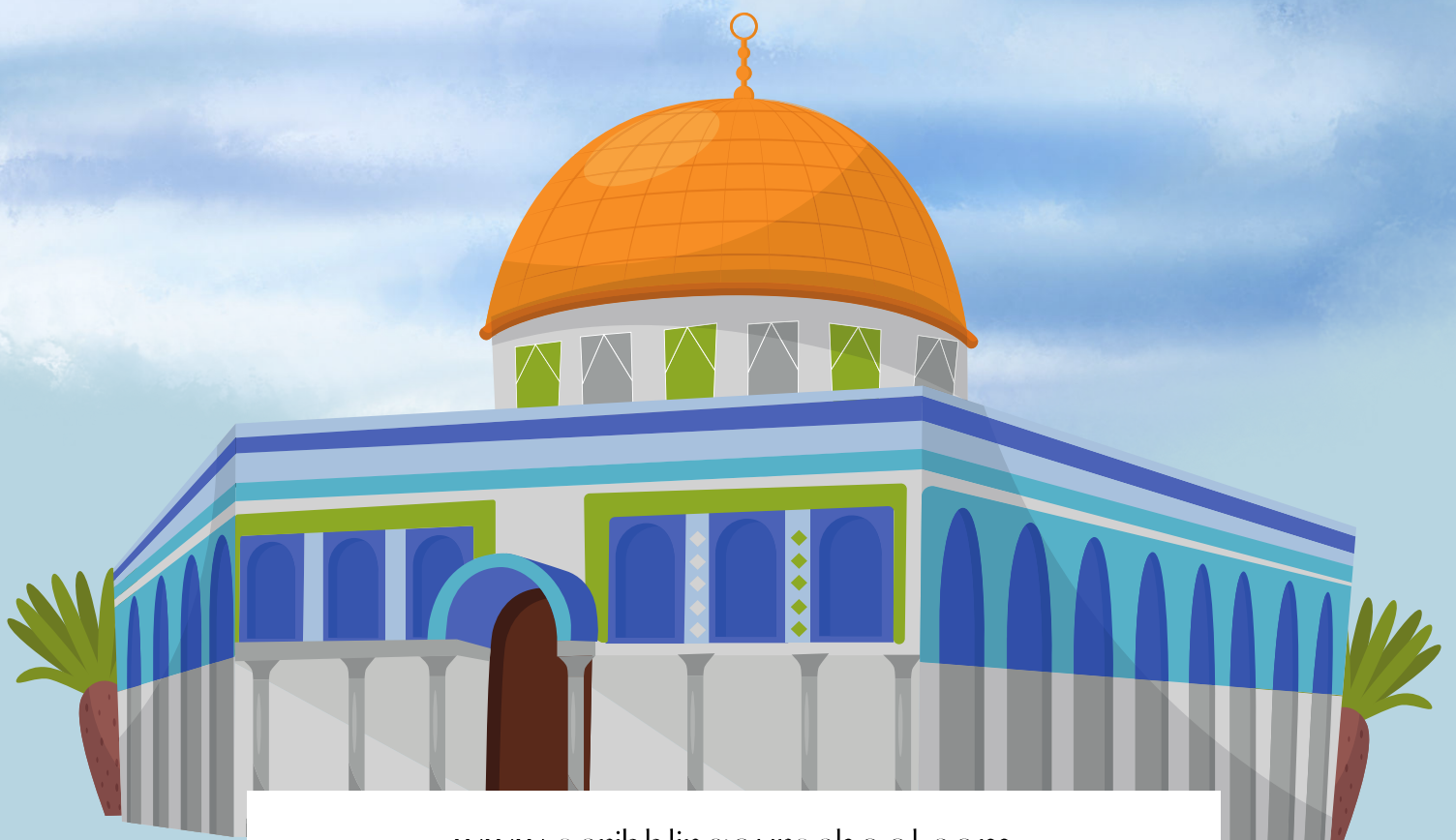


The Importance of  
JERUSALEM  
through the prophets  
ISSA عليه السلام AND SULAIMAN عليه السلام

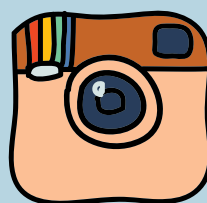


Allah in the Holy Quran (17:1) informs us that the land of al-Quds (Jerusalem) is blessed. This blessing encompasses everything built on the land. This means that all of the Masajid within al-Aqsa sanctuary are equally important to Muslims.

