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Read the HOLY QURAN daily.
Surah Al-Anbiya



Read, Listen, and Study
Lectures of Imam W.D. Mohammed

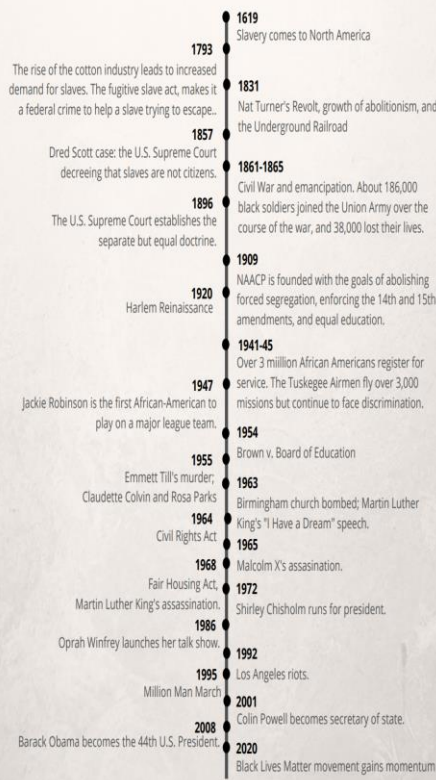


The Month of Rajab; Seventh Month
of the Islamic (Hijri)
Calendar

STORIES OF THE PROPHETS Prayers and Peace on Them All

Prophet **Ayyub (Job)** was a descendant of Prophet Ibrahim. Ayyub's mother was the daughter of Prophet Lut and his wife was a direct descendant of Prophet Yusuf. Ayyub lived in Rome with his dear wife Rahma and fourteen children. Ayyub was a Prophet who was immensely blessed by Allah. He was strong and healthy, had large plots of land, abundant livestock, and a righteous and beautiful family; he was also a community leader who was highly respected and loved by his people. Despite his status and wealth, Ayyub was never arrogant; he was always humble. He readily helped the deprived, and constantly thanked and glorified Allah for everything he was blessed with. One day, high up in the heavens, the angels began discussing about the best of humans who lived on earth. An angel amongst them said, "The best creature on earth today is Ayyub, a man of noble character who displays great patience and always remembers his Generous Lord. He is an excellent model for the worshippers of Allah. In return, his Lord has blessed him with a long life and plenty of servants. He feeds and

BLACK HISTORY IN THE UNITED STATES



This display of someone's analysis of important dates in African American (Black) history is just a reminder of some of the events that have influenced the history of the United States and the world. As you read and discuss the history of people of color around the world and specifically in the United States of America, reflect on each of these

HAJJ 2022 UPDATES

Last year, the Hajj pilgrimage was a predominantly domestic affair with the bulk of the pilgrims consisting of Saudi nationals and residents. For this year's Hajj, it's been reported that the Saudi Arabian governments have received applications from countries around the world for the permission to enter the kingdom and embark on the pilgrimage. The Hajj season 2022 is still somewhat in the future (projected July 2022) with updates and news concerning the pilgrims being few and far between. Here are news and updates concerning the Hajj season 2022. While there hasn't been any official confirmation from the Saudi authorities regarding the possibility of foreign pilgrims being allowed to perform the Hajj this year, foreign Umrah seekers have been confirmed to be able to enter Saudi Arabia for the minor pilgrimage. For prior entry during Covid 19, Saudi accepted vaccinations were required. Here are a few things to keep in mind

clothes the poor and buys slaves to set them free. He makes those who receive his charity feel as if they are favoring him-- kind and gentle is he." Satan, overheard the discussion and became very angry. He immediately began plotting to lure Ayyub away from the worship of Allah. He whispered evil thoughts to Ayyub about the many pleasures of life that a man such as Ayyub could easily enjoy. Prophet Ayyub was a sincere servant of Allah and was not easily faltered. This enraged Satan further. Satan approached Allah and informed Him that Ayyub was not a sincere servant of His and was only glorifying Him in fear of losing all his wealth. Satan, suggested, "If You remove his wealth, You will find that his tongue will no longer mention Your name and his praying will stop." Allah, the All-Knowing, did not believe Satan. He knew that Ayyub was among His most sincere believers and did not worship his Lord for mere material possessions. But He agreed to test Ayyub to show Satan the absolute sincerity of His loyal servant. Overjoyed, Satan set out to destroy Prophet Ayyub's wealth.

As time passed, Prophet Ayyub's wealth began to diminish. His land, livestock, servants, and money slowly evaded him until he was left with nothing.

Immensely satisfied with Ayyub's ordeal, Satan, disguised as a wise old man, approached the Prophet and said, "All your wealth is lost, some people say that it is because you gave too much charity and that you are wasting your time with your continuous prayers to Allah. Others say that Allah has brought this upon you in order to please your enemies. If Allah had the capacity to prevent harm, then He would have protected your wealth."

Ayyub replied, "Allah gives whom He wills, and Allah takes from whom He wills. And all of the wealth that I

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events and add to them additional and more important events that have become a part of this history. Consider this: In the 1970's, an African American man and member of the world's community of Muslims proclaimed the rationale for removing images of divine. He posed these questions.

"What would happen if people would sit in churches throughout the world for centuries with the image of an African American man as savior of the world before them?

What would this do to the mind of the world's children?

What would happen to the world's children put under a figure of a particular race presented, pitiable, and in pain 'the Savior of all men'? Civilized nations should want that their religions be also civilized. False worship is the worst form of oppression. We are no gods. We are only men, 'mortals from the mortals, He (Allah, God) created'". Source: A Message of Concern by Imam W. Deen Muhammad

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have belongs to Allah, so He has every authority to take it back from me". Ayyub then turned around and continued to thank and praise Allah. Feeling frustrated, Satan, having stripped Ayyub of all his possessions, went after his children. After the loss of all fourteen of his children, Satan, disguised as sympathizing bystander, remarked with sorrow, "The circumstances under which your children died were sad. Surely your Lord is not rewarding you". Ayyub responded, "Allah gives me what is good for me, and takes away what Allah sees that is displeasing for Him and for me. Satan rushed back to Allah and said, "O my Lord, Ayyub

when preparing for your Hajj experience. Check with your Hajj provider for specifics.

Prepare religious supplies (Ihram clothes, a portable Quran, prayer rug/mat, a seven-bead counter; taqwa, etc.

Seek advice from a Hajji or Hajjah. Their experience will be different from yours, but good to know.

Be mindful of weather conditions. Temperature extremes can exist. Prepare essential medication and get required vaccinations (both Covid19 and others).

Be physically prepared.

Maintain social distancing and masking as required.

Watch for more updates as they become available.

Send highlights of your hajj experiences to the Editor at

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is still healthy in body. As long as he enjoys good health, he will continue to worship You in hopes of regaining his wealth and producing more children. Grant me authority over his body so that I may weaken it. He will surely neglect worshipping You and will thus become disobedient." Allah granted his request but instructed, "I give you authority over his body but not over his soul, intellect or heart, for in these places reside the knowledge of Me and My religion."

STORIES TO BE CONTINUED