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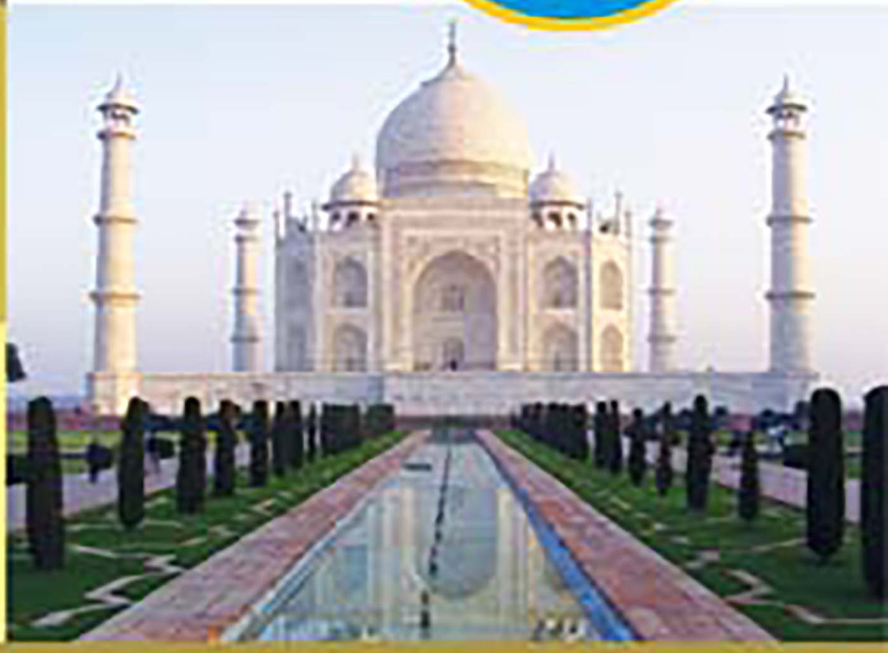

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History is introduced to the children to know about the early civilization of our world and gives a sense of continuity when they study the history of their own people. This book is for the junior school students. This book aims at the historical development of the mind of the children with the earliest civilization.

This Book of history starts with Jesus Christ then continues to Prophet Muhammad, King Harsha, Saint Kabirdas, Bhakti and Sufi Movement, Joan of Arc, Shah Jahan, The Cholas and ends with Mesopotamia. The book is well designed as per the level of the children.

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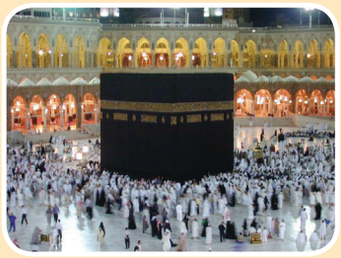

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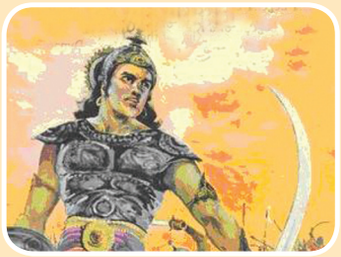

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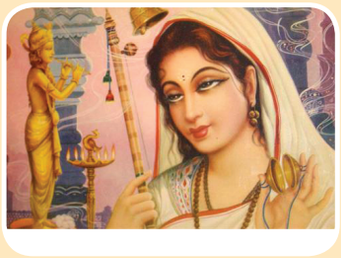

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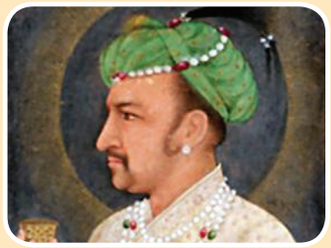

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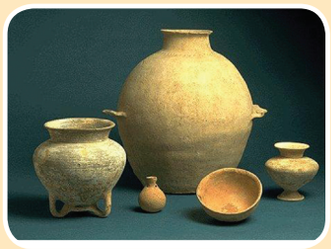

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Chapter

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JESUS CHRIST

In this chapter, we shall learn:

- Introduction
- Jesus Was Born
- Childhood To Youth
- Teachings Of Christ
- Jesus Was Crucified

