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INTRODUCTION

The book *Hazrat Nuh* is based on the scriptural description found in the Holy Qur'an about the life history of the ancient Prophet Nuh or Noah, peace be upon him. Hazrat Nuh^{as} was a Law-bearing Prophet sent by God Almighty to his people. The Holy Qur'an states that during his time people had started worshipping idols and had fallen into the depth of moral and spiritual darkness. Hazrat Nuh^{as} tried to bring them back to Allah but only a few entered his fold while most of them rejected the message of Allah and treated Hazrat Nuh^{as} with contempt. They even threatened him with stoning and expulsion from the town.

Hazrat Nuh^{as} prayed to God Almighty to judge

between him and his people who not only rejected him but were bent upon his destruction and of those who had believed in him. Responding to his prayers, Allah decided to punish the wrongdoers and save the believers. A mighty flood came, and the non-believers were drowned while the believers were all saved in the ark Hazrat Nuh^{as} had been guided by Allah to build for this express purpose.

Allah says in the Holy Qur'an about the stories of prophets:

لَقَدْ كَانَ فِي قَصَصِهِمْ عِبْرَةٌ لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ ط

Assuredly, in their narrative is a lesson for men of understanding.¹

This book serves this very purpose by making available to children the story of Hazrat Nuh^{as} in an easy to read manner that also explains some important

issues such as the age of Hazrat Nuh^{as} and why his son perished despite an apparent promise that being a member of the household of Hazrat Nuh^{as} he would be saved.

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The readers may like to test their knowledge by answering questions or doing the various activities which are given at the end. A glossary of difficult words is also provided.

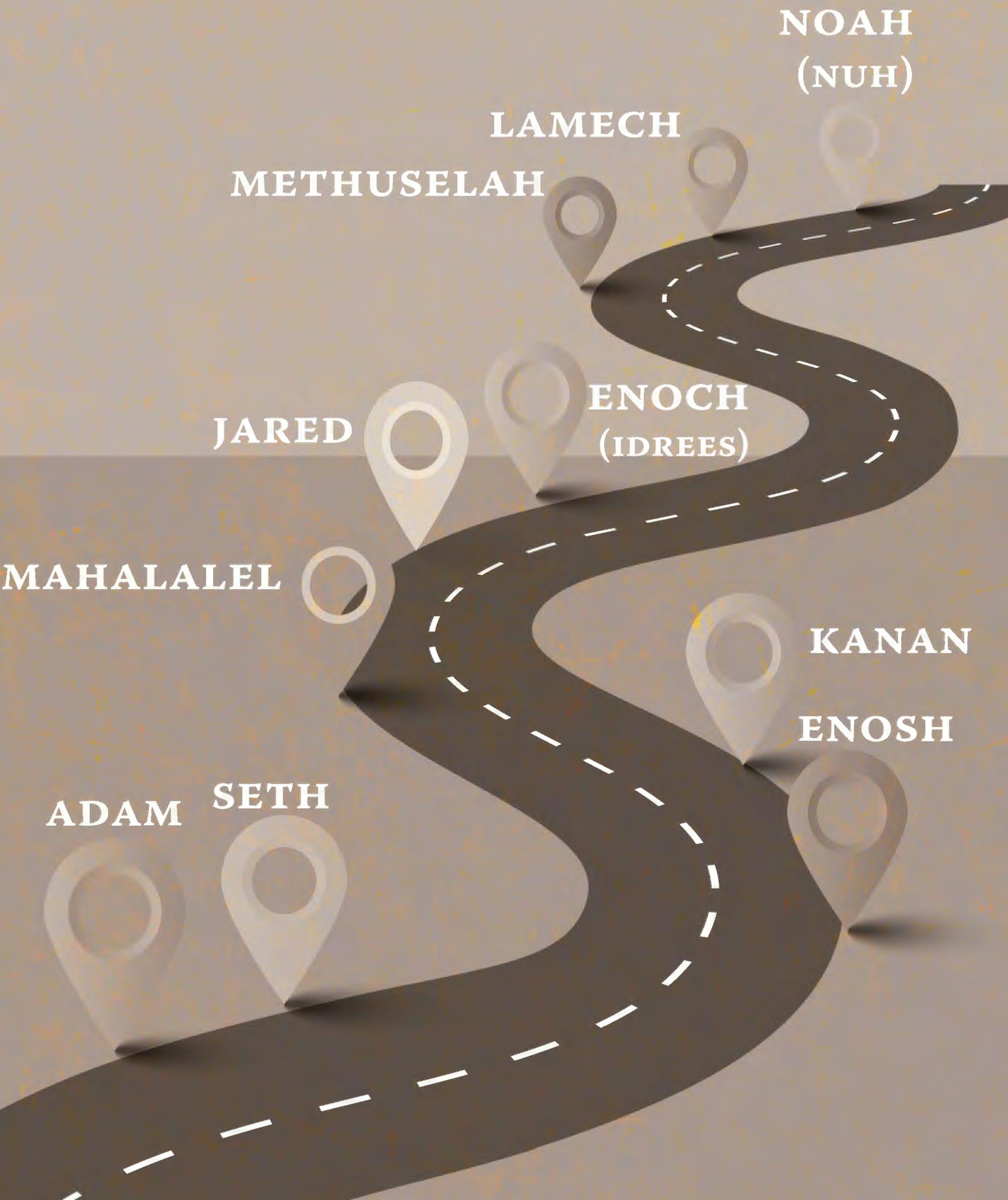
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Hazrat Adam to Hazrat Nuh

(according to the Bible)





HAZRAT NUH

(Peace be upon him)



Historical Background

In ancient times, there lived a Prophet called Hazrat Nuh or Noah, peace be upon him. The Bible tells us that his father's name was Lamech and that he lived nine generations after Hazrat Adam, peace be upon him.

Hazrat Nuh^{as} was a Law-bearing Prophet meaning that he brought Shariah, a Divine Law. The Law was revealed to him because in his time the human mind had reached such a stage of development that it was

able to understand and comprehend Divine attributes. Moreover, as people in Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s time laid down the foundation of human civilization, those evils that normally appear in a civilized society began to appear in them. So a Divine Law was needed to guide mankind to the right path.

There are two kinds of Prophets sent by God Almighty. Some Prophets bring a new Law or Shariah. Others do not bring a new Law but follow the Law or Shariah of the previous Law-bearing Prophet.

The Bible tells us that Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.² 'Walking with God,' means that all his acts were according to the Will of God. He lived in a valley surrounded by huge mountains in Mesopotamia in Southern Iraq. There were a great many springs flowing from the mountains in that area.

The Age of Hazrat Nuh

The Holy Qur'an says,

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ فَلَبِثَ فِيهِمْ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ إِلَّا خَمْسِينَ عَامًا

And We certainly sent Noah to his people, and he dwelt among them a thousand years save fifty years.³

Therefore his age is mentioned as 950 years in the Holy Qur'an while the Bible gives his age as 952 years. This does not mean that he actually lived for 950 or 952 years. It is difficult to determine his actual age. Only Allah knows best. The period, which the Holy Qur'an or the Bible describes, is not the span of Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s physical life. This period is the time Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s teachings lasted. The Shariah introduced through him remained in force for about one thousand years. Many Prophets

followed this Law until God revealed a new one. It extended to the time of Hazrat Ibrahim, peace be upon him, as he followed Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s Shariah. It seems that the first fifty years of Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s ministry were the years of spiritual progress for his community after which the spiritual condition of his followers began to deteriorate. This deterioration reached its height over nine hundred years.

People Return to Idol Worship

The people of Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s time had become corrupt. Instead of worshipping the One and Only God they had started to worship idols made of wood or stone. They had many idols. Five of these idols were very popular. Their names were Wadd, Suwa, Yaghuth, Yauq and Nasr. It is said that people at the time of Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, used to make statues in memory of their pious people who were long dead and place them where these pious people used to sit. Later they deviated from the true path and started worshipping them. They were convinced that the idols would help them in their time of need so they used to beg everything from the idols. They followed the beliefs of their forefathers who were idol worshippers.

- **WADD** was an idol made in the shape of a man. This god represented manly power.
- **SUWA** was in the shape of a woman. This god represented female beauty.
- **YAGHUTH** They believed that this god would rescue them from hardship.
- **YAUQ** was in the shape of a horse representing speed. They believed that this particular god would come quickly to prevent their enemy from harming them.
- **NASR** was in the shape of an eagle representing long life.

God Almighty sent Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, to bring the people back to the worship of One God. He told Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, to invite his people to the way of Allah with love and wisdom.

