



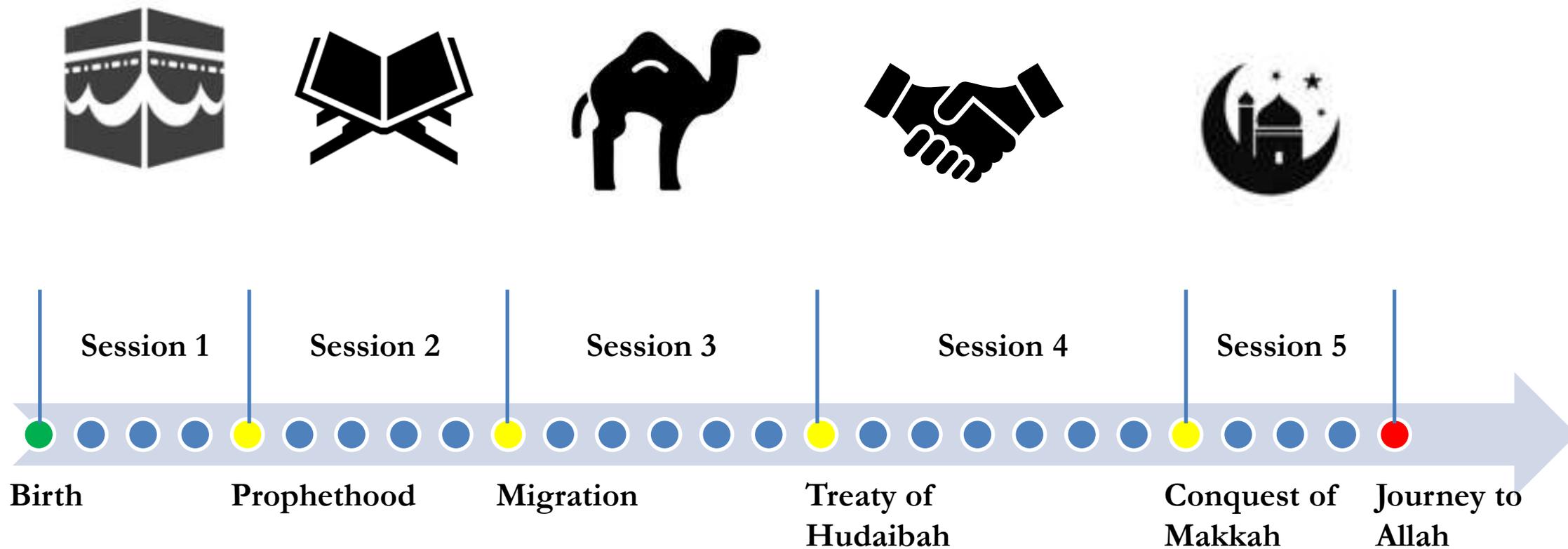
Birds Eye View of Seerah of Prophet (ﷺ)

Session 1/5

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- ❖ The main purpose of *Birds Eye View of Seerah* is:
  - ❖ To provide brief overview of the events from the life of Prophet
  - ❖ To take lessons from Seerah
  - ❖ To generate further interest to study Seerah
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## Timeline of Life of Prophet ﷺ



# BEFORE BIRTH

## Arab Conditions

- ❖ Five centuries after Isa AS, there were a very few who were guided;
- ❖ Arabs were the most misguided people and they had surrounded the Kaaba with idols;
- ❖ Powerful would oppress the weak, baby girls would be buried alive, people used to circumambulate Kaaba naked;



## Family

- ❖ Grandfather Abdul Mutalib was one of the chieftains of Quraish;
- ❖ He had a very few children and prayed to Allah to provide him with lot of children and he would sacrifice one of them to thank Allah;
- ❖ He was granted 12 children and the draw to pick the sacrifice fell to Abdullah, he sacrificed 100 camels to avoid sacrificing Abdullah;

## Year of Elephant

- ❖ A king of Yemen named Abraha attacked Makkah and tried to destroy the Kaaba;
- ❖ Allah killed him and his army by sending special birds; [Surah Feel]



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# BIRTH



- ❖ Abdullah after the sacrifice of 100 camels was married to Amina
- ❖ Abdullah passed away during a business trip before the birth of Prophet ﷺ;
- ❖ Prophet ﷺ was born on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> Rabiul Awwal (571 AD).
- ❖ Prophet ﷺ was born in Makkah

Prophet ﷺ said: "I am the dua of my father Ibrahim (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ)" [(Ibn Hisham)]

رَبَّنَا وَابْعَثْ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِكَ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ  
الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ ۗ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ -  
2:129

Our Lord, and send among them a messenger from themselves who will recite to them Your verses and teach them the Book and wisdom and purify them. Indeed, You are the Exalted in Might, the Wise."

