

# Prophet Ibrahim Journey

from Palestine to Makkah

Discover Islam series

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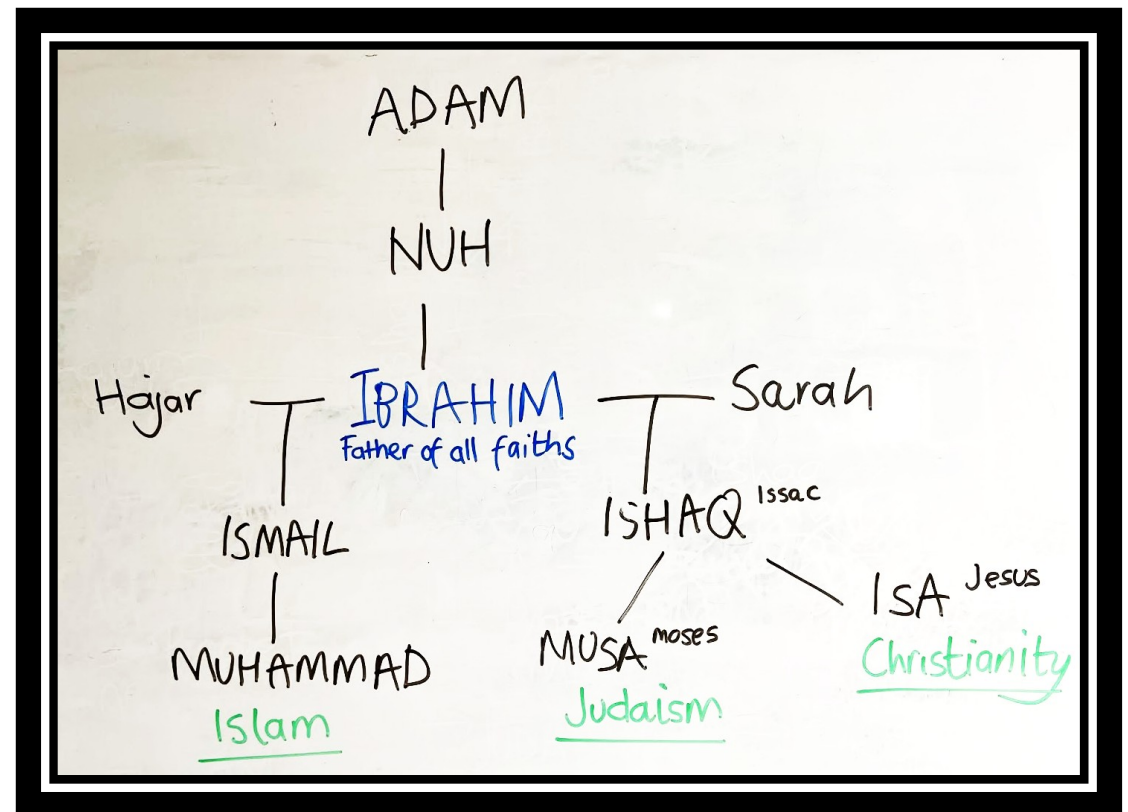
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# ABRAHAM'S LIFE JOURNEY

Abraham is a central figure within Judaism, Christianity and Islam. His story is that of faith, sacrifice, and submission to God.

## FATHER OF PROPHETS



Tonight, we go through his Journey stage-by-stage from Islamic tradition.

