



The Prophets

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**We make no distinction between
one and another of His Prophets**



إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ أَنْ أَنْذِرْهُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ

Nooh

(peace be on him)

Before the Flood

Many, many years passed. Adam's family increased. Adam and Hawa (peace be on them) died and went back to Heaven. There were many men and women in different places. But they often forgot Adam's teachings. Allah had to send Prophets to teach them what they should do and what they should not do.

A time came when men became proud like Satan and would not listen to the Prophets. Allah sent Nooh (peace be on him) to them. By this time these people had made their own gods and goddesses. They had a Man-god called *Wadd* and a Woman-goddess called *Suwa*. For strength they would go to their lion-god called *Yaguth*. For power to ride and fight they would pray to their horse-god *Ya-uq*. And for all other kinds of help they would pray to their eagle-god *Nasr*.

Nooh (peace be on him) said, "Allah is one. Do not pray to these idols. They cannot help you. If you pray to Allah, the only God, then He will help you, give you more food and gardens and children, and make you happy after death. Believe me and follow what I am saying, otherwise I fear that Allah may punish you. They said, "We are already rich. We have big stone houses. If Allah is so great, why does He not send angels? You are only a man like us. You want us to follow you so that you can become powerful. You are a liar. You want to cheat us." Nooh (peace be on him) talked to the leaders of the people privately. He also gave warnings in public.

Nooh (peace be on him) tried his best. Allah had granted him long life. Till he was 600 years old he tried. But only a few people believed him. Even his wife did not believe him.

At last the leaders planned to kill him because they saw that the number of believers had increased. They thought he was going to take away their power.