

## Muhammad in Makkah and Madinah

Key words and phrases	
<b>polytheism</b>	The belief in many gods.
<b>convert</b>	Someone who changes their religion or worldview.
<b>Hijrah</b>	Muhammad's emigration from Makkah to Madinah. The start of the Islamic calendar.
<b>Revelation</b>	The Muslim belief that revelations are the words or messages from God.
<b>Makkah/ Mecca</b>	The holiest city in the religion of Islam and the birthplace of Muhammad.

Significant events in Makkah which led to the emigration of prophet Muhammad and other Muslims from Makkah to Madinah:

1. Muhammad began preaching about Islam in public.
2. Some people who heard Muhammad preaching stopped believing in many gods and converted to Islam.
3. Wealthy merchants in Makkah opposed Muhammad and tried to stop him preaching.
4. Some converts were mistreated as others tried to force them to give up their beliefs.
5. Leaders from Madinah invited Muhammad and his followers to leave Makkah and move to Madinah.
6. Muhammad accepted the offer and moved in secret with groups of his followers to Madinah.
7. Muhammad and his friend Abu Bakr arrived in Madinah safely.

