

Ibrahim and Namrûd

Namrûd was a king during the time of Ibrahim (peace be upon him). When people did not have enough food to eat at home, they would go to him because he had more than enough to provide for the people. Ibrahim was one of the people who went to him for food.

Namrûd the king was an arrogant man. And just like Pharaoh, he claimed that he was god! Allah tells us the story of how he argued with Ibrahim, the friend of Allah. Ibrahim said to him, "My Lord is He Who gives life and causes death." The king told Ibrahim, "I give life and cause death!" If a prisoner were bought to him, he could decide whether to forgive him or give the order for his execution.

Ibrahim then used an even better argument, which the king did not have a response to: Allah makes the sun rise from the east; why don't you make it rise from the west? The king was dumbfounded. He sent Ibrahim away, without any food.

What would Ibrahim do now? He did not want his family to be sad that he had not bought any food home. To distract them, he decided to fill his bags with sand. When he reached home, he was so tired that he fell asleep.

When Ibrahim woke, he was surprised to find that his wife, Sarah, had cooked food! "Where did you get this from?" he asked her.

Sarah answered, "With the food you bought with you."

Ibrahim knew it was a gift from Allah.

In the meantime, Allah sent an angel to the tyrant king, telling him to believe in Allah. Namrûd refused. The angel called him a second and a third time, giving him more chances, but each time, the king refused. The



angel then told him, “Gather your armies together and I will gather mine.”

What sort of army do you think the angel gathered to defeat this king? This king who had so much food that he could hand it out to whoever he wanted. This king who ruled the lands and called himself god. This king who claimed that he could give life and cause death.

Allah did not have to send huge elephants or rampaging dinosaurs to take down what must have been a colossal army. Allah sent an army of the tiniest of creatures.

He sent mosquitoes.

The army of mosquitoes was so great that the soldiers of Namrûd could not even see the sun. The mosquitoes devoured the army of Namrûd.



And how was the cruel king finally killed? The king was killed by a single mosquito. That mosquito crawled up in through the king’s nose. It caused the king so much pain that he continually banged his head into something until finally, he died.

And that is how Allah takes care of big bad guys, even with the tiniest of His creation.

