

## A Brief Timeline

### The Life of Bahá'u'lláh

The highlighted area marks the time in which this story takes place.

#### 1817 November 12

Birth of Bahá'u'lláh in Tihrán, Iran

#### 1844

Recognizes the Báb as a new Messenger of God

#### 1852

Imprisonment in the "Black Pit" of Tihrán

#### 1853–1863

Exile in Baghdád, Iraq. From 1854–1856, He goes into the mountains to pray in solitude.

#### 1863 April 22

Declares Divine Mission as Prophet-Founder of the Bahá'í Faith

#### 1863–1868

Exile in Constantinople (Istanbul), then Adrianople (Edirne), Turkey. Begins writing letters to kings and rulers in 1867, urging world unity

#### 1868

Last exile, to prison-city of 'Akká, Israel

#### 1877

Finally free to live in countryside homes of Mazra'ih and then Bahjí, outside 'Akká

#### 1892 May 29

Bahá'u'lláh passes away at Bahjí.

# Bahá'u'lláh's Life: Mission of Peace Insisting on Justice

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If you had something precious stolen from you, what would you want done about it?

In 1863, while traveling from Baghdád to Constantinople (now Istanbul), Bahá'u'lláh met a mule driver whose mules had been stolen. Distraught, the man begged Bahá'u'lláh for assistance. The area swarmed with thieves, and it was rare to recover stolen property. But Bahá'u'lláh told the man that He would help him. Bahá'u'lláh met with village

officials, who said finding the mules would be nearly impossible, and they offered to pay for them. But Bahá'u'lláh said, "Those same mules must . . . be returned to their owner."

Seeing Bahá'u'lláh's insistence on justice, the officials finally sent out a search party. The mules were found and returned! It was a feat so rare in the area that everyone was astonished. Bahá'u'lláh rewarded those who helped find the animals with beautiful gifts.

Find 16 mules hidden in this mountain village in Turkey.

KNOWN FOR THEIR ENDURANCE, MULES HAVE HELPED PEOPLE TRAVEL AND CARRY HEAVY LOADS FOR AT LEAST 3,000 YEARS!

