



**BE'THAT TO HIJRA
40 – 53 yrs**

613 CE 43 yrs

Inviting the near ones

After three years Muhammad (pbuh) was instructed by Allah with the verse 26:214 “And warn your near relations”. This brought in the open declaration of the message. Muhammad (pbuh) arranged a meal and invited 40 people from the family of Abdul Muttalib. He introduced the concept of one God and him being the messenger of God. They mocked him and when he asked who would help him in his mission, only the young Ali stood up.

613 CE 43 yrs

Public announcement

The verse 15:94 “ Disclose what has been ordained to you” ordered Muhammad (pbuh) to make a public announcement. He proclaimed the oneness of God near the Ka’ba and the Quraysh were furious. The new movement was a threat to their authority and they retaliated violently. Muhammad (pbuh) was subjected to verbal abuse and his followers with physical torture. Yasir and Sumayya (the parents of Ammar Yasir – companion of Muhammad) were murdered when they refused to accept the idols of the Ka’ba as gods.

615 CE 45 yrs

Emigration of Muslims to Abyssinia

Persecution was relentless and Muhammad (pbuh) advised a group of a 100 of his followers under the leadership on his cousin Ja’fer ibn Abu Talib to migrate to Abyssinnia (Etheopia) whose King was a righteous Christian King called Najashi. The Quraysh sent a deputation to demand their deportation. When the King heard Ja’fer’s description of Muhammad (pbuh) and his message, he refused to return them and granted them abode saying that Muhammad (pbuh) and Jesus (pbuh) were rays from the same sun.

615 CE 45 yrs

The Quraysh attempt to negotiate

Persecution increased after the pride of the Quraysh was wounded by King Najashi. Hamza (Muhammad’s (pbuh) uncle) awarded protection to him by opposing the gods of the Quraysh and accepting Islam allowing Muhammad (pbuh) to even pray in public. A reward was raised for one who killed Muhammad (pbuh) as they could not publicly kill him because of the prestige of Abu Talib. They sent Utbah (the father in law of Abu Sufyan) to reason with Muhammad (pbuh) offering him wealth, position and women. When he refused to accept they sent a deputation to Abu Talib to persuade his nephew. Muhammad (pbuh) said: “If they place the sun in my right hand and the moon on my left, I will not leave my mission until God makes

616-619 CE	46 – 49 yrs	<p><i>His cause manifest or I perish in my attempt”.</i></p> <p>Embargo and Boycott of Banu Hashim (Prophet's Family) by Quraysh</p> <p><i>Frustrated, a boycott was implemented signed by forty chiefs and hung on the Ka’ba. Nobody was to trade with the families of Hashim & Muttalib nor marry them nor have contact with them until they handed Muhammad (pbuh) over to the Quraysh. Abu Talib had no alternate but to take them to the valley called Sh’ib Abu Talib which he owned near Mount Hajun. For three years they lived there only coming out in Rajab and Dhulhijja when any sort of violence was taboo Sympathisers would sneak food in under the cover of night.</i></p>
619 CE	49 yrs	<p>End of the Boycott</p> <p><i>Muhammad (pbuh) came to Abu Talib one day and said that the boycott agreement written by the Quraysh had been eaten up by insects and no writing had been left except the name of Allah. Abu Talib went to the Ka’ba where the Quraysh were gathered and said:”My son says that the agreement which you had written has been eaten by insects and nothing remains except the name of Allah. If he is right, then you must end your injustice and if it is wrong then we will admit that you were right and we were wrong.” The agreement was opened and nothing was left except the name of Allah. The boycott was lifted.</i></p>
620 CE	50 yrs	<p>Death of Abu Talib (Prophet's Uncle) and Khadija (pbuh)</p> <p><i>Muhammad (pbuh) was so grieved that he called the year Aamul Huzn (The year of sorrow). With the death of his protectors, the Quraysh increased their persecution.</i></p>
620 CE	50 yrs	<p>Visit to Ta’if</p> <p><i>Finding the Makkans turning a deaf ear to him, Muhammad (pbuh) went to the sister city of Taif to the South with his adopted son Zayd. They drove him out pelting him with stones. On his way back a party of Jinn heard him reciting the Qur’an and accepted Islam. The Qur’an mentions this in the opening verses of Suratul Jinn (72).</i></p>
620 - 622 CE	50-52 yrs	<p>Beyond Makka</p> <p><i>Despite the persecution, Islam was spreading to tribes beyond Makka. The Quraysh did their best at stifling the news and warning those coming to Makka of Muhammad (pbuh) who dishonours their idols and had become mad. However, the seekers of truth like the tribe of Abu Dhar Ghifari came to see him and accepted Islam. Twenty Christians from Nazerath came to visit him and accepted Islam. Six men from Yathrib (Madina) who had heard Muhammad (pbuh) at Aqaba (a mountain pass between Mina and ‘Arafat) took his message to Yathrib. The next year 12 people met Muhammad (pbuh)at Aqaba and took a pledge to uphold the values taught by Muhammad</i></p>

