

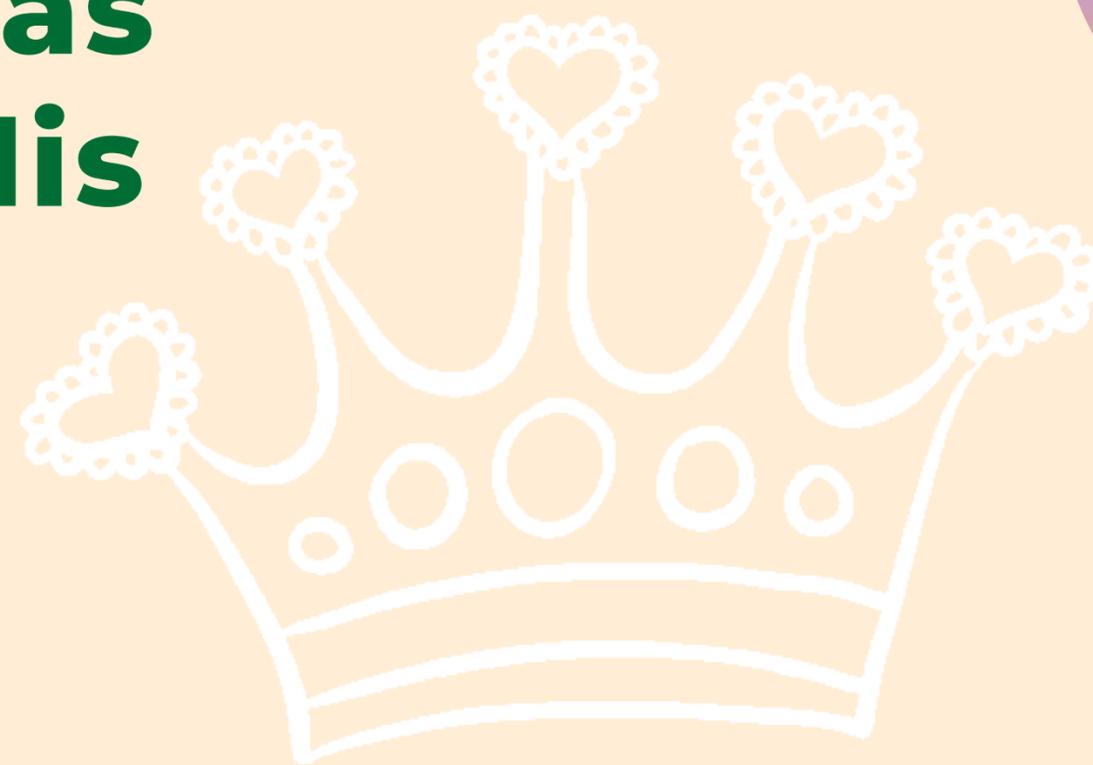
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# The Story of Prophet Suleiman (عليه السلام)



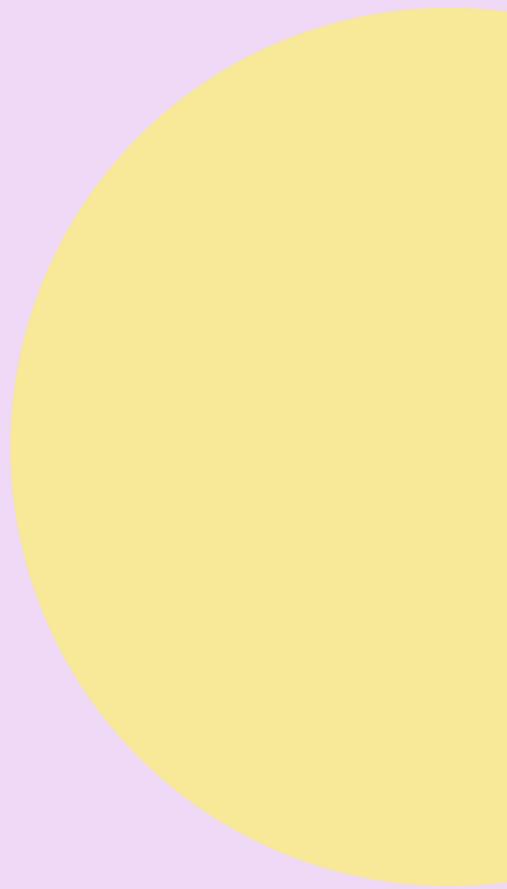
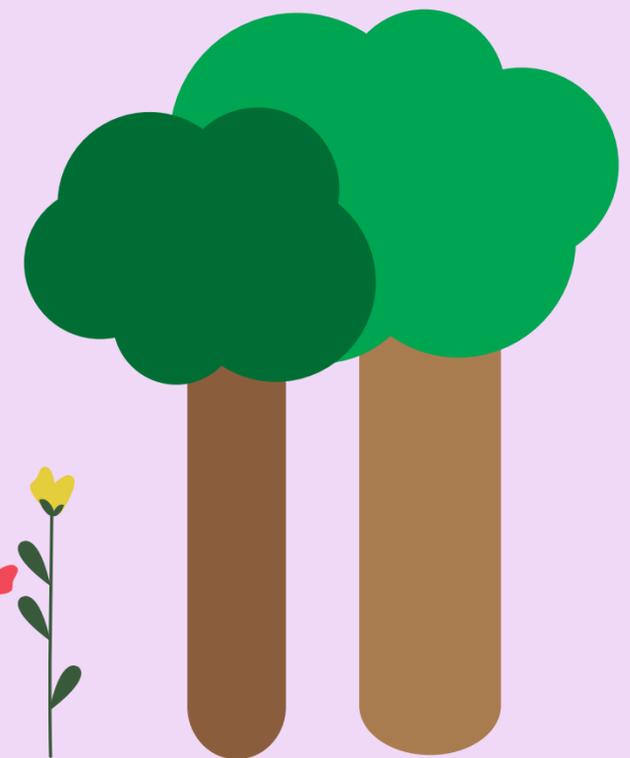
# WHO WAS PROPHET SULEIMAN? (عليه السلام)