# OUTLINE

Prophet Ibrahim's significance for Muslims

Early life and upbringing

Challenge of Idols and burning alive

Marriage/migration to Canaan

Journey to Egypt & return to Palestine

First journey from Palestine to Makkah

Palestine to Makkah-Sacrifice of Ismail

Palestine to Makkah-build the Kaaba

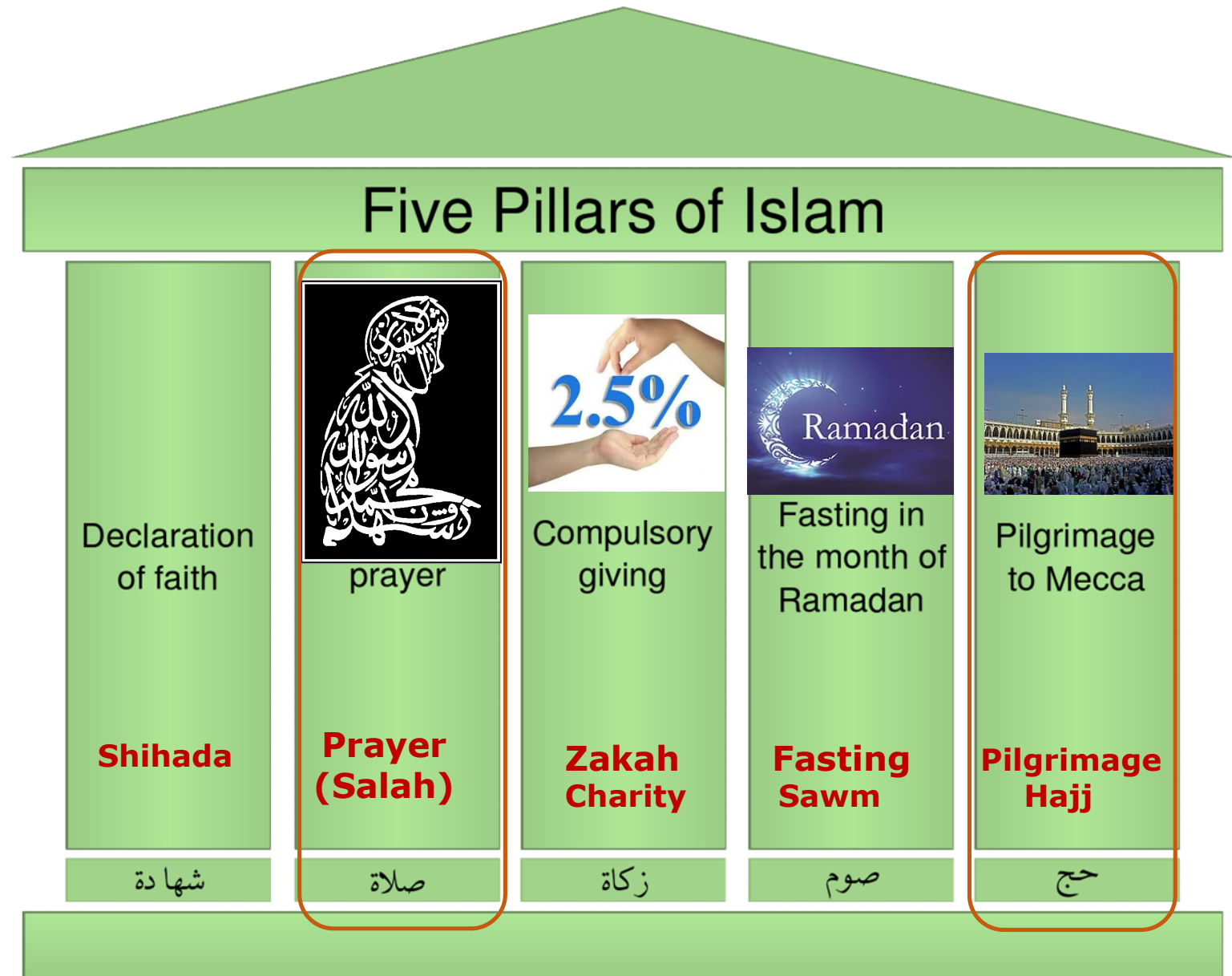
Covenant with God

Palestine-glad tiding of Isaac, Jacob



## Ibrahim (AS) is a Central figure for Muslims

- While Muslims believe in all prophets and messengers (Adam to Mohammad), prophet Ibrahim is considered one of the most significant prophets of Islam.
- He is a role model for absolute submission to God/ Allah.
- He is mentioned **69 times** in Quran with a chapter in his name (14)
- **Khalil Allah**, "Close Friend of God" is the title associated with his name. (4:125)
- Indeed, Abraham was a "**Nation**", devoutly obedient to Allah. 16:120
- He Built the Kaaba in Makkah (direction of prayer for Muslims).
- Muslims daily provide Praise/Supplication for him & his family in prayer



