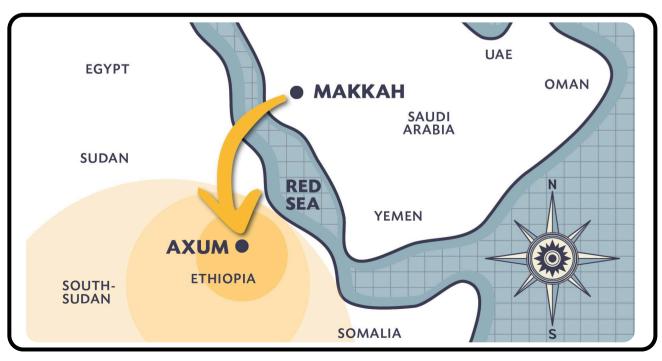
## MUSLIM MIGRATION TO ABYSSINIA

Quraysh insisted on punishing Muslims for simply worshiping Allah. Their torture was increasing everyday and some Muslims died under the torture. Some of the companions of the Prophet asked him to make du'a for them, some of them asked when is the victory of Allah? The Prophet then suggested for Muslims to migrate to Abyssinia. In the fifth year of the prophethood, some Muslims started to leave in groups to Abyssinia, the Prophet chose this place for them because the king there was Christian and he was fair. From the early emigrants were members of the family of the Prophet like Uthman Ibn Affan and his wife Ruqayyah, the daughter of the Prophet, and Ja'far the cousin of the Prophet.



## HAMZAH AND UMAR ACCEPT ISLAM

During the 6th year of prophethood, while Muslims were suffering in Makkah, some of them migrated to Abyssinia and others were still in Makkah practicing their religion and hiding from the punishment of Quraysh. Two great men accepted Islam and gave strength to Islam were a huge support to Muslims.

The first was Hamzah Ibn Abdul-Muttalib. He was told that Abu Jahl, who was a bitter enemy to Islam, had cursed Muhammad badly. When Hamzah knew about what had happened, he went to Abu Jahl and struck him with his bow and made a big wound on his head. He said to him, how dare you curse Muhammad while I am a follower of his religion.

The second man was Umar Ibn Al-khattab, who was on his way to kill the Prophet, but someone stopped him and told him that his own sister Fatimah and her Husband Zayd had become Muslims. Umar changed his mind and headed to his sister's house and there she handed him a part of the Quran. When Umar read the Quran he knew that this was not the speech of Muhammad , it was the words of God. He then went to the Prophet and accepted Islam.



## **Answer the Questions**

- 1- Where did the early Muslims have to migrate?
- 2- Why did the Prophet choose this place for Muslims to migrate?
- 3- Who were some of the Muslims that migrated?
- 4- When did Umar and Hamzah accepted Islam?
- 5- What was the reason that made Hamzah accept Islam?
- 6- What made Umar Ibn Al-Khattab change his mind from killing the Prophet to accepting Islam?
- 7- Why was Hamzah and Umar's conversion to Islam very important?