

מחמד MUHAMMAD محمد

For Muslims, the Prophet Muhammad is the final messenger, the recipient of the last of God's (ALLAH in Arabic) revelations preserved in its original form in the QUR'AN. Muslims believe God's message is perfected in the QUR'AN, the same message that existed since Adam. Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Mary are all mentioned in the QUR'AN. Islam maintains that God communicated His message to all people in history. The prophets mentioned by name in the QUR'AN are primarily those in the Bible.

MUHAMMAD was born 570 CE in Mecca, Arabia to a family of the *Quraysh* tribe. In his early life he earned the title *trustworthy* (AL-AMIN) because of his honesty and because he was trusted by the people. At age 40, MUHAMMAD received his first revelation through the Archangel GABRIEL. After a brief gap, the revelations continued for a total of 23 years. MUHAMMAD and his few followers were persecuted for 13 years, preaching reform & monotheism to Meccan idolaters, and then were forced to migrate to Medina where MUHAMMAD established the first Islamic state. He was a preacher, statesman, soldier, teacher, and exemplary family man before his death in 632. His sayings and traditions, *Hadith & Sunnah*, are well-preserved as the second source of Islamic faith after the QUR'AN. He is the role model for how to apply the Qur'an to one's life.

