

Year 1, Lesson 3 – Story

Introduction to the birth of the Báb

Long, long ago, when there were no cars or aeroplanes or television and people in one country did not know about people living in other lands, God sent His Messengers to the world.

One Messenger of God was born in India and He was called Krishna. Krishna told the people how to live good and happy lives and find peace within themselves. He also gave them a Promise from God – that in the future a great and glorious Day would come. And the people did not forget this Promise but told their children, who told their children, who told *their* children, so that although hundreds of years passed by the people still remembered.

In the land of Palestine God sent another Messenger, Who was called Jesus. Jesus told the people that they must love and forgive each other. He also said that He could tell them many more things but they would not be able to understand them now and in the future a wonderful One from God would explain everything to them. The people listened to what Jesus said and did not forget that Promise.

In another land called Arabia, Muhammad was born. God sent Him to tell the people an important message how a whole country could live together without fighting and how we must always be fair to each other. Muhammad too gave that same Promise from God, that something especially wonderful would happen one day, and He told of two Great Ones Who were to come.

There were other Messengers of God Who came to other parts of the world and they all gave the same Promise.

Now everyone knew about the Promise and was waiting to see what would happen. Then one day about a hundred and eighty years ago, some of them became very excited because they felt that the long-awaited Day was very, very near.

Strange things began to happen. One day countless meteors began shooting across the sky looking just like brightly-coloured snowflakes. Some people were frightened, but others knew it was a sign from God. Men began to discover things they had never understood before – like how to send messages through the air from one town to another.

In America some people sold their houses and went up on top of a high hill because they thought the Great One promised by God would come down out of the sky.

In Germany people left their homes and sailed to Haifa because they knew that that was where they would find the Promised One.

In Persia many people began to search, travelling throughout the land asking questions and praying to God to guide them.

Next week we will hear the result of their search.