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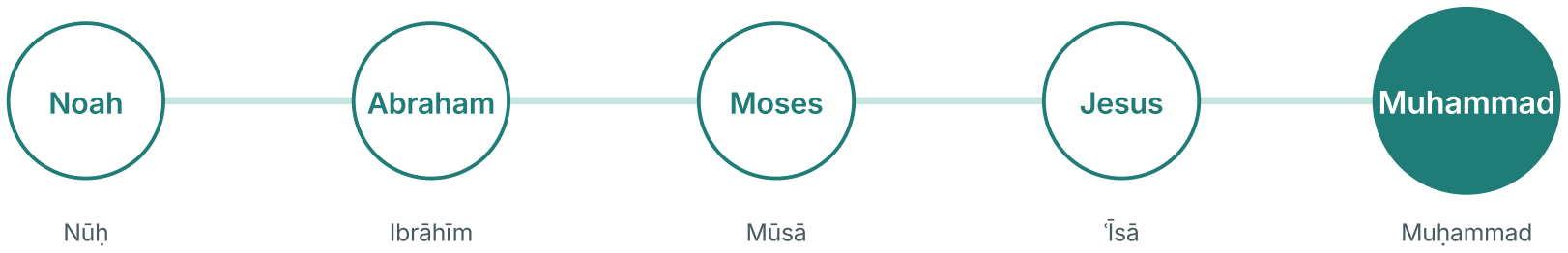
Messengers of God.

Out of love for His creation, God sent prophets to teach people who He is and how to live. Muslims believe in all of them, and that Muhammad was the last.

One message, many messengers

A chain of prophets from Adam to Muhammad

Muslims believe God never left humanity without guidance. A well-known tradition counts **124,000 prophets**, sent to every people in their own language. The Qur'an names 25, and highlights five who brought major messages and laws.



Why prophets?

Why would God send messengers?

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To show the way

Our minds can tell us God exists, but not exactly how to worship Him or live well. Prophets bring that guidance.

2

To be a living example

A book alone can be misread. A prophet shows what faith looks like in real life: at home, at work, in hardship.

3

To build justice

"We sent Our messengers with clear signs … so that people may uphold justice" (57:25).

Protected from sin and error

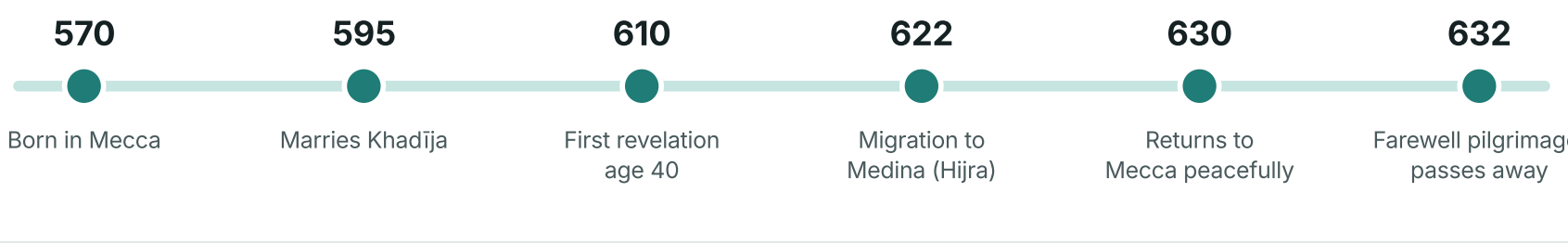
Prophets are *maʿṣūm*: protected by God from sin and from mistakes in delivering the message. If a messenger could get the message wrong, no one could fully trust it.

Muhammad: the final messenger

The Qur'an calls him the "Seal of the Prophets" (33:40). His message completes and confirms those before him, and it is meant for all people, everywhere.

The life of the Prophet

Muhammad (ṣ) at a glance



Even before revelation, Mecca called him **al-Amīn**, "the Trustworthy," and the Qur'an praises his gentleness (3:159).

> "We have not sent you except as a mercy to all the worlds."
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> Qur'an 21:107 · meaning in English