It is our responsibility to ensure that both the blessed buildings and the blessed lands are protected.

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The story

OF

Issa عليه السلام



WHO WAS...?



**Issa** عليه السلام

(AKA Al-Masih)

Prophet of Allah

Born in Bethlehem

Palestine

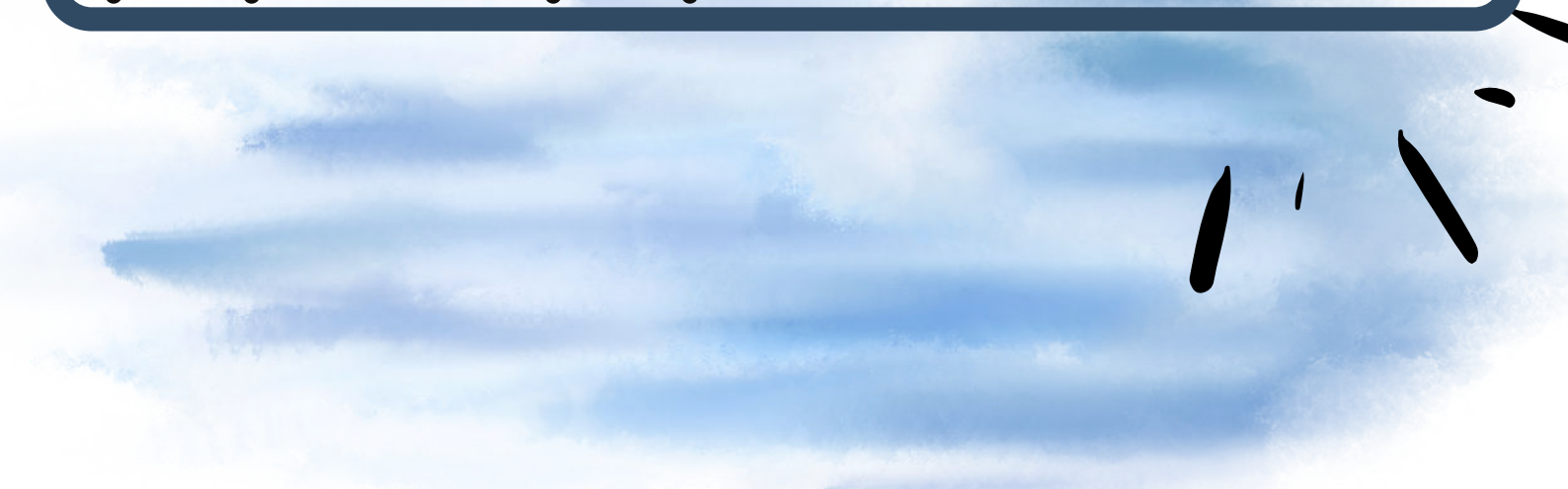
Years of service  
(1-32 AD)

**Gifts from Allah:**

Able to talk as a baby

Able to cure the leper

Able to cure the blind



# HIS Family TREE

Imran

Hannah

Maryam  
(AS)

Issa  
(AS)



Maryam (as), who was of the same lineage as Musa and Harun (as), was born in Jerusalem. One day, when she went to do an extra prayer in Al-Aqsa mosque, Jibreel (as), who appeared in a beautiful human form, approached her.

Maryam (as) suddenly got scared, and asked Allah for protection. But Jibreel (as) gave her the good news of her baby: "He will be a sign and a miracle for the people."

So Jibreel blew into the sleeve of Maryam (as), and she conceived a baby.





While experiencing labor pain, Jibreel (as) told Maryam (as) to shake a palm tree and eat the dates that fall from it. The date eased Maryam (as)'s labor by the permission of Allah, and baby Issa (as) was born in Bethlehem (Palestine).

## DID YOU KNOW?

Modern science discovered that dates contain a compound that mimics the hormone oxytocin, which causes contractions and eases labor. SubhannAllah, how advanced the Quran is compared to modern medicine!



Status of the  
MOTHER in  
Islam...



Issa (as) spoke to the people as a baby: "I am the slave of Allah, He gave me the scripture and made me a prophet, He commanded me to pray and to give zakah, and He made me blessed wherever I go so long as I am alive. And I am dutiful to my mother and I am not arrogant nor unblessed."

