

# AL-HUSSAIN'S MARTYRDOM

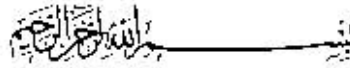
**The Martyrdom of Beloved Of The Beloved!**

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## Assalamun Alaikum WRWB

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Islam! The following stuff, I have taken from my upcoming book titled "**The Holy Family in Qur'an and the Prophetic Sunnah**" which soon is going to be published and even uploaded on the website. I hope the small piece of this information meet a bit to your need about the Martyrdom of and mourning over "al-Hussain Ibn Ali (RA)". Furthermore, I wish to inform you that this article has purely been written in the light of Holy al-Qur'aan, the Prophetic Sunnah (traditions) derived from our own Ahl ul-Sunnat Wa al-Jama'at's famous and trustworthy books and from the non-Islamic Holy Scriptures as well. Should you need anything more on this issue, feel free to ask me, and I will try my level best to answer. Since this article is not a copyright protected one, hence you are kindly urged to forward it verbatim to as many as you can. Moreover, I cordially welcome and look forward to your kind suggestions and/or comments so that I may further improve myself; therefore, if you wish so, you could send me an Email at the following Email Address:

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## Ch.1: The Prophecies about al-Hussain's Martyrdom

The first two Prophecies, I have derived from "The Book of Enoch" and "The Old Testament":

11. And **He will deliver** them to the angels for punishment, To execute **vengeance** on them because they have **oppressed His children and His elect**.12. And they shall be a spectacle for the righteous and for His elect: They shall rejoice over them, Because the wrath of the Lord of Spirits resteth upon them, And **His sword is drunk with their blood**.

- ❖ The Book of Enoch (Prophet Idrees A.S.), P.82, Ch.LXII, V. Nos 11-12

For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the **sword** shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made **drunk** with their **blood**: for the Lord GOD of hosts hath a **sacrifice** in the north country by the river **Euphrates**.

- ❖ The Holy Bible (KJV), Old Testament, Jeremiah Chapter 46, 10

Hadhrat Jibraeel (AS) informed the Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS) that Hadhrat Hussain (RA) will be martyred near the river **Euphrates**.

❖ Musnad Imam Ahmed, V1, P.85

While commenting on the verses of Sura Saffat i.e **37:107-108**, under the footnote no. 4103, Allama Abdullah Yusuf Ali (RA) writes as: It was indeed great and momentous occasion, when two men, with concerted will, "ranged themselves in the ranks" of those to whom self-sacrifice in the service of God was the supreme thing in life. **This was a type of the service, which Imam Hussain performed, many years later in 61 A.H.**, as I have explained in a separate pamphlet.

❖ The Holy Qur'an by Abdullah Yusuf Ali, Footnote No. 4103, P.1206 in the Old editions only as in the new one, the merits of Hadrat Hasan and Hussain Ibn Ali (RAA) have been deleted.

Furthermore, Allama Iqbal (RA) composed some couplets, about this great sacrifice which is mentioned in the above verse, I am presenting below:

**Gharib-O-Sa'ada-o-rangie'n haiy dasta'an-e-Haram!  
Niha'ayat iski Hussain ibtida haiy Ismail!!**

Allama Iqbal (RA) says: while on one hand the story of the setting foundation is a simple and interesting, on the other, Hadrat Ishmael (AS) underwent great pains in its construction and laid the stone in it for the first time and Imam Hussain (RA) has actually completed its establishment finally. His Father Hadrat Abraham (AS) offered for his sacrifice life but this sacrifice did not achieve perfection since the Holy Lord replaced him by a Ram to ransom as it's mentioned in the Holy al-Qura'an (*And We ransomed him with a momentous sacrifice, And We left (this blessing) for him among generations (to come) in later times, Sura Saffat 37:107-108*) and postponed it for the later times to be performed by the One, in his generations to come. Therefore, this Zibh-E-Azim the Great Sacrifice was completed later by one of his direct descendant i.e. al-Hussain (RA).

**Allah! Allah! Ba'ey Bismillah pidar!  
Ma'niye Zibh-E-Azim a'amad pisar!!**

Allama Iqbal (RA) further adds: What a meritorious and grand excellence of the father (Ali) is! That he is letter "Ba" of Bismillah and the meaning of the Zibh-e-Azim (Great sacrifice) is the son i.e. Hussain! Who being