

Prophet Uzair (A.S.)

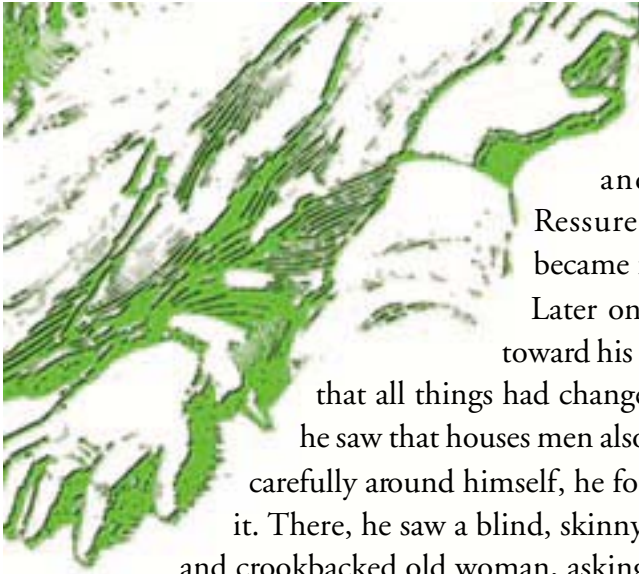
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Prophet Uzair (A.S.) was one of the Jewish prophets and his name had been mentioned once in the Holy Quran .The Jews called him "Uzra". His father and mother lived in a region called Jerusalem and the Heaven granted them two twins sons. One was Uzair and the other was Uzrah. Both of them grew up beside each others till they reached the age of 30. After marriage, Uzair (A.S.) decided to take a trip. Therefore, he bade farewell to his relatives, and took with him some fig and fresh fruit juice to feed them. On the way, he arrived at a village which had been frightfully mixed up and destroyed and even the bones of its residents had been decayed. Upon seeing this frightful view, he deeply thought how God can revive the dead?! In fact, his question was not due to his denial but was due to his amazement. But suddenly, God took his soul and joined him amongst the dead. After 100 years, God brought him back to life and an angel appeared to him from God and asked Him: "How long have you slept in the wilderness?" He thought that he had slept for an hour and in his reply, he said: "One day or less."

The angel told him: "You had been here for 100 years and now, look at your food and drinking and see how they are safe and sound and faced no harm by the power of God. If you want to believe you had died, look at your donkey and see how God separated and scattered all its organs. And now, look very carefully how God collects all its organs and revives it again. When he saw the view, he said: "I do know God has power over





everything. Now, I got peace of mind and understand the issue of the Ressurrection wholeheartily and my heart became full of faith.”

Later on, he mounted his donkey and moved toward his house. On the way to his house, he saw that all things had changed. When he reached his birthplace, he saw that houses men also had been fully changed. Looking very carefully around himself, he found the way to his house and went to it. There, he saw a blind, skinny and and crookbacked old woman, asking her: “Is this Uzair’s house?”

The old woman replied: “Yes, it is.”

She then wept and said: “Uzair had been missing since 100 years ago and people have forgotten him. How do you know his name?”

Uzair (A.S.) said: “I am Uzair. 100 years ago, God took my soul and joined me among the dead and now, He has brought me back to life.”

That old lady was Uzair’s mother. When she heard this, she got depressed and said: “100 years ago, Uzair got lost. (He was the pious and the one whose prayer was answered). If you really are Uzair and tell the truth, pray for me to be cured, gain my vision and get my life back.”

Uzair then raised his hands towards heaven and asked God to cure her. By the power of God, the old lady got her vision back, gained her health, recognized him, kissed his feet and hands and took him to the Jewish people. Elder of Jews said to him: “We have heard that when Bokht al - Nasr, the king of time, destroyed Jerusalem and burnt the Divine Book, the Torah, at that time, only few persons were the memorizers of the Torah and Uzair was one of them. If you are really Uzair, recite the Torah by heart.”

Uzair (A.S.) began to recite the Torah perfectly. They approved him and congratulated him for that. Finally, they swore allegiance with him over God’s religion.

Imam Baqir (A.S.) has said: “Uzair and Uzrah were born twins from one mother. At the age of 30, Uzair separated from them and joined the dead for 100 years and then he was revived and returned to his family. He lived with his brother for 20 years and both of them died at the same time and as a result, Uzair lived for 50 years, whereas, Uzrah for 150 years.