**Suleiman (عليه السلام) was a prophet and a king. His father's name was Dawud (عليه السلام) and he was a prophet and king as well.**



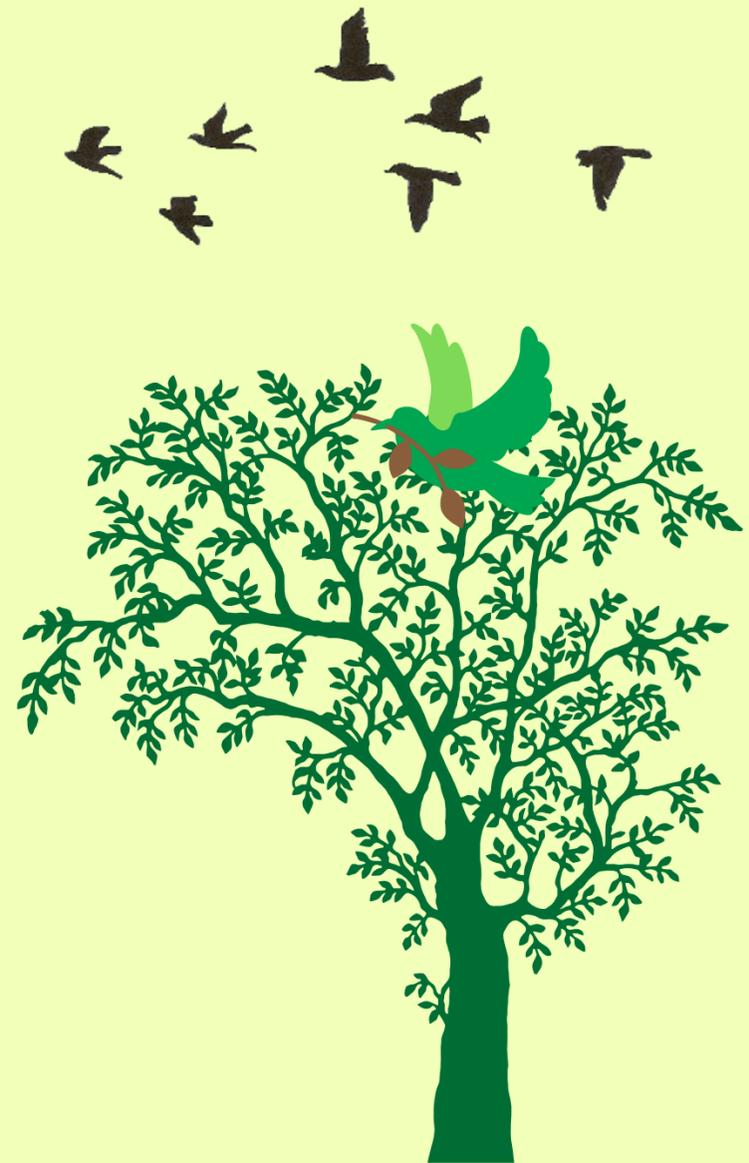
# HIS KINGDOM

**Suleiman (عليه السلام) had a kingdom like no other kingdom. His kingdom was so great that no one can even imagine how big and majestic it was.**



# ~ His Blessings

Allah made Suleiman (عليه السلام) understand things better than other people. He was very wise. He was good at judgement between people. Suleiman (عليه السلام) and Dawud (عليه السلام) could understand the birds. All of this was a great blessing from Allah.



