

Events that Took Place before the Assignment of Prophethood

Here we retell some examples mentioned in trustable sources out of the many wondrous incidences that happened before and during the Prophet's birth in relation to his coming to the world as well as events that took place before he was appointed as a prophet during his childhood and youth.

First: At the night when the Prophet (pbuh) was born, both his mother and those with her, the mother of Uthman and the mother of Abdurrahman Ibn Awf, saw a great light about which they all said: **"We saw such a light during his birth that this light illuminated for us the east and the west."** [1]

Second: That night, most of the idols in the Kaaba were turned over. [2]

Third: the famous palace of Chosroes, the king of Persia at that time, quaked and was damaged at the night the Prophet was born and its fourteen towers collapsed. [3]

Fourth: The Lake of Sawa, which was deemed holy by Zoroastrians, sank into ground at the night the Prophet was born. [4]

Fifth: The fire that had been kept ablaze for a thousand years in Istahrabad and that was worshipped by Zoroastrians went out at the night of the Prophet's birth. [5]

Sixth: The famous event of the Elephant which happened fifty-two days before the Prophet's birth and which was the reason for the revelation of the Chapter of al-Fil in the Qur'an. It is one of the proofs of Muhammad's prophethood (PBUH). This is because close to his birth, his beloved hometown and the direction he turns to, the holy Kaaba in Mecca, was saved from Abraha's destruction in a wondrous and miraculous way. [6]

Seventh: As is narrated by Halima, the Prophet's nursing mother, and her husband, while Allah's Messenger was with his nursing mother in his childhood, they saw that many times a patch of cloud made a shade for the Prophet so that he would not be disturbed by the sun. They told that event to others and it became trustably known by many people. [7]

Eighth: Furthermore, when he was en route for Damascus at the age of twelve, with Priest Bukhara's words, he saw a patch of cloud make a shade for Allah's Messenger and showed it to others in the caravan. [8]



Prior to his Prophet Hood

Ninth: When Allah's Messenger came back from business together with Khadijah's servant Maysara, Khadijah (may Allah be pleased with her) saw two angels above the Prophet's head making a shade like a cloud. She told it to Maysara, who replied: **"I saw the same thing during the whole journey."** [9]

Tenth: As is recounted in trustable sources, before the duty of prophethood was assigned, Allah's Messenger once sat under a tree. Though the ground was dry and barren before he sat, it became green. The branches of the tree bent above his head and made him a shade. [10]

Eleventh: After his mother's death, Allah's Messenger first stayed with his grandfather, and when his grandfather died, he started staying with his uncle Abu Talib. During meals, if Abu Talib and his children ate with the Prophet, they would be full up. Whenever he was absent in the meal, they would not be full. [11] That event is both renowned and trustable. [12]

Twelfth: Ummu Ayman, his nanny who looked after him in his childhood, said: **"Never did Allah's Messenger complain about hunger or thirst. Neither in his childhood, nor when he was an adult..."** [13]

Thirteenth: Starting from the time he went to her nursing mother Halima and during the time he stayed with her, her property and her goats' milk increased much in contrast to the others in her tribe. [14]

Fourteenth: Flies would not disturb the Prophet (pbuh) by perching on his blessed body or clothes. [15]

Fifteenth: After Allah's Messenger honored the world, especially at the night of his birth, there was an increase in star-fallings. [17] This is a sign that devils and jinn were forbidden to eavesdrop on the unknown in the heavens. As the Prophet came with revelation from Allah, surely it was necessary to block the flimsy news of the unknown given by oracles and jinn mixed with lies and fabrication....

In conclusion: Before his prophet hood, there were many events that attested to the cause of Allah's Messenger and that showed that he would be the Prophet. Such a person as him, who would

Spiritually lead the world [18],

Change the spiritual shape of the world,

Make the world a field for the hereafter,

Proclaim the values of the world's creatures,

Guide the jinn and the humanity to eternal bliss,

Solve the mysteries intriguing the whole humanity by expounding the wisdom behind the creation of the world,

Know and get others to know the aims of the Creator of the Universe, and by knowing that Creator, make Him known by others.

Obviously, even before such a person came to the world, everything, every sort of creatures and living beings would look forward to his coming, yearn to welcome him.

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[1]Qadi Iyad, ash-Shifa, 1:466; Ali al-Qari, Sharhu'sh-Shifa, 1:750; Khafaji, Sharhu'sh-Shifa, 3:311; Ahmadu'l-Banna as-Sa'ati, al-Fathu'r-Rabbani, 20:2030.

[2]Suyuti, al-Khasaisu'l-Kubra, 1:119-131, 2:272; Bayhaqi, Dalailu'n-Nubuwwa: 1:19.