# BIRTH → AL-FUDOUL

## ❖ Nursing

- ❖ It was Arab culture to send children away to Bedouin wet nurses;
- ❖ Prophet was entrusted to Haleemah bint Abi Dhu'ayb;
- ❖ At the age of about 3 years, angel Jibril came down and cut open his heart and purified it;



## ❖ Orphan

- ❖ After that he was sent back to his mother
- ❖ He travelled with his mother to Madinah at the age of 6 to visit some relative and his father's grave;
- ❖ On the way back his mother died at a place called Al-Abwa;

أَلَمْ يَجِدْكَ يَتِيمًا فَآوَىٰ - 93:6  
Did He not find you an orphan and give [you] refuge?

## ❖ Guardianship

- ❖ His grandfather Abdul Mutallib took care of him for two years until his death;
- ❖ Then his uncle Abu-Talib took care of him;



## ❖ Fijjar Wars

- ❖ During his teens he participated in this war
- ❖ Helped his uncles by giving them the arrows during the war



## ❖ Early Job

- ❖ Prophet ﷺ worked as shepherd to help his uncle

## ❖ Avoided useless things

- ❖ Twice he wanted to entertain himself, he went to a party but when he went there he fell asleep
- ❖ Allah saved him from these kind of things

## ❖ He was a very modest person

- ❖ Once his loins got uncovered and he fell to the ground and become unconscious due to shyness
- ❖ His loins were never seen after that

Narrated Abu Huraira: The Prophet ﷺ said, "Allah did not send any prophet but shepherded sheep." His companions asked him, "Did you do the same?" The Prophet (replied, "Yes, I used to shepherd the sheep of the people of Mecca for some Qirats." [Bukhari]

وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ عَنِ اللَّغْوِ مُعْرِضُونَ - 23:3  
And they who turn away from ill speech

Prophet ﷺ is reported to have said "Modesty brings forth nothing but goodness" [Muslim]

### Lesson:

A good believers stays away from the vain things

# AL-FUDOUL CONFEDRACY

- ❖ Hilf Al-Fudoul
- ❖ An Alliance of Virtuous
  - ❖ To suppress violence and injustice
  - ❖ To vindicate the rights of the weak and the destitute



Prophet ﷺ is reported to have said “I witnessed a confederacy in the house of `Abdullaah ibn Jada`an. It was more appealing to me than herds of cattle. Even now in the period of Islam I would respond positively to attend such a meeting if I were invited.” [Ibn Hisham]

- ❖ It was formed because
  - ❖ Some people of Quraish cheated a Yemini merchant
  - ❖ Many among the leaders of Quraish ignored the plea of the merchant
  - ❖ Banu Hashim heard the plea and initiated the confederacy
- ❖ Prophet ﷺ was part of this alliance

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ بِالْقِسْطِ شُهَدَاءَ لِلَّهِ وَلَوْ أَنفُسِكُمْ أَوِ الْوَالِدِينَ وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ ۚ - ..... عَلَىٰ

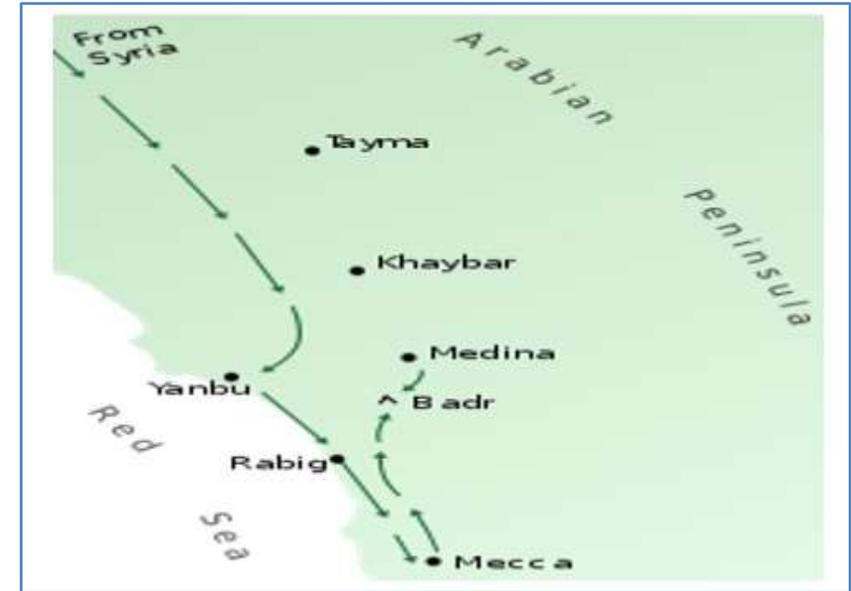
O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm in justice, witnesses for Allah, even if it be against yourselves or parents and relatives. [4:135]

