

Newsletter

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

Read the HOLY QURAN daily.
Al Hajj—The Pilgrimage

The first Day of Dhul Qadah, Saturday June 12, 2021 was confirmed by Al Hajji Luqman Rashid of the Hilal committee. The lunar month of Hajj, Dhul Hijjah, is near.

STORIES OF THE PROPHETS **Prayers and Peace Upon Them All**

Excerpts from Prophet Muhammad's Final Sermon at Arafat.

After praising, and thanking God, the Prophet, may God send His praises upon him said: "O People, lend me an attentive ear, for I know not whether after this year, I shall ever be amongst you again.

Therefore, listen to what I am saying to you very carefully and take these words to those who could not be present here today. People, just as you regard this month, this day, this city as Sacred, so regard the life and property of every Muslim as a sacred trust...Return the goods entrusted to you to their rightful owners...Hurt no one so that no one may hurt you...Beware of Satan, for the safety of your religion. He has lost all hope that he will ever be able to lead you astray in big things, so beware of following him in small things...O People, it is true that you have certain rights with regard to your women,

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EID UL ADHA **QURAN CHALLENGE** **Click or copy link to your browser to participate in this Quran Challenge.**

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A Preview of the Quran Challenge is below.

Welcome to the Eid ul Adha Quran Challenge 2021. Answer as many questions as you can, as correctly as you can. Submit as individuals, family, masjid, etc. Charitable donations made on behalf of first 10 participants. It is our intent that these few short questions will spark conversations on Islam.

What is the meaning of the word "Quran" in Arabic?

working

recitation

knowing

What significant event happens every year in Dhul Hijjah?

Eid ul Fitr

Ramadan

Eid ul Adha

Who was Hajar?

Wife of Moses

Mother of Ishmael

Daughter of Yunus

HAJJ: Rites, Rituals, Observances, Celebrations

Hajj demonstrates the essence of Islam which is belief in one God. All the ceremonies a pilgrim performs; all the places through which he goes during Hajj remind him of the history of this belief, Tawheed.

The Prophet Ibraheem (Abraham), coming through trials and sacrifices for the sake of Allah, was elevated to the leadership of mankind. When Ibraheem stood up to call people to the way of God, a series of trials and calamities fell on him. He was deported from his home, abandoned by his parents, relatives, and friends, thrown in the fire meant to burn him alive, and exiled by the king of the country.

Prophet Ibraheem survived all these trials, but had to face another trial from his Lord. He was blessed with a son in old age after having completely despaired of having a son. As a final test, Allah ordered Ibraheem to sacrifice his beloved son, Ishmael, at a mount called Marwah near the Ka'aba. Allah ransomed Ishmael with a sacrificial animal as Abraham by his willingness to obey Allah's command, had demonstrated his complete submission and profound love for Allah.

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but they also have rights over you...

O People, listen to me in earnest; worship God, perform your five daily prayers, fast during the month of Ramadan, and offer Zakat. Perform Hajj if you have the means. All mankind is from Adam and Eve. Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab, nor does a non-Arab have any superiority over an Arab; white has no superiority over black, nor does a black have any superiority over white; [none have superiority over another] except by piety and good action... O People, no prophet or apostle will come after me, and no new faith will be born".

Thus, the beloved Prophet completed his Final Sermon, and upon it, near the summit of Arafat, the revelation came down: "...This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed My Grace upon you, and have chosen Islam for you as your religion..." (Quran 5:3)

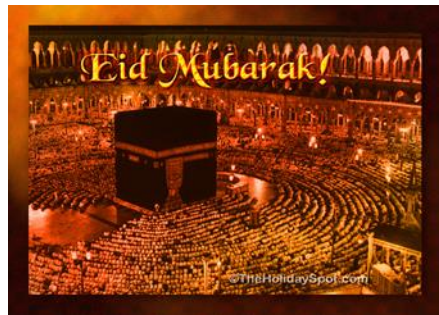
Additional resources:
<https://islamhouse.com/en>; The Life of Muhammad by Haykal



For Your Information

Hajj 2021 Update

An electronic portal for domestic pilgrims received more than 450,000 applications within 24 hours of opening, the Saudi Ministry of Hajj and Umrah said. All met the conditions of immunization and have never performed Hajj before. Male registrations made up 60 percent and females 40 percent of the total applications, the ministry said. Registration for those wishing to perform Hajj in 2021 is restricted to citizens and residents inside the Kingdom, with a total of 60,000 pilgrims, in light of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Priority will be given to people over 50 who have never performed Hajj. In an effort to ensure compliance with coronavirus (COVID-19) safety measures, the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah confirmed that no one will be allowed to perform Hajj without a smart card and a documented official permit.



Information from local sources should be available during Dhul Hijjah regarding the dates for Eid ul Adha Observances and Celebrations.

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This act of submission to Allah is commemorated during Hajj and all over the world on the occasion of Eid ul Adha.

Sources: Holy Quran 11:124, 21:68-69; Handbook of Hajj pp12-14.

Has Hajj Ever Been Cancelled?

Historical snippets below reveal events other than Covid 19 that have affected previous years of Hajj.

Qarmatian raid, 930

Hajj was cancelled after the leader of the Qarmatian tribe, based in present-day Bahrain, attacked Mecca.

Cholera outbreak, 19th century

Devastating cholera outbreaks that struck several times throughout the 19th century resulted in the suspension of pilgrimages, including Hajj in 1837 and 1846.

Ebola outbreak, 2014-16

In 2014, Saudi Arabia temporarily stopped issuing Umrah and Hajj visas for the citizens of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. The three West African countries were hit the hardest by a major outbreak of Ebola in West Africa that killed more than 11,000 people before it was declared over in 2016.



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