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Prophet Yunus & The Fish

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In the region of Iraq, there was a village named Nineveh.

The people of Nineveh practiced shirk.

Allah called upon Prophet Yunus[®] to preach to them.

But they refused him and insisted on doing shirk, they even ridiculed him.

Prophet Yunus[®] warned the people of Nineveh that Allah would punish them if they kept practicing shirk.

His warning was being ignored and this made him disheartened.

Prophet Yunus[®] then left the village in anger.

When Prophet Yunus[®] left the village, the people of Nineveh were striken by fear.

They were afraid of Allah's punishment.

They eventually repented to Allah and asked Allah for forgiveness.









Meanwhile, Prophet Yunus[®] went to the seashore and boarded on a ship. While sailing, the ship was swaying in a big storm

The passengers decided to draw lots and sacrificed one person to get off of the ship, so it would not be overload.

The lots were done and Prophet Yunus[®] was selected.

This was repeated three times and the result was the same.

Prophet Yunus[®] then jumped out of the ship.

In the meantime, by the command of Allah, there was a large fish approached and swallowed Prophet Yunus[®].

Prophet Yunus[®] was in the darkness of the stomach of a large fish.

He asked forgiveness of Allah by praying,

"Laa ilaha illa anta subhanaka inni kuntu minadzalimiin",

"None has the right to be worshipped but You. Glorified be You. Truly, I have been among the wrongdoers."

Allah then forgave and saved Prophet Yunus[®].

The fish spit him out to the barren shore.

Allah commanded a gourd tree to grow so Prophet Yunus[®] could eat and take shelter.

The gourd tree eventually got dry and it made him sad.



Allah ordered Prophet Yunus[®] to go back to his people in Nineveh. Prophet Yunus[®] apprised the people of Nineveh that Allah forgave them. Allah bestowed His blessing upon the people of nineveh