# MUSLIMS AROUND THE WORLD PERFORM HAJJ ONCE A YEAR



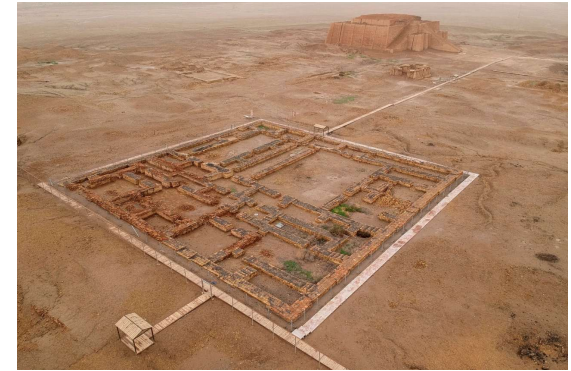
1.67 million, The Kaaba at Makkah, June 2025



## EARLY LIFE

### Birth and Childhood:

He was born in the city of Ur, the Sumerian capital Modern day South Iraq in a family that worshiped idols; his father was an idol maker.



<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/iraq-pope-francis-visit-ur-abraham-birthplace> 2021

### Rejection of Idol Worship:

Right from childhood, Ibrahim had grown up against the idol worship his family and the society around were engaged in (**Anaam 6: 74**).

He could not conceive that things without life could be held as objects of worship.

He began searching for the truth



## THE SEARCH FOR GOD

## INQUISITIVE MIND



He started pondering upon the surrounding nature (*Anaam 6: 75*).

He would gaze at the stars, moon, and sun and think that all those objects in the sky couldn't be gods because they were finite (*Anaam 6: 75-78*).

It finally dawned on him there should be only one God, the Creator, that would be eternal being that is indefinite everlasting (*Anaam 6: 79*)



## THE SEARCH FOR GOD

## RATIONAL DEBATE

### Confrontation with His People:

Ibrahim confronted his people on the falsehood of multiple gods declaring the oneness of God, **Tawhid (monotheism)**. They rejected the message.



When he failed to convince his community, he destroyed all the idols except the Head idol. when discovering that, they became very angry and accused Ibrahim (AS) of the destruction.

(**Anbiaa 21:**  
**51-69**)

He answered by saying “**ask the head idol**”

They realized that the idols/gods can not even protect themselves.

Ibrahim’s punishment was to be thrown into a great fire.

## WONDER ESCAPE:



They prepared a big fire that no one could come close to it so they had to catapult Ibrahim (AS) from a distance.

However, Ibrahim (AS) miraculously survived the fire that was ordered by God to be cool/ peace and not injurious to him. (*Anbiaa 21: 69, Ankabot 29:24, Saffat 37: 97*)

This incident has assumed an important connotation because it symbolizes faith against adversity. (God is the only one



## CONCEPT OF LIFE & DEATH

### Debate with Namrud/ King

Surviving the great fire made everyone furious.

The king (Namrud) asked to see Ibrahim (AS) to show that he, the king can cause life and death as Ibarhim's God who made him survive the fire.

The king brought 2 prisoners: freed one Ibrahim (AS) challenged him back - "God bring the Sun from the East, Can you bring it from the West?"

Dumbfounded, the king decided that it is time to deport Ibrahim AS from his homeland.



IMMIGRATION  
TO HARRAN

THEN TO  
CANAAN

THEN TO  
EGYPT



## Marital Life and Children:

Ibrahim (AS) married Sarah and migrated to Harran (modern-day Syria)

He continued to invite people to worshipping One God, but no one listened

Ibrahim (AS) migrated to Canaan, that is, modern-day Palestine, and continued to call for the message of Monotheism.

Due to famine in Canaan, he traveled to Egypt with his wife Sarah.

There, the Egyptian ruler (Pharaoh) was interested in Sarah, but she rejected him 3 times and eventually they

## RETURN TO CANAAAN

### HEBRON/ ALKHALIL



Sarah was barren and childless. Both were eager to have a child.

