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Once they had safely crossed the sea,
Moosa عليه السلام, Haroon عليه السلام and the Bani
Israeel travelled towards Baitul Maqdis -
Jerusalem.


Allaah سُبْحَانَهُ وَبِحَمْدِهِ had promised the land of
Jerusalem for the Bani Israeel to live in.

It is stated in the Tafsir, that Yaqoob عليه السلام,
who is the father of Yusuf عليه السلام had been
living there, before he left for Egypt to
join Yusuf عليه السلام. *

Yaqoob عليه السلام was called Israeel and since the
Children of Israeel were his descendents,
they were called the Bani Israeel.

*Read the story of Yusuf عليه السلام.

But when the Bani Israeel approached the city they found that the city had been taken over by a people who were very strong and mighty.

Moosa  asked them to enter the city and fight their enemy.

He promised them that they would be victorious if they did so.

Two righteous men from the group Yusha bin Nun and Kalib bin Yufna encouraged them saying, "Assault them through the gate; for when you are in, victory will be yours; and put your trust in Allaah if you are believers indeed."



They had the support of Allaah ﷻ and their Prophet, so they would surely have won, but they refused and said,

"O Moosa! We shall never enter it as long as they are there. So go you and your Lord and fight you two, we are sitting right here."

Firawn had been so cruel and unjust to them, that they had now become scared and weak, so they did not want to fight.

When they said this, Moosa ﷺ reminded them of Allaah's favour and blessings on them.

He told them that Allaah ﷻ had made them the most honourable from the people of their time.

How Allaah had saved them from Firawn and his tyranny and by His Mercy, sent them a Prophet to guide them.

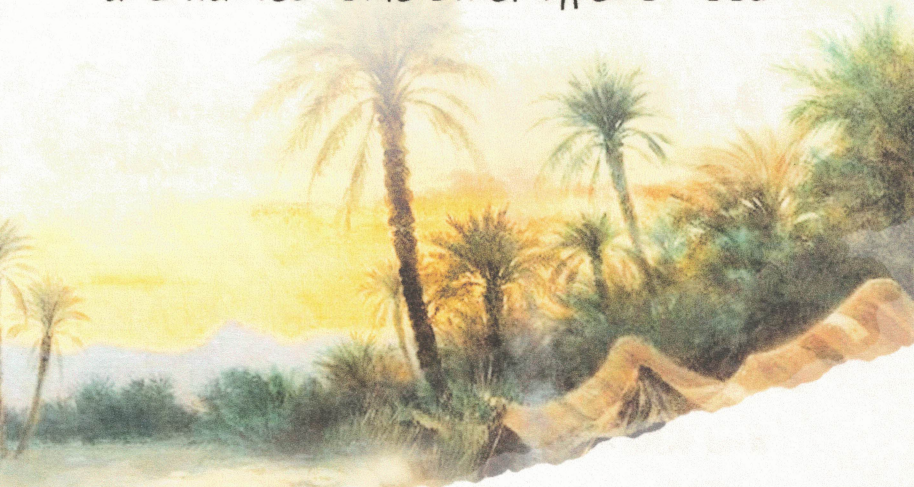
They had seen Firawn and his people being drowned, and He ﷻ had made the Bani Israeel inherit their property and wealth.

But when they refused to fight and conquer the city, Allaah ﷻ refused to let them enter the city, and punished them by leaving them to wander around.

Allaah ﷻ did not allow them to enter the city of Jerusalem. For forty years they wandered around, without a destination, in a state of confusion.

They knew that Allaah ﷻ had blessed them in many ways, but they were not grateful for His blessings, nor were they grateful to Moosa ﷺ for all he had done for them. They only made things difficult for him.

Allaah ﷻ sent them their food from the heavens, yet they complained to Moosa saying, they were tired of the same food and wanted some other types of food.



Again, while Moosa ﷺ went to meet Allaah on Mount Tur, some of them made a calf and worshipped the calf, although they knew that only Allaah alone deserved all worship.

Through all this Moosa عليه السلام was patient and steadfast. He is one of the Prophets of Uloom Azm or the Messengers of strong will and determination.

And Allaah عز وجل says about Moosa عليه السلام,
“ . . .and he was honourable before Allaah.”

Surah al Ahzab 33 vs. 69

Moosa عليه السلام had a noble position with Allaah. His supplications would be answered by Allaah and when he asked Allaah to make his brother Haroon a Prophet, Allaah عز وجل granted his request and Haroon was made a Prophet.

And We granted him his brother Haroon, (also)
a Prophet, out of Our Mercy.

Surah al Maryam 19 vs. 53

Moosa عليه السلام wanted good for his people, but when the people kept refusing to obey him, he appealed to Allaah عز وجل to guide him in dealing with his people.

