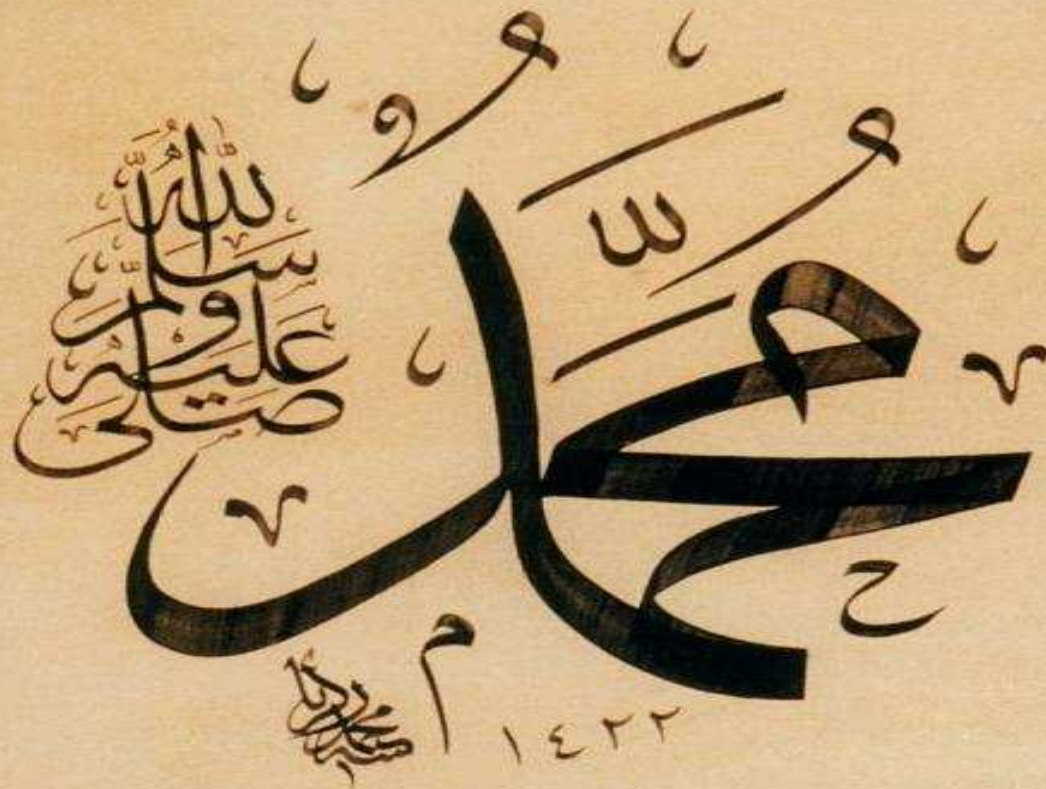


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Migration to Abyssinia

- When the Muslims found the rumour of Makkans becoming Muslims to be untrue, they returned back to Abyssinia.
- Now, 83 Muslims migrated to Abyssinia, including 18 women.
- Hadrat Jafar, brother of Hadrat Ali, was among the migrants.
- When large number of Muslims begun to leave Makkah, the Makkans became anxious and worried.
- They did not want the Muslims to gather outside of Makkah and organise a force to attack against them.

Migration to Abyssinia

- Makkans decided to send their ambassadors to Najashi to persuade him to expel the Muslims from his country.
- They chose Amr bin al-Aas and Amara bin Waleed (or Abdul-Allah bin Abi Rabia) to represent them in the court of Najashi.
- They gave them many gifts to be given to the king and his courtiers in order to mould their opinion in their favour.

Migration to Abyssinia

- When Amr bin al-Aas and Amara bin Waleed arrived in Abyssinia, they visited high level priests and courtiers and gave them high value gifts.
- They also informed them regarding the purpose of their visit.
- They said:
 - Some of our stupid people have left our city and arrived here.
 - They have left their forefathers' religion and started a new religion.
 - They have also rejected your religion.
 - They insult us and our gods.
 - We fear that they will also disturb the peace of your country.
 - We want them to take back to Makkah so help us with our intention.

Migration to Abyssinia

- All of king's people agreed to support them.
- Once the Makkans had the support of the courtiers, they visited King Najashi.
- Najashi treated them with respect.
- The Makkans also presented him with gifts.
- Then they put their request before him.
- Like they had told the other priests and courtiers, they said to the king that some of their people had left Makkah and now were living in Abyssinia and they wanted the help of the king to take those people back to Makkah.

Migration to Abyssinia

- King Najashi requested to see the Muslims and to hear their point of view.
- The others said that there was no need to see the Muslims as the Makkans ambassadors were very respectable people and they could not have told a lie.
- King Najashi still insisted to meet the Muslims.

Migration to Abyssinia

- The Makkan ambassadors did not want the king to talk to the Muslims.
- Amr bin al-Aas really wanted to turn the king against the Muslims, so he said:
 - ‘O my dear king, those Muslims are very hot-headed and arrogant people.
 - They do not respect honourable kings such as you.
 - You will see that they will not prostrate before you.’
- King Najashi still insisted to see the Muslims before deciding whether to expel them from his country or to remain them there.

Migration to Abyssinia

- The Muslims heard that the Makkan ambassadors had reached Abyssinia and were trying to convince the king to oust them from the country.
- When the king called for them, they started thinking how to present Islam to the king.
- As the king was a Christian, they thought that he may also turn against them.
- However, they decided:
 - ‘God willing, we will only say whatever we know.
 - And we will only say what has been taught to us by the Holy Prophet, no matter what the consequences.’

King Najashi's Court

- When the Muslims reached Najashi's court, the king asked them:
- 'Tell me about Islam. What is it regarding the religion of Islam that you left the religion of your forefathers, and did not accept Christianity nor any other religion?'
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- Among the Muslims, Hadrat Jafar spoke:
 - O King, we were illiterate people, worshiping idols and eating haram.
 - We ill-treated our neighbours and relatives.
 - The strong amongst us exploited and maltreated the poor and weaker ones.

King Najashi's Court

- Then Allah Almighty sent amongst us a prophet who is from a well respected family. He is very trustworthy, wise and kind person.
- He invited us to accept Islam. To believe in the oneness of Allah Almighty and to stop worshiping stones and trees and stars.
- He ordered us to speak the truth, to remain honest, to look after the relatives and the neighbours.
- He ordered us to stop lying, not to take anything from others' properties, specially from the orphans.
- He has commanded us to pray, to give in charity and to keep fasts.

King Najashi's Court

- He continued:
 - ‘So these are the teachings of Islam. This is what we believe in.
 - This is why the Makkans have turned against us and have punished us.
 - They want us to go back to the dark ages.
 - When they did not allow us to live peacefully in Makkah and to practice Islam, we left Makkah for your country, so we could live in peace and harmony in here.
 - We preferred to live in Abyssinia because we heard that you are a kind and just king.’

King Najashi's Court

- When Hadrat Jafar had finished explaining the teachings of Islam, king Najashi also requested to listen to the Holy Quran.
- Hadrat Jafar recited the beginning verses of Surah Maryam.
- When Hadrat Jafar had explained the teachings of Islam to the king and had explained that the Muslims were peaceful people and that they wanted to live peacefully in his country, king Najashi rejected to hand over the Muslims to the Makkans.