

Prophet Musa Leads the Children of Isra'eel to Palestine

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The Next Generation

- Allah had directed Prophet Musa to take the children of Isra'eel to the Holy Land (which is Palestine) through the Sinai Peninsula
- But the children of Isra'eel weren't obeying Allah and kept breaking Allah's laws
- Even though Phiroun was dead, he influenced their souls too much and they need a long period of time to recover
- Prophet Musa told Allah that he was only responsible for his actions and his brother's Haroon
- He couldn't control their attitude and actions, and he also prayed to Allah to judge between his people and himself
- So, it was decided that that generation that had been ruined by the Egyptians had to stay traveling in the Sinai peninsula until the next generation had produced and maybe they would be more righteous and God-fearing



The Wandering in Sinai Desert

- When their travel began they entered the Sinai Desert and couldn't get out
- They kept walking day and night but couldn't find their way out to Palestine
- They kept walking morning and evening, each day they would find themselves back where they started
- This was their punishment for disobeying Allah and rejecting His laws



Prophet Musa Speaks to Allah

- Musa was commanded to purify himself by fasting 30 days and then to go to Mount Sinai, the same place he was in when he spoke to Allah for the first time
- Musa fasted thirty days and due to his fasting the odor (smell) of his breathe was unpleasant
- Musa disliked speaking to his Lord with a unpleasant smell so he ate a plant of the Earth
- Then his Lord said to him: “Why did you break your fast?”
- Musa replied: “O my Lord, I disliked to speak to You with my mouth not having a pleasant smell.”
- Allah said: “Do you know, Musa, the odor of the faster’s mouth is better scented to Me than the rose. Go back and fast ten days; then come back to Me.”
- Musa then did what his Lord Commanded.



The Children of Isra'eel Turn to Idol Worshipping

- Prophet Musa had been gone for 40 days and his people began to become restless; for they did not know that Allah added another 10 extra days to Musa's stay
- A evil man named As-Samiriy, or Samaritan suggested to them that they need another guide
- He said that Musa broke his promise and he said to them: "in order to find true guidance, you need a god and I shall provide one for you."
- He took all the gold jewelry and then dug a hole where he put the gold, then he let a fire and melted the gold. With that melted gold he made a golden calf
- Some children of Isra'eel accepted the golden calf as their god, those who stayed true to Musa and his Lord separated themselves from the idol worshippers.
- But Prophet Haroon (P) told them the mistake that they have made and he said:

“ O my people! You have been deceived. Your Lord is the Most Beneficent. Follow and obey me.”

They replied:

“We shall stop worshipping this god only if Musa returns.”



The Return of Prophet Musa

- After forty day, Musa holding the tablets of Allah's revelations and guidance (the Tawrat) returned to the children of Isra'eel to find them worshipping the idols they made with their hands. They were singing and dancing around the golden calf.
- Musa became angry and threw down the tablets, he then went to Haroon and tugged on his beard and said; "What held you back when you saw them going astray? Why did you not stop this corruption?"
- Haroon replied: "O son of my mother, let go of my beard! The fold considered me weak and were about to kill me. So make not the enemies rejoice over me, nor put me among the people who are wrong-doers."
- Musa understood and started to solve the situation calmly and wisely.
- Almost 70 people including Haroon refused to worship the idol but they did not support Haroon nor did they stop the others from worshipping the idol

- Allah then commanded Musa to punish the idol worshippers
- They had to stand in a line and be killed by those who didn't worship the calf; some historians even said those who did not try to stop the others from worshipping the idol were to be killed too
- But Allah then forgave them
- Musa asked the people to pray to Allah and ask him for forgiveness and regret their wrong-doings
- Prophet Musa then chose seventy elders (all of them were not part of the idol worshippers) to come with him to Sinai Mountain and pray on behalf of the children of Isra'eel for forgiveness.
- Musa commanded: "Rush towards Allah and repent (regret) for what you did and ask His forgiveness for your shortcomings."
- Later, Prophet Musa ordered the Children of Isra'eel to obey Allah's commands and practice the Tawrat. They told Musa they would do that only if the required worship and law were easy.

The Elders Accompany Musa to Mount Sinai

- Prophet Musa then returned to the Sinai Mountain with the seventy elders
- Prophet Musa hoped that they would become strong believers when they heard him speak to Allah
- They heard Musa speak to Allah and this was probably the last miracle they will see. They then said : “ O Musa! We shall never believe in you until we see Allah plainly.”
- They were stubborn fools and this lead them to be punished. Allah created lighting bolts and a violent earthquake thus they died.
- Musa knew what happened and felt sadness he then prayed to Allah to forgive them for they were unwise and rude.
- Allah forgave them and even brought them back to life. Allah also raised one of the mountains above their heads so they can fear Him; Allah then ordered them to follow the Tawrat “strongly” and obey their Lord.
- They promised to do so.

Haroon and Musa Die

- Haroon dies shortly before Prophet Musa. At that time they were still wandering in the wilderness.
- Abu Hurayrah said that the Angel of Death was sent to Prophet Musa but Prophet Musa did not want to die until he knew he done his job with the Children of Isra'eel
- So, the Angel of Death went to Allah and said : 'You have sent me to a slave who does not want to die.'
- Allah told the Angel 'Return to him and tell him to put his hand on the back of an ox and for every hair that will come under it, he will be granted one extra year of life.'
- Prophet Musa then said: ' O Lord! What will happen after that?'
- Allah replied: 'then death.'
- Musa said: 'Let it come now then!'
- Musa did not want to die far from the Holy Land, so he asked Allah for his death now

The End