

# THE ORIGIN OF THE ZAMZAM WELL

PART I

Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام brought his wife Hajar and their son Ismail, who was still suckling, and left them at the site of present day Makkah. They sat under a lone tree at the place of Zamzam, then an uninhabited and waterless place.

Ibrahim عليه السلام left a bag of dates and a goatskin of water with them and turned to walk away. Hajar asked, "O Ibrahim, why are you leaving us in this barren valley? Has Allah commanded you to do so?" He answered, "Yes." Thereupon Hajar said, "Allah will not let us perish."

Ibrahim عليه السلام left and when he reached a point when he no longer could see them, he supplicated, "O Lord, I have left my family in a barren valley by Your Sacred House, in order that they may establish regular prayer; so fill the hearts of some among men with love for them and feed them with fruits so they may give thanks."  
[Qur'an: Ibrahim: 37]

The effect of his supplication is obvious in the Arabian Peninsula till today!

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