

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْأَرْضِ وَالسَّمَوَاتِ، جَعَلَ مِنَ الْهَجْرَةِ النَّبَوِيَّةِ
تَارِيخًا وَعِبْرًا وَعِظَاتٍ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا
شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ،
فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ،
وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

The **New Islamic Year 1443 Hijrah** started on **Tuesday 10th August 2021**

This is **MUHARRAM**, known as the '**Month of Allah**'. It is the month in which the ark of Nuh came to rest on Mount Judi, humanity was saved; the Israelites were freed from the clutches of Pharaoh; the Hijrah of the Prophet, the establishment of the Islamic civilisation and community, the month of Karbala in 61 AH. A month of Reflection, Shukr & Worship

"Verily, the number of months with Allah is twelve, so was it ordained by Allah on the Day when He created the heavens and the earth; of them four are Sacred."(9:35)

"The year consists of twelve months of which four are sacred: three consecutive months, Dhu'l-Qa'dah, Dhu'l-Hijjah, Muharram, and Rajab..."

"The best fasts after Ramadan is in the month of Allah, Muharram, and the best prayer after the obligatory prayer is prayer at night." (Muslim)

Nuh □ LEGACY " O my people worship God for He is the only One Who deserves to be worshipped. If you do not repent & leave out blasphemy, then await for a day in which a severe torture will come upon you"

Nuh □ spent 950 years calling the people to come back to Islam. Only about 80 believed in him.

Allah ﷻ ordered Nuh ﷺ to build an Ark, so he gathered wood, tar, and iron. The people mocked Nuh ﷺ for building an ark on a dry land and away from water. Nuh ﷺ took a pair of male and female of each kind of animal and the believers also went on the ark. Water came out of Earth & fell from the skies. After six months the rain stopped and the Ark rested on Mount al-Judiy in Iraq. Allah protected Nuh ﷺ and his followers, all the blasphemers drowned including the son of Nuh ﷺ.

When Nuh ﷺ was about to die, the angels asked “ **How did you feel your stay on earth for so many years?** ” Nuh ﷺ replied, “ **I saw this life on Earth like a house with two doors. I entered through one door and I left through the other.**”

MUSA ﷺ LEGACY- If we truly wish to commemorate the vanquishing of Fir'aun and his army, as well as the salvation of Musa ﷺ and his people, we must remember the background to this glorious day and the events that preceded it. The miraculous intervention of Allah ﷻ did not occur in a vacuum. Instead, it was the pinnacle of a series of interactions between Musa ﷺ & Fir'aun.

In doing so, we can take away at least three powerful characteristics of Musa ﷺ that we should strive to implement in our daily lives.

1. SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER - Imagine the courage of Musa ﷺ in speaking truth to power. Musa ﷺ challenged Fir'aun's claim to lordship, his tyranny, and his enslavement of Banī Isrā'īl. Imagine the natural fear of standing up to such a tyrant. The anxiety of confronting this powerful king who ruled with a god complex. Musa ﷺ status as a second-class citizen, and having an arrest warrant issued against him for murder. Yet Musa ﷺ was able to overcome all of this to boldly walk into the court of Fir'aun and warn him of his wrongdoing. **“The best jihad is a word of truth before a tyrant ruler.”**

2. EXERT YOUR MAXIMUM EFFORT – Musa ﷺ advised the Banī Isrā'īl, spoke out against Fir'aun's tyranny repeatedly, competed with Fir'aun's magicians, and then took his people out of Egypt. It is at the point where they are between death & drowning that Allah ﷻ fulfils His promise and causes the sea to part to enable their escape. When we witness injustice and oppression, we can sit silently and simply pray for Allah's help.

3. HAVING TRUST AND CERTAINTY IN ALLAH - Have unwavering trust and certainty in the promise of Allah ﷻ. **“No! Indeed, with me is my Lord; He will guide me.”**