Prophet Musa عليه السلام

A baby boy was born in Egypt. He was from the Banu Isra'eel. His name was Prophet Musa (peace be upon him).

The king of Egypt at that time was Fir'awn. Fir'awn was a cruel king. He was told that a child will be born from the Banu Isra'eel who will take away his kingdom. Fir'awn became angry and told his soldiers to kill every baby boy which was born in Banu Isra'eel.

Prophet Musa peace be upon him's mother became very scared for her child. What could she do? Where could she hide her beautiful child from the soldiers? Allah The Almighty helped her, and put in her heart to put the baby in a box, and then put the box in the River Nile. The box sailed across the river and ended up near the palace of the king.

One day Fir'awn and the queen of Egypt were walking by the river and saw the box. The king told one of his servants to bring the box. When they opened it, inside was a beautiful baby boy. This is how Allah The Almighty saved Prophet Musa (peace be upon him).

Allah The Almighty is the protector. Prophet Yusuf (peace be upon him) was saved from the well. Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him) was saved from the Fire. The knife could not cut Prophet Ismail (peace be upon him). Because Allah The Almighty is the protector.

Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) now started living in the house of the king. He grew up in the king's palace.

One day, Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) was walking around Egypt, and he saw two people fighting. One was an Egyptian, and the other was from Banu Isra'eel. Fir'awn had divided people into two groups; Higher class and lower class. The Egyptians were treated as the higher class. And the Banu Isra'eel were treated as the lower class. The Egyptians worshipped many gods and the Banu Isra'eel worshipped Allah The Almighty.

The Prophets of Allah The Almighty are fair, and don't like unfairness. They always help those who are treated unfairly. They help the weak and poor and look after the orphans.

The man from the Banu Isra'eel asked Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) to help him. Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) went to help him and hit the Egyptian and the Egyptian died by mistake. Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) became very sad,

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and he asked Allah The Almighty to forgive him. He was also very worried that Fir'awn would find out and punish him because of what he had done.

The news reached Fir'awn and he sent soldiers to go and find Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) so that he can punish him. When Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) found out that Fir'awn and his army were looking for him, he left Egypt.

Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) arrived in Madyan.

Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) was a very trustworthy, strong, and honest man. In Madyan there lived another Prophet of Allah The Almighty. His name was Shu'ayb (peace be upon him). He had two daughters. Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) started living in Madyan and began working for Prophet Shu'ayb (peace be upon him) and he married one of his daughters.

Towards Egypt

After many years, Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) left for Egypt. On the way, Allah The Almighty made him a Prophet and told him to go to Fir'awn, and invite him towards the true religion, and to worship Allah The Almighty, and to believe in His Prophets. Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) was Kaleemullah (the one who spoke to Allah The Almighty).

All Prophets performed miracles with the help of Allah The Almighty. One of the miracles of Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) was that his staff used to turn into a snake.

Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) arrived in Egypt.

Fir'awn used to say that he (Fir'awn) is the biggest god. He gives life and he gives death.

Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) had a brother called Haroon (peace be upon him). He was also a Prophet of Allah The Almighty. They both went to Fir'awn to invite him towards the true religion and to worship Allah The Almighty and to believe in His prophets. Fir'awn did not listen to them.

After some time, Allah The Almighty commanded Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) to save the Banu Isra'eel from Fir'awn. Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) secretly left Egypt with Banu Isra'eel. They came to a sea and could not go any further.

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Fir'awn and his army came looking for them. When they saw the army, they became frightened. In front of them was the sea and behind them was Fir'awn and his army. But Allah is the Almighty. He is the protector. If the whole world gets together and tries to harm someone, they cannot harm him if Allah The Almighty does not will it. If the whole world gets together and tries to protect someone, they cannot protect him if Allah The Almighty does not will it.

Allah The Almighty is al Hafeez – the protector.

Allah The Almighty commanded Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) to hit his staff on the sea, and the sea split into 12 paths. The Banu Isra'eel crossed the sea using these paths. When Fir'awn and his army tried to pass through the same paths, Allah The Almighty ordered the sea to return to its original form. In this way Fir'awn and his army were drowned and the Banu Isra'eel were saved.

It was the 10th of Muharram when Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) and the Banu Isra'eel were saved from Fir'awn. Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) and the Banu Isra'eel fasted on this day to thank Allah The Almighty for protecting them. Our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and the Muslims also used to fast on this day, because on this day Allah The Almighty saved Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) and the Banu Isra'eel from Fir'awn.

Fasting on the 10th of Muharram

The Muslims only used to fast on the 10th of Muharram, but before our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ passed away, Our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said, that next year I will fast on the 9th as well, but unfortunately Our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ passed away and did not live to see the following Muharram. Therefore, we should fast on the 9th and 10th of Muharram or the 10th and 11th of Muharram.