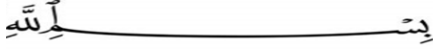


Newsletter

A Newsletter of the Mobile Islamic Community



Read the HOLY QURAN daily.



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

The Month of SHABAN; Eighth
Month of the Islamic (Hijri)
Calendar

STORIES OF THE PROPHETS

Prayers and Peace on Them All

Yunus Ibn Matta (referred to as Jonah in English) was a Messenger of Allah sent to Nineveh, a city in northern Iraq. Prophet Yunus was seemingly an ordinary man who was born and raised amongst the fellow citizens of Nineveh.

The booming city of Nineveh had long forgotten the message of Allah and became a city filled with idol worshiping and sin. Allah decided to send Prophet Yunus, a man born amongst them, as a Messenger to guide them to His path.

Prophet Yunus immediately set out to fulfill his Lord's wish and invited his people to turn to Allah and shun idol worship. But the people of Nineveh rejected Yunus. Yunus was not deterred; he continued to call them to the worship of Allah, reminding them of the terrible wrath of Allah that was directed at Ad, Thamud, and the people of Nuh. They rejected this and said, "We and our forefathers have worshipped these gods for many years and no harm has come to us."

They informed Yunus that they were not the least afraid of his empty threats. Prophet Yunus was disheartened; he gave up on his people. He decided to leave the city

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IMAMS SPEAK

Prophets taught us, all things that you see or know of in this world are created for man.

G-d needed nothing. We should first know G-d as The Real G-d, then we will have real faith, strong faith, undying faith. Then we will have strong interests, undying interests in the mission. Without these things brought to your mind and conscience, religion for you is like passing through a flower garden.

As long as the wind is blowing the beautiful smell in your nose, there is pleasure in passing through the flower garden. But there is a stockyard close by and if the wind changes, you will be passing through the flower garden, but you are smelling the stockyard.

Wake Up To Human Life, Imam W. Deen Mohammed.

PREPARING FOR RAMADAN

This newsletter encompasses the month of March which encompasses the Hijri months of Rajab and Shaban. Ramadan is the month after Shaban. Below are some Quranic

DID YOU KNOW

A primary election is an election in which registered voters select a candidate that they believe should be a political party's candidate for elected office to run in the general election. They are also used to choose convention delegates and party leaders. Primaries are state-level and local-level elections that take place prior to a general election. Alabama uses an open primary system, in which registered voters do not have to be members of a party to vote in that party's primary.

Alabama Statewide election dates: May 24, 2022-**Primary**; June 21, 2022-**Primary runoff**; November 8, 2022- **General election**.

Are you registered to vote? If not, do so now. Do you have proper voter identification? If not, get it now. Do you know the issues and offices up for decisions? If not, find out now. Know what you are voting for. Watch this space.



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of Nineveh in hopes of finding a community far away that would accept him and enter the fold of Islam.

The calm skies over Nineveh soon turned red with anger preparing to spit out the wrath of Allah. Men, women and children gathered at the mountain tops watching the combat of the skies above them with hearts filled with fear.

They soon remembered Yunus' warning of Allah's punishment and feared the predicament of Ad, Thamud, and the people of Nuh. With new found faith, they fell on their knees; with their hands stretched out they began to beg for Allah's forgiveness and mercy. Moved by this display of sincere repentance, Allah lifted His punishment, forgave his subjects, and showered his blessings upon them. As the skies cleared, the people prayed for the safe return of their beloved Prophet Yunus, so that he could guide them through the path of Allah.

Meanwhile, Prophet Yunus, who had left Nineveh, had boarded a small passenger ship with the intention of travelling as far away from his people as possible. The ship travelled through the calm waters during the day; but as the night closed in, a storm raged on rocking the ship wildly to and fro. The crew and passengers began to fear for their lives as the sea water gradually began flooding into the deck, slowly sinking the ship.

As the tempest continued through the night, the captain of the ship ordered his men to throw out the luggage and all other excess load overboard to lighten the ship's load. As instructed, the crew threw out the ship's excess load; but the ship continued to sink as it was still too heavy. The captain was left with no choice—he had to sacrifice the life of one man if he wished to save the lives of his crew and passengers.

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passages to study as we approach the month of Ramadan. Read and discuss.

Al Baqara: 168, 183-185
Al Dukhan: 3,6
Al Ahzab: 35
Al Anbiyah: 75, 86, 107
Al Isra: 28
Hud: 9

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The lots were cast and Prophet Yunus' name was selected. Even though they did not want to toss him overboard, they did so with Yunus' permission. Yunus knew that this was the verdict of Allah for he had left his people without his Lord's consent. So Yunus jumped out of the ship into the dark, angry waves in the middle of ocean.

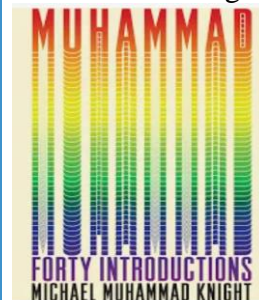
As Allah commanded, the largest whale in the ocean swallowed Yunus just as he hit the water. Yunus, who was unconscious, awoke to find himself enveloped by sheer darkness. Prophet Yunus prostrated to Allah and said, "O Allah, I am prostrating to you in a place where no one has prostrated to you before; in the stomach of a fish." He then called out to Allah, repeating, "None has the right to be worshipped but You. Glorified be You. Truly, I have been among the wrongdoers."

Allah commanded the whale to spit out His Messenger at the nearest shore. Allah forgave Yunus and informed him that if it were not for his sincere invocations, Yunus would continue to be in the stomach of the whale till the Day of Judgment. When Yunus was completely recovered, he travelled back to Nineveh to complete his mission. Yunus was the only Prophet whose entire community accepted Islam. Allah stated in the Holy Quran "Why was there not a single township (among those We warned), which

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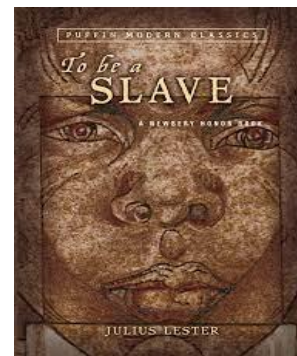
Books You Might Find Interesting

"Forty Introductions" by Michael Muhammad Knight



is the author's endeavor of looking at forty hadiths in past and present terms.

"To Be a Slave", by Julius Lester is a compilation of slave narratives with paintings by Tom Feelings. Hear in their own words how it feels to be owned by



another person, as a car, house, or table is owned. To live as a piece of property that could be sold... These books are available at the Mobile Public Library and may be at your library too.

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Believed—So its Faith should have Profited it—except the People of Yunus? When they believed, We removed from them the torment of disgrace in the life of the present world, and permitted them to enjoy (their life) for a while." [Surah Yunus Ayat 98]

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