

Chapter – 04

Religion of Islam

(دين اسلام)

From the first person of this world, Prophet Adam عليه السلام, to this date Islam is the only acceptable religion to Allah (SWT). He says:

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ

{Indeed the only true religion in the sight of God is Islam. (03:19)}

And God also says that:

وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

{And if one seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted from him; and he is among the losers in the Hereafter. (03:85)}

Islam means submission to God. It is bowing down with gratitude. It is to obey the orders of God. Its prime aim is to accept the “Oneness of God”. Islam is not specific to any family or it neither has any conflict of cast and creed nor is particular to any language. This religion is not only based on worships and believes but also it provides a complete communal, economic and social system of life to all Human Beings. In Islam everybody is equal. Nobody is superior to anyone except with their conducts. According to Islam, intellectual and ignorant, hard worker and lazy, healthy and sick, powerful and weak, all can never be equal. The actual meaning of “Equality” is to give equivalent rights to everyone. Rewards equal to performances. Equality is dependent on work and reward.

إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ

{Indeed the more honourable among you, in the sight of Allah, is one who is more dutiful among you. (49:13)}

Islam makes the whole human beings of this world as one Human, who is called as “Great Human” (انسان كبير). It means that human being who could feel pain of any individual as his own. This is the spirit of Islam.

In the previous chapter it was mentioned that Allah (SWT) has sent His Prophets regularly to the mankind and said in Quran that:

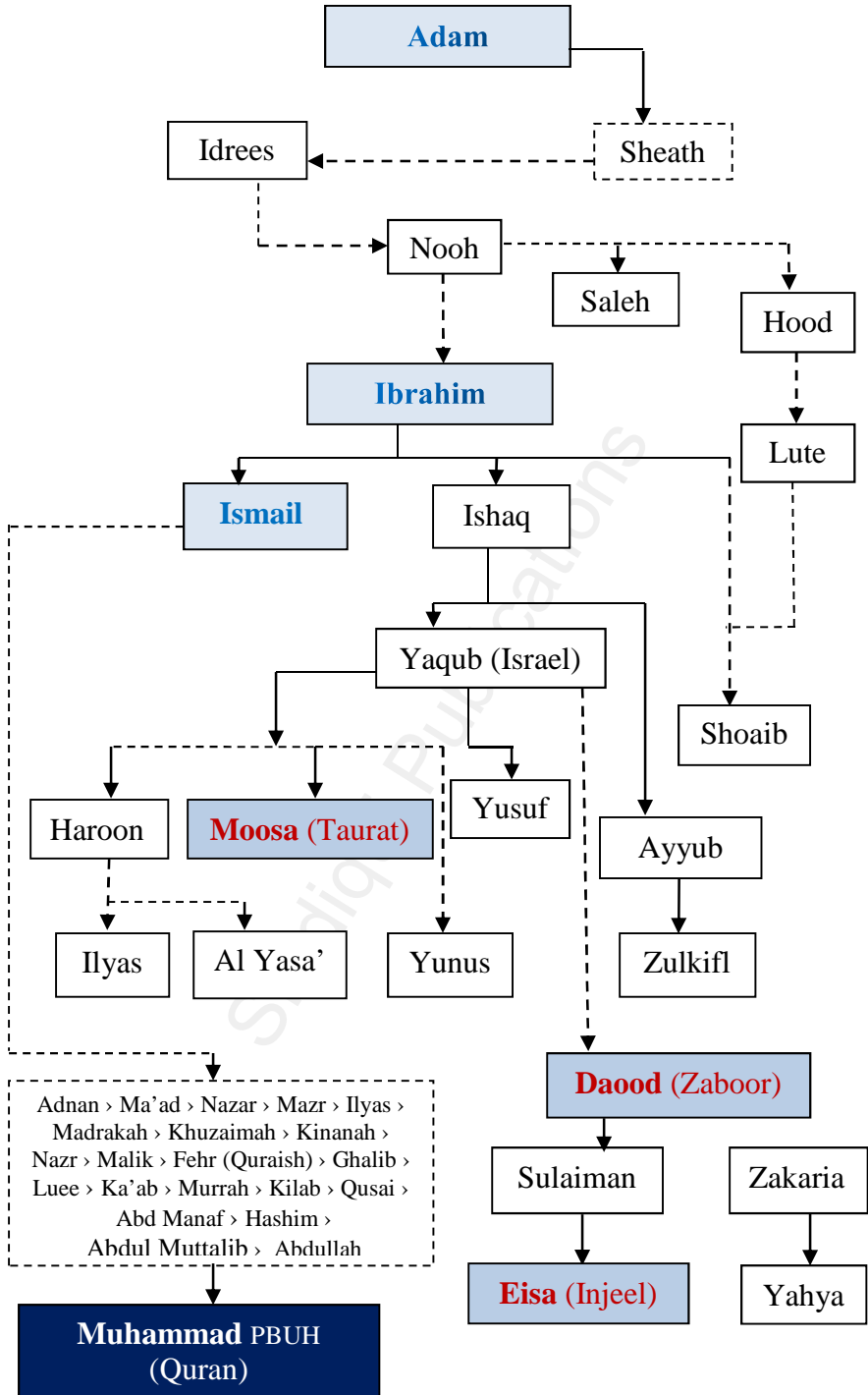
وَأَنَّ مِنْ أُمَّةٍ إِلَّا خَلَا فِيهَا نَذِيرٌ

