



The Year of the Elephant

These are the events that took place in the Arabian Peninsula and which led to the famous year of 570 AD, known as “The Year of the Elephant.” The history you just read about is the result of interactions between different religions, peoples, and political groups. We saw how relations between Jews and Christians eventually led to the killing of many innocent people by unjust rulers. We also saw how religion was turned by some into a means of accumulating wealth and how political rivalry brought about war. It is also a story that shows us how individual figures shape and influence history and how that, in turn, affects us. In different ways, figures like Abraha and ‘Abd al-Muttalib teach us lessons about justice, faith, and courage. They force us to think about what we would have done if we were in their places. Most importantly, it makes us realise that Allah controls everything and that we should have complete faith in Him. Even though these events took place many centuries ago, what happened that year still affects our lives today.