INTRODUCTION

Earlier we have read about the letters **BCE** and **CE** after or before dates. These letters stands for **Before Common Era** and **Common Era.** CE is the period of measured time beginning with the year 1 that is the traditional birth date of **Jesus Christ** to the present. **BCE** or Before Common Era is connected

Julius Caesar

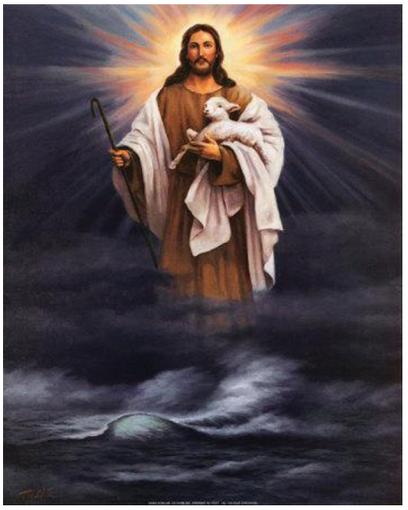
to dates before **1 CE**. As for example we can take that **Julius Caesar was born in 100 BCE that is Before Common Era**.

As we can see all the dates are counted by the birth of Christ, although it is not sure when Christ was born. In this chapter, we are going to learn lot about Jesus Christ.

JESUS WAS BORN

Jesus Christ was born in **Palestine** on the Mediterranean Coast. When Jesus was born, Romans were the rulers of Palestine. The people used to follow Judaism and were the members of the Jewish community. The Governor of Palestine took orders from Rome but they had their own officials. Jesus was born in a tiny village of Bethlehem and his father was a carpenter named **Joseph**. Jesus grew up in **Nazareth** near the ***lake of Galilee*** in North Palestine.

Did You Know?
Jesus was born on 25th December about 2000 years ago.



Jesus Christ

Birth of Jesus Christ

CHILDHOOD TO YOUTH

As soon as Jesus grew up, he joined his father in a carpenter shop. His mother brought him in a good Jewish way and made him understand the **Jewish scriptures**.

As Jesus grew older he saw and realized that people were not happy. The difference between rich and poor was known to him. He also noticed that the rich Jews did not follow the scriptures. At about the age of thirty

Nazareth ▶

he left Nazareth quietly and started travelling around the country. He collected a small group of people and started to preach them.

TEACHINGS OF CHRIST

Jesus Christ travelled from place to place preaching people to care and help one another. He said that God loved everyone in the world. He made people do good deeds and to love all humans, whether friends or enemies. He made people believe that for good deeds they are praised and if they commit a sin, they should confess to God and ask for forgiveness.

Did You Know?
Jesus Christ was called the 'MESSIAH' or Saviour. The Greek word 'Christ' means *messiah* or leader chosen by God..

Did You Know?
Pontius Pilate waspainted by Giotto in 1305.

A special group of twelve men known as **twelve disciples** went with him everywhere. **Peter** and **Paul** were the two well known ***Disciples of Christ.***

Peter & Paul

Pontius Pilate

Jesus had often told his followers that God will come one day. No wicked people can rule when the Kingdom of God will come to rule. When Jewish priests heard these words they attacked Jesus and reported him to the Roman authorities. Jesus was brought to trial in front of **Roman Governor Pontius Pilate.**

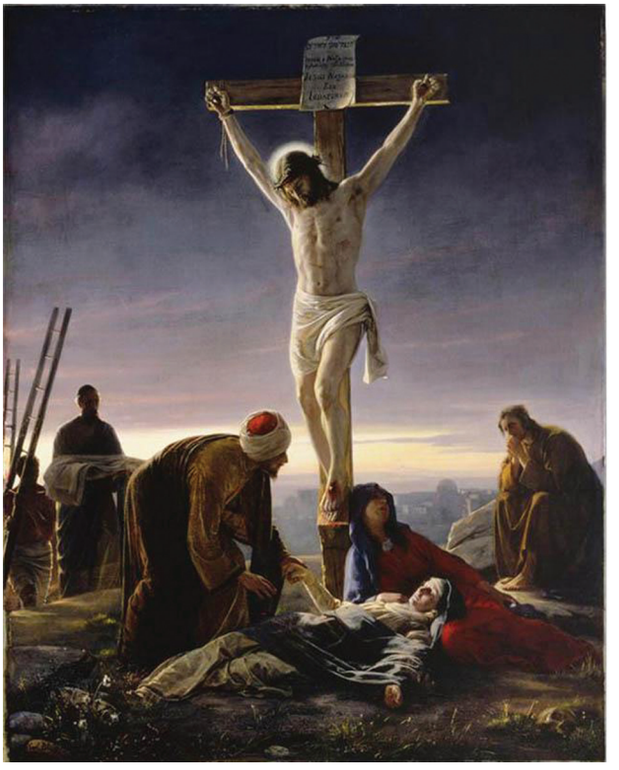
But he was found innocent.

JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED

Jesus was innocent but the angry enemies were so angry that they shouted for his death. They wanted Jesus to be crucified. Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor said that crucifying will be too harsh as a decision for his mistakes so he said the Jews to take charge. The **Jews nailed Jesus** in the cross until he died. He was only thirty three years old at that time.

Inspite of cruel treatment Jesus asked God to forgive them as they do not know what they are doing. His friends and family took his body down the cross and wrapped in a white cloth and laid it near the tomb. After two days his body was not found then next Jesus appeared in front of them and told them that he had been raised by God, and has been taken up to heaven to live with them.

Preaching Jesus Christ



Jesus Christ Crucified

THINGS TO RECALL

- BCE or CE Before Common Era or Common Era after or before dates or common Era
- Jesus Christ was born in Palestine on the Mediterranean Coast at Bethlehem.
- At the age of thirty Jesus left Nazareth and started travelling and taught humanity to all
- The jewish priest did not like Jesus teachings and crucified him at the age of thirty-three only
- After two days his body was not found but he appeared in front of his disciples

NEW WORDS

Tradition	:	Custom or Belief
Carpenter	:	A person who makes things with wood
Saviour	:	A person who saves someone
Priest	:	A member of Christian Church
Heaven	:	A place where God lives
Innocent	:	A crime which is not done

EXERCISES

A. Answer the following Questions:

1. What do the letters CE and BCE mean?
2. What were the teachings of Jesus?
3. What did Pontius Pilate say about the crucifying?
4. What was the name of the father and mother of Jesus?
5. Why was Jesus disliked by the Jews?

B. True or False:

1. Jesus' father was a doctor.
2. All Jews looked upon Christ as their Saviour.
3. The things Jesus taught were liked by everybody.
4. Jesus attacked many old customs of the Jews.

C. Match the Columns:

A	B
1. The Bible	Nazareth
2. Christmas	Holy book of Christians
3. Jesus left home	25th December
4. Place Jesus grew	At age of 30

D. Name the following:

1. The followers of Christianity.
2. Jesus' mother.

3. The founder of Christianity.
4. The disciple of Jesus who plotted with Romans to kill Jesus.

E. Fill in the Blanks:-

1. Julius Caesar was born in _____.
2. Jesus Christ was born in _____ on the _____ coast.
3. His father was a carpenter named _____.
4. Jesus Christ was called the _____.
5. _____ and _____ were the two well – known disciples of Jesus.

F. Picture Study:

Identify the following pictures.

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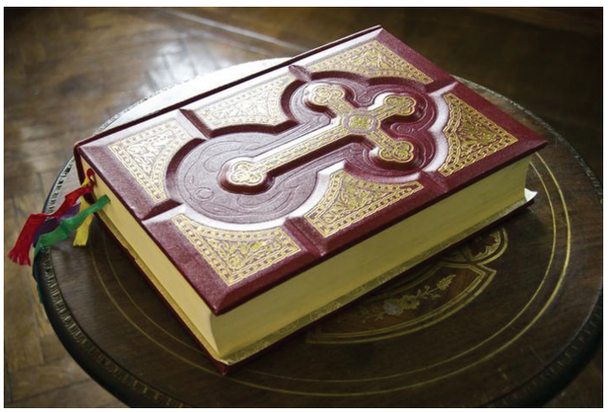

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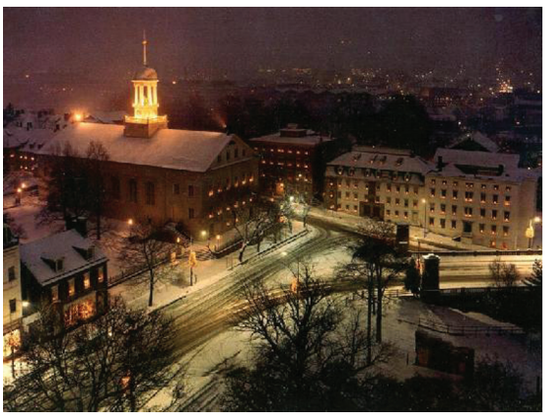

