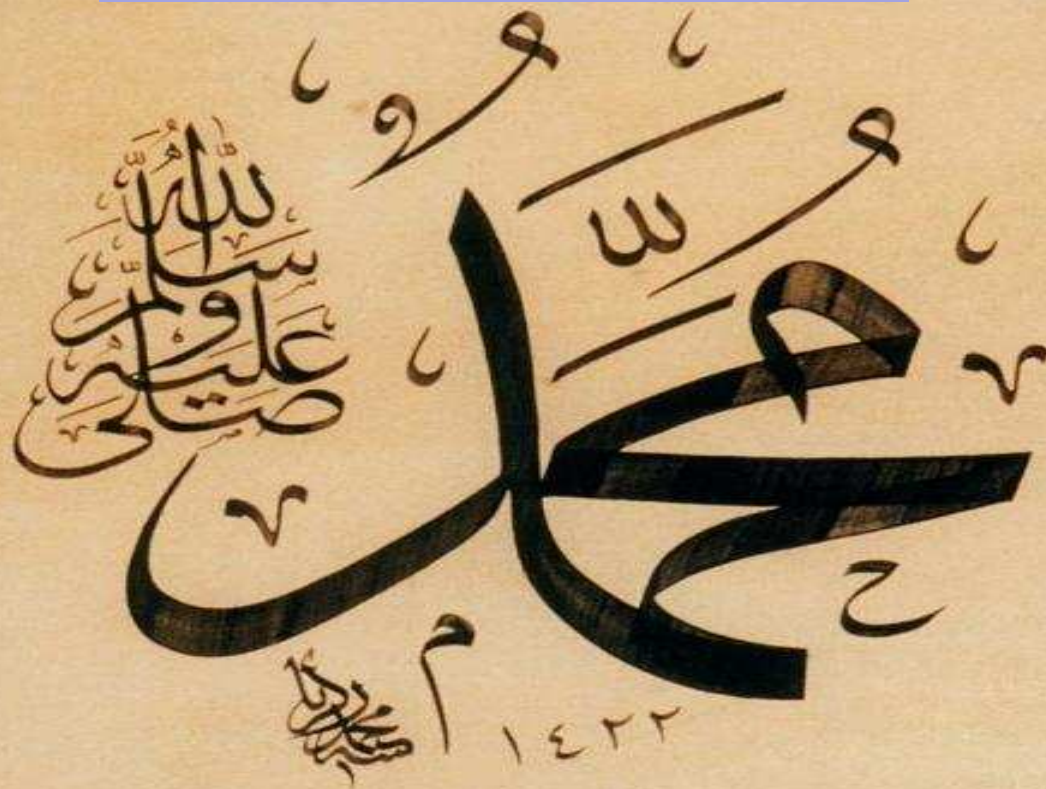


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# Migration to Abyssinia

- **Migration to Habsha – Abyssinia [Ethiopia]**
- In the fifth year and in the month of Rajab, Holy Prophet allowed the Muslims to migrate to Abyssinia.
- The Abyssinian king, Najashi, was a Christian and known to be of a good character.
- At this time, twelve men and four women migrated there.
- The famous companions included:
  - Hadrat Uthman,
  - Hadrat Uthamn's wife and daughter of the Holy Prophet - Hadrat Roqayyah,
  - Hadrat Abdur Rahman bin Awf
  - Hadrat Abdullah bin Masood.

# Migration to Abyssinia

- They left Makkah at night time and went directly to a port near Jeddah.
- From there, they took a boat to Abyssinia. When Makkans found out about this, they followed them to the port, but by that time, the boat had already left.
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# Migration to Abyssinia

- The Makkans increased their punishments on the remaining Muslims in Makkah.
- Even Hadrat Abu Bakar became their target.
- He also decided to migrate to Abyssinia. On his way, he met a chief of one of the tribes who asked him where he was going.
- Abu Bakar replied that his people had made him leave Makkah and now he wished to travel around and worship Allah in peace.
- The chief replied:
  - ‘You are such a generous person. You look after the needy and your relations.
  - You should return to Makkah and worship their freely and I will give you my protection.’
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- He brought Hadrat Abu Bakar back to Makkah and informed everyone that he had given protection to him.
- The Makkans demanded that Abu Bakar could only pray at home.
- Hadrat Abu Bakar started praying at home.
- He used to read the Holy Quran aloud.
- He read the Holy Quran beautifully and when the Makkan women and children heard him they used to cry.
- The Makkans did not like that either.

# Migration to Abyssinia

- They went to the chief who had given protection to Abu Bakar and said:
  - ‘We allowed Abu Bakar to pray at home. But he is still reciting the Quran aloud and when our people hear him reciting, they get affected. Go and ask him to read the Quran quietly.’
- The chief came to Abu Bakar and said:
  - ‘I don’t want anything happening to you under my protection.’
- To this Hadrat Abu Bakar bravely replied:
  - ‘I return your protection. My Allah is enough for me.’

# Migration to Abyssinia

- **After Three Months**
- Muslims were living in peace in Abyssinia.
- After three months they heard a rumour that all the Makkans had converted to Islam.
- On hearing this, the Muslims became extremely happy. They wanted to return back to Makkah instantly.
- However, some were more cautious than others.
- Some Muslims did return back to Makkah and found the rumour to be untrue.
- They were very disappointed and some returned back to Abyssinia.

# Migration to Abyssinia

- For others, their family members offered them protection and allowed them to live Makkah peacefully.
- One such companion was called Uthman bin Mazoon. He was given protection by Waleed bin Mogayrah.
- He lived in Makkah in peace but he could see injustices being done to other weaker Muslims.
- He could not forbear that he lives in peace while others face cruelty.
- He went to Waleed and said to him that he returns his protection.
- Waleed asked him:
  - “what is the reason. Has anyone harmed you?”

# Hostility towards the companions

- Uthman said: “No one has harmed me. But I only seek the protection of Allah. I don’t need anyone else’s protection.”
- Waleed asked him to announce this to others.
- While Uthman was announcing, heated argument started and Uthman’s eye was hurt.
- Waleed taunted him that he was hurt because Waleed had taken away his protection.
- Uthman replied:
  - “I want my second eye to be hurt as well. I seek His refuge who is more powerful and strong than you.”