Hazrat Nuh Conveys the Message of the Unity of God

Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, was sent to his people with a divinely revealed Law. He called his people to God, to the path of success and salvation. He emphasized to them the unity of God. He said to them,

يُقَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَهٍ غَيْرُهُ ۗ أَفَلَا تَتَّقُونَ

O my people, serve Allah. You have no God other than Him. Will you not then be righteous?⁴

The message was delivered to them politely and with wisdom but they were not prepared to listen to him, rather they ignored him and ran away from him.

Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, became very

sad by such treatment at the hands of his people.
Addressing his Lord he said,

رَبِّ إِنِّي دَعَوْتُ قَوْمِي لَيْلًا وَنَهَارًا ۖ فَلَمْ يَزِدْهُمْ دُعَائِي
إِلَّا فِرَارًا وَ إِنِّي كَلَّمَا دَعَوْتُهُمْ لَتَنْغِفَ لَهُمْ جَعَلُوا أَصَابِعَهُمْ فِي
أُذُنِهِمْ وَاسْتَعْشَوْا ثِيَابَهُمْ وَاصْرُؤُوا وَاسْتَكْبَرُوا السُّتُكْبَارًا ۚ ثُمَّ
إِنِّي دَعَوْتُهُمْ جَهَارًا ۖ ثُمَّ إِنِّي أَعْلَنْتُ لَهُمْ وَاسْرَرْتُ لَهُمْ
إِسْرَارًا ۖ فَقُلْتُ اسْتَغْفِرُوا رَبَّكُمْ ۖ إِنَّهُ كَانَ غَفَّارًا ۖ يُرْسِلُ
السَّيَّءَ عَلَيْكُمْ مَّدْرَارًا ۖ وَ يُسَدِّدْكُمْ بِأَمْوَالٍ وَ بَنِينَ وَ يُجْعَلَ
لَكُمْ جُنْدٌ وَيُجْعَلَ لَكُمْ أَنْهَارًا

My Lord, I have called my people
night and day, But my calling *them* has
only made them flee *from me* all the
more. And every time I called them
that Thou mightest forgive them, they
put their fingers into their ears, and
covered up their hearts, and persisted

in their iniquity, and were disdainfully proud. Then, I called them to righteousness openly. Then I preached to them in public, and also spoke to them in private. And I said, 'Seek forgiveness of your Lord; for He is the Great Forgiver. He will send down rain for you in abundance, And He will strengthen you with wealth and with children, and He will give you gardens and He will give you rivers.'⁵

The chiefs rejected Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, by saying:

قَالَ الْمَلَأُ مِنْ قَوْمِهِ إِنَّا لَنَرَاكَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ

Surely, we see thee to be in manifest error.⁶

He said,

قَالَ يَقَوْمِ لَيْسَ بِي ضَلَالَةٌ وَ لَكِنِّي رَسُولٌ مِّن رَّبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ
أُبَلِّغُكُمْ رِسَالَاتِ رَبِّي وَأَنْصَحُ لَكُمْ وَأَعْلَمُ مِمَّا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ

O my people, there is no error in me, but I am a Messenger from the Lord of the worlds. I deliver to you the messages of my Lord and give you sincere advice, and I know from Allah what you do not know.⁷

He told them that he could not be in error, for he had come from God, therefore there was no possibility for him to move away from the path that leads to God.

He advised them to accept the message from Allah and become righteous. He warned them of the evil consequences of the rejection of the divine

message, but all his preaching and warnings fell on deaf ears. They accused him of falsehood and ridiculed him. Instead of following him they followed their leaders, who incited them to oppose Hazrat Nuh^{as}.

Despite the bitter opposition of the chiefs, Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, continued preaching. He was firm in his resolve and knew very well that he was doing everything to please his Lord. He tried everything to convince his people of the truth of his message. He repeatedly asked them not to revolt against the Most Merciful God, Who had created them and provided them with food and shelter.

Once, there was no rain for a long time. The crops withered and the fruit gardens dried up. Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, told his people that God was displeased with them because of their

misdeeds. He told them that if they became true believers, God would send down rain for them in abundance and would grant them an increase in wealth and bless them with children. He would also cause their gardens to grow and rivers to flow for them and they would prosper as a result. Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s people, however, rejected him outright.

The leaders of the disbelievers told their people,

مَا هَذَا إِلَّا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُكُمْ لَا يُرِيدُ أَنْ يَتَفَضَّلَ عَلَيْكُمْ وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ
لَأَنْزَلَ مَلَائِكَةً مَّا سَمِعْنَا بِهَذَا فِي آبَائِنَا الْأَوَّلِينَ ۚ إِنَّ هُوَ إِلَّا
رَجُلٌ بِهٖ جِنَّةٌ فَتَرَبَّصُوا بِهِ حَتَّىٰ حِينٍ

He is only a man like yourselves; he seeks to make himself superior to you. And if Allah had so willed, He could have surely sent down angels *with him*. We have never heard of such *a thing*

among our forefathers. He is only a man *stricken* with madness; wait, therefore, concerning him for a while.⁸

In ancient times many people found it difficult to believe that a Prophet could be an ordinary human being in appearance. They thought that he should have many heads or hands. So the enemies of Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, objected to him saying that if he was really a true Prophet, his appearance should have been different from theirs.

They also accused him of trying to impose his authority on them. They told him that they would not listen to him as his teachings were opposed to the beliefs of their forefathers. They branded him a liar and accused him of madness and hoped that he would soon perish.

Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, said to his people,

فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَاطِيعُونَ وَمَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ أَجْرٍ إِنْ أَجْرِيَ إِلَّا
عَلَى رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

So fear Allah, and obey me. And I ask of you no reward for it. My reward is only with the Lord of the worlds.⁹

He said,

لَا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ عِنْدِي خَزَائِنُ اللَّهِ وَلَا أَعْلَمُ الْغَيْبَ وَلَا أَقُولُ
لَكُمْ إِنِّي مَلَكٌ

I say not to you, 'I possess the treasures of Allah,' nor do I know the unseen, nor say I, 'I am an angel.'¹⁰

He said,

يَقَوْمِ إِنِّي لَكُمْ نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ

O my people! surely I am a plain
Warner unto you,¹¹

The arguments between Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, and his people continued for a long time.

The chiefs of his people used to laugh at him saying that none of the prominent people had accepted him therefore he was bound to fail. They asked Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, to drive away those who had become his followers, as they were the people who had no status in the society and their faith was insincere.

They said:

أَنُؤْمِنُ لَكَ وَاتَّبَعَكَ الْأَرْذُلُونَ

Shall we believe thee, when it is the meanest that follow thee?¹²

Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, replied that he did not know what his followers had been doing in the past. Their past actions were God's concern alone. All that matters is that they were the believers and had submitted to the Will of Allah. He told them that his task was to keep them on the right path and away from evil. It was therefore not proper for him to drive his followers away simply because they happened to be of humble origin. Such an act would certainly incur God's displeasure. He told them that they might call the believers insincere, weak in faith, mean and lowly but after obeying the commands of Allah they

had become the blessed people and respectable in the sight of Allah while those who are non-believers, were indeed ignorant.

The people did not like Hazrat Nuh^{as} preaching to them. They told him that if he did not stop preaching to them, they would stone him.

Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, warned them of God's punishment. He told them to stop worshipping idols.

He said,

يَقَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَهٍ غَيْرُهُ ۗ إِنِّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ
عَذَابَ يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ

O my people, worship Allah, you have no other God but Him. Indeed, I fear for you the punishment of the great day.¹³

They replied:

قَدْ جَدَلْتَنَا فَاكْثَرْتَ جِدَا لَنَا فَأَتِنَا بِمَا تَعِدُنَا إِنْ كُنْتَ مِنَ
الصّٰدِقِيْنَ

O Noah, thou hast indeed disputed with us *long* and hast disputed with us many a time; bring us now that with which thou threatenest us, if thou art of those who speak the truth.¹⁴

Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, replied,

إِنَّمَا يَأْتِيكُمْ بِهِ اللهُ إِنْ شَاءَ وَمَا أَنْتُمْ بِمُعْجِزِينَ وَلَا يَنْفَعُكُمْ
نُصْحِي إِنْ أَرَدْتُ أَنْ أُنْصَحَ لَكُمْ إِنْ كَانَ اللهُ يُرِيدُ أَنْ
يُغْوِيَكُمْ هُوَ رَبُّكُمْ وَإِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ

Allah alone will bring it to you, if He please, and you cannot frustrate God's

purpose. And my advice will profit you not if I desire to advise you, if Allah intends to destroy you. He is your Lord and to Him shall you be made to return.¹⁵

Sometimes he would say to them,

مَا لَكُمْ لَا تَرْجُونَ لِلَّهِ وَقَارًا وَقَدْ خَلَقَكُمْ أَطْوَارًا أَلَمْ تَرَوْا كَيْفَ
خَلَقَ اللَّهُ سَبْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ طِبَاقًا وَجَعَلَ الْقَمَرَ فِيهِنَّ نُورًا وَجَعَلَ
الشَّمْسَ سِرَاجًا وَاللَّهُ أَنْبَتَكُمْ مِنَ الْأَرْضِ نَبَاتًا ثُمَّ يُعِيدُكُمْ
فِيهَا وَيُخْرِجُكُمْ إِخْرَاجًا وَاللَّهُ جَعَلَ لَكُمْ الْأَرْضَ بِسَاطًا لِتَسْلُكُوا
مِنْهَا سُبُلًا فَجَاجًا

What is the matter with you that you expect not wisdom and staidness from Allah? And He has created you in *different* forms and *different* conditions. Have you not seen how Allah has created

seven heavens in *perfect* harmony, And has placed the moon therein as a light, and made the sun as a lamp?

