CHAPTER FOUR

PROPHET MUHAMMAD (Sallallahu 'alayhi wa Sallam) IS THE FINAL AND GREATEST PROPHET

1. He is the Final Prophet (Sallallahu 'alayhi wa Sallam)

مَّا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَآ أَحَدٍ مِّن رَّجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِن رَّسُولَ ٱللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ ٱلنَّبِيِّينَ وَكَانَ ٱللَّهُ بِكُلّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمًا ٢ محمد تمہارے مردوں میں کسی کے باپنہیں باں اللہ کے رسول میں اور سب نبیوں میں پچھلے اور الله سب کچھ جانتا ہے

Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but he is the (Prophetic) Messenger of Allah and the Last of the Prophets; and Allah is All-Knower of all things. (33:40)

2. Mentioned first among the greatest Prophets ('Alayhimussalam)

إِنَّا أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ كَمَا أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ نُوحٍ وَٱلنَّبِيِّنَ مِنْ بَعَدِهِ خَوَاً وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ إِبْرَٰهِيمَ وَإِسْمَعِيلَ وَإِسْحَقَ وَيَعَقُوبَ وَٱلْأَسْبَاطِ وَعِيسَىٰ وَأَيُّوبَ وَيُونُسَ وَهَرُونَ وَسُلَيْمَنَ أَوَءَاتَيْنَا دَاوُدَ زَبُورًا ٢

Surely, We have sent the revelation to you (O beloved Prophet) as We sent the revelation to Nuh, and the Prophets after him, and We sent the revelation to Ibrahim and Ismail and

Ishaq and Ya'qub and his descendants, and 'Isa and Ayyub and Yunus and Harun and Sulayman, and We gave Dawud the Psalms. (4:163)

And (remember) when We took from the Prophets their Covenant, and from you (O beloved Prophet) and from Nuh and Ibrahim and Musa and 'Isa son of Maryam, and We took from them a firm Covenant. (33:7)

3. A Prophet whom Allah inspired with proven prophecies

Alif Lam Mim.

The Romans have been defeated,

In the nearby land but after their defeat, they shall be victorious,

Within a few years. Allah's is the Command in the former case and in the latter. And on that day the Muslim believers will rejoice,

With the help of Allah. He helps whom He wills, and He is the Mighty, the Merciful. (It is) the Promise of Allah. Allah fails not His Promise, but most of mankind know not. (30:1-6)

إِنَّا فَتَحْنَا لَكَ فَتَحَا مُّبِينًا ٢

Undoubtedly, We have given you (O beloved Prophet) a clear victory. (48:1)

Certainly, Allah has proved true the vision of His (Prophetic) Messenger in all truth. You shall indeed enter the Sacred Masjid (in Makkah), if Allah wishes, secure, (having your) heads shaved or hair cut short (for the Hajj Pilgrimage), not fearing. But He knew what you did not know, and He has granted you besides that, a victory near at hand. (48:27)

And (He will give you) another (blessing) which you love: help from Allah and a victory near at hand, so (O beloved Prophet) give glad tidings to the Muslim believers. (61:13)

4. Given the knowledge of the Unseen

Allah will not leave the believers in the condition in which you are now till He separates the bad from the good, nor will Allah let you (common folk) know the Unseen. But Allah chooses of His (Prophetic) Messengers whom He wishes, (to receive the knowledge of the Unseen). So believe in Allah and His (Prophetic) Messengers, and if you believe and ward off (evil), then yours will be a great reward. (3:179)

5. Nabi Ibrahim ('Alayhissalam) prayed for his coming

Our Lord! And raise up in their midst a (Prophetic) Messenger from among them who shall recite to them Your Verses, and shall teach them the Book (the Qur'an), and the Wisdom and shall purify them. Surely, You are the Mighty, the Wise. (2:129)

6. Foretold by Nabi 'Isa (Jesus) ('Alayhissalam)

وَإِذْ قَالَ عِيسَى ٱبْنُ مَرْيَمَ يَـٰبَنِى إِسْرَءِيلَ إِنِّى رَسُولُ ٱللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمرِ مُّصَدِّقًا لِّمَا بَيْنَ يَدَىَّ مِنَ ٱلتَّوْرَنَةِ وَمُبَشِّرُا بِرَسُولِ يَأْتِى مِنْ بَعْدِى ٱسْمُهُ ٓ أَحْمَدُ فَلَمَّا جَآءَهُم بِٱلْبَيِّنَتِ قَالُواْ هَـٰذَا سِحْرٌ مُّبِينُ ٢

And (remember) when 'Isa son of Maryam said: "O children of Israel! Indeed, I am the (Prophetic) Messenger of Allah to you, confirming that which was (revealed) before me in the Tawrat, and bringing good news of a (Prophetic) Messenger who comes after me, whose name is **the Praised One**". Yet when he has come to them with clear proofs, they say: "this is clear magic". (61:6)

7. Allah asks all the Prophets to believe in him

And (remember) when Allah took from the Prophets their Covenant, (He said): "Now that I have given you (a share) of Scripture and Wisdom. Then comes to you a

(Prophetic) Messenger, confirming that which is with you. You must believe in him and you must help him". He (Allah) said: "Do you agree, and will you take up My Covenant (as binding upon you) in this (matter)"? They said: "We agree". He said: "Then bear you witness, and I am with you among the witnesses". (3:81)

8. Allah appointed him to confirm the previous (Prophetic) Messengers of Allah and the previous Scriptures

Rather, he (the Prophet) has come with the Truth, and he has confirmed the (Prophetic) Messengers (of Allah) (who came before him). (37:37)

And before this (the Qur'an), there was the Book of Musa (the Torah) as a guide and a mercy and this is a Book (the Qur'an) confirming (it) in the Arabic language that it may warn those who do wrong and as good news to the doers of good. (46:12)