{And there was no nation but that there had passed within it a warner (35:24)}

Since the time when this world was created, prophets are coming continuously. These prophets came more often for the guidance of people in every era and for every place. Nevertheless, the Holy Quran has mentioned names of 25 Prophets only and described their stories. These prophets used to get teaching of Islam in the form of “Revelation of God” (وحى). Out of them, four Prophets are such on whom the messages from God were revealed in the cumulative form of “Holy Books”. The Prophet who holds the Holy Book is known as “Messenger”.

All these prophets have hereditary relations between each other as well. On next page a chart is presented showing the ‘Genetic Tree’ of these Messengers and Prophets. Out of them, Prophet Sheath (شيث عليه السلام) is the only Prophet whose name is not available in Quran. However, it is said that in the Holy Book of Taurat his name is mentioned as Prophet.

A direct genetic relation does exist between Prophet Ismail and the Prophet and Messenger Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, but in the given chart only up to 21 generations have been mentioned in a special box. This tree starts from the father of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, Hazrat Abdullah, and ends up to Hazrat Adnan. Onward names are not available up to Ismail عليه السلام. --- Moreover, Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, himself has specifically mentioned not to go in further details upwards.



Genetic Tree of Messengers and Prophets

Prophet Adam is the “Father of Humans” (ابوالبشر). He is known as “Safiullah”. When God has created him He declared Adam as “Caliph of Earth” (خليفة الارض) and God ordered angles to pay ‘*bow of respect*’ to Adam.

Prophet Nooh was approximately 900 years old. He prayed to God for killing all his followers due to their disobedience. So when all of them took a boat to travel then suddenly havoc came and all sank down. Therefore, Prophet Nooh is called as the “Second Father of Humans” (آدم ثانی).

Ibrahim was made Prophet in his young age. When he started preaching, a Babylonian king Nimrod put Ibrahim in fire, but by the grace of God he remained unhurt by that fire. Then he left Iraq and selected Bait-ul-Maqdis and Makkah for preaching. In Makkah, Prophet Ismail was born. Ismail helped his father while Kaabah was under construction. Relating to this, since then all Muslims considered as belonging to ‘Ibrahim’s Religion’ (ملت ابراهيمی).

Prophet Moosa عليه السلام was very severely tortured by Firaun, the then King of Egypt. Hence, God has ordered Moosa to leave Egypt at the earliest. Therefore he, with his supporters, crossed their journey through the Nile River safely. Wherein, Firaun with his army followed them and all of them sank into the Nile River.

Prophet Eisa عليه السلام is a highly respected personality among both Christian and Muslim communities. He is known as “Spirit of God” (روح الله). As per Muslim belief, he has been taken up alive from the Earth and now he lives in the Heaven. He will reappear on Earth at the end period of this world.

The Noble Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم is the “Last Prophet”. He is considered as the most successful and effective guide as compared to other Prophets.

The prime aim of Islam is to believe on Oneness of God. God never likes polytheism.

لَا تُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ

{Do not associate others with God; to associate others with God is a tremendous injustice. (31:13)}

Confirming the Oneness of Allah is among the fundamental teachings of all prophets.

When religion sent though Prophets is ruined by people, and when they keep themselves away from it, rather entirely leave that religion then God used to send more prophets for guidance. But it is to be noted that when the religion becomes completely established then the necessity of any further prophet does not remain.

The religion introduced by Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم is comprehensive and complete. Allah (SWT) says to the Noble Prophet in Quran that:

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيْتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

{This day, I have perfected your religion for you (Prophet Muhammad) and completed my favor upon you, and have chosen Islam as your religion. (05:03)}

Therefore, Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم positions as the Last Prophet. Now no further messenger will come till the Last Day of Judgment. In this regard Quran says:

مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّن رِّجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِن رَّسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ
وَكَانَ اللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا

{Muhammad is not the father of any man among you, but he is the Noble Messenger of Allah and the Last of the Prophets; and Allah knows all things. (33:40)}

