

I should already know:

All will know: The life of Jesus (Y8 topic)
 Some will know: The life of Muhammad and Islam

I will learn:

- What pre-Islamic Arabia was like
- What prophethood is
- All about Adam, Ibrahim, Musa and Isa
- The life of Muhammad
- The last sermon of Muhammad

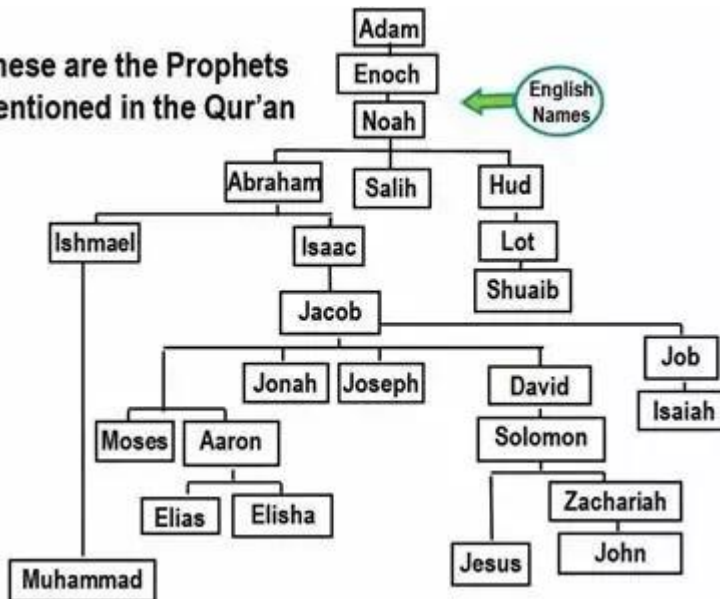
This will help in the future:

In Y10 when you study Christian and Muslim theology.

Key Words

Prophethood / Risalah	When Allah makes someone a prophet to communicate his message
Polytheism	Believing in many gods
Peninsula	Land that is surrounded by water on three sides
Desert Nomad	Desert travellers. They followed the stars to cross featureless deserts and moved from oasis to oasis.
Tribe	Desert travellers. They followed the stars to cross featureless deserts and moved from oasis to oasis.
Seal of the prophets	Prophet Muhammad is known as this as he is the last prophet, he had the final revelation of the word of Allah and this can not be altered.

These are the Prophets mentioned in the Qur'an



Greater Depth Challenge

“The last sermon of prophet Muhammad is more important than any teaching of any prophet ”

Evaluate this statement giving reasons for and against

Further Reading

The Quran online

Summarise your learning

	Explanation
Pre-Islamic Arabia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Most people in Arabia at this time lived in tribes. Some of these people were followers of Judaism and Christianity, but many tribes were polytheistic. •The gods they worshipped were often linked to nature and aspects of the environment that played an essential part in people’s survival, such as the sun. •Small population due to harsh terrain •There were many nomads. •Society was structured into clans – these are like extended families •Tribes were constantly fighting each other. There was no system of law and order. •In Islam this was known as the age of Jahiliyah (time of ignorance).
Prophethood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Muslims believe that God has chosen many prophets to bring the message of Islam to people. •This belief in the prophets and their importance is known as Risalah. •Prophethood is when someone is made a prophet – it is a gift given by God to help humankind understand his message. •Muslims believe that the prophets are important role models to follow, as they were good people who lived according to God’s will, which is why they were chosen as prophets. •They also believe it is important to listen to the words of the prophets because they are providing important instructions about how God wants people to live. Following these instructions will help people to please God and go to heaven
Life of Muhammad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) was born in 570ce in a city called Makkah. •As he grew up he became a camel driver and then as a trader. He soon became well known for his honesty and earned the nickname ‘Al-Amin’ - the Trustworthy One. •Although Mohammed was successful and had a very happy married life, he was very troubled because the rich people of Makkah did not seem to care about the suffering of the poor. •One night, Muhammad was meditating in a cave on Mount Hira, when he had a strange experience. He heard an angel come to him. saying “Read! Muhammad said that he could not read. But the angel told him again and again, and showed him what to read. Muhammad found that he was able to read it aloud. He stood up and walked out of the cave. He heard the angel’s voice saying “Muhammad! You are Allah’s messenger!”.
The Last sermon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •When Muhammad thought he was about to die he gave a final sermon about how Muslims should live their lives. •The final part of the speech established the religion of Islam; <i>“O people, no prophet or messenger will come after me and no new faith will emerge. All those who listen to me shall pass on my words to others, and those to others again. He then faced the heavens and asked, “Have I conveyed the message of Allah to you, O people?” The audience answered in one voice, “Yes, you have; Allah is the witness.” As the prophet finished the following revelation came to him: “Today I have perfected your religion for you, completed my favour upon you and have chosen for you Islam as the way of life.”</i>

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Noah (peace be upon him) said [Quran 7:59],

*“O my people! Worship Allah!
You have no other gods besides Him.”*

Abraham (peace be upon him) said [Quran 21:66],

*“Do you worship besides Allah, things that can neither
bring you benefit nor cause you harm?”*

Moses (peace be upon him) said [Quran 7:140],

*“What! Shall I seek for you a god other than Allah even
though He has made you excel (all) created things?”*

Jesus (peace be upon him) said [Quran 3:51],

*“Indeed Allah is my Lord and your Lord:
so worship Him (alone): this is the Straight Way.”*

Muhammad (peace be upon him) said [Quran 18:110],

*“It has been revealed to me that your God is One God.
So whoever expects to meet his Lord then let him do good deeds
and associate none as a partner in the worship of his Lord.”*

This message was consistent throughout the generations, and highlights the importance of having the correct belief in God.

- The Quran is the spoken word of Allah, and is free of any corruption, errors or contradictions. It is a book of **“guidance for mankind... and the distinction (between right and wrong).”**
Quran 2:185
- The Sunnah is a collection of the sayings and actions of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), as recorded by his companions and their students. The fact that there are thousands of these recorded and rigorously authenticated makes it very easy for anyone to follow Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) correctly.

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