

Home Learning Week 14:

L.O: Today we are going to learn about the key points from the early part of prophet Muhammad (s)'s life.

Abdul Mutalib who was the prophets paternal grandfather took his son 'Abdullah and went to Wahb ibn 'Abd Manaf ibn Zuhra who was the Chieftain of Bani Zuhra tribe and the highest in lineage and honour. Wahb agreed to marry off his noble daughter, Amenah who was the most honourable in lineage and had the prestigious position among the tribe of Quraysh. She married the honourable 'Abdullah ibn 'Abdul Mutalib.

After the marriage, lady Amenah got pregnant and she carried in her womb the blessed Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). She narrated that her pregnancy was a light one and she didn't feel the heavy burden of pregnancy that women usually feel.

Regarding the death date of the father of Prophet Muhammad, the historian Ibn Ishaq narrated that 'Abdullah died during the pregnancy of lady Amenah and this incident is confirmed by other historians like al Waqidi, Ibn Sa'd and al Balazhuri and was later asserted by al Zahabi. The famous and most authenticated opinion is that 'Abdullah died in the second month of the pregnancy of lady Amenah with the Prophet and this was confirmed by Ibn Katheer. The story of the death of 'Abdullah occurred when he went out to the Levant area to reach Gaza in a commercial trip with his tribe, Quraysh. When they finished their business in Gaza and were heading back to Makkah, they passed by the Madinah on their way back and 'Abdullah was getting sick at that time so he stayed behind with his maternal uncles Bani 'Adeyy ibn al Najjar. His father, 'Abd al Muttalib send his eldest son, al Harith, to go to the Madinah and seek the news of 'Abdullah and by the time he went there he found that 'Abdullah died and was buried in Dar al Nabegha so he went back to his father and delivered the aching news of 'Abdullah's death.

His father and his brothers were deeply grieved by the death of 'Abdullah who died when he was 25 years old. The historian al Waqidi said that 'Abdullah did not marry any other women except Amenah and Amenah did not marry any other man except 'Abdullah. When lady Amenah heard the sad news about her husband's death, she was grieved and chanted a heartfelt eulogy for her beloved deceased husband. Muhammad was born around the year 570 CE to the Banu Hashim clan of the Quraysh tribe, one of Mecca's prominent families. His father, Abdullah, died almost six months before Muhammad was born. According to Islamic tradition, Muhammad was sent to live with a Bedouin family in the desert, as desert life was considered healthier for infants. Muhammad stayed with his foster mother, Halimah bint Abi Dhuayb, and her husband until he was two years old. At the age of six, Muhammad lost his biological mother, Amina, to illness and was raised by his paternal grandfather, Abd al-Muttalib, until he died when Muhammad was eight. He then came under the care of his uncle Abu Talib, the new leader of Banu Hashim.

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