

عَلِينِّهُ His Blessed Birth

It is said that when Amina, daughter of Wahb, was pregnant, she heard a voice say to her, "You are pregnant with the lord of this people. When he is born, say, 'I put him in the care of the One from the evil of every envier,' then call him 'Muhammad."

Throughout her pregnancy, Amina would see light coming forth from him and which showed her the castles of Busra in Syria. It was also during this time that her husband, AbdAllah Ibn Abd al-Muttalib, passed away, and so her son came into this world as an orphan.

The Prophet was born on Monday (Sunday night), 12th Rabi al-Awwal.



Many events took place on that very same night: the arched portico of the Sasanian palace in Iraq cracked; the Persian fires of Fars, which had been lit for a thousand years, were extinguished, and the great lake in Khurasan dried up; and the idols around the Kaba fell flat. That very same night, Hassan Ibn Thabit, at the time a boy of seven, heard a jew calling out at the top of his voice in Yathrib, "O Jews, tonight a star has risen under which Ahmad is to be born."

The wet-nurse that had been helping Amina in labor was called al-Shifa Umm Abd al-Arahman Ibn Awf. When the Prophet came into her hands, his eyes were raised to the sky. His eyes were adorned with kohl, he was completely clean, his umblical chord was already cut, and he was already circumsised.

Amina sent to tell Abd al-Muttalib, the Prophet's grandfather, that she had given birth to a boy. She also told him what the voice had told her when she was pregnant. It is said that Abd al-Muttalib took him as a baby to the Kaba, where he stood and thanked Allah for this blessing.

