

Prophet Idris

LEVEL: BEGINNER

Idris, peace be upon him, the third prophet after Adam and Seth (peace be upon them) and lived during Adam's lifetime. Known for his strength and impressive physical build, Idris was a man with a broad chest, strong shoulders, and a humble demeanor. When he walked, he kept his gaze lowered to the ground, a sign of humility and deep reflection. Idris often thought about Allah's power and wisdom, marveling at the beauty and order of creation.

Prophet Idris was also gifted with special talents that distinguished him among people. He was the first man to write with a pen, a significant achievement as it marked the beginning of recorded knowledge and communication. Additionally, Idris introduced sewing and the making of clothes, crafting garments for people to wear instead of animal hides and simple pieces of fabric. This advancement not only improved the lives of his people but also highlighted Idris's wisdom and creativity.

As a prophet, Idris dedicated his life to guiding his people back to the path of righteousness. After the death of Seth, many people began to drift from the path of Allah, indulging in corruption and wrongdoing. Allah commanded Idris to stand up against these evildoers and raise an army to fight those who rejected His teachings. Idris faithfully carried out Allah's command, becoming the first prophet to wage a battle for the sake of Allah. Through his strength, courage, and leadership, he successfully defeated the wrongdoers, establishing peace and justice in the land.

Despite his efforts, Idris longed to continue his good deeds and serve Allah even more. Allah, aware of Idris's dedication, sent him a message stating that his reward for his good deeds was equivalent to the reward of all the people of his time, and this reward would continue until the end of his life. Idris, who loved doing good and spreading righteousness, was deeply pleased by this news, yet he wished for more time to accumulate even more rewards.

Idris had a special friendship with an angel, whom he often spoke with. One day, he shared his wish with the angel, expressing his desire to have his life extended so he could continue his good deeds. The angel, moved by his friend's sincerity, offered to help. "I can take you up to the angel of death," the angel told Idris, "and perhaps you may speak with him about your wish."

Accepting the offer, Idris was lifted by the angel, ascending through the skies. They passed the first sky, then the second, and the third, until they reached the fourth sky, where they met the angel of death. As they arrived, they saw the angel of death descending. The angel who carried Idris asked the angel of death, "Where are you going?" The angel of death, seeing Idris, replied in surprise, "SubhanAllah (Glory be to Allah)! Allah had commanded me to take the soul of Idris in the fourth sky, but I wondered how Idris would reach here." In awe of Allah's plan, the angel of death understood that the purpose of their meeting had been divinely arranged all along.

The angel then asked the angel of death, "How much longer does Idris have to live?" The angel of death replied, "Only a blink of an eye." As soon as he said this, the angel of death looked at Idris, and in that very instant, Idris's soul was taken. Allah had fulfilled His decree, and Idris's noble life had come to an end in the fourth sky, where he would be forever honored among the righteous.

Activities

Arrange these events in order:

- a) Idris is promised a great reward for his good deeds.
- b) Idris asks his angel friend to take him to meet the angel of death.
- c) Idris reaches the fourth sky.
- d) The angel of death takes Idris's soul.

Answer the Questions:

1- Why did Prophet Idris look down humbly while walking?

2- What was one reason people respected Prophet Idris?

3- What can we learn from the way Prophet Idris balanced worship, wisdom, and taking action against wrongdoing?

Multiple Choice

1- What was Prophet Idris the first to invent?

- a) The wheel
- b) Writing with a pen
- c) Building houses
- d) Farming techniques

2- Which sky did Idris reach before meeting the angel of death?

- a) The first sky
- b) The third sky
- c) The fourth sky
- d) The seventh sky

Activities

Fill-in-the-Blank:

"Prophet Idris was born in the time of _____ and became the _____ prophet to guide mankind. He often looked to the _____ when he walked, showing his _____. He was the first to _____ with a pen and to _____ clothes. He was a great _____ who called people to follow Allah's way."

Answer the Questions

- 1- Why did Prophet Idris want to meet the angel of death?

- 2- What was Prophet Idris's reward for his good deeds according to Allah?

- 3- What does the story of Idris teach us about trusting Allah's plans, even when they are unexpected?

- 4- How do you think Idris's skills in writing and sewing impacted his community?

- 5- Why is it important for us to have humility like Idris, even when we have special abilities or talents?