

The Prophets and their Message.

What was the purpose of the Messengers?

- To Guide us to the path of Allah (S. Nahl:36)
- To warn nations to follow Allah’s commands and give them glad tidings.(S.Faatir:24)
- To teach us knowledge and show us a path to purify ourselves. (S.Baqarah 151)
- To teach us that Obedience will earn paradise. (S.Nisa:13)
- To teach us that disobedience will lead to hell (S.Nisa :14)
- To establish the argument against the people. Those who received this message will not have an excuse of ignorance. (S.Nisa 165)

What was the universal message of the Prophets?

- Tawheed – Belief in One god – La Ilaha Illallah
- Avoid Taghoot – Idol worship and every act of disobedience to Allah
- Inform about the coming of Prophet Muhammad (SAW)
- Warn them about the hereafter, the good of paradise and the bad of hell.

Why should we study about the stories of the Prophets?

- Allah (SWT) says these are the best of stories, that he has revealed to us. (12:3)
- Allah (SWT) has commanded the Prophet(SAW) to relate these stories to the people.
- Allah (SWT) says “They are the ones who are guided, so follow their guidance.”
- Its Allah’s command, so its an Ibaadah – worship. (7:176)
- To study and learn from them.
- To reflect and think about them.
- To have role-models to emulate, imitate and copy.
- To love them – how can we love somebody who we do not know?
- To increase our eeman and our belief that Allah will take us to account.
- To learn from their mistakes and remember how Allah punished them.

What is the difference between a Nabi (Prophet) and a Rasool (Messenger)?

A Nabi (Prophet)	A Rasool (Messenger)
He is a Prophet who does not have his own code or book	He is a Prophet who has his own code or book
He follows the law or book of the previous Messenger.	He has been given his own law or book to follow.
The number of Anbiyas is 124,000	Out of these 315 are messengers
Eg. Haroon (AS)	Eg. Musa (AS)

“All Rasools are Nabees but all Nabees are not Rasools”