

THE TREATY OF 'AQABAH

The Prophet was focusing on his mission which was letting people know that there is no God but Allah and Muhammad is His messenger. He used to talk to the people coming for Hajj, he would present Islam to them and call them to accept his message. A group of young men from Yathrib (later called Madinah) met with the prophet and listened to his teachings and accepted Islam. The 12 men in this session gave the Prophet their pledge to worship Allah alone and not associate partners with Him and not to commit evil acts. The pledge took place in the 12th year of the prophethood at a place called Al 'Aqabah.

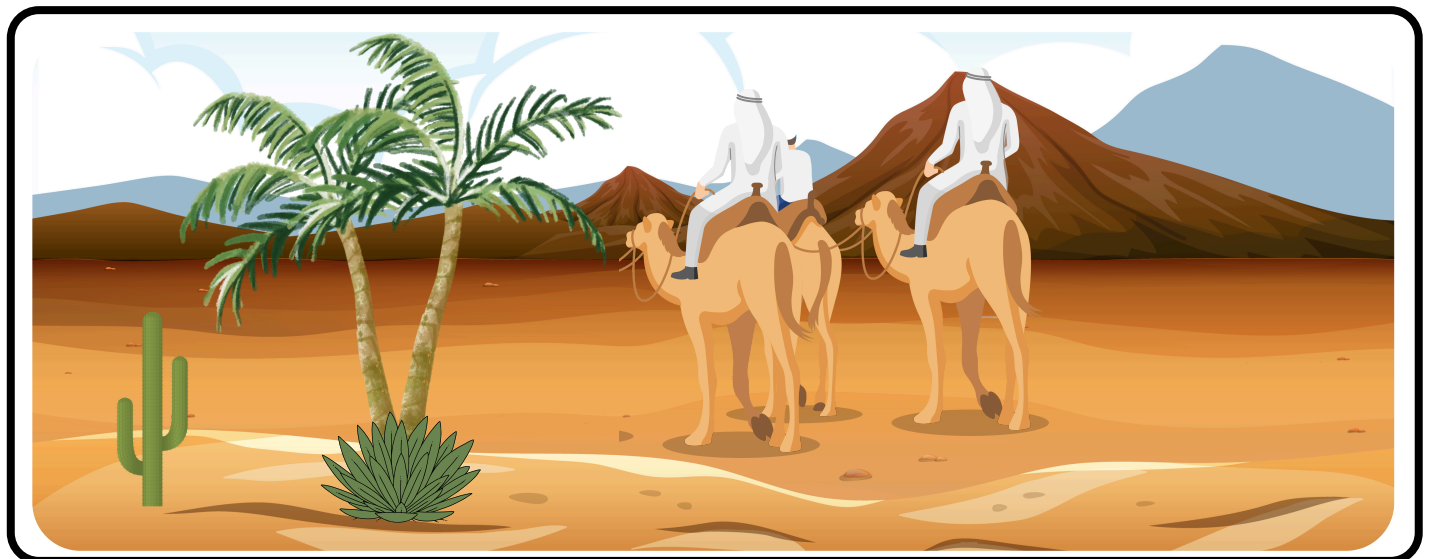
The Prophet sent Mus'ab Ibn Umayer with them to Yathrib to teach them more about Islam and to answer their questions and to convince more people to come to Islam. In the following season of Hajj, more people came to meet the Prophet ﷺ at the same place where the 12 men met him the year before. It was the 13th year of the prophethood, 73 men and 2 women met the Prophet ﷺ at Al-'Aqabah where they gave him their pledge to obey Allah and His messenger and to defend the Prophet and protect him to deliver his message.



HIJRA (Migration)

Quraysh was not happy about the treaty of 'Aqabah. They noticed that the companions of Muhammad started leaving Makkah secretly to Yathrib. They realized that soon Muhammad ﷺ would be joining them there and Islam would be stronger than ever. An emergency meeting was set and attended by the leaders and the chiefs of Makkah to discuss how to deal with this situation. Everyone started to give his opinion about how to deal with this situation. Some of them suggested to expel him, others said to imprison him. At the end they agreed to kill Muhammad ﷺ before he could leave Makkah to go to Yathrib.

Meanwhile, the Prophet ﷺ was arranging everything for his migration. He discussed everything with Abu Bakr, who will be his companion in this journey. Abu Bakr was very happy and honored to be the companion of the Prophet ﷺ at such an important event. At night, the leaders of Makkah gathered representatives from each family and tribe of Makkah in front of the house of the Prophet ﷺ waiting for him to come out of his house then they would take him by surprise and kill him. Allah saved his Prophet by making them all fall asleep. When the Prophet stepped out of his house, they did not hear or see him, they were all in deep sleep.



When the Prophet ﷺ came out he took a handful of dust and threw it over them as an act of challenge, he wanted to say: Allah is with me and I can do what I want to you. The Prophet ﷺ and his companion left Makkah heading to Madinah. They followed an unusual route to Yathrib, because they knew that the usual road would be full of soldiers who would be looking for him and his companion. Quraysh couldn't believe how Muhammad ﷺ was able to make it out alive while his house was surrounded by strong knights who were waiting for him. They became furious that they could not kill him, so they made a prize of 100 camels to whoever brings Muhammad ﷺ alive or dead. The Prophet ﷺ and Abu Bakr continued on their way to the cave of Thawr. They stayed there for 3 days. When the people of Makkah lost all hope in finding Muhammad ﷺ and Abu Bakr they stopped searching for them, then the Prophet ﷺ and Abu Bakr headed peacefully to Madinah.

Abu Bakr said: I said to the Prophet ﷺ while I was in the Cave. "If any of them should look under his feet, he would see us." the Prophet said, "O Abu Bakr! What do you think of two (persons) the third of whom is Allah?"

Answer the Questions

- 1- What important event happened in the 12th year of the prophethood?
- 2- How did Prophet Muhammad meet the people of Yathrib?
- 3- what did the people of Yathrib give their pledge for?
- 4- Where did the pledge take place?
- 5- Who did the Prophet send with the friends to teach them more about Islam?
- 6- Why were the leaders of Quraysh not happy about the treaty of 'Aqabah?
- 7- What did the Prophet ﷺ do when he came out of his house and found the soldiers of Quraysh waiting to attack him?
- 8- How did Allah save the Prophet from the plan of the leaders of Makkah to kill him?

Choose the Correct Answer

1- Why were the leaders of Quraysh not happy about the treaty of 'Aqabah?

- a) Because they wanted Muslims to stay in Makkah.
- b) Because they wanted to join the treaty themselves.
- c) Because they were not invited to the treaty.
- d) Because they feared Muhammad would leave Makkah.

2- What was the decision made by the leaders of Quraysh at the end of the emergency meeting?

- a) Expel Muhammad from Makkah.
- b) Kill Muhammad.
- c) Make peace with Muhammad.
- d) Imprison Muhammad.

3- Who did the Prophet discuss his migration plans with?

- a) Abu Sufyan
- b) Abu Bakr
- c) Umar
- d) Ali

4- What was Abu Bakr's reaction to being chosen as the Prophet's companion for the migration?

- a) He was worried.
- b) He was angry.
- c) He was happy and honored.
- d) He was confused.

5- Why did the Prophet ﷺ and Abu Bakr choose an unusual route to Yathrib?

- a) Because they wanted to explore new places.
- b) Because the usual road was blocked by soldiers.
- c) Because they wanted to meet new people.
- d) Because they were lost.

6- Where did the Prophet ﷺ and Abu Bakr hide for three days?

- a) In the cave of Hira.
- b) In the cave of Thawr.
- c) In the Forest.
- d) In a village.