Allaah عز وجل ordered Moosa to fast for thirty days and then increased it by ten.

When Moosa عليه السلام had completed his fasting, Allaah عز وجل instructed him to come and meet Him at Mount Tur.

When Moosa عليه السلام went to the meeting place Allaah عز وجل spoke to him.

Moosa عليه السلام is known as Kaleemullah, the one whom Allaah عز وجل spoke to directly.



Then Moosa ﷺ said,
"O my Lord! Show me (Yourself), that I may
look upon You."

Allaah said: "You cannot see Me, but look upon
the mountain; if it stands still in its place then
you shall see Me."

So when his Lord appeared to the mountain,
He made it collapse to dust, and Moosa
fell down unconscious. . ."

Then when he recovered he asked
Allaah to forgive him, (for having
requested such a thing). He said:
"Glory be to You, I turn to You in repentance. ."

There Allaah ﷻ gave Moosa ﷺ the law by which he should guide his people, inscribed on tablets of stone.

In it were commandments and laws on what was lawful and unlawful, for the Children of Israeel to follow.

Allaah ﷻ said,


"O Moosa I have chosen you above men by My Messages, and by My speaking (to you). So hold that which I have given you and be of the grateful."

Surah al A'raf 7 vs. 144

And We wrote for him on the Tablets the lesson to be drawn from all things and the explanation for all things (and said):

Hold unto these with firmness, and enjoin your people to take the better therein. I shall show you the home of the rebellious."

Surah al A'raf 7 vs. 145

Moosa  was told to advice and guide his people by these laws, to do what was lawful and good, and to keep away from what was prohibited.

" . . . and in their inscription was guidance and mercy for those who fear their Lord."

Surah al A'raf 7 vs. 154

And for those who feared their Lord and kept away from His prohibitions, there was Allaah's guidance and mercy for them.

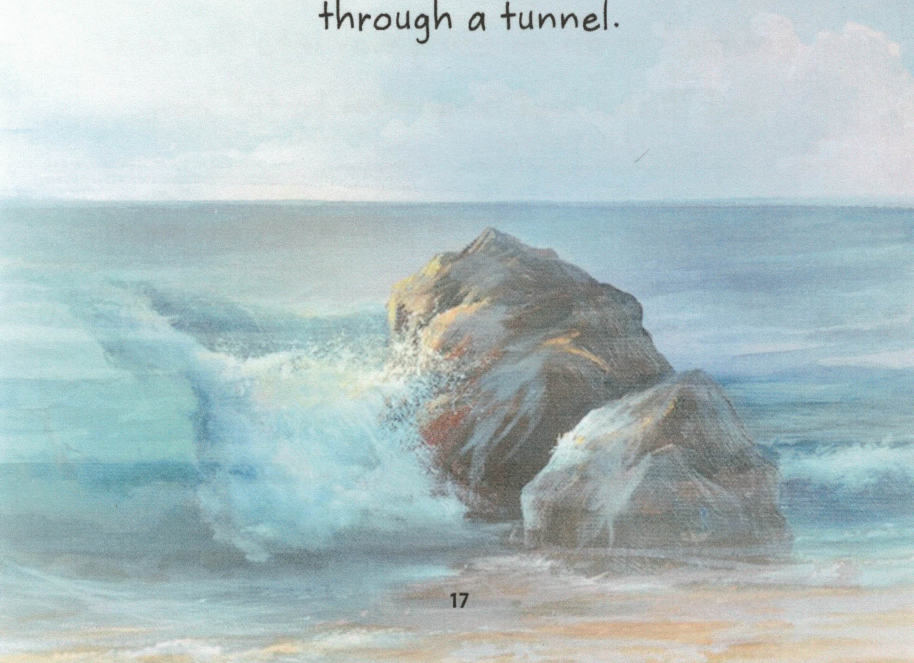
One day, while Moosa عليه السلام was sitting in the company of the Bani Israeel, a man asked him, "Do you know anyone who is more learned than you?" Moosa عليه السلام replied "No". So Allaah عز وجل sent the divine inspiration to Moosa saying, "Yes, Our slave Khidr is more learned than you."

So Moosa عليه السلام said, "O my Lord! How can I meet him?" Allaah عز وجل said, "Take a fish and put it in a large basket and you will find him at the place where you will lose the fish."

So Moosa عليه السلام did as he has told and set out with Yusha bin Nun.

While they were on the journey,
Moosa ﷺ stopped to rest near a rock
and fell asleep.

The fish moved out of the basket and fell
into the sea. It went into the sea as if
through a tunnel.



Moosa ﷺ did not know that the fish had got out. They continued their journey and the next day, Moosa ﷺ asked Yusha for some food, saying he was hungry and tired.

