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Loving the Beloved of Allah

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INTRO

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Eid Milad-un Nabi

- It is an obligation to express happiness for the Prophet coming to us. As Allah (SWT) said in Qur'an:
 - "Of the favor and mercy of Allah let them rejoice" (*Surah Yunus: 58*)
- What greater mercy did Allah give us than the Prophet himself? As Allah said in the Qur'an:
 - "We did not send you except as a mercy to human beings" (*Surah Al-Anbiya: 107*)
- Because the Prophet (PBUH) was sent as a mercy to all mankind, it is important that we celebrate Eid al Milad.

Importance of Loving the Prophet (PBUH)

- We should love our Prophet (PBUH) because Allah commanded us to .
 - "Say (O Muhammad) to them: If you love God, follow (and love and honor) me, and God will love you" (*Surah Al-Imran: 31*)
- Loving the Prophet(PBUH) is an essential part of our Iman.
- In an authentic Hadith related in Bukhari and Muslim, the Prophet (PBUH) said:
 - "None of you believes until he loves me more than he loves his children, his parents, and all people."
- In another hadith in Bukhari he(PBUH) said:
 - "None of you believes until he loves me more than he loves himself."

Stages of Love

- Familiarity
 - You become familiar with who he is and his life.
- Admiration
 - You admire his attributes, accomplishments, sacrifices.
- Imitation
 - You start imitating him (PBUH).



EARLY LIFE
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Birth

- Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) the last Prophet of Allah was born in Mecca on 12th of Rabi-al-Awwal about 1480 years ago.
- He was born in the tribe of Quraysh and the Clan of Hashim.
- His Family:
 - Father: Abdullah, who passed away 6 months before Muhammad (PBUH) born.
 - Mother: Bibi Aminah.
 - Grandfather: Abdul-Muttalib, who named the Prophet (PBUH) “Muhammad”.

Miracles Around Birth

- Astonishing things happened to Bibi 'Aminah during her pregnancy with the Prophet (PBUH):
 - She never felt the weight of the baby.
 - When she would go to a well, the water itself would rise for her.
 - She dreamt of a star falling in her lap, and when she sought interpretation, she was told that she will give birth to the leader of the people.
- The day Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was born, a huge fire in Persia which had been lit for 1000 years died out.
- The palace of the arrogant dictator Kisra trembled, and 14 of its balconies fell to the ground.

Early Childhood

- The people of Makkah used to send their newborn babies to grow up in the countryside.
- Muhammad (PBUH) was sent to the country side.
- Bibi Halimah (RA), was the foster mother of Muhammad (PBUH).
- Bibi Halimah (RA) raised the Prophet until he was 2 years and 2 months old.

Childhood and Youth

- Muhammad (PBUH) stayed with his mother till she passed away; he was five years old then.
- Then his grandfather took care of him for two years.
- When his grandfather died, his uncle took care of him till adulthood.
- As a young adult Muhammad (PBUH) travelled with his uncle on trading journeys to Syria gaining experience in business.
- One time while taking a caravan to Syria, he met a Christian monk, who said Muhammad (PBUH) would become a Prophet of Allah (SWT).

Childhood Attributes

- Wherever Muhammad (PBUH) was taken, he brought blessings with him.
- Every tree and stone he would pass by would say: "**Peace be upon you O Messenger of Allah.**"
- Was called "**as-Sadiq**" (Truthful one) by many.
- A tradition also states that a cloud used to follow him (PBUH) wherever he went as a shade in the hot desert of Arabia.

Different Roles in Adult Life

- Merchant
- Husband
- Father

Merchant

- Early in his life Muhammad (PBUH) was a merchant.
- He (PBUH) worked for a noble and a rich widow named Khadijah bint Khuwaylid (RA).
- Due to his upright character he acquired the nickname “al-Amin” (faithful, trustworthy) and was sought out as an impartial arbitrator.
- A tradition goes:
 - “He did not prohibit or discourage the acquisition of wealth but insisted that it be lawfully acquired by honest means and that a portion of it would go to the poor.”
 - He advised his followers “To give the laborer his wages before his perspiration dried up.”

