

wasn't much danger at first, they just thought of him as a silly young fellow at first, but as he went on and became more and more impassioned in it and got a few converts about him, they began to see that he was becoming a menace to the commercial life of the city with his attack upon their gods to which pilgrims came from different towns (end of record) ch 36

This city to the north was then called Yathrib but the name was changed to Madina and it is mostly known as Medina. Mecca is the city where Mohammed was brought up. Medina 250 miles to the north, which simply means the city is the city so called after that is the city to which he fled and when Mohammed fled from Mecca to Medina they called it the Hegira, the flight and that is a word you ought to remember; Hegira, the Hegira or the flight of Mohammed from Mecca to Medina forms the beginning of history according to Mohammedanism. All dates come from that year 622 A.D. and so all years are numbered from that year on 622 A.D. That is the year of the Hegira and that is the year from which all Mohammedan dates begin from the Hegira, the flight of Mohammed from Mecca to Medina. Now you might have thought should not a new era start when Mohammed began, when he was born? Should not it start when he began his preaching? Should it perhaps even started at his death, but no, the way they date is from the Hegira and from our viewpoint they could not have a better decision because the Hegira represents the change in Mohammed's policy, the change in his whole approach and as we look at his life, it is hard for us to keep from seeing much to praise in his life prior to the Hegira, and it is hard to keep from seeing much to condemn him after the Hegira. There is a unity in his life as a whole, but there is a tremendous change in his attitude. Then after trying and trying in his preaching to bringing his people of Mecca to give up their belief in many gods and turn to Alla and worship him when he failed in that and his life was sure to be lost if he stayed there any longer, he changed his method entirely and he gave up this idea of winning of winning people to worship the one true god and turned to the sword as a means of