Sarah asked him to marry Hajar, in the hope he might have a “child”, a son who will continue Ibrahim’s legacy.

Later, Hajar gave birth to a son, Isma’il, (*God Listens*)– Ishmael.

The three of them: Ibrahim (AS), Sarah and Hajar were very happy.

Ibrahim (AS) continued preaching monotheism. Interacted with local rulers and tribes.

FROM  
PALESTINE  
TO MAKKAH

*By God's command, Ibrahim (AS) took Hajar and his infant son Ishmael to the barren valley of Mecca, leaving them there with divine protection*



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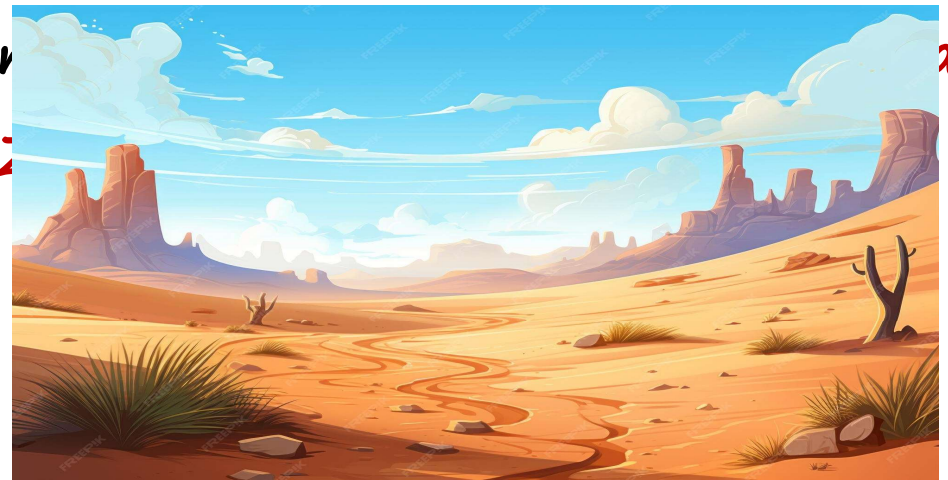
**Chapter 14 "Ibrahim" Verse 37**

MAKKAH

## HAJAR AND BABY ISMAIL

Hajar ran out of water/food and started searching for water by walking up and down between Safaa and Marawa, two hills in Makkah.

After 7-rounds, she hears water gushing under baby Ismail's feet.



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## THE DREAM: SACRIFICE OF ISMAIL

And when he reached with him [the age of] exertion, he said, "O my son, indeed I have seen in a dream that I [must] sacrifice you, so see what you think." He said, "O my father, do as you are commanded. You will find me, if Allah wills, of the steadfast."

Chapter 37: Verse 102-107



Temptation of Satan to prevent Ibrahim (AS) from going to fulfill Allah's order and sacrifice his own son.

Prophet Ibrahim (AS) responded by throwing pebbles at him not once, but 4 times!!



## ABSOLUTE SUBMISSION AND GRATIFICATION (RESCUE OF ISMAIL, GLAD TIDING OF ISAC)

In **Chapter 37: Verse 103-112**, Quran tells the story of prophet Ibrahim (AS) and his son's submission to Allah's command to sacrifice the son, an event that was a test of their faith.

*A ram appeared at the sacrifice site to be sacrificed in Ismail's place.*

Afterward, the verses announced that Ibrahim (AS) would have another righteous son, **Isaac (Ishaq) (the one who smiles)**.

*This day is commemorated by the Muslims on the day of Eid al-Adha as a remembrance of sacrifice*



# BUILDING THE KAABA

Around 2000 B.C.E: Ibrahim (AS) with help of young Ismail raised the foundation of the house of Allah, known as the **“Kaaba”**.



وَإِذْ يَرْفَعُ إِبْرَاهِيمُ الْقَوَاعِدَ مِنَ الْبَيْتِ وَإِسْمَاعِيلُ رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ  
الْعَلِيمُ ﴿١٢٧﴾

## Chapter 2: Verse 127

And ‘remember’ when Abraham raised the foundation of the House with Ishmael, ‘both praying,’ “Our Lord! Accept ‘this’ from us. You are indeed the All-Hearing, All-Knowing.