And Allah has caused you to grow as a *good* growth from the earth, Then will He cause you to return thereto, and He will bring you forth a *new* bringing forth. And Allah has made the earth for you a wide expanse That you may traverse the open ways thereof.¹⁶

Even such arguments did not affect them and they continued to ignore the Signs of Allah.

Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, employed all means to make his people listen to the divine message, but all his efforts became fruitless. The chiefs of his people devised a mighty plan against him. They said to one another that they should get together

and oppose him with all their might. They told their people

لَا تَذَرْنِ الْهَتَكُمُ وَلَا تَذَرْنِ وِدًّا وَلَا سُوعًا وَلَا يَغُوثَ وَيَعُوقَ وَ
نَسْرًا

Forsake not your gods *under any circumstances*. And forsake neither Wadd nor Suwa nor Yaghuth and Yauq and Nasr.¹⁷

They carried on worshipping idols and treated Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, in utter contempt. Only a handful of people believed in him. Even his wife and son were among the non-believers. Naturally, Hazrat Nuh^{as} was very disappointed.

Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, had great faith in the truth of his mission. He must have received assurances from God Almighty that he would succeed against his enemies. He, therefore, challenged

his opponents and told them to use all their power and resources against him. He said to them,

يَقَوْمِ إِنْ كَانَ كَبُرَ عَلَيْكُمْ مَقَامِي وَتَذَكِيرِي بِآيَاتِ اللَّهِ فَعَلَى اللَّهِ
تَوَكَّلْتُ فَأَجْعَلُوا أَمْرَكُمْ وَشُرَكَاءَكُمْ ثُمَّ لَا يَكُنْ أَمْرُكُمْ عَلَيْكُمْ
غُمَّةً ثُمَّ اقْضُوا إِلَيَّ وَلَا تُنظِرُونِ

O my people, if my station *with God* and my reminding you *of your duty* through the Signs of Allah offend you—and in Allah do I put my trust—muster then *all* your designs, *you* and your ‘partners’; then let not your course of action be obscure to you; then carry out *your designs* against me and give me no respite.¹⁸

He warned them that even if they tried their utmost

to put an end to his mission, they would not succeed because they were fighting against God.

As the opposition against Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, increased tremendously, God revealed to him:

لَنْ يُؤْمِنَ مِنْ قَوْمِكَ إِلَّا مَنْ قَدْ آمَنَ فَلَا تَبْتَئِسْ بِمَا كَانُوا
يَفْعَلُونَ

None of thy people will believe except those who have already believed; grieve not therefore at what they have been doing.¹⁹

After receiving this information from God Almighty that no more people would enter his fold, Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, offered the following prayers to God Almighty:

رَبِّ لَا تَذَرْ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ مِنَ الْكٰفِرِيْنَ دَيَّارًا اِنَّكَ اِنْ تَذَرَهُمْ
يُضِلُّوْا عِبَادَكَ وَلَا يَلِدُوْا اِلَّا فٰجِرًا كَفّٰرًا

My Lord, leave not in the land a single one of the disbelievers; For, if Thou dost leave them, they will *only* lead astray Thy servants and will not give birth but to a sinner *and* a disbeliever.²⁰

Allah decided to eliminate the disbelievers from the face of the earth. He commanded Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, to build an ark, big enough, to accommodate all the believers.

Hazrat Nuh Builds an Ark

Allah said to Hazrat Nuh^{as}:

وَاصْنَعِ الْفُلَّكَ بِأَعْيُنِنَا وَوَحْيِنَا وَلَا تُخَاطِبْنِي فِي الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا
إِنَّهُمْ مُّغْرَقُونَ

And build thou the Ark under Our eyes and *as commanded by* Our revelation. And address not Me concerning the wrongdoers. They are surely going to be drowned.²¹

Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, obeyed immediately and started building an ark of wood with the help of his followers. They brought wooden planks and nails. It was not an easy task. People were surprised. They could not see the reason for building such a huge ark. Every time the chiefs of his people

passed by him, they laughed at him and thought that he had gone mad.

‘Why are you making this ark? Will it float on land?’ they would say.

Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, did not pay any heed to their mockery. He told them that their mockery could do him no harm, nor could it bring him into disgrace. It is they who would be humiliated as they were about to be overtaken by a punishment, which would not end in this life but would continue into the life to come.

Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, prayed to God Almighty:

رَبِّ إِنَّ قَوْمِي كَذَّبُونِ فَافْتَحْ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَهُمْ فَتْحًا وَنَجِّنِي وَمَنْ
مَعِيَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

My Lord, my people have treated me as a liar. Therefore judge Thou decisively between me and them; and save me and the believers that are with me.²²

On another occasion he prayed:

أَيُّ مَغْلُوبٍ فَأَنْتَ تَصِرُ

I am overcome, so *come* Thou to my help!²³

Allah heard his prayers and he, along with his family members who believed in him, and his followers were eventually saved while the disbelievers were punished severely.



The Mighty Flood—A Punishment

Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, lived in the part of the country where springs and fountains were in abundance. When Allah's command came, dark clouds suddenly appeared in the sky and rain began to fall in torrents. Water began to gush forth from the depth of the earth and springs and fountains began to sprout as well. There was water everywhere.

The Holy Qur'an says:

فَفَتَحْنَا أَبْوَابَ السَّمَاءِ بِمَاءٍ مُنْهَبٍ وَفَجَّرْنَا الْأَرْضَ عُيُونًا فَالْتَقَى
الْمَاءُ عَلَى أَمْرٍ قَدْرٍ

We opened the gates of heaven, with water pouring down; And We caused the earth to burst forth with springs, so the *two* waters met for a purpose that was decreed.²⁴

Some people believe that the flood came throughout the world. This is not true. It was not a universal phenomenon. It overtook only the people to whom Hazrat Nuh^{as} was sent.



The Ark Floats with Hazrat Nuh and his Followers

Allah told Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, to load the ark with all such animals that would be needed, a pair of each, male and female and bring his family on board, except those against whom God's judgment had already been passed. He also instructed him to bring on board all those who had accepted him as a Messenger of Allah. Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, called his family members, who believed in him and all his followers and told them,

قَالَ اذْكَبُوا فِيهَا بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ مَجْرِبَهَا وَمُرْسُهَا اِنَّ رَبِّي لَغَفُوْرٌ رَّحِيْمٌ

Embark therein. In the name of Allah be its course and its mooring. My Lord is assuredly Most Forgiving, Merciful.²⁵

Thus Allah told Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, that the ark would float and finish its journey.

God Almighty taught Hazrat Nuh^{as} some prayers. Hazrat Nuh^{as} told his followers to recite those prayers after they had settled down in the ark. He told them to say,

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي نَجَّنا مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ

All praise belongs to Allah Who has saved us from the unjust people!²⁶

He also told them to say

رَبِّ أَنْزِلْنِي مُنْزَلاً مُبْرَكًا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْمُنْزِلِينَ

My Lord, cause me to land a blessed landing, for Thou art the Best of those who bring *men* to land.²⁷

Allah Saves the Believers

As the water rose and the flood increased rapidly on all sides, it covered the entire habitation. Everything on earth was underwater while the ark floated safely on top.