## Lessons:

- Always be part of any good initiative
- Stand for justice

# AI-FUDOUL CONFEDRACY → FIRST MARRAIGE

- ❖ By the age of 25, Prophet ﷺ was famous for his truthfulness, honesty, and kind manners in Makkah;
- ❖ Khadija (RA), a business women of Makkah, came to know about this and hired him to travel to Syria for business;
- ❖ He was accompanied by a slave Maisarah;
- ❖ When they returned Khadjiah (RA) noticed more profit (because the previous employees had cheated her);
- ❖ Maisarah told her of his good manners, honesty, deep thought, sincerity faith, and good business dealing;
- ❖ He did the business with excellence



The messenger of Allah ﷺ said “Allah loves that whenever any of you does something, he should excel in it “ [Hasan,Al Bayhaqi]

## Lesson:

- Do things with perfection

# FIRST MARRAIGE

- ❖ Looking at his honesty, Khadijah (RA) proposed to marry him;
- ❖ Khadijah (RA) was considered to be of great lineage, fortune, and wisdom;
- ❖ Prophet ﷺ agreed to marry, he was at the age of 25 and Khadijah (RA) was 40 years and a widow;
- ❖ Prophet ﷺ gave 20 camels as dowry;
- ❖ Prophet ﷺ never married anyone until Khadijah (RA) died;
- ❖ Their children:
  - ❖ Al-Qasim
  - ❖ Zainab
  - ❖ Ruqaiyah
  - ❖ Umm Kulthum
  - ❖ Fatimah
  - ❖ ‘Abdullah (also called Taiyib and Tahir)
- ❖ All his sons died in the childhood

# REBUILDING OF KAABA

- ❖ Existing structure at the time
  - ❖ Weakened and cracked walls
  - ❖ Roofless, easy access to thieves to steal the treasures inside
  - ❖ Flood almost demolished the structure
- ❖ Quraish decided to rebuild
- ❖ They collected all licit money (excluded money gained from harlotry, usury or unjust practices)
- ❖ All tribes participated and took the share in construction
- ❖ When the issue of placing the black stone arose, every tribe wanted to have the honor;
- ❖ It turned into a fierce argument almost to bloodshed
- ❖ Someone among them suggested the first person to enter house would decide the matter



## ❖ The trustworthy

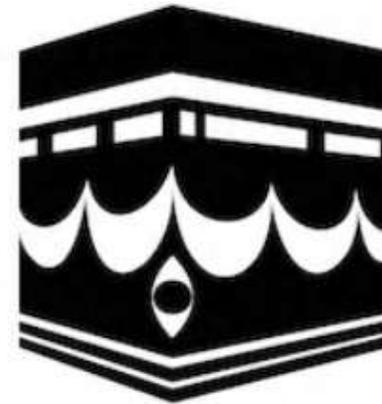
- ❖ By Allah's will, Prophet ﷺ entered and everyone is shouts as “The trustworthy has come”
- ❖ He is entrusted to decide the matter

## ❖ Prophet ﷺ's wise decision

- ❖ He asked for a sheet
- ❖ Put the stone on it
- ❖ Asked every tribe to hold and lift it
- ❖ Prophet ﷺ himself took the stone and placed it

## ❖ Issue resolved

- ❖ Every tribe gets the honor to place the stone
- ❖ All tribes were happy with the decision
- ❖ This avoided bloodshed



# GUARDIANSHIP OF ZAID AND ALI

## ❖ Zaid (RA)

- ❖ Khadijah gave a slave boy Zaid to Prophet ﷺ
- ❖ Zaid was an Arab slave who had been kidnapped from his tribe
- ❖ Zaid's father came and asked the Prophet to return Zaid to him
- ❖ The Prophet gave Zaid the choice, but Zaid wished to stay with Prophet ﷺ
- ❖ Prophet ﷺ adopted him as a son;
- ❖ Zaid died in a battle before Prophet ﷺ