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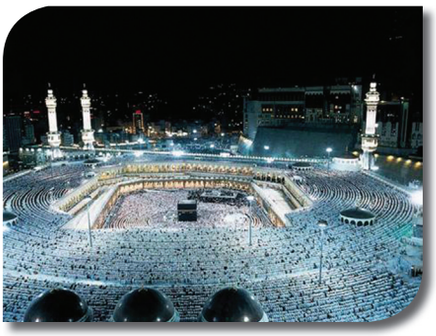
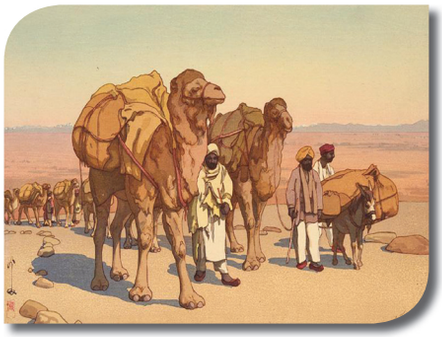

In this chapter, we shall learn:

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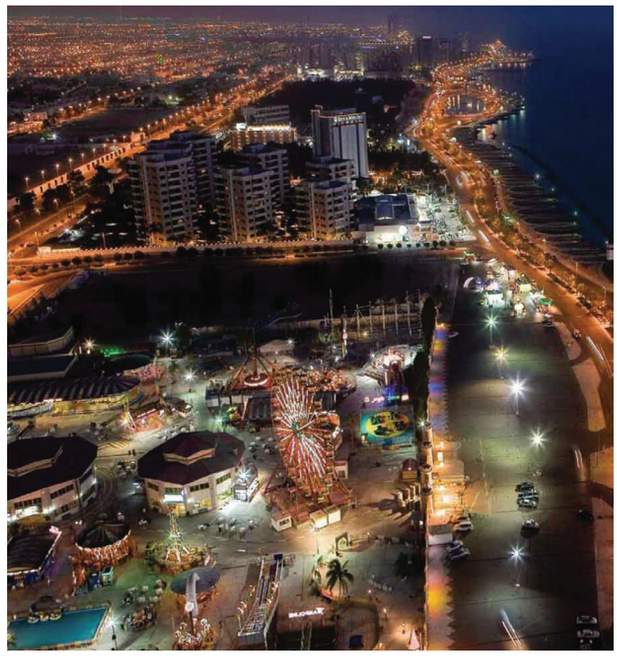
- Prophet Muhammad
- The Arabs
- Principles Of Islam
- Madina's Journey

INTRODUCTION

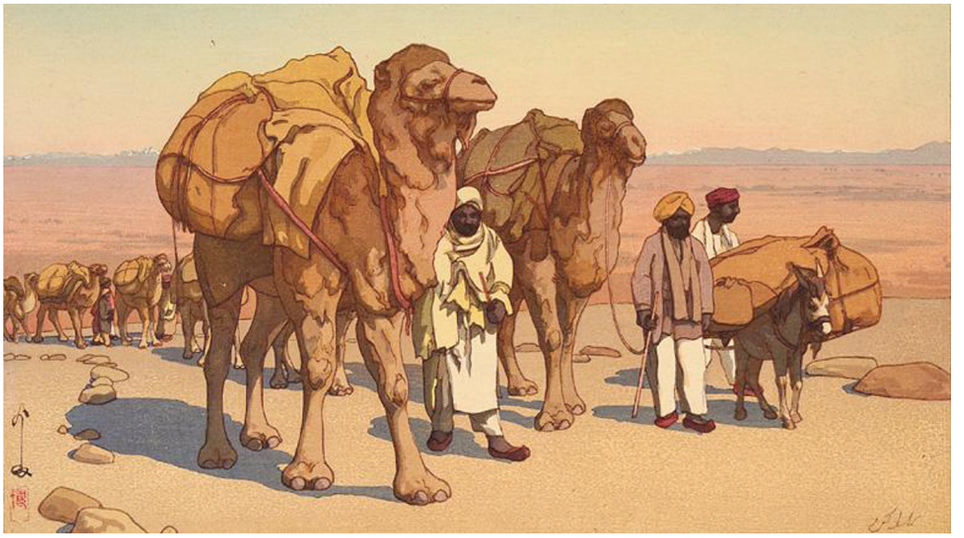
In 7th Century the religion Islam was seen all over the world. The religion Islam means '***to submit***'. The followers of



