

Lesson 4

The Word

رَجَب

Ponder
This

Is the name of the 7th Arabic calendar month رَجَب , مُنْصَرَفٍ or غَيْرُ مُنْصَرَفٍ ?

Answer

It is مُنْصَرَفٍ , so it is رَجَبٌ with *tanwiin*.

The famous Arabic dictionary الْمِصْبَاحُ الْمُنِيرُ has specifically mentioned that it is مُنْصَرَفٍ .

And there is no reason why it should not be so.

A Hadiith reported by al-Bukhaariyy says:

«وَمَا أَعْتَمَرَ (رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) فِي رَجَبٍ قَطُّ».

(رواه البخاريُّ في كتابِ العمرة : الباب الثالث).

The Prophet (Peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) never performed "umrah in the month of *Rajab*.

Here is an Arabic proverb with the word *Rajab* in it:

عَشْرُ رَجَبًا تَرَّ عَجَبًا.

Live till *Rajab*, and you will see strange things.

The meaning is

The longer you live the more strange things you will see.

- Here رَجَبًا is مَفْعُولٌ فِيهِ.
- The verb تَرَّ is مَجْزُومٌ because it is جَوَابٌ الطَّلَبِ.