Narrated Anas: I served the Prophet ﷺ for ten years, and he never said to me, "Uf" (a minor harsh word denoting impatience) and never blamed me by saying, "Why did you do so or why didn't you do so?"  
[[Bukhari](#)]

## ❖ Ali (RA)

- ❖ Son of his uncle Abu Talib
- ❖ Due to Abu Talib's financial distress, Prophet ﷺ takes Ali under his guardianship
- ❖ Ali came to live with Prophet ﷺ

### Lesson:

- Treat servants or subordinates well

# HIS CHARACTER

- ❖ Prophet ﷺ was
  - ❖ a person with spotless character
  - ❖ the most obliging to his compatriots
  - ❖ the most honest in his talk
  - ❖ was the mildest in temper
  - ❖ was the most gentle-hearted, chaste, hospitable and always impressed people by his piety-inspiring countenance.
  - ❖ was the most truthful and the best in keeping pledges.
- ❖ His fellow-citizens, by common consent, gave him the title of Al-Sadiq (truthful) and Al-Ameen (trustworthy).

وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ - 68:4

And indeed, you are of a great moral character.[68:4]

‘Abdullah bin Abil Hamsa, a Companion, related that once he had entered into a business dealing with the Prophet ﷺ before his prophethood, which was not finalized yet. He promised the Prophet ﷺ that he would return after a short while, but he forgot about it. When he came back to the place of appointment after three days, he found the Prophet ﷺ waiting there for him. The Prophet ﷺ did not show any resentment for his failure to keep his word. He simply told him that he caused him inconvenience, for he kept on waiting for him there for all those three days [Abu Dawood]

## Lesson:

- Develop best characters

# CAVE HIRA

- ❖ Prophet ﷺ never worshipped idol, and he was not happy with the moral evils and idolatry in the society
- ❖ He ﷺ used to ponder how to change the evil society
- ❖ As he was reaching the age of 40, he would seclude himself and spend time pondering and meditating
- ❖ He ﷺ used to ponder over the signs of Allah in the universe similar to Ibrahim AS
- ❖ He ﷺ would spend hours/days in a cave nearby Makkah called Hira
- ❖ He ﷺ used to see dreams that would come true the next day.
- ❖ Even rocks used to say salaam to him
- ❖ This was all indication of the coming revelations

وَكَذَلِكَ نُرِيَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ مَلَكُوتَ السَّمَاوَاتِ

وَالْأَرْضِ وَلِيَكُونَ مِنَ الْمُوقِنِينَ - 6:75

And thus did We show Abraham the realm of the heavens and the earth that he would be among the certain [in faith]. [6:75]

Narrated Aisha: The commencement (of the Divine Inspiration) to Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) was in the form of true dreams in his sleep, for he never had a dream but it turned out to be true and clear as the bright daylight.... [Bukhari]

Narrated Simak bin Harb from Jabir bin Samurah, that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: "Indeed in Makkah there is a rock that used to give me Salam during the night of my advent, and I know it even now." [Darusalaam]

# FIRST WAHY

- ❖ It was the month of Ramadan and night of Qadr
- ❖ Prophet ﷺ was meditating in Cave Hira, and an angel appeared;
- ❖ Angel Jibril (showing the verses) told him to read;
- ❖ Prophet ﷺ was unlettered so he responded “I cannot”
- ❖ Angel asked second time and Prophet ﷺ replied the same;
- ❖ Angel embraced him tight and asked him to read third time
- ❖ First verses of Surah Al-Alaq (1-5) were revealed

اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ -

Recite in the name of your Lord who created [96:1]

خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ -

Created man from a clinging substance [96:2]

اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ -

Recite, and your Lord is the most Generous [96:3]

الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ -

Who taught by the pen [96:4]

عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ -

Taught man that which he knew not [96:5].

## Lesson:

- First Wahy starts with “Read” which shows the importance of seeking knowledge in Islam

# FIRST WAHY

- ❖ Prophet ﷺ returned home terrified and told his wife that his life might be in danger
- ❖ He asked Khadijah to cover him
- ❖ Khadija consoled him
- ❖ She reminded him of his good characters such as:
  - ❖ Keeping good relations with kith and kin;
  - ❖ Speaking truth
  - ❖ Helping poor and destitute
  - ❖ Entertaining guests
  - ❖ Assisting those who are stricken with calamities
- ❖ Allah decided to guide the humanity by sending the revelations

....Khadija said, "Nay! But receive the good tidings! By Allah, Allah will never disgrace you, for by Allah, you keep good relations with your Kith and kin, speak the truth, help the poor and the destitute, entertain your guests generously and assist those who are stricken with calamities... [Bukhari]

لَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِهِ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِن كَانُوا مِن قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ -

Certainly did Allah confer [great] favor upon the believers when He sent among them a Messenger from themselves, reciting to them His verses and purifying them and teaching them the Book and wisdom, although they had been before in manifest error. [3:164]

# FIRST WAHY ———> SECOND WAHY

## ❖ Meeting with Waraqa bin Noufal

- ❖ Khadijah took Prophet ﷺ to her cousin
- ❖ He was a Christian and used to write gospel
- ❖ After listening to the incident, he confirmed that it was the same angel who had come to Moses before (Angel Jibril)
- ❖ He predicted that the people of Makkah will drive Prophet ﷺ out of the city
- ❖ He said he will believe and support Prophet ﷺ if he were alive
- ❖ He died within a few days

..... Khadija then took him to Waraqa bin Naufil, the son of Khadija's paternal uncle. Waraqa had been converted to Christianity in the Pre-Islamic Period and used to write Arabic and write of the Gospel in Arabic as much as Allah wished him to write. He was an old man and had lost his eyesight. Khadija said (to Waraqa), "O my cousin! Listen to what your nephew is going to say." Waraqa said, "O my nephew! What have you seen?" The Prophet ﷺ then described whatever he had seen. Waraqa said, "This is the same Angel (Gabriel) who was sent to Moses. I wish I were young." He added some other statement. Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) asked, "Will these people drive me out?" Waraqa said, "Yes, for nobody brought the like of what you have brought, but was treated with hostility. If I were to remain alive till your day (when you start preaching). then I would support you strongly." But a short while later Waraqa died and the Divine Inspiration was paused (stopped) for a while so that Allah's Messenger was very much grieved. [Bukhari]

# FIRST WAHY ———> SECOND WAHY

## ❖ Pause of Wahy

- ❖ The revelation paused for some period after the first wahy
- ❖ Prophet ﷺ became very depressed
- ❖ But Jibril AS appeared before him and told him that he was the messenger of Allah and calms him down

..... Divine Inspiration was also paused for a while and the Prophet ﷺ became so sad as we have heard that he intended several times to throw himself from the tops of high mountains and every time he went up the top of a mountain in order to throw himself down, Gabriel would appear before him and say, "O Muhammad! You are indeed Allah's Messenger ﷺ (in truth" whereupon his heart would become quiet and he would calm down and would return home. And whenever the period of the coming of the inspiration used to become long, he would do as before, but when he used to reach the top of a mountain, Gabriel would appear before him and say to him what he had said before. (Ibn `Abbas said regarding the meaning of: 'He it is that Cleaves the daybreak (from the darkness)' (6.96) that Al-Asbah. means the light of the sun during the day and the light of the moon at night) [Bukhari]

# SECOND WAHY

- ❖ One day Prophet ﷺ was walking and he heard a sound;
- ❖ He looked up and saw Jibril in his original form sitting on a throne in the sky;
- ❖ He trembled and rushed back to Khadija (RA) and asked her to wrap him up;
- ❖ Subsequently the second Wahy is revealed
- ❖ The revelations continue and Dawah of Prophet ﷺ starts from here

## Lesson:

- This Wahy outlines the characters of a Da'ee (One who calls towards Islam) and every Muslim should be Da'ee

Yahya reported:

...Somebody called me aloud. I looked in front of me, behind me, on the right of my side and on my left, but I did not see any body. I was again called and I looked about but saw nothing. I was called again and raised my head, and there on the Throne in the open atmosphere he, i. e. Gabriel (peace be upon him) was sitting. I began to tremble on account of fear. I came to Khadija and said: Wrap me up. They wrapped me up and threw water on me and ...." [Bukhari]

يَا أَيُّهَا الْمُدَّثِّرُ - 74:1

O you who covers himself [with a garment],

فَمُ فَاذْنُرْ - 74:2

Arise and warn

وَرَبِّكَ فَكَبِّرْ - 74:3

And your Lord glorify

وَتِيَابِكَ فَطَهِّرْ - 74:4

And your clothing purify

وَالرُّجُزَ فَاهْجُرْ - 74:5

And uncleanness avoid

وَلَا تَمُنَّنْ تَسْتَكْبِرُ - 74:6

And do not confer favor to acquire more

وَلِرَبِّكَ فَاصْبِرْ - 74:7

And for your Lord be patient.



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سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ، أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ

Glory is to You, O Allah, and praise is to You. I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship but You. I seek Your forgiveness and repent to You.