

# The Great Messengers

HAZRAT NUH عليه السلام



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## Hazrat Nuh ﷺ

Nuh ﷺ is mentioned 43 times in the Noble Qur'an.

Hazrat Nuh ﷺ was the first of the Ambiya ﷺ after Hazrat Adam ﷺ classified as a Rasool. A Rasool is a Nabi who has been given a scripture or a new Sharia and they number 313 in total.

A Nabi is a person whom Allah has selected to convey His message to the people and they propagate the Sharia and scripture of the Rasool before them.

Genealogists say that Nuh ﷺ was sent approximately 1026 years after Hazrat Adam ﷺ.

Hazrat Nuh ﷺ is mentioned in 28 Surahs (Chapters) of the Qur'an.

### The Da'wah of Hazrat Nuh ﷺ

During the more than 1000 years between Hazrat Adam ﷺ and Hazrat Nuh ﷺ, mankind had greatly increased in number and had spread over large areas of the earth. Messengers like Hazrat Sheeth ﷺ and Hazrat Idrees ﷺ propagated the Sharia of Hazrat Adam ﷺ of Tawheed (Oneness of Allah). However, shaytan gradually got people to worship idols. In fact, when Hazrat Nuh ﷺ started to propagate, the people were unaware of Tawheed and were worshipping thousands of idols. The five main idols were Waddan, Suwa'an, Yaghutha, Ya'uqa, and Nasran.

Initially, these were the names of noble people who had lived among them. After their deaths, statues of them were erected to keep their memories alive. After sometime, however, people began to worship these statues. Later generations did not even know why they had been erected; they only knew their parents had prayed to them.

## Nuh ﷺ reasons with his people

Allah Ta'ala sent His messengers as a mercy and guidance for people. Nuh ﷺ was an excellent speaker and very patient. For 950 years Nuh ﷺ continued appealing to his people to believe in Allah hour after hour, day after day year after year. He admonished his people and called them to Allah day and night, in secret and openly. He pointed out to his people the mysteries of life and the wonders of the universe. He gave them examples, explained Allah's signs and illustrated Allah's ability in the formation of His creatures. Therefore, there cannot be more than one deity. He clarified for them how the devil had deceived them for so long and that the time had come for this deceit to stop. Nuh ﷺ spoke to them of Allah's glorification of man, how He had created him and provided him with sustenance and the blessings of a mind. He told them that idol worship was a suffocating injustice to the mind. He warned them not to worship anyone but Allah and described the terrible punishment Allah would mete out if they continued in their evil ways.

### Division Among Nuh's People

Nuh's people were divided into two groups after his warning. His words touched the hearts of the weak, the poor, and soothed their wounds with its mercy. As for the rich, the strong, the mighty and the rulers they looked upon the warning with cold distrust. They believed they would be better off if things stayed as they were. They mocked and jeered at him and rejected his message. But whenever he called them to Allah, they ran away from him. Whenever he urged them to ask Allah to forgive them, they put their fingers in their ears and became too proud to listen to the truth.

### The Disbelievers' Arguments

They accused Nuh ﷺ of being only human like themselves. He asserted that, indeed, he was only a human being; Allah had sent a human messenger because the earth was inhabited by humans. If it

had been inhabited by angels Allah would have sent an angelic messenger.

The affluent refused to accept his call because he was not as wealthy as them. When they saw the meek and poor follow Hazrat Nuh عليه السلام, they mocked at them, saying that these people did not know any better due to their poverty. They felt it below their dignity to affiliate with people of lower standing. Therefore, when Hazrat Nuh عليه السلام called them to accept his message, they demanded the poor should be first expelled from his company before they arrive. Hazrat Nuh عليه السلام refused to do that and told them that Allah's punishment will soon arrive if these people were to be expelled since Allah appreciated them. He emphasised to them that wealth did not hold status in the sight of Allah. It was obedience to Allah and sincerity that He valued most.

### **Hazrat Nuh عليه السلام prays against the disbelievers**

Hazrat Nuh عليه السلام made a great effort to get the people to accept his message and thereby be saved from the punishment of Allah. However, instead of obeying him, they became more obstinate and even threatened to banish him from their lands or to stone him. Hazrat Nuh عليه السلام made it clear to them that he only willed good for them and never desired their wealth or status. They issued him the ultimatum. They told him that it was time that he show them the destruction that would meet them on account of their opposition. However, Hazrat Nuh عليه السلام still tried to make them understand that it would be best for them to accept his message since he was sincerely trying to help them. At the very end, he told them that the punishment was not within his control, but when the time for the punishment arrived, they would then have no recourse.

### **The Final Episode**

When Hazrat Nuh عليه السلام saw that it would be useless trying to persuade them further, he became despondent since there were only about 80 people who followed him. Allah reassured him that his efforts would

not be wasted and that the people would soon meet with the end they demanded. There came a day when Allah revealed to Nuh عليه السلام that no one else will believe. Allah inspired him not to grieve for them at which point Nuh عليه السلام prayed that the disbelievers be destroyed.

## The Ark

Allah Ta'ala revealed to him that the promised punishment would soon be coming. Hazrat Nuh عليه السلام was therefore instructed to build an ark, which would be a source of safety for him and his followers.

Hazrat Nuh عليه السلام and his followers then started to collect wood from the forest and worked day and night to complete the construction. Since the task was a strange one, the disbelievers people started to mock at Hazrat Nuh عليه السلام, asking him why he needed to build such a large ark on dry land. In fact, they now claimed that Hazrat Nuh عليه السلام was insane. Undeterred, Hazrat Nuh عليه السلام told them that the time was near when they will be the ones to be mocked at.

## The Great Flood

Once the ark had been completed, Hazrat Nuh عليه السلام was commanded to take on board a male and female from every species of animal together with his family and the believers. Before the floods came, Hazrat Nuh عليه السلام was informed that a sign will come to signal the event. The sign was that water would start to flow from people's ovens in their homes. The time eventually arrived and the skies were commanded to unleash their waters, as was the ground. In a short while, houses and hills were submerged and the disbelievers started to climb the mountains to seek safety.

## The Ark Settles

When the punishment of Allah had been completed and the disbelievers were destroyed, the ark came to a standstill on Mount Judy. The water started receding and drying up. The inhabitants of

the ship disembarked in safety. It was as if the earth had to be inhabited all over again, for this reason Hazrat Nuh عليه السلام is known as “The second father of mankind” or “The second Adam”.

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