Eventually Allah showed mercy. He told Ayyub to strike the earth with his foot and miraculously a fountain appeared. He drank the water and used
it to wash his body.

All his sores were healed and everything was returned to him as before.

Allah had rewarded him for keeping his faith despite the terrible afflictions he had tested him with.

Israil’s family decided to stay in Egypt. For a long time they were happy. The family grew. There were many people related to Israil and they became known as the Bani Israil.

For some reason the Egyptian people did not like the Bani Israil.

A new Firawn became ruler of Egypt. Israil’s people became slaves to the government. They were forced
to do many unpleasant jobs
and were treated very badly.

One night Firawn had a
dream. His high priest, Haman,
told him what he thought the
dream meant. An Israil boy would be born
and he would grow up and cause
the death of Firawn.

This made Firawn very
angry and so he thought of
a horrible plan.
All the boys born to the Israelites would be killed at birth.

He thought this would stop the dream from coming true.

Imran and his wife had two children, a girl called Maryam and a boy called Iram. Soon after Firawn told of his plan, Imran's wife found out that she was going to have another baby.

They were pleased but they were also worried that if the baby was a boy, he would be killed.

She did not tell anyone that she was
going to have a baby. She stayed at home and kept her secret until the baby was born.

It was a boy.

She loved the baby very much but realised that if she kept him, he might be killed.

She put the baby in a special box and Maryam went with her to the river Nile.

They carefully put the box in the river and prayed that it would sail to safety.

Allah was watching over the baby. No harm would come to him.

The box sailed into Firawn's gardens. Some maids were there
and saw the box caught in the bullrushes. They pulled it out and were amazed to find a beautiful baby inside.

They took him to Firawn's wife, Asia, who looked at him and knew at once that he was an Israelite. Firawn wanted to kill the baby but Asia cried and cried and was so upset that eventually he said she could keep him and even adopt him. The baby was called Musa.

He was not happy. He cried because he was hungry but would not take milk from anyone.

Maryam heard of this and she let it be known that she knew someone who might be able to help. She went to her mother and told her what had happened. They
went to the

palace and when

Musa was put

in her arms he

stopped crying

and took milk

from her.

With Allah’s help

Musa and his

mother were reunited.

She was able to look after

Musa for a long time and

he loved her dearly.

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