# CALL FOR PILGRIMAGE

Our Lord! Make us both **Muslims/ fully** submit to **You** and from our descendants a nation that will submit to You. Show us our rituals, and turn to us in grace. You are truly the **Chapter 2: Verse 128** **Acceptor of Repentance,**

**Most Merciful.**  
**Ibrahim (AS) was commanded to proclaim the**

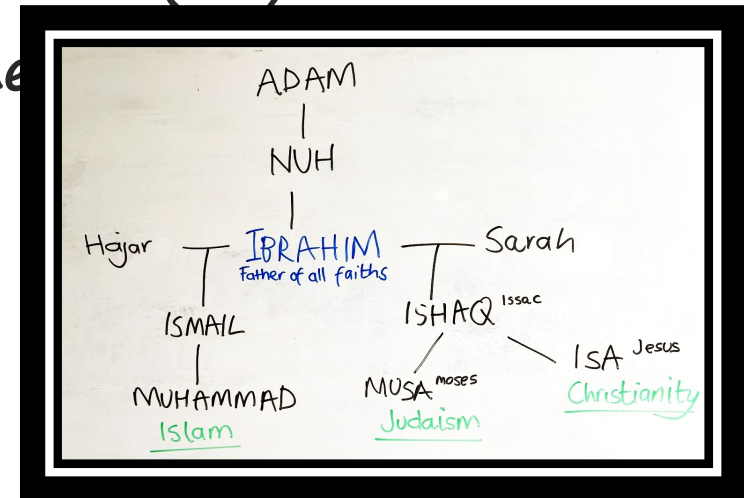
**pilgrimage to mankind.**  
Call all people to the pilgrimage. They will come to you on foot and on every lean camel from every distant path,

**Chapter 22: Verse 27**



# THE ULTIMATE PRIZE COVENANT WITH ALLAH

When Ibrahim (AS) was tested by his Lord and he fulfilled (each one), Allah swt promised Ibrahim (AS) to make him an Imam "leader/"Role Model" for the



As a loving father, Ibrahim (AS) asked about his progeny. Allah swt Answered "I do not give a covenant for the transgressors/ wrongdoers. (**Baqara 2: 124**)



## IBRAHIM TO MOHAMMAD: CONTINUATION OF THE LEGACY

وَأَبْعَثْ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِنْهُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِكَ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

Chapter 2: Verses 129 (١٢٩)

*Our Lord! Raise from among them a messenger who will recite to them Your revelations, teach them the Book and wisdom, and purify them. Indeed, You 'alone' are the Almighty, All-Wise.”*



## MOHAMMED TO IBRAHIM: CONTINUATION OF THE LEGACY

- After Ibrahim (AS), pilgrims kept coming to Makkah, however the Kaaba was surrounded with idols.
- Prophet Mohammad (S) cleansed the Kabaa from idols and restored the purity of the House of Allah.
- In his last year, prophet Mohammad performed pilgrimage/Hajj and taught thousands of Muslims the rituals following Ibrahim's legacy.

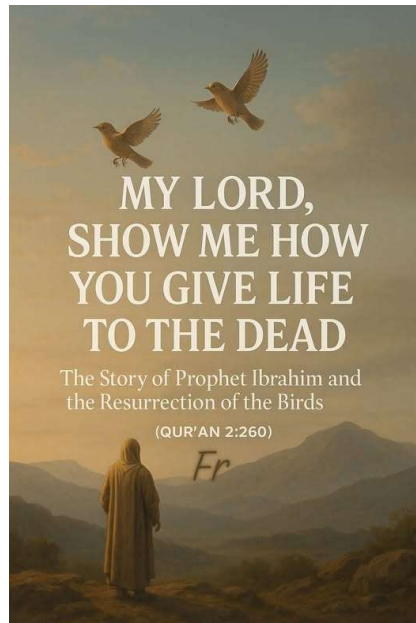


# Q & A



# CONCEPT OF LIFE & DEATH

## RESURRECTION



Birds sacrificed and distributed on the mountain and being alive again