Issa turned 30 years old when he received the Injeel. Before that, Zakariyah and Yahya were the ones preaching.

Issa (as) had wisdom to judge correctly. He had the knowledge of the Torah and was a messenger that was sent to the children of Israel.

Most of our prophets are from Jerusalem!

"Bani Israel"  
(The Children of  
Israel) has always  
been a difficult  
nation

The Jews spoke very ill of Mary and Issa (as). Those who disbelieved said "This is nothing but clear magic." Issa (as) gathered the people who believed in him and he said: "Oh my people who would like to be my supporters?"

The true believers said to him: "We are the helpers of Allah for you, we believe in God, and be our witness that we have submitted ourselves exclusively to Allah."





The disciples (believers) had only one request. They requested food from paradise so that it would strengthen their faith in Allah. Issa (as) made dua to Allah, and Allah sent down a feast.

The Jews plotted to crucify Issa (as), but Allah replaced him with someone that looked like him, and raised Issa (as) to the heavens. And until this day, we are waiting for our beloved Issa (as)'s return.



# DID YOU KNOW?

## FUN FACTS

The prophet (saw) said: "When any human being is born, Satan touches him at both sides of the body with his two fingers, except Issa (as), whom Satan tried to touch but failed, for he touched the placenta cover instead."

During Al-Isra' wal-mi'raj, Muhammad (saw) led all the prophets including Issa (as) in prayer in the blessed Masjid Al-Aqsa.

In the second level of the heavens, the prophet (SAW) met Issa (as) once more, along with Issa's cousin Yahya (as). Subhanallah, they greeted him by saying, "welcome O pious prophet and pious brother."

"Issa, son of Maryam (as), will descend at the white minaret in the Eastern side of Damascus, wearing two garments lightly dyed with saffron, placing his hands on the wings of two Angels. When he lowers his head, there will fall beads of perspiration from his head, and when he raises it up, beads like pearls will scatter from it."

On the authority of 'Abdullah bin Salam (ra) who said, 'The description of Muhammad [saw] is written in the Tawrah and it says that Issa ibn Maryam [as] will be buried next to him in Madinah.

# QUIZ TIME!

1. Who was the father of Issa (AS)?
2. Where was Maryam (AS) born?
3. Why did Allah tell Maryam (AS) to eat a date?
4. How old was Issa (AS) when he received the Injeel?
5. Which nation was Issa (AS) sent to?
6. What did Issa's disciples (AS) request?
7. Did the Jews kill Issa (AS)?
8. Who was the only person whom satan has not touched?
9. Where will be the second coming of Issa (AS)?
10. Who will Issa (AS) be buried next to?

The story  
OF  
Sulaiman عليه السلام



WHO WAS...?



## Sulaiman عليه السلام

(Peaceful)

