

Hajj Before Islam



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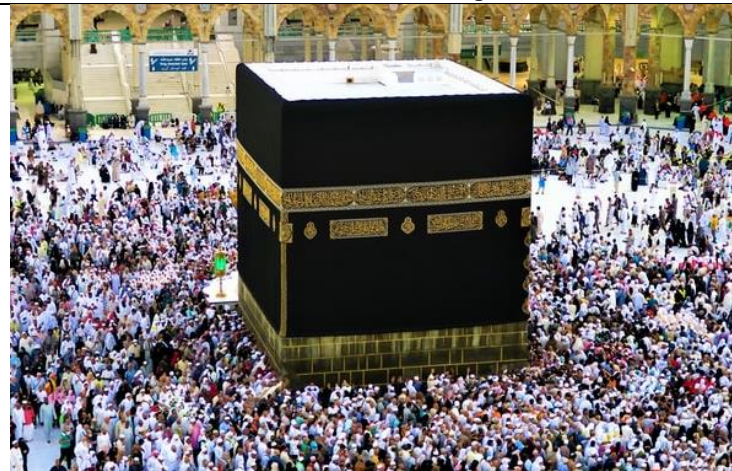


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'Feast of sacrifice'

Muslims remember Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son Ismail on God's command. He showed perfect obedience to God

Jibril revealed a black stone to Ibrahim. Ibrahim asked his son Ismail to lay the stone as a sign of devotion to God. This is the black stone of the Ka'ba.

As she ran between the stones of Safa and Marwa, Hajar noticed Ismail poking at the ground. This was the spot where the angel Jibril's wing had touched. There the spring of Zam Zam appeared and saved them.

Ibrahim's wife and son, Hajar and Ismail, were alone in the desert. Desperate for water, Hajar ran seven times between the stones of Safa and Marwa.