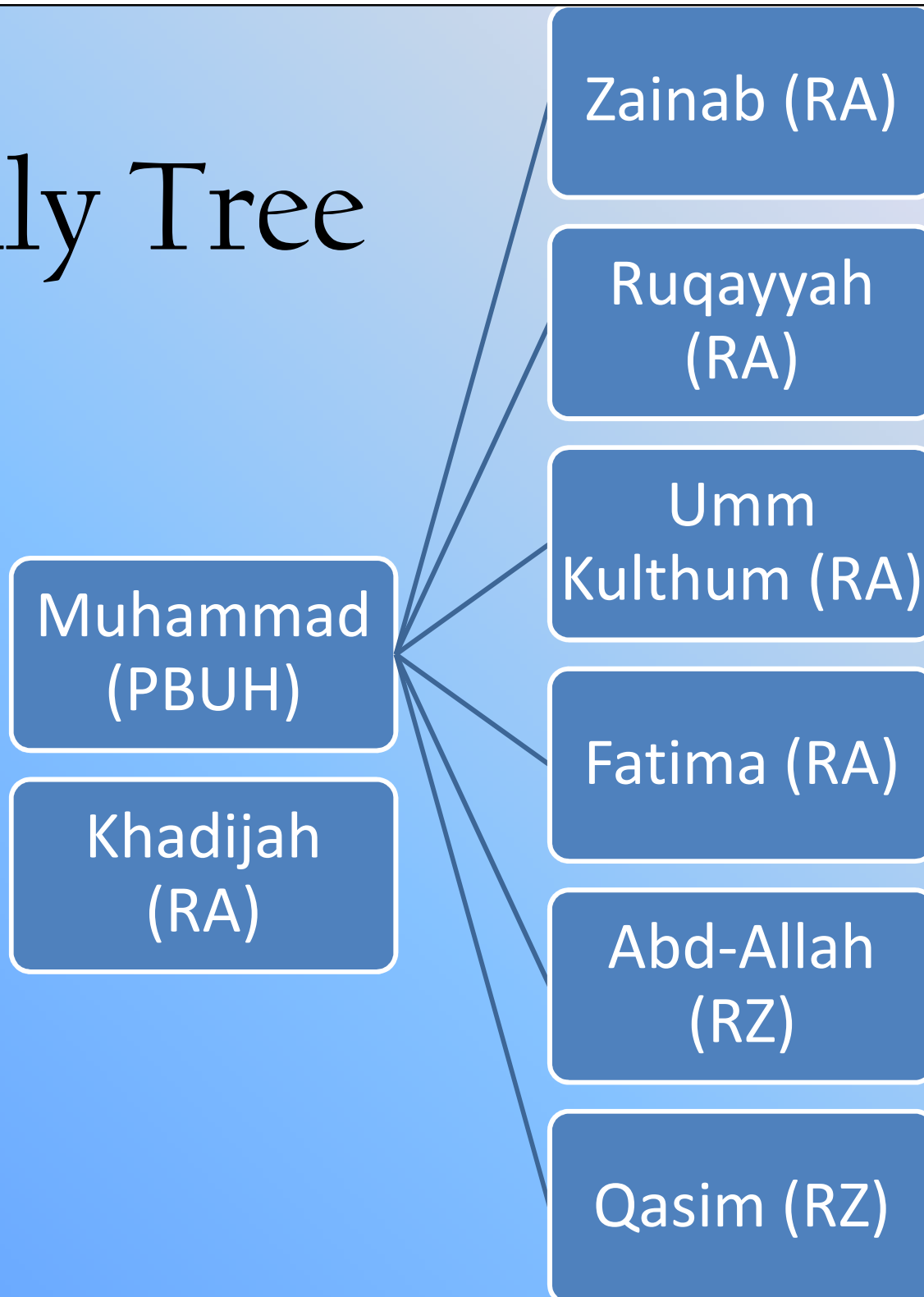
Husband

- Muhammad (PBUH) got married to Khadijah (RA) when he was 25 years old, and Khadijah (RZ) was 40.
- Muhammad (PBUH) had many other wives (Az waj-e- Mutaherath), and was fair to all of them.
- The reason to marry many was to help the widows and the needy women or the one who divorced from a previous husband.
- A tradition goes:
“A woman may be married for four reasons: for her property, for her rank, for her beauty, and for her religion (and character), so marry the one who is best in the religion and character and prosper.” (Bukhari and Muslim)

Father

- Muhammad (PBUH) and Khadijah (RA) had four daughters and two sons.
- Both sons died in childhood.
- Muhammad (PBUH) was fair to all of his children and loved them.

Family Tree



What have we Learned so Far?

- Prophet (PBUH)'s life from birth to youth.
- About how he was and extraordinary child.
- Various roles prior to Prophethood:
 - Merchant
 - Husband
 - Father



PROPHETHOOD

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The First Revelation

- The Cave of Hira was the sanctum of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).
- He would go there to meditate and reflect.
- The Cave is situated on mount Al-Noor near Makkah.
- In the 41st year of his life, during a night in the month of Ramadan, the first verses of the Qur'an were Revealed to Muhammad (PBUH).