Prophet and King of  
the Israelites

Born in Jerusalem

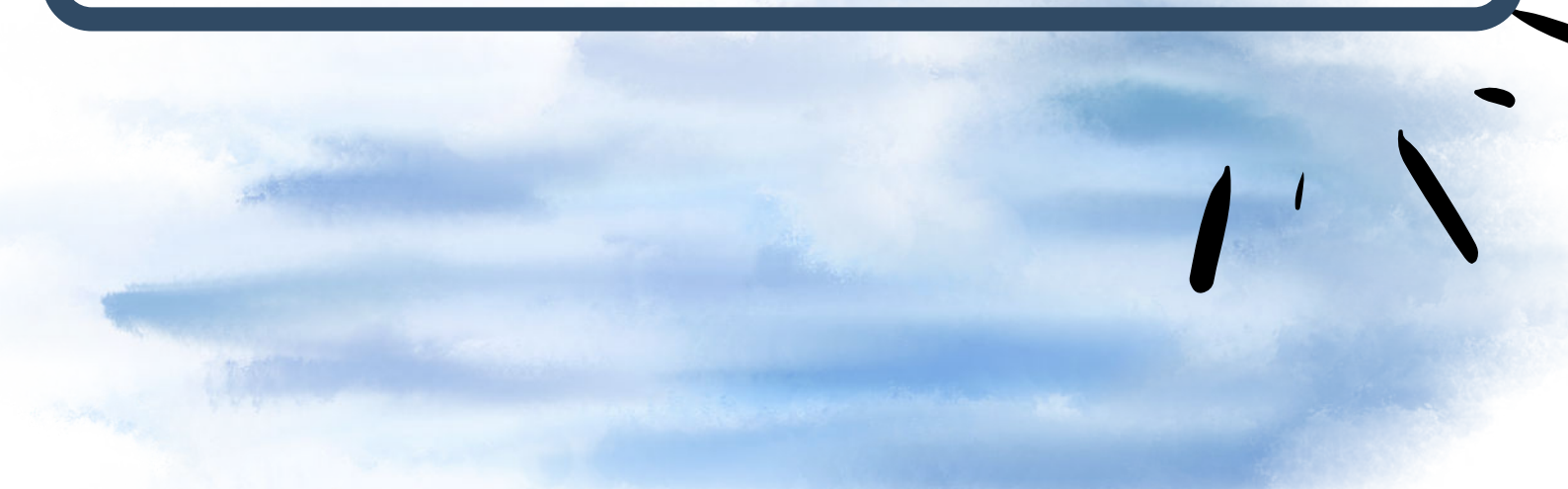
Died in Jerusalem

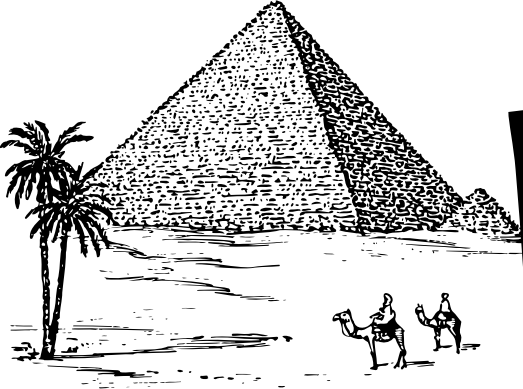
**Gifts from Allah:**

Ability to talk to  
animals

Ability to communicate  
with jinns

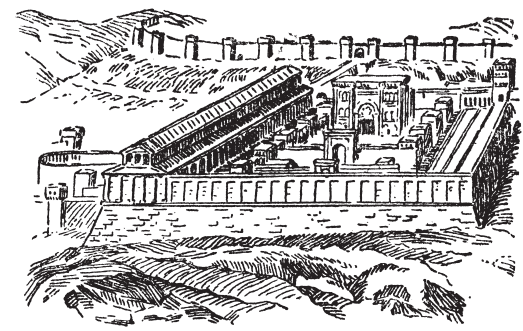
Ability to control the  
wind





Prophet Sulaiman (as) was the youngest son of Prophet Dawud (as), who is known for defeating Jalut (Goliath), a giant man who was seemingly unbeatable.

Dawud (as) defeated the giant with only a slingshot. To this day, this story serves as a reminder that anything is possible with the help of Allah (swt), and His help is sufficient for the believers.



Dawud (as) and Sulaiman (as) were from Bani Israel and lived in the sacred city of Jerusalem, which is home to the Blessed Masjid Al-Aqsa, the third holiest masjid on earth. During this time, Masjid Al-Aqsa had been ruined. Just as Ibrahim (as) had been commanded to rebuild the Ka'bah, Dawud (as) was given the task of rebuilding Masjid Al-Aqsa. Sadly, he passed away before he could finish it, so Sulaiman (as) inherited this duty.



Allah (swt) bestowed upon Sulaiman (as) many gifts, such as the ability to speak to animals, control the wind, and rule over the Jinns.

Sulaiman (as) had a lot of help and support in rebuilding Masjid Al-Aqsa from the Jinns and the animals. However, he worried that his time in this world was coming to an end. As they were building the Holy Mosque, he made a special du'a to Allah.

The Prophet (saw) said:

"While Sulaiman (AS) was building Bayt al-Maqdis (Masjid Al-Aqsa), he asked Allah for three things: judgement that was in harmony with His judgement, a dominion that none after him would have, and that no one should come to this Masjid, intending only to pray there, but he would emerge as free of sin as the day his mother bore him."

The prophet (saw) then said,

"Two prayers were granted, and I hope that the third was also granted."