[3]Ali al-Qari, Sharhu'sh-Shifa, 1:750; Bayhaqi, Dalailu'n-Nubuwwa: 1:126; Abu Suyuti, al-Khasaisu'l-Kubra, 1:128, 2:272.

[4]Qadi Iyad, ash-Shifa, 1:366; Ali al-Qari, Sharhu'sh-Shifa, 1:751; Bayhaqi, Dalailu'n-Nubuwwa: 1:127; Abu Suyuti, al-Khasaisu'l-Kubra, 1:128.

[5]Qadi Iyad, ash-Shifa, 1:367; Ali al-Qari, Sharhu'sh-Shifa, 1:751; Ali al-Qari al-Makki, al-Masnu' fi Ma'rifatil-Hadithil-Mawdu' "al-Mawduatu's-Sughra" (tahqiq: Abu Ghudda), p. 18.

[6]Ibn Hisham, as-Siratu'n-Nabawiyya, 1:44-54; Ibn Sa'd, at-Tabaqatu'l-Kubra, 1:90-92; Abu Nuaym, Dalailu'n-Nubuwwa, 1:144-151; Ibn Kathir, al-Bidaya, 2:157-160.

[7]Qadi Iyad, ash-Shifa, 1:368; al-Khafaji, Sharhu'sh-Shifa, 3:318; Ali al-Qari, Sharhu'sh-Shifa, 1:753.

[8]Qadi Iyad, ash-Shifa, 1:308; Ali al-Qari, Sharhu'sh-Shifa, 1:631; Tirmidhi, Manaqib: 3 (Bad'i'n-Nubuwwa); al-Mubarakfuri, Tuhfatu'l-Ahwazi, no: 3699; al-Hakim, al-Mustadrak, 2:615; Ibn Hisham, Siratu'n-Nabi, p. 115.

[9]Qadi Iyad, ash-Shifa, 1:368; al-Khafaji, Sharhu'sh-Shifa, 3:318; Ali al-Qari, Sharhu'sh-Shifa, 1:753; Bayhaqi, Dalailu'n-Nubuwwa: 2:65.

[10]Qadi Iyad, ash-Shifa, 1:368; al-Khafaji, Sharhu'sh-Shifa, 3:318; Ali al-Qari, Sharhu'sh-Shifa, 1:753.

[11]Qadi Iyad, ash-Shifa, 1:367; al-Khafaji, Sharhu'sh-Shifa, 3:315; Ali al-Qari, Sharhu'sh-Shifa, 1:751; Abu Nuaym, Dalailu'n-Nubuwwa, 1:166.

[12]Ibn Sa'd, at-Tabaqatu'l-Kubra, 1:119, 120; Abu Nuaym, Dalailu'n-Nubuwwa, 1:166; Suyuti, al-Khasaisu'l-Kubra, 1:205.

[13]Qadi Iyad, ash-Shifa, 1:368; al-Khafaji, Sharhu'sh-Shifa, 3:315; Ali al-Qari, Sharhu'sh-Shifa, 1:752; Bayhaqi, Dalailu'n-Nubuwwa: 6:125.

[14]As-Sa'ati, al-Fathu'r-Rabbani, 20:192-193; al-Haythami, Majmau'z-Zawaid, 8:220-221; Abu Nuaym, Dalailu'n-Nubuwwa, 1:111-113; Ibn Kathir, al-Bidaya wa'n-Nihaya, 2:273; Qadi Iyad, ash-Shifa, 1:366; Ali al-Qari, Sharhu'sh-Shifa, 1:750; al-Khafaji, Sharhu'sh-Shifa, 3:313.

[15]Qadi Iyad, ash-Shifa, 1:368; al-Khafaji, Sharhu'sh-Shifa, 3:319; Ali al-Qari, Sharhu'sh-Shifa, 1:753; Sha'rani, at-Tabaqatu'l-Kubra, 1:109.

[16]Nabhani, Jamii Karamati'l-Awliya, 2:203.

[17]Majmau'z-Zawaid, 8:220; Bayhaqi, Dalailu'n-Nubuwwa, 1:111; Qadi Iyad, ash-Shifa, 1:366; Halabi, as-Siratu'l-Halabiyya, 1:207, 208.

[18]Indeed, our Sultan Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) who is addressed in a hadith: "O my Beloved! If it were not for you, I would not have created the universe." is such a leader that his sultanate has been continuing for fourteen centuries. After the first century, each century he had at least three hundred and fifty million followers and community. He had put half the world under the flag of Islam and with sheer commitment his community renews their pledges of loyalty to him each day by offering him peace and blessings.