Islam are called **Muslims** which means '***one who submits to the will of God***'. This religion Islam arose in Arabia. The founder of this religion is Prophet Muhammad.

PROPHET MUHAMMAD

Prophet was born in Makkah in 570 CE which means **570 Common Era** as we have read before. His parents died when he was very young and he was brought up by his uncle who was a trader. Muhammad helped his uncle in his work. Makkah was a busy trading city with many Camel caravans passing through, carrying precious goods.



Camel Caravans

Muhammad had to travel far and wide with the caravans, carrying goods to distant lands. He worked so hard and lastly became very rich and prosperous. The Arabs at that time were divided into a number of groups who always fought with one another.

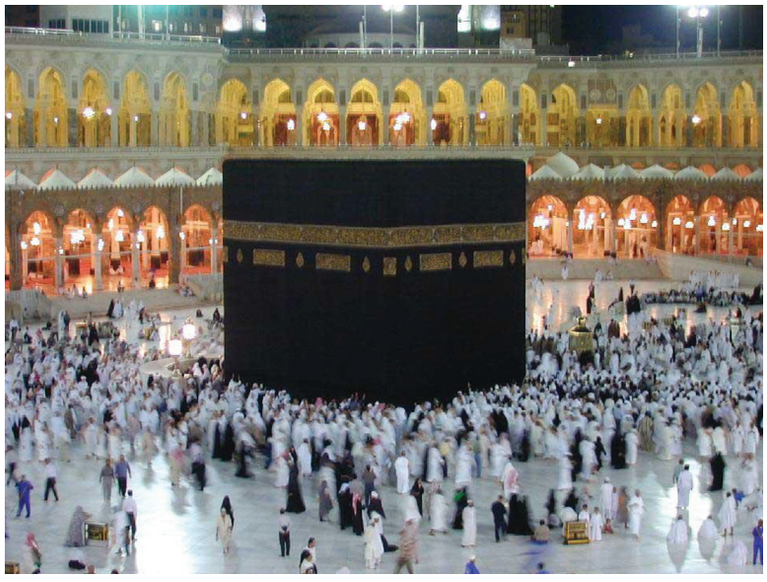
THE ARABS

The Arab tribes were poor and their life was very difficult. They also worshipped a **Black stone** kept in shrine called the Kaabah in town of Makkah. Pilgrims went to the Kaaba to touch the Black stone, believing that God would forgive all their sins.

Did You Know?
Allah is an Arabic word for "God who has created everything".

The Arabs

Muhammad while praying to Allah in the cave of mountains at the age of 40, was into deep meditation about how people are wrongly fulfilling their desire. One night, Muhammad was praying, **Angel Gabriel** appeared before him. He told Muhammad that he has to be the ***Messenger of God*** and he should spread the message of *Allah* throughout the world. This event changed Muhammad's life completely.



Kaabah

PRINCIPLES OF ISLAM

- There is only one God, ***Allah***, and Muhammad is his Prophet. There is life after death (***Faith***)
- Muslims must turn towards Makkah and pray five times a day. (***Prayer***)
- Muslims must fast from morning till evening during the holy month of ***Ramzaan*** every year. (***Fasting***)
- Muslims should help the needy and give part of their ***wealth*** to the poor. (***Alms giving or Zakath***)
- Muslims must make ***pilgrimage to Makkah*** at least once during their lifetime. That is ***Hajj***. (***Pilgrimage***)

Did You Know?

The place where Muslims pray five times a day is called "Mosque".

MEDINA'S JOURNEY

The common people began to accept Muhammad's teachings and many became his followers. But some of the rich merchants were jealous of him and angry at his teachings as it was against their dishonest practices. They planned to kill him, but Muhammad and his close friend Abu Bakr migrated to Medina in 622 CE. This journey from Makkah to

Medina

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