(Ibn Majah)

## PROPHET SULAIMAN'S FAMOUS DU'A

Caught up in the admiration of his horses, Sulaiman (as) missed the time for 'Asr prayer. He then felt remorse for admiring the things of this dunya, to the point where he forgot to pray, so he recited this du'a:

"My Lord, forgive me and grant me a kingdom such as will not belong to anyone after me.

Indeed, You are the Bestower."

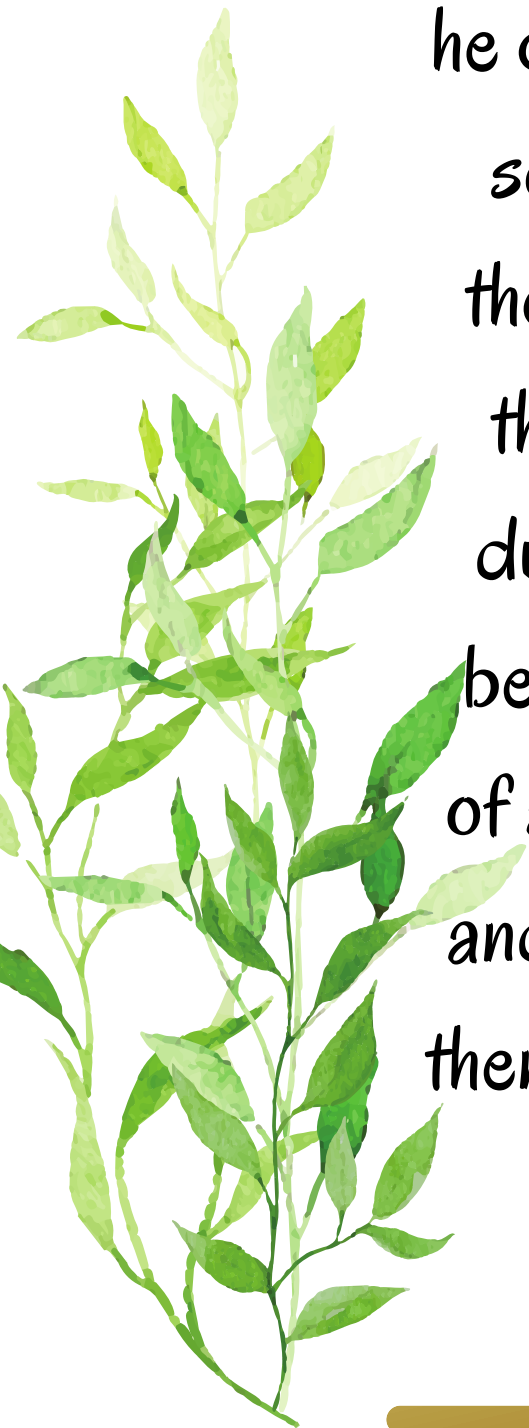
[The Noble Qur'an, 38: 31-35]

This shows that seeking forgiveness is an important act of worship, and we shouldn't hold back in asking!



# THE DEATH OF SULAIMAN (AS)

Sulaiman (as) passed away as he was leaning on his walking stick, watching his workers. Miraculously, he continued to stand even after his soul left his body. Believing that their king was still watching them, the jinn workers continued their duties, until Masjid Al-Aqsa had been rebuilt. At this point, a group of ants had eaten through his stick, and it no longer supported him. He then fell to the ground and everyone realized that he had died.



# DID YOU KNOW?

## FUN FACTS

Allah also calls *Sulaiman (as)* 'Awwab', which literally means one who constantly turns back. This refers to those who repeatedly repent to Allah. This quality is greatly loved by Allah to which He rewards highly.

*Sulaiman (as)* was the leader of Israel

*Sulaiman(as)* was granted the ability to communicate with animals and jinns, as well as the ability to control the wind.

*Sulaiman (as)* passed away as he was leaning on his walking stick, watching his workers build the Masjid Al-Aqsa

Prophet *Sulaiman's* grave can be found within the compound of Masjid Al-Aqsa where he passed away.

# QUIZ TIME!

Now it's time to have some fun! Copy and paste the following link and try answering the quiz questions!

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AND THE PROPHETS LIVED THEREIN. THERE IS NOT A SINGLE INCH IN JERUSALEM WHERE A PROPHET HAS NOT PRAYED OR AN ANGEL HAS NOT STOOD.

- Tirmidhi -