Allah says,

وَحَمَلْنَاهُ عَلَىٰ ذَاتِ الْأَوَّاجِ وَدُسِّرُ تَجْرِي بِأَعْيُنِنَا جَزَاءً لِّمَن كَانَ
كُفْرًا وَلَقَدْ تَرَكْنَاهَا آيَةً فَهَلْ مِنْ مُّذَكِّرٍ

And We carried him upon that *which was made* of planks and nails. It floated on under Our eyes: a reward for him who had been rejected. And We left it as a Sign *for the coming generations*; but is there anyone who would receive admonition?²⁸

Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, saw his son who had joined the disbelievers. According to some his name was Yam. Hazrat Nuh^{as} saw him drifting away in swirling waters. He called out to him,

يَبْنِيَّ ارْكَبْ مَعَنَا وَلَا تَكُنْ مَعَ الْكَافِرِينَ

O my son, embark with us and be not with the disbelievers.²⁹

He replied,

سَأُوْحِي إِلَىٰ جَبَلٍ يَّعِصُنِي مِنَ الْمَاءِ

I shall soon betake myself to a mountain which will shelter me from the water.³⁰

Hazrat Nuh^{as} replied,

لَا عَاصِمَ الْيَوْمَ مِنْ أَمْرِ اللَّهِ إِلَّا مَنْ رَجِمَ

There is no shelter *for anyone* this day, from the decree of Allah, excepting those to whom He shows mercy.³¹

Suddenly a wave came between them and took his son away. Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, was naturally sad to see his son drown before his eyes. He cried to God Almighty,

رَبِّ إِنَّ ابْنِي مِنْ أَهْلِي وَإِنَّ وَعْدَكَ الْحَقُّ وَأَنْتَ أَحْكَمُ الْحَكَمِينَ

My Lord, verily, my son is of my family, and surely, Thy promise is true, and Thou art the Most Just of judges.³²

Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, thought that God had promised to save all members of his family. In fact, when Allah promised to save the members of his family, He meant only those members of his family

who were believers and had established a true relationship with God through him.

In response to Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s request, Allah said,

قَالَ يٰ نُوحُ إِنَّهُ لَيْسَ مِنْ أَهْلِكَ إِنَّهُ عَمَلٌ غَيْرُ صَالِحٍ فَلَا تَسْأَلْنِ مَا لَيْسَ لَكَ بِهِ عِلْمٌ إِنِّي أَعِظُكَ أَنْ تَكُونَ مِنَ الْجَاهِلِينَ

O Noah, he is surely not of thy family; he is indeed *a man of* unrighteous conduct. So ask not of Me that of which thou hast no knowledge. I advise thee lest thou become *one* of the ignorant.³³

Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, said,

رَبِّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أَسْأَلَكَ مَا لَيْسَ لِي بِهِ عِلْمٌ وَإِلَّا تَغْفِرْ لِي وَتَرْحَمْنِي أَكُنْ مِنَ الْخَسِرِينَ

My Lord, I beg Thee to protect me from asking Thee that whereof I have no

knowledge. And unless Thou forgive me and have mercy on me, I shall be among the losers.³⁴

Thus Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, realised that he had not fully understood Allah's promise. He sought Allah's forgiveness. It became clear to him that everyone is accountable for his actions and that a Prophet's son is no exception.

As regards his wife, she was described as an evil person who was bent upon rejecting the truth. So the companionship, even of a Prophet of God, did not save her from Allah's punishment. The Holy Qur'an says:

ضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا امْرَأَاتِ نُوحٍ وَ امْرَأَاتِ لُوطٍ ۗ كَانَتَا تَحْتَ عَبْدَيْنِ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا صَالِحِينَ فَخَانَتُهُمَا فَلَمْ يُغْنِيَا عَنْهُمَا مِنَ اللَّهِ شَيْئًا وَقِيلَ ادْخُلَا النَّارَ مَعَ الدَّٰخِلِينَ

Allah sets forth for those who disbelieve the example of the wife of Noah and the wife of Lot. They were under two righteous servants of Ours, but they acted unfaithfully towards them. So they availed them naught against Allah, and it was said *to them*, 'Enter the Fire, ye twain, along with those who enter.'³⁵



The Ark Rests on a Mountain

It was a mighty flood. The ark floated on waves as high as mountains. Even the tops of the mountains were underwater.

God rescued Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, and those with him in the ark, while those who rejected him were drowned as a punishment.

وَعِيسُ الْمَاءِ وَقُضِيَ الْأَمْرُ وَاسْتَوَتْ عَلَى الْجُودِيِّ

And the water was made to subside and the matter was ended. And *the Ark* came to rest on Al-Judi.³⁶

According to the Bible: The ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat.³⁷

Many people including historians, geographers, and research scholars have tried to locate these mountains,

but their research varied and they could not determine precisely in which country these mountains were situated. Various countries including Turkey, Armenia, and Iran claim that both mountains, Al-Judi and Ararat lie in their domains.

According to the Bible, when the ark stopped, Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, released a raven to find out whether there was any dry land around where the ark stopped. The raven could not find any place to set its feet because there was water everywhere; so it returned to Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, in the ark. After several attempts, Hazrat Nuh^{as} sent out a dove. When the dove returned to him in the evening, in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf. Then Hazrat Nuh^{as} was convinced that the water had receded completely from the ground and that they would be able to disembark safely.

Glad Tidings to Hazrat Nuh and his Followers

The olive leaf was also a sign that Allah had blessed Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, his people and their future generations. They would be strong in their faith and perfect in their sacrifices. Allah says in the Holy Qur'an:

فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَنَجَّيْنَاهُ وَمَنْ مَعَهُ فِي الْفُلِّ وَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ خَلِيفَ وَ
أَغْرَقْنَا الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا فَانظُرْ كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الْمُنذَرِينَ

We saved him and those who were with him in the Ark. And We made them inheritors of Our favours, while We drowned those who rejected Our Signs. See then, how was the end of those who had been warned!³⁸

At another place in the Holy Qur'an God says:

وَلَقَدْ نَادَيْنَا نُوْحًا فَلَنعَمَ الْمَجِيبُوْنَ ۚ وَنَجَّيْنَاهُ وَآهْلَهُ مِنَ الْكَرْبِ الْعَظِيْمِ ۚ وَجَعَلْنَا ذُرِّيَّتَهُ هُمُ الْبَاقِيْنَ ۚ وَتَرَكْنَا عَلَيْهِ فِي الْآخِرِيْنَ سَلَامًا ۚ عَلٰى نُوْحٍ فِي الْعٰلَمِيْنَ اِنَّا كَذٰلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِيْنَ ۗ اِنَّهٗ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ

And Noah indeed did cry unto Us, and what an excellent answer did We give to his prayer! And We saved him and his family from the great distress; And We made his offspring the only survivors. And We left for him a good name among the following generations—'Peace be upon Noah among the peoples!' Thus indeed do We reward those who do good. He was surely *one* of Our believing servants.³⁹

Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, told his people that God had conferred innumerable blessings on them and they could achieve greatness, a place of dignity and respect among the nations of the world by following the teachings which he had brought.

It so happened that in this new land Allah bestowed prosperity to Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, and his followers. They laid the foundation of human civilization and culture and as their culture became strong their numbers also began to increase. On the other hand, the number of less civilized communities living with them in the same land or the surrounding lands began to decrease. The descendants of Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, being more civilized and having more material resources at their disposal seemed to have spread to other lands and over time absorbed some of the less civilised people.

Three sons of Hazrat Nuh, peace be upon him, namely Shem, Ham, and Japeth are generally believed to be the ancestors of the three principal races of mankind.

Another great blessing bestowed upon Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s descendants was that Allah promised to continue Prophethood in his progeny. Allah says:

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَجَعَلْنَا فِي ذُرِّيَّتِهِمَا النُّبُوَّةَ وَالْكِتَابَ
فَمِنْهُمْ مُّهْتَدٍ وَكَثِيرٌ مِنْهُمْ فَاسِقُونَ

And We did send Noah and Abraham, and We placed among their seed prophethood and the Book. So some of them followed the guidance, but many of them were rebellious.⁴⁰

All praise belongs to Allah, Lord of the worlds.



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ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY ONE

Find the words listed on the next two pages in the word-search. When looking for the words, think about their context as mentioned in this book:

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VEGETATION

WARNER

IDOLS

WIFE

ARK

FLOOD

BELIEVERS

MESOPOTAMIA

YAHU

ALLAH

PROPHET

ANIMALS

BIBLE

DROWNED

WADD
MADNESS
PUNISHMENT
ARROGANCE
WORSHIP
CHIEFS
SPRINGS
FIRM
DISPUTE
NUH
MOCKERY
MOUNTAIN
YAM
DISAPPOINTED

ACTIVITY TWO

Just like at the time of Prophet Nuh^{as}, many people still worship idols today. Using the knowledge that you have gathered from this book, write out a good argument that you could put forward to someone that is convinced idol worship is okay.

