

TRADING CARAVAN TO SYRIA

As time went, Muhammad ﷺ turned 12 year old when Abu Talib was going with a caravan to Syria. He decided to take Muhammad ﷺ with him. It was Mohammed's first journey to Syria. After days of travel, the caravan arrived at a place called Busra, near Syria where the monk Bahira was living in his monastery. Bahira saw the caravan at a distance and was amazed to see a huge cloud shading the caravan, Bahira approached the caravan and he found that the cloud was shading this boy whose name was Muhammad. The monk asked Abu Talib some questions about Muhammad ﷺ . As he received the answers, he became sure that this boy was going to be the last prophet. Bahira advised Abu Talib to send Muhammad back to Makkah, taking Muhammad ﷺ to Syria may put his life into great danger, because the Jews were expecting the last prophet to be one of them and not from the Arabs.



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Makkah was barren land with no farms or agriculture. The people of Makkah were merchants. They used to have two caravan journeys, one in summer to Syria and the other one in winter to Yemen. They used to bring goods from Makkah and sell them in Syria and Yemen, and buy goods from Syria and Yemen and sell them in Makkah. Makkah had big profitable markets places like 'Ukadh, Majannah and Dhul Majaz.

