

The Birth of The Holy Prophet (saw)

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا
تَسْلِيمًا

surah al-Ahzab Verse 56 - "Surely Allah and His Angels bless the Prophet: O you believe ! Call for (Divine) blessings on him and salute him with a (becoming) salutation."

In this verse, it says that Allah and the Angels send blessings on the Holy Prophet and He commands those who believe to do the same- send blessings and follow (submit) to his ways.

- The Holy Prophet of Islam; **Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa** (saw), was born after sunrise on **Friday 17th Rabiul Awal 570 A.D** in **Mecca**
- He was born in the ‘Year of the Elephant’ when Abraha tried to destroy the Holy Ka’aba

The Year of the Elephant will be discussed at a later date

- The Holy Prophet (saw) belonged to the respected family of **Bani Hashim** from the tribe of **Quraish**.
- The parents of the Prophet (saw) were **Hazrat Abdullah (sa)** son of Hazrat Abdul Muttalib (sa) and **Bibi Amina (sa)** daughter of Wahab.
- Hazrat Abdulla (sa) had gone on a trade caravan (trip) to Syria, one the way back, **Hazrat Abdullah (sa) fell ill and passed away 2 months before his Son (saw) was born**. He is buried in Medina

- **Hazrat Abdul Muttalib (sa)** decided to bring up (look after) the Holy Prophet (saw) under his own care
- On the 7th day after the birth of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Abdul Muttalib (sa) slaughtered a sheep to show his gratitude to Allah swt for blessing him with a healthy grandson. Many people were invited to take part in the celebrations

- Hazrat Abdul Muttalib (sa) announced that he will name his grandson

“Muhammad” - one who is worth of praise

When questioned by the Quraish regarding the unusual name he replied ‘I want my grandson to be praised in the heavens and on earth’

- Bibi Amina (sa) had already named her son **“Ahmad”** – one who praise Allah swt a lot

Both these names are mentioned in the Quran

Early Childhood

Bibi Amina (sa) nursed the Prophet for 3 days only. As was the custom in those days, the Prophet was given to a foster-mother to nurse

- **Bibi Suwaybah** – She was a slave and nursed the Prophet (saw) for 4 months.
- **Bibi Halima** – She belonged to the tribe of Saad bin Bakr. She brought up the Prophet (saw) outside the city of Mecca. Here the Prophet (saw) grew healthy and strong and learnt the pure Arabic language of the desert. He stayed with bibi Halima for 5 years.

When the Prophet (saw) was 6 years old, his mother Bibi Amina (sa) passed away on her way back from visiting the grave of Hazrat Abdullah (sa)