ACTIVITY THREE

Prophet Nuh^{as} said to his people, 'O, my people, worship Allah alone, you have no God other than Him. Will you not then fear God and become righteous?'

Think about this and reflect upon yourself. What things do you do in your daily life that pull you towards Allah and what could potentially push you away from Allah?

1. _____

2. _____





3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

REVIEW: Once you have completed the above table, ask yourself if the pull column weighs heavier than the push column? How can you start decreasing the push column? After that give yourself some realistic short term and long term goals for self-improvement.

SELF-IMPROVEMENT GOALS

1. _____

2. _____



ACTIVITY FOUR

Circle the correct answer for each statement:

QUESTION 1: Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s wife and son firmly believed in God.

YOUR RESPONSE: True False

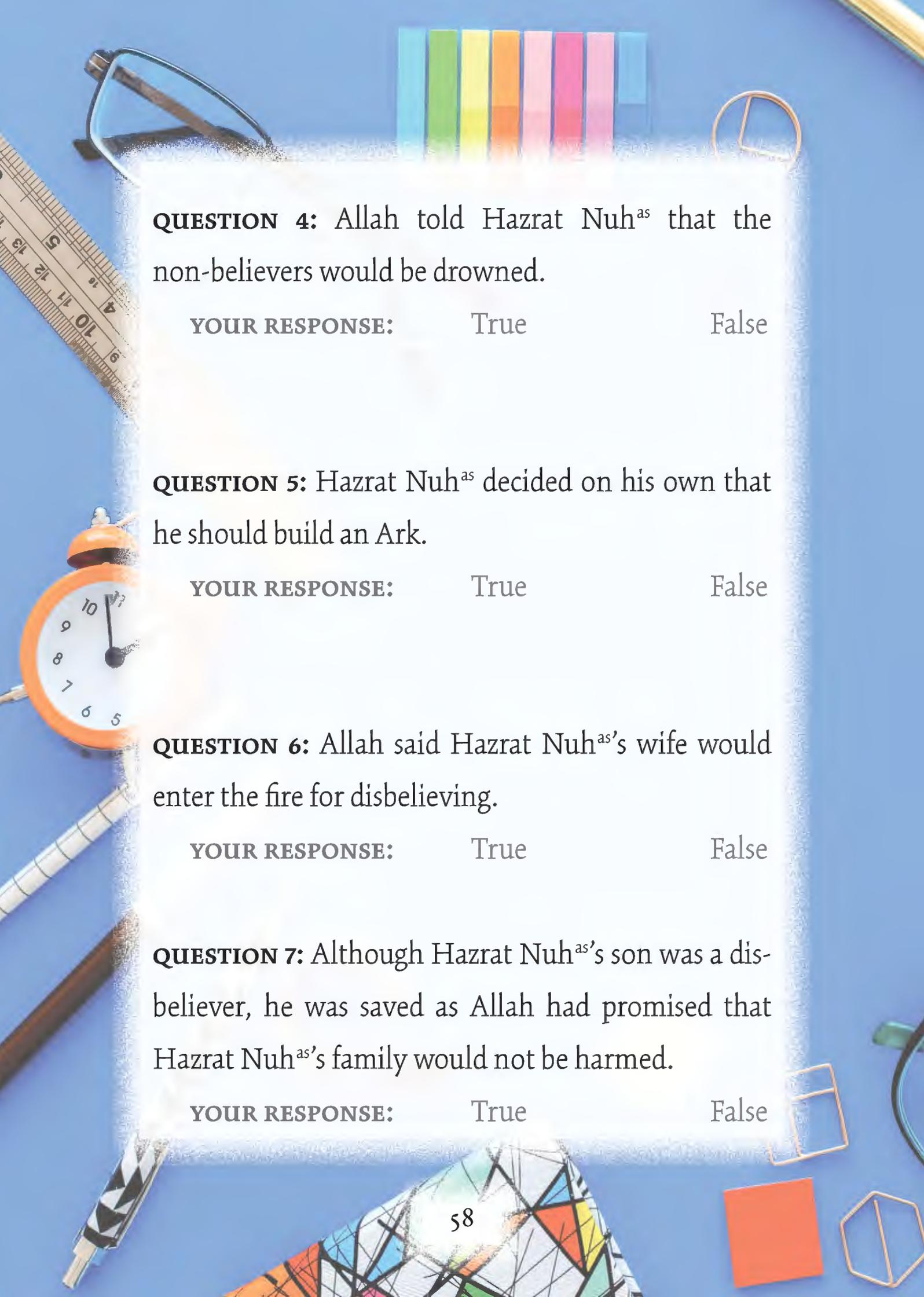
QUESTION 2: After a few attempts of preaching to his people, Hazrat Nuh^{as} gave up as he could see the majority of people will not believe in God.

YOUR RESPONSE: True False



QUESTION 3: The non-believers ridiculed Hazrat Nuh^{as}.

YOUR RESPONSE: True False



QUESTION 4: Allah told Hazrat Nuh^{as} that the non-believers would be drowned.

YOUR RESPONSE: True False

QUESTION 5: Hazrat Nuh^{as} decided on his own that he should build an Ark.

YOUR RESPONSE: True False

QUESTION 6: Allah said Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s wife would enter the fire for disbelieving.

YOUR RESPONSE: True False

QUESTION 7: Although Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s son was a disbeliever, he was saved as Allah had promised that Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s family would not be harmed.

YOUR RESPONSE: True False

EXTENSION: Explain your answer for statement 7 using evidence from the book:

ACTIVITY FIVE

Explain what the following Qur'anic verse is referring to in your own words, giving as much detail as possible. If you need further clarification, refer to the commentary of the Holy Qur'an:

فَفَتَحْنَا أَبْوَابَ السَّمَاءِ بِمَاءٍ مُنْهَرٍ ۖ وَفَجَّرْنَا الْأَرْضَ عُيُونًا فَالْتَقَى
الْمَاءُ عَلَىٰ أَمْرٍ قَدْ قُدِرَ

We opened the gates of heaven, with water pouring down; And We caused the earth to burst forth with springs, so the *two* waters met for a purpose that was decreed. (Ch 54:12-13)

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ACTIVITY SIX

Complete the following prayers:

PRAYER 1—In the name of Allah, be its _____

PRAYER 2—All praise belongs to Allah, who has

PRAYER 3—My Lord! Cause me to land _____

EXTENSION A: Which of these prayers do we recite when going on a journey? Circle the correct answer:

i. رَبِّ أَنْزِلْنِي مُنْزَلًا مُبْرَكًا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْمُنْزِلِينَ

ii. بِسْمِ اللَّهِ مَجْرِبَهَا وَمُرْسُهَا إِنَّ رَبِّي لَغَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

iii. الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي نَجَّنا مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ

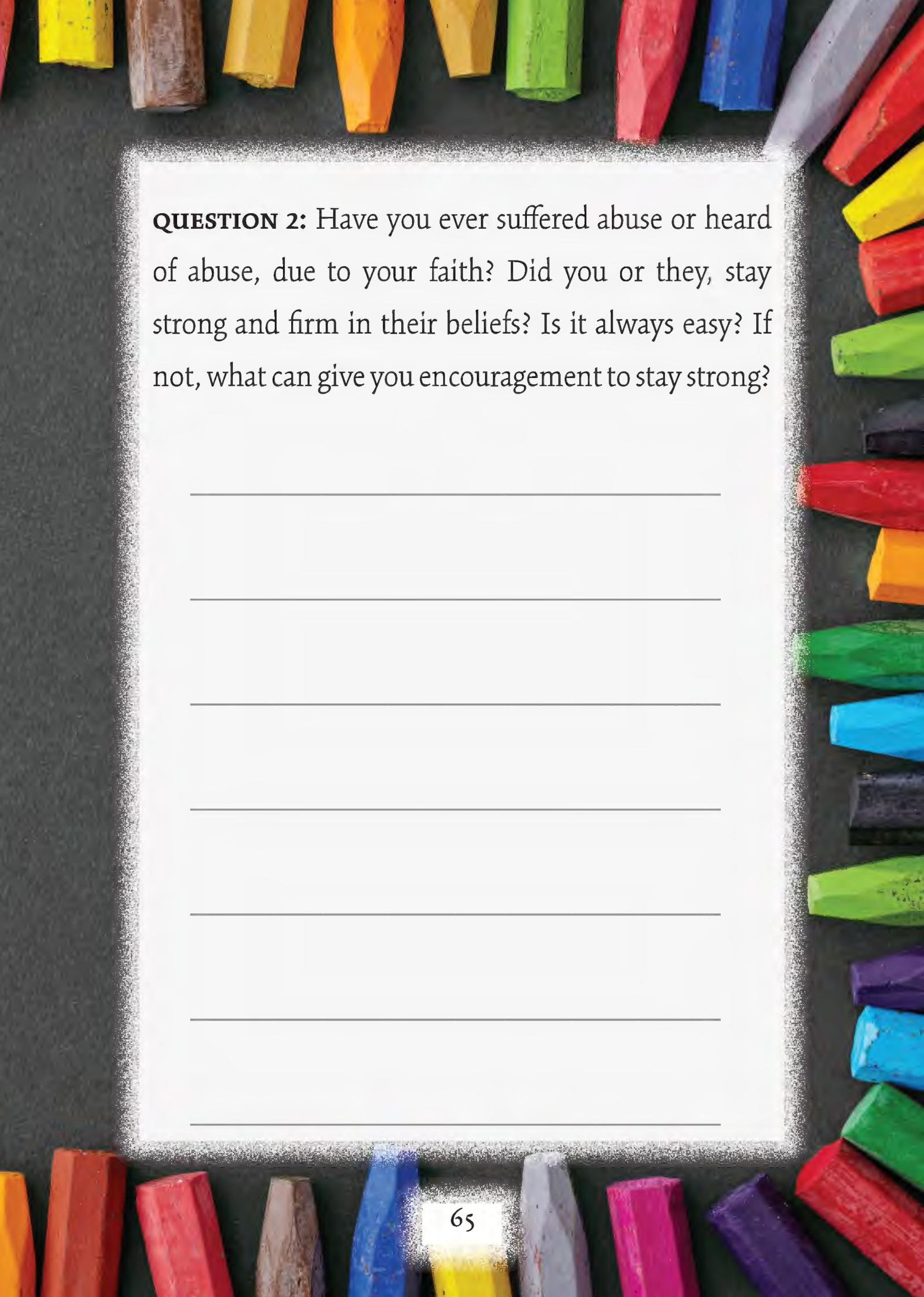
EXTENSION B: After having read when Prophet Nuh^{as} recited this prayer, why do you think we recite it whilst travelling?



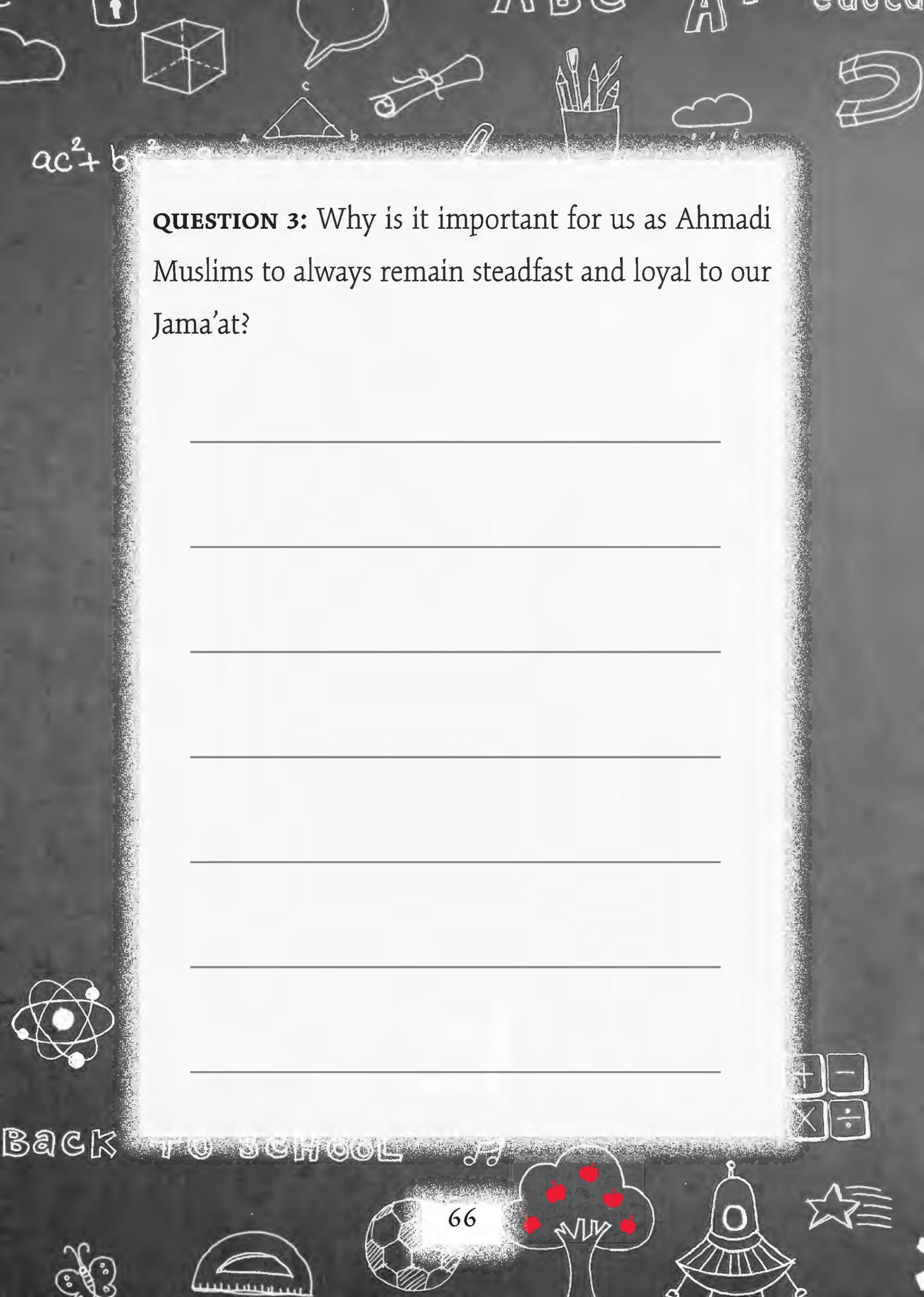
ACTIVITY SEVEN

Write down a few of your thoughts after having read this book. Here are a few questions that you could ask yourself:

QUESTION 1: Thinking about Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s steadfastness and firm belief in Allah against all odds, how can you use this in your daily life?



QUESTION 2: Have you ever suffered abuse or heard of abuse, due to your faith? Did you or they, stay strong and firm in their beliefs? Is it always easy? If not, what can give you encouragement to stay strong?



QUESTION 3: Why is it important for us as Ahmadi Muslims to always remain steadfast and loyal to our Jama'at?



BACK TO SCHOOL



ACTIVITY EIGHT

QUESTION 1: How many generations after Hazrat Adam^{as} did Hazrat Nuh^{as} appear, according to the Bible?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____

QUESTION 2: Did Hazrat Nuh^{as} bring a new Divine Law?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____



QUESTION 3: What name is mentioned in the Bible for Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s father?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____

QUESTION 4: The Bible says, 'Noah walked with God.' What does this mean?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____

QUESTION 5: What is the name of the native country of Hazrat Nuh^{as}?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____

QUESTION 6: Some people believe that Hazrat Nuh^{as} lived for 950 years. What is your opinion?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____

QUESTION 7: Name the five popular idols people worshipped during the time of Hazrat Nuh^{as}.

YOUR RESPONSE:

I: _____

II: _____

III: _____

IV: _____

V: _____

QUESTION 8: What objections did the chiefs of people raise against Hazrat Nuh^{as}?

