

Through Fun-Filled Activities

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Imam al-Ridā^(a) is reported to have said:

"The day of *Ghadir* is more well-known in the Heavens than it is on Earth."

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"Finally, on one beautiful day in the city of Makkah, this long awaited apostle of Allah^(swt) was revealed to the people and so the Blessed Prophet Muhammad^(s) began his prophetic mission.

It all started in a tiny little cave called *Hira* on top of a hill named *Jabal al-Nur*. Prophet Muhammad^(s) used to climb up to this cave to worship and pray for days. One such day, he was deeply immersed in solemn worship when the angel Jibra il^(a) suddenly appeared before him and gave him the message of God, telling him that he was the prophet of Allah^(swt) to all of mankind. After this event, the Sacred Messenger^(s) spent thirteen difficult years inviting the people of Makkah towards God and His true religion. Then, by the Almighty's command, he decided to go on a trip. Even though his enemies, who desperately wanted to get rid of him, tried to follow him and track him down, they failed miserably and were unable to find him anywhere.

At one point, they actually came very close to him, outside a desert cave called *Thur*, where the Prophet^(s) had taken refuge. But God made them think that there was no one inside! How did this happen? It was a glorious miracle from God, the All-powerful. By His divine command, a pigeon made its nest in front of the cave and laid some eggs, and a spider spun a web that blocked its entrance. For this reason, when the Prophet's enemies arrived, they thought that no one had entered the cave for quite some time.

Eventually, the Prophet^(s) reached the city of Yathrib — late called Madinah — and entered it alongside Imam Ali^(a) and Lady Fatimat — Zaha ^(a). The people of Yathrib were delighted to see the Blessed Messan — Varive, and soon changed the name of their city to *Madinah al-Nabi* — of the Prophet^(s) — in his honor.

Ten years passed, and the Holy Parthet was on his way back from his last Hajj pilgrimage. His huge caravat which included almost a hundred thousand people, stopped at a tiny but was in the middle of an otherwise barren desert. This pond was called *Ghaw Khumm*. Here, the Sacred Apostle of Allah^(s) formally announced the name of his divinely appointed successor and introduced him to the entire Muslim nation.