Yusha then told Moosa ﷺ that while they had been resting by the rock, the fish had escaped in an amazing way into the sea, but Yusha had forgotten to tell him.

Moosa ﷺ said, "That was what we were seeking after," and they went back to the rock.

There they saw a man covered with a garment.

Moosa عليه السلام greeted him and introduced himself. The man asked him, if he was Moosa of Bani Israeel.

Moosa عليه السلام replied "Yes", and told him that he had come to meet him so that he could learn from him some of the things which Allaah عز وجل had taught him.

He said, "Moosa! I have some knowledge of Allaah which Allaah has taught me and which you do not know. While you have some of the knowledge of Allaah which I do not know."

So Moosa asked him, "May I follow you.?"*

*Please read what happens between Moosa and Khidr in Surah al Kahf

Our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ described Moosa ﷺ as a tall, brown, curly haired man.

Muhammad ﷺ met Moosa ﷺ when he was taken to the heavens during al Mi'raj.

Moosa ﷺ was on the sixth heaven.

Muhammad ﷺ was asked to greet him and when he did so, Moosa ﷺ returned the greeting and said, "Welcome to a righteous brother and righteous Prophet."

He ﷺ met Ibrahim ﷺ on the seventh heaven and then was taken up to meet Allaah ﷻ

It was in the heavens that Allaah ordered the prayer, fifty prayers for each day and night for Muhammad ﷺ and his followers.

On his way back from the heavens, when Muhammad ﷺ met Moosa عليه السلام, he asked him what Allaah عز وجل had ordered for his ummah (followers).

When Muhammad ﷺ told him, Moosa عليه السلام replied that this was too much for his ummah as they would not be able to do it.


He عليه السلام told him ﷺ that he had had to deal with the Children of Israeel and it had been very difficult for him.

He asked Muhammad ﷺ to go back and ask Allaah ﷻ to reduce the number of prayers.

So Muhammad ﷺ went between Moosa and Allaah ﷻ until the number of prayers were reduced to five.

Even that, Moosa ﷺ said was too much because his followers would not be able to do it. But Muhammad ﷺ said, "I have asked my Lord until I feel too shy. I accept this and submit to Him."

Later when Muhammad ﷺ migrated to Madinah, he found that the Jews fasted on the 10th day of Muharram.



When he inquired from them why they did so, they said, that it was on this day that Allaah ﷻ gave victory to Moosa ﷺ and the Bani Israeel over Firawn.

As a sign of honour they fasted on this day.

So Muhammad ﷺ said, "We are closer to Moosa than you" and encouraged the Muslims to fast on that day.

Haroon عليه السلام died a little before Moosa عليه السلام.

When the angel of death came to take the life of Moosa عليه السلام, he came in the form of a man.* Not knowing he was an angel, Moosa عليه السلام hit the angel on his eye.

The angel returned to Allaah and complained saying that Moosa did not want to die.

Allaah عز وجل told him to return to Moosa and tell him to put his hand on the back of an ox and for every hair that came under it, he would be granted one year of life.

Musnad Imaam Ahmad with an authentic chain of narration.
Reported by Shaykh al Albaani

Then Moosa عليه السلام asked,
"O Lord! What will happen after that?"
Allaah عز وجل replied, "then death."
Moosa عليه السلام said, "Let it come now."

Moosa عليه السلام requested Allaah to let him die close to Jerusalem so that he would be a distance of a stone's throw from it.

Muhammad عليه السلام said, "If I were there, I would show you his grave below the red sandhill on the side of the road."

May Allaah's Blessings and Mercy be upon Moosa عليه السلام for his bravery, his strength and his patience. Aameen

A few points of interest.

Just as the Qur'aan, is the book revealed to our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ for his ummah, the shariah and the book revealed to Moosa ﷺ is called the Tawrah.

And it was the same angel who brought the revelation to Muhammad ﷺ who brought the revelation to Moosa ﷺ as well, Angel Jibreel.

Those of the Bani Israeel who followed Moosa ﷺ were believers.

Many Prophets were sent after Moosa to the Bani Israeel, and they all followed the Tawrah, until the Injeel was revealed to Isa ﷺ.

The Bani Israeel did not enter the city of Jerusalem during the life time of Moosa.

It was Yusha bin Nun who captured the city of Jerusalem. It is said that city was surrounded by the Bani Israeel until Friday after Asr and victory was very close.

But the sun was about to set, and Saturday was their holy day. So Yusha prayed "O Allaah hold it back from setting." So Allaah held it back until the city was conquered and they finally entered the city and lived there.

The Prophet ﷺ said,

"The sun has never been held back from setting except for Yusha."

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