YOUR RESPONSE:

I: _____

II: _____

III: _____

IV: _____



V: _____

QUESTION 9: Why did people mock Hazrat Nuh^{as} when they saw him making an ark?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____

QUESTION 10: How many animals was Hazrat Nuh^{as} allowed to take into the ark?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____

QUESTION 11: What do you know about the character of Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s son, who was not among his followers?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____

QUESTION 12: What was the reply of Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s son when Hazrat Nuh^{as} asked him to join him in the ark?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____

QUESTION 13: What happened to Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s son when the flood came?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____

QUESTION 14: Why did Hazrat Nuh^{as} plead to Allah for the safety of his son?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____

QUESTION 15: What did Allah say in reply to the plea of Hazrat Nuh^{as}?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____

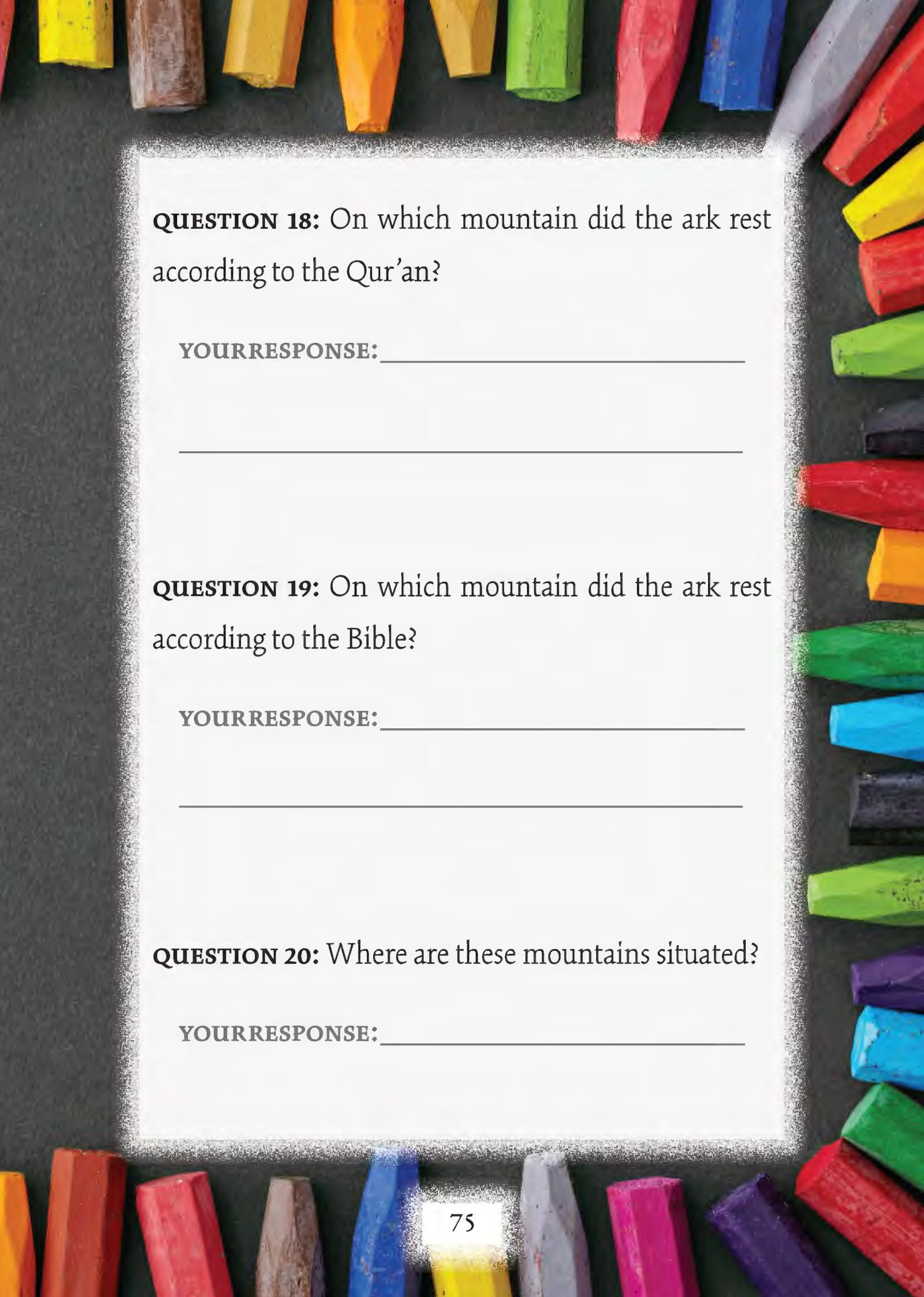


QUESTION 16: What punishment was given to the non-believers?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____

QUESTION 17: How were the family members, who believed in him and other followers of Hazrat Nuh^{as} saved?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____



QUESTION 18: On which mountain did the ark rest according to the Qur'an?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____

QUESTION 19: On which mountain did the ark rest according to the Bible?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____

QUESTION 20: Where are these mountains situated?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____

QUESTION 21: What do you know of Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s wife?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____

QUESTION 22: Some people believe that the flood was universal. What is your opinion?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____

QUESTION 23: What method, according to the Bible, did Hazrat Nuh^{as} employ to find out if the water had subsided?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____

QUESTION 24: What is the greatest blessing Allah has bestowed on the descendents of Hazrat Nuh^{as} and Hazrat Ibrahim^{as}?

YOUR RESPONSE: _____

ANSWERS TO ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY ONE

M	A	V	E	G	E	T	A	T	I	O	N	M	M	E
R	R	C	I	D	O	L	S	I	T	D	U	A	O	K
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T	Y	A	U	G	Z	A	L	L	A	H	I	N	I	T
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B	I	B	L	E	P	E	Z	D	R	O	W	N	E	D
W	A	D	D	M	A	D	N	E	S	S	Q	N	U	S

ACTIVITY FOUR

1. FALSE
2. FALSE
3. TRUE
4. TRUE
5. FALSE
6. TRUE
7. FALSE

ACTIVITY SIX

PRAYER 1—In the name of Allah be its course and its mooring. My Lord is assuredly Most Forgiving, Merciful.

PRAYER 2—All praise belongs to Allah, Who has saved us from the unjust people!

PRAYER 3— My Lord, cause me to land a blessed landing, for Thou art the Best of those who bring *men* to land.

EXTENSION A—

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ACTIVITY EIGHT

1. According to the Bible, Hazrat Nuh^{as} appeared 9 generations after Hazrat Adam^{as}.
2. Yes, Hazrat Nuh^{as} brought a new Divine Law since he was a Law-bearing Prophet.
3. The name of Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s father mentioned in the Bible is Lamech.
4. 'Walking with God' means that Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s acts were according to the will of God.
5. Hazrat Nuh^{as} lived in Mesopotamia or present-day Iraq.
6. The actual physical age of Hazrat Nuh^{as} is unknown. However, the age of 950 years mentioned in the Bible refers to the period that his teachings lasted.
7. The 5 popular idols worshipped during the time

of Hazrat Nuh^{as} were: Wadd, Suwa, Yaghuth, Yauq, and Nasr.

8. The objections raised against Hazrat Nuh^{as} by chiefs of the people were:

i: He was a man like them and stricken with madness.

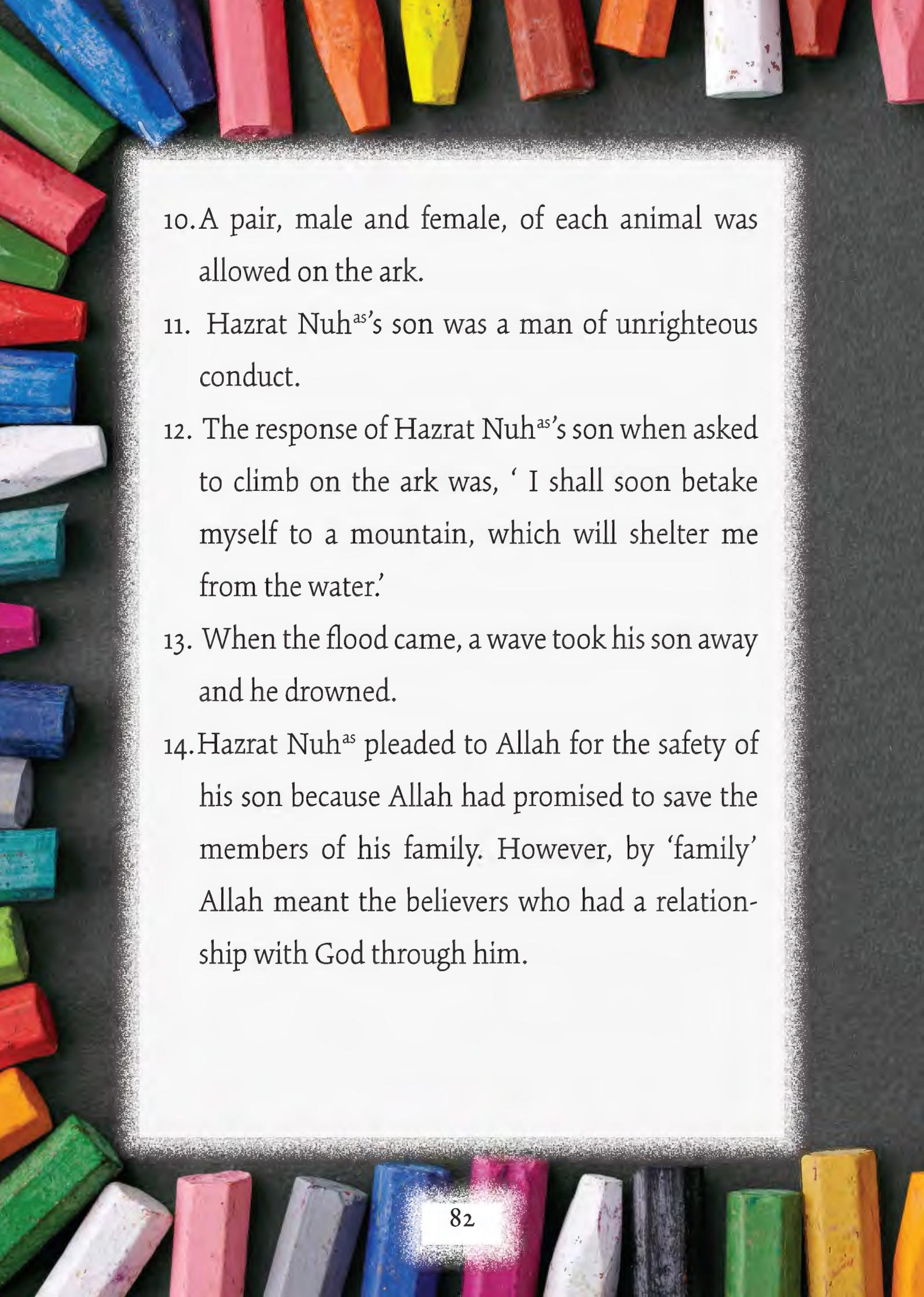
ii: He was labeled a liar and thought to be in manifest error.

