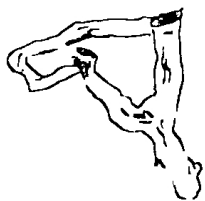


Name of Prophet: Dawood (David) peace be upon him.

Special characteristics:



- Dawood used his beautiful voice to worship his Lord.
- Allah give him the ability to make armour with his bare hands.
- Dawood would fast one day then miss a day.
- Even though he was the king of the Israelites, Dawood would earn his own money from which he would buy food.
- Dawood loved and cared for his family very much and felt very protective of them, locking his door every time he left them.
- Dawood was very brave, he would never back off from the enemy, no matter how big and strong they may be. He feared no one but Allah.

Early life:

Prophet Dawood (peace be upon him) was only a youth when he found himself in the Israelite army of the good king Taloot. The army had set out to fight a fierce enemy led by a terrifying warrior, a true weapon of mass destruction. The warrior's name was Jaloot (Goliath). Jaloot had challenged Taloot to either come out and face him or else he was going to come and destroy Taloot and his men. Dawood volunteered to go and fight Jaloot after no one else stepped forward. The two met, a boy against a human killing machine. A simple sling against fearsome weaponry. Yet Dawood had a special weapon - that of Eman (faith). And with that a boy defeated the undefeated and it wasn't long after that he became king of the Israelites after the death of Taloot.

Middle life:

Allah gave Dawood the ability to make iron soft in his hands, he could then shape the metal as he wished. He was able to make armour with his own hands.

Being a Prophet, Dawood had to convey and remind his people of the message of Allah. The message that there is no God worthy of being worshipped except Allah and gave them the good news of Paradise. He warned his people about falling into Shirk and about Allah's punishment, the fire of Hell. Allah had given Dawood a beautiful voice and he would recite the special book Allah had given him, the Zabur (Psalms). His voice was so beautiful that even the birds and mountains would join in with him, glorifying and praising their Lord, morning and evening.

Even though he was the king, Dawood would go out to work and with the money he earned he would buy food and clothing for his family. The Israelites loved Dawood, because he was honest, kind and merciful. He was also famous for his justice. One case highlights how good a judge he was:

It so happened that on one occasion, two men came arguing with each other before the king. One claimed that the other had taken his cow. But the other man denied the claim. Dawood told them he would decide later. During the night Allah revealed to Dawood that he should kill the one making the claim. So when morning arrived he told the claimant that he was going to kill him so he should speak the truth. The man said he was speaking the truth, but he had killed the other man's father. After this case, Dawood's justice became well known throughout the land.

Death:

Dawood had led a busy and purposeful life, worshipping Allah and guiding and judging by His laws, bringing peace and stability throughout the land.

Dawood took great care of guarding his family, so whenever he went out he would lock the door so no one could enter his house until he returned.

One day he left his house and locked the door as he normally would. Sometime later his wife was shocked to see a man stood in the middle of the house. Turning to the other members of the household she said, "How has this man entered the house when the door was locked?!"

When Dawood returned he found the mysterious man stood in the middle of his house. Seeing him, he asked him who he was. The man answered, "I am the one who does not fear any king, nor could be stopped by any hurdle."

Dawood, the wise king understood that this could only be the 'one' that everyone will meet one day.

"So you could not be but the Angel of Death, so welcome to Allah's command," replied Dawood.

They both waited patiently, until the appointed time when the Angel would take the precious soul of the Prophet King Dawood, peace be upon him.

After his death, Dawood was washed and wrapped in his burial cloth. When they took him out to be buried they found the sun was up and shining. So Dawood's son, Sulayman said to the birds, provide shade to Dawood. The birds heard the command and obeyed. When all the birds did this it became dark, Sulayman then commanded them to fold one wing, which they duly did, obeying their master and the new King and Prophet of the Israelites, Sulayman, peace be upon him.