Qur'an

- Over the course of the next 23 years the Qur'an was revealed to Muhammad (PBUH).
- The Qur'an as Maujizah (Miracle).
- Hadith of Bibi Aisha (RZ).
- The Qur'an says: “Indeed in the Messenger of Allah you have a beautiful example.” (*Surah al-Ahzab*)

Life as a Prophet

- Prophet (PBUH) was now commanded by Allah to invite the people towards Allah (SWT).
- Lived in a simple and humble manner even as Prophet-Story of old lady.
- Passing of Bibi Khadija's (RZ) and Prophet(PBUH)'s Uncle Abu Talib. Known as 'year of sorrow.'
- Incident at Ta'if (the people of Ta'if).
 - “And we have sent you (O' Muhammad) not but as a mercy for the Alameen [Mankind, Jinns, and all that exists (creations)]” (*Surah al-Anbiya: 107*)

The Night Journey (Isra wal Miraj)

- “Glory to (Allah) Who did take His servant for a Journey by night from the Sacred Mosque to the farthest Mosque, whose precincts We did bless; in order that We might show him some of Our Signs: for He is the One Who heareth and seeth (all things)” (*Surah al-Isra*)
- Journey from Makkah to Masjid al-Aqsa in Jerusalem, and then to the highest heaven.

Masjid al-Aqsa



Extraordinary Human Being

“Truly you are of a magnificent character” (*Surah al-Qalam: 4*)

“O Prophet! Truly We have sent thee as a Witness, a Bearer of Glad Tidings, and Warner,- And as one who invites to Allah's (grace) by His leave, and as a lamp spreading light.” (*Surah al-Ahzab: 45-46*)

- When referring to all other Prophets (PBUT), Allah (SWT) mentions their names. But He refers to Prophet (PBUH) without explicitly mentioning “Muhammad”.

What have we Learned so Far?

- The First Revelation
- The Qur'an
- Life as a Prophet
- The Night Journey
- Extraordinary Human Being
- The Spread of Islam



CHARACTERISTICS

Mansoor Syed

Qur'anic Ayath

“There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and (who) remembers Allah often.”
(Surah Al-Ahzab: 21)

Examples of Characteristics

- Cleanliness & Simplicity
- Mode of Living
- Manners
- Kindness
- Love for the Poor

Cleanliness & Simplicity

- Simple clothes and kept it clean.
- He enquired of a person in dirty clothes whether he had any income. He (PBUH) observed that "**When Allah has blessed you with His bounty; your appearance should reflect it.**" (Abu Dawud).
- Muhammad (PBUH) used to observe: "**Cleanliness is piety.**"

Mode of Living

- Simple.
- House made of unbaked clay and palm leaves, covered by camel skin.
- Had separate apartments for his wives.
- Pillow stuffed with palm leaves.
- Once a few of his disciples, noticing the imprint of his mattress on his body, wished to give him a softer bed but he politely declined the offer saying:
"What have I to do with worldly things. My connection with the world is like that of a traveler resting for a while underneath the shade of a tree and then moving on."
- Advised people to live simple lives.
- Declared unlawful for himself and his family (Ahly-e-Baith) to accept anything from people by way of Zakat or Sadaqa.

Manners

- By nature he was gentle and kind hearted, always inclined to be gracious and to overlook the faults of others.
- Politeness and courtesy, compassion and tenderness, simplicity and humility, sympathy and sincerity were some of the keynotes of his character.
- In the cause of right and justice he could be resolute and severe but more often than not, his severity was tempered with generosity.
- Though a virtual king of Arabia and an apostle of Allah (SWT), he never assumed an air of superiority: with fear of Allah, sincere humility was ingrained in his heart.

Kindness

- The Prophet (PBUH) not only preached to the people to show kindness to each other but also to all living souls (animals and plants).
- *“Fear Allah in your treatment of animals.”
(Abu Dawud).*

Love for the Poor

- To his wife he said, “O Aysha, love the poor and let them come to you and Allah will draw you near to Himself.” (Bukhari, Sahih Bukhari)
- His love for the poor was so deep that he used to pray: “O Allah, keep me poor in my life and at my death and raise me at resurrection among those who are poor.” (Nasai)

What have we Learned so Far?

- Example of his (PBUH) Characteristics:
 - Cleanliness and Simplicity
 - Mode of Living
 - Manners
 - Kindness
 - Love for the Poor



CONCLUSION

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QUIZ

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Quiz

1. In what Islamic date was Muhammad (PBUH) born?
 - 12th Rabi-al-Awwal
2. To what tribe and clan was the Muhammad (PBUH) born in?
 - Tribe: Quraysh, Clan: Hashim
3. Who was the foster mother of the Muhammad (PBUH)?
 - Bibi Halimah (RA)
4. Who took care of Muhammad (PBUH) after his mother passed away?
 - His grand-father Abdul-Muttalib
5. Who took care of Muhammad (PBUH) after his grandfather passed away?
 - His uncle Abu-Talib

