

# SEERAH (BIOGRAPHY) OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD (PBUH)

## LESSON:45 { IN ENGLISH }



**Assalamu alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu**



**SEERAH OF MUHAMMAD ( SalAllahu alaihi wa sallam)**



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TOPIC:



More persecution of the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam).



MORE PERSECUTION  
OF THE PROPHET



(SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam)



The defeat Which the pagans suffered at the Abyssinian court gave them further cause to hate Islam. Naturally, they took out their frustrations on the Muslims who still lived in Makkah.



Once Atiba bin Abi Lahab, who at this point was divorced from the Prophet's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) daughter, Umm Kulsoom, came to the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) and quoted an ayah from Surah An-Najm Only to say, "I disbelieve in the one who revealed this ayah." He reiterated that although the Quraysh had prostrated along with the Prophet after a recitation of this Surah, they clung to their disbelief in the divine source of Muhammad's (salAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) prophethood and of the revelations he received.



From this point onward, Atiba became a source of constant irritation for the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam). He once tore the Prophet's (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) clothes and spat in his face.



□ O Allah," the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) said in response, "set one of your dogs on him."



Soon after that, Atiba went to Syria along with a caravan. When the caravan halted at Zarqaa, a lion began to circle them. Atiba panicked and cried,



□ "By God, it will devour me, just as Muhammad prayed. I am in Syria and he is in Makkah, but he will still kill me."  
(SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam)



When they went to sleep that night, the other members of the caravan let Atiba sleep in the middle. Despite this arrangement, the lion passed by the camels and other men and pounced on Atiba. It took his head in its jaws and killed him on the spot.



One enemy was vanquished. Others remained to plague the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam). Uqba bin Abi Mu'ayt, who had placed the camel intestines on the Prophet's (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) back, once saw the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) praying and waited for him to place his forehead on the ground. He then placed his foot on the Prophet's (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) neck and pressed down with all his weight until the Prophet's (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) eyes bulged.



Finally, when nothing seemed to deter the Prophet (SalAllahu 'alaihi wa sallam) from accomplishing his mission, the pagans began to think seriously about assassinating him. They were willing to do this although it could lead to great bloodshed.



Abu Jahl rose before the Quraysh one day and proclaimed:



□ "You all see that Muhammad is forever devoted to denouncing our forefathers, calling us ignorant and backward, and insulting our gods. Therefore, I give my word to Allah that one day I shall lie in wait for him with a heavy stone. When he prostrates, I will crush his head. Following this you may save me or leave me at the mercy of Banu Abdu Munaf."



The people then assured him,



□ "By God, we will never abandon you. Do whatever you like."

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