(pbuh). A year later 73 men and 2 women came to take the same pledge known as the **second pledge of Aqaba**.

622 CE 51/52 yrs

Israa' Wal Mi'raj (Overnight Journey to Jerusalem and to the Heavens)

On the 27th of Rajab when he was 52 years old, Muhammad (pbuh) was taken on a journey to the heavens to see the glory of the Universe. The Mi'raj is one of the most awesome journeys recorded in the Qur'an in Suratul Israa (17:1)

622 CE
1 AH 53 yrs

The Hijra Migration to Yathrib (Madina)

The Makkans enraged at the spread of Islam, decided to kill Muhammad (pbuh). It was planned that every family should provide a man to carry out the murder. Allah informs Muhammad (pbuh) of their plan in Suratul Anfal 8:30 "And remember when the unbelievers plotted against you to imprison you, or to kill you, or to drive you out, they plotted and planned and Allah planned too." Muhammad (pbuh) left with Ali sleeping in his bed accompanied by Abu Bakr to go to **Yathrib** from where he had received an invitation to come. When the Quraysh found Ali in Muhammad's (pbuh) bed, they sent a search party to look for him. Muhammad (pbuh) and Abu Bakr hid in a cave in the mountain of **Thawr** 5 miles from Makka. A spiders web and a pigeons nest at the entrance prevented the search party from entering the cave. They continued their journey reaching **Quba** (2 miles south of Yathrib) a week later on the 12th of Rabiul Awwal 1AH. Muhammad (pbuh) waited there for four days for Ali. The first masjid was built in Quba and it is the first masjid where Salatul Jumua' was recited. Muhammad (pbuh) and his followers entered Yathrib shortly before noon on Friday 16th of Rabi ul Awwal (1 October 622 CE) . He was given a warm welcome and Yathrib soon became known as **Madinatun Nabi** , the City of the Prophet. Such was the significance of the **Hijra** that it dates the Muslim Hijri calendar.

LIVING

LIVING ISLAM

Close your eyes and transport yourself back in time to a busy market place of Makka – the hub of the Arab business world. Life was about material acquisition; the strong thrived on exploiting the weak, women were used and abused and success was measured through the size of the purse. Suddenly a man stands up whom you recognise as Muhammad (SAW) – The Truthful and Trustworthy one and he says:

- “If you wish to be truly successful then be aware of your Creator,
- when you see each other greet each other,
- tell the truth,
- make good your trust,
- maintain blood relations,
- be good to your neighbours,
- avoid indecency
- and in the dark of the night when all creation is sleeping, wake up and talk to your Rabb and there will be nothing stopping you from reaching your full potential. “

These first words of Rasulullah (SAW) are in essence living Islam.

Living represents the second step after learning..

Making the vision happen. It is the execution of the intention by first negating the negative to achieve the positive. Thus the first word of the shahada being : LA (NO)

Imam Ali (AS) has said:

“Your sickness is from you – but you do not perceive it

You remedy is within you – but you do not sense it

You presume that you are a small entity – whereas within in you is enfolded the entire universe

You are indeed the evident book, by whose alphabet the hidden becomes manifest,

Therefore you have no need to look beyond yourself; what you seek is within you, if only you reflect.”

The negation of gods that we have created is the first step.

Thus the awe inspiring slogan for every Muslim لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ (There is no God except Allah)