# ~ Prophet Suleiman's (عليه السلام) Palace

**Suleiman (عليه السلام) had big armies of men and birds. His palace had an entrance made of glass with water underneath. When people saw the water, they thought they would fall in it, but the glass was covering the water.**



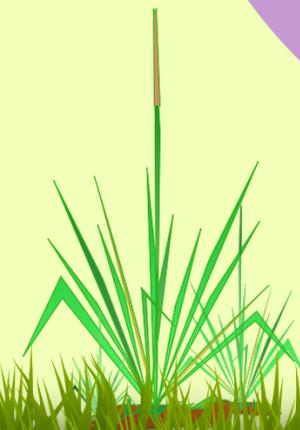
# His Love for Horses ~

Suleiman (عليه السلام) really loved horses. He had many beautiful strong horses. One day, he forgot to pray because he spent so much time with his horses. Suleiman (عليه السلام) didn't like that mistake. He felt the time he spent with the horses took time away from remembering Allah.



# Prophet Suleiman's (عليه السلام) Special Knowledge

**Suleiman (عليه السلام) understood the ants. One day, he was passing through a place with his army. Suleiman heard an ant screaming, telling the other ants to go back inside their homes, otherwise the army of Suleiman (عليه السلام) would crush them.**



# Prophet Suleiman's (عليه السلام) Kindness

When Suleiman (عليه السلام) heard this, he smiled because he was able to understand. Then he made dua'a to Allah. Suleiman (عليه السلام) thanked Allah for this blessing and the blessing on his parents. He asked Allah to help him to always do good, to keep him Muslim and to make him enter paradise. This is how we should always be.



# ~ His Dua'a ~

SO HE SMILED, AMUSED AT HER SPEECH, AND SAID:

فَنبَسَمَ ضَاِحًا مِّن قَوْلِهَا وَقَالَ رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَن أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ  
الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ وَأَدْخِلْنِي  
بِرَحْمَتِكَ فِي عِبَادِكَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿١٩﴾

**Surah Naml, Ayah 19**

"My Lord, enable me to be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents and to do righteousness of which You approve. And admit me by Your mercy into [the ranks of] Your righteous servants."

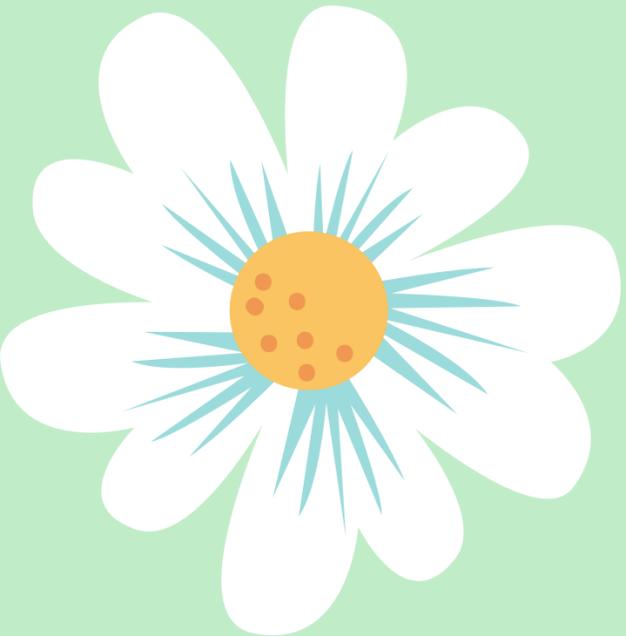
# The Hoopoe Bird

Suleiman (عليه السلام) had a hoopoe bird in his army. One day, the hoopoe flew to a distant place and found people with a queen. But they worshiped the sun instead of worshiping Allah.



# Committing Shirk

**The hoopoe bird came back and told Suleiman (عليه السلام) what he saw. How could these people worship the sun when Allah created the sun?**





**Suleiman (عليه السلام) wanted to tell the queen and her people about Islam. He sent a letter to them inviting them to become Muslims. He started the letter by writing,**

**“THIS IS FROM SULEIMAN AND  
‘BISM ALLAH AR RAHMAN AR RAHEEM’.”**



إِنَّهُ مِنْ سُلَيْمَانَ وَإِنَّهُ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿٣٠﴾

**Surah Naml, Ayah 30**

Indeed, it is from Suleiman, and indeed, it reads: “In the name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.”



# The End ...



**The queen and her people accepted the advice of Suleiman (عليه السلام) and chose to become Muslims. They stopped worshiping the sun and they committed to worshiping Allah.**



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