

MUHAMMAD SEES THE ANGEL

In his late thirties, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ liked solitude and seclusion. He loved to go away from Makkah, away from the loudness and the business of the city, away from people to stay by himself in a cave called the cave of Hira in the mount of Anoor. There, he cleared his mind and used to stay there for days and weeks. Khadijah used to send him food and drinks. He spent his time there thinking about the world and the creation. Muhammad ﷺ knew for sure that these idols, which the people of Makkah were worshiping,



could not be true gods. He never believed or worshiped these idols. He knew that Allah is The Creator, he used to worship Him in what was left from the way of Ibrahim.

One day while Muhammad ﷺ was in the cave, angel Jibreel appeared to him and told him to 'Read'. Muhammad ﷺ replied 'I cannot read.' Jibreel then embraced Muhammad ﷺ tightly until he got tired. Jibreel then released him and said again 'Read.' 'I cannot read', replied Muhammad ,

Jibreel then embraced Muhammad ﷺ and pressed him tightly again. For the third time Jibreel told Muhammad ﷺ to read, but still he said he could not and was again embraced. On releasing him this time, Jibreel said: "Read: In the Name of your Lord who created, Created man from a clot. Read: And your Lord is the Most Generous Who taught by the pen, taught man that which he knew not. (Qur'an 96.1-5)

Upon hearing this, Muhammad ﷺ was scared and left the cave quickly heading to his house. That was a great shock and the Prophet ﷺ did not understand what was going on. He went home to his wife Khadijah shaking and trembling saying "cover me up! cover me up!" She comforted him and listened to what he said. Later when he recovered from the shock, Khadijah took the Prophet to her cousin Waraqah, who was a scholar in the previous books and religions. Waraqah told him this angel you saw was the same angel who appeared to Musa and you, Muhammad, is the last Prophet.

READ!

**Angel
Jibreel**

Answer the Questions

1. Why did Prophet Muhammad used to stay in the cave by himself?
2. What is the name of the cave in which Prophet Muhammad used to go to for solitude?
3. What is the name of the angel that appeared to the Prophet?
4. What was the first word the angel said to the Prophet?
5. What was the Prophet's reaction when Jibreel embraced him three times?

Choose the Correct Answer

home - Musa - Khadija - cave - - Waraqah

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Color the Correct Matches with the Same Color

Appeared to Prophet
Muhammad in the cave

Waraqah

The cave in which Prophet
Muhammad used to meditate

Jibreel

Was a scholar in the previous
books and religions

Hiraa

The word the angel repeated
when appeared to the Prophet

Iqraa