Quiz

6. Who was the first wife of Muhammad (PBUH)?
 - Khadijah (RA)

7. Who was the youngest daughter of Muhammad (PBUH)?
 - Bibi Fatima (RA)

8. From what Surah was the Qur'anic Ayath revealed to Muhammad (PBUH) in the Cave?
 - Surat al-Alaq (The Clot) (Iqra)

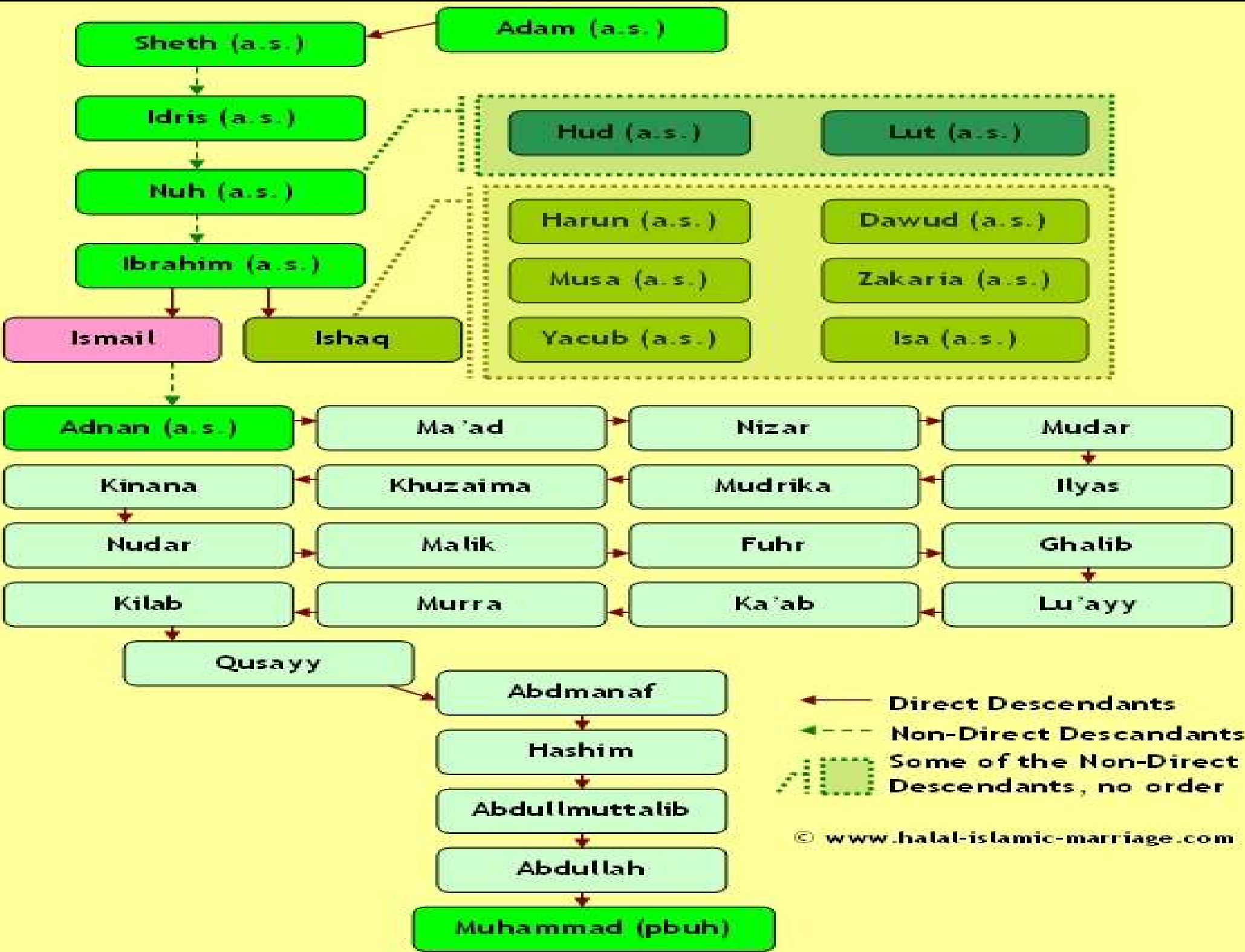
9. In which Cave did Muhammad (PBUH) receive the Qur'anic revelations in?
 - Cave of Hira

10. Which city is known as the city of the Prophet?
 - Madinah



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- Aisha
- Hafsa
- Zaynab
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- Zaynab
- Juwayriya
- Umm Habiba
- Safiyya
- Maymuna
- Maria

- Abdullah
- Al-Qasim
- Zaynab
- Ali
- Umamah

- Fatima
- Um Kulthum
- Ruqayah
- Abdullah

- Hussein
- Hassan
- Muhsin
- Um Kulthum
- Zaynab

Mahdi (a.f.)

- = Wives of Muhammad (pbuh)
- = Daughters / Sons of Muhammad (pbuh)
- = Granddaughters/-sons of Muhammad (pbuh)
- = future descendant of Fatima



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THE END

Thank You