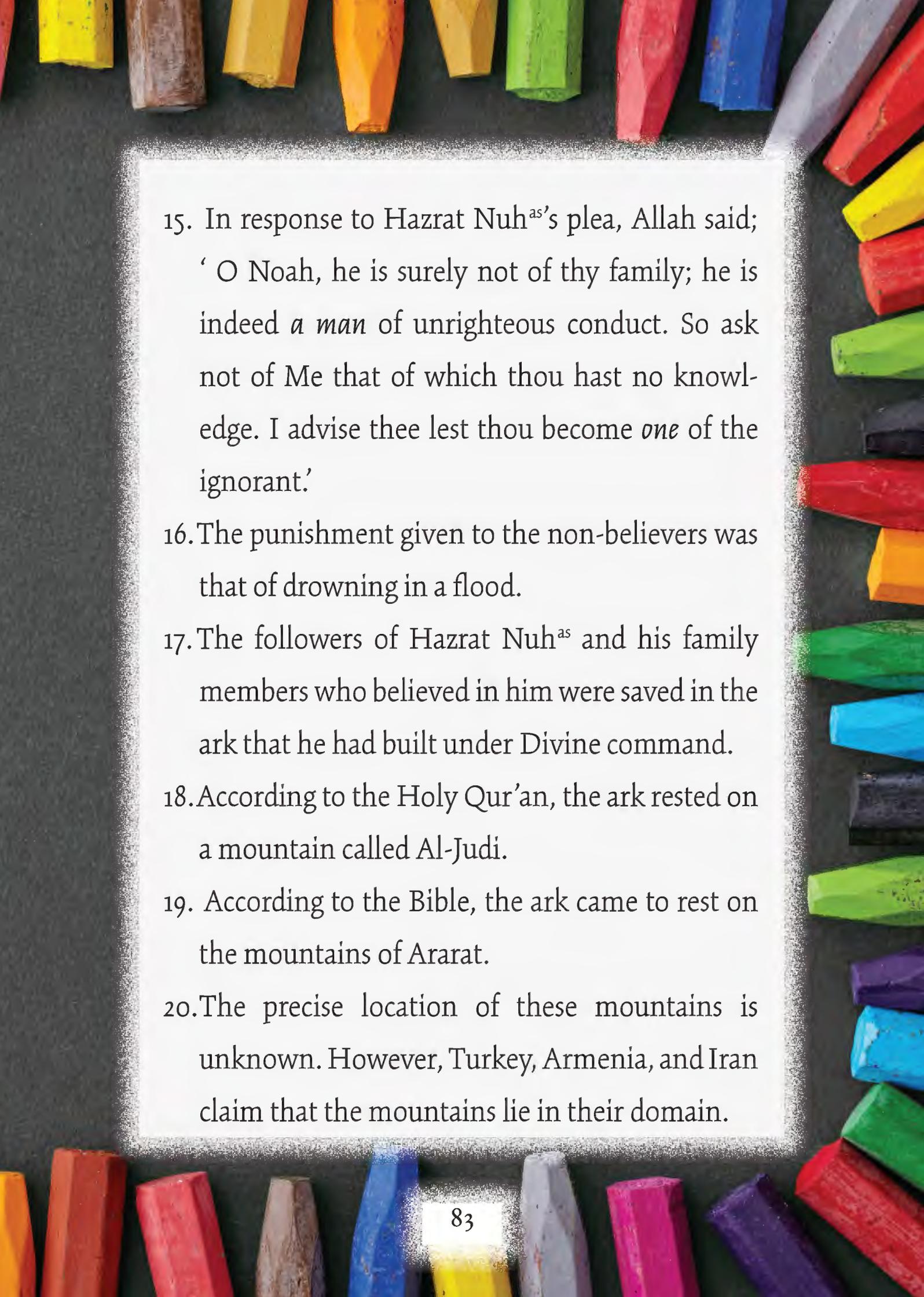
iii: He was accused of imposing his authority on the people.

iv: He only had mean and lowly followers.

v: He did not immediately bring the punishment he warned them about.

9. The people mocked Hazrat Nuh^{as} because they could not see any reason for building a large ark at a time when there was no sign of rain or a storm.

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10. A pair, male and female, of each animal was allowed on the ark.
 11. Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s son was a man of unrighteous conduct.
 12. The response of Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s son when asked to climb on the ark was, ' I shall soon betake myself to a mountain, which will shelter me from the water.'
 13. When the flood came, a wave took his son away and he drowned.
 14. Hazrat Nuh^{as} pleaded to Allah for the safety of his son because Allah had promised to save the members of his family. However, by 'family' Allah meant the believers who had a relationship with God through him.

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15. In response to Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s plea, Allah said; ' O Noah, he is surely not of thy family; he is indeed *a man* of unrighteous conduct. So ask not of Me that of which thou hast no knowledge. I advise thee lest thou become *one* of the ignorant.'
 16. The punishment given to the non-believers was that of drowning in a flood.
 17. The followers of Hazrat Nuh^{as} and his family members who believed in him were saved in the ark that he had built under Divine command.
 18. According to the Holy Qur'an, the ark rested on a mountain called Al-Judi.
 19. According to the Bible, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat.
 20. The precise location of these mountains is unknown. However, Turkey, Armenia, and Iran claim that the mountains lie in their domain.

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21. Hazrat Nuh^{as}'s wife is described as an evil person who rejected the truth.
 22. The flood was not universal. It was a punishment for the people who rejected Hazrat Nuh^{as}.
 23. According to the Bible, Hazrat Nuh^{as} released a raven to find out if there was any dry land around but it returned to him every time. He then sent out a dove, which returned to him in the evening with a freshly plucked olive leaf. This convinced Hazrat Nuh^{as} that the water had receded completely.
 24. The greatest blessing Allah has bestowed on the descendants of Hazrat Nuh^{as} and Hazrat Ibrahim^{as} is Prophethood and the Book.

GLOSSARY

Admonish—to warn

Ark—the wooden vessel, Hazrat Nuh^{as} made.

Arrogance—haughty

Consequences—the results of an action.

Conferred—give to

Deterioration—decline

Deviated—turned away

Devised—plan or invent

Disembark—get off from the ark

Displeasure—anger

Dwellers—residents, people who lived there

Domains—the land controlled by a country

Eliminate—to expel, to get rid of

Employed—used

Enormous—very large

Fold—Jama'at

Forsake—give up

Frustrate—renounce, prevent

Habitation—residences, homes

Handful—small number

Hazrat—a term of respect used for a person of established righteousness and piety

Hereafter—the next world

Humiliated—humbled

Incur—to bring down upon oneself

Innumerable—countless

Insincere—not loyal

Inheritor—someone who receives property after the death of a person

Impose—force something to be put in place

Incite—to stir up bad behaviour

Prominent—well-known

Staidness—proper or serious



PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Salutations are recited out of respect when mentioning the names of Prophets and holy personages. These salutations have been abbreviated and inserted into the text where applicable.

sas *sallallaahu 'alaihi wa sallam*, meaning 'peace and blessings of Allah be upon him', is written after the name of the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sas}.

as *'alahis-salaam*, meaning 'peace be on him', is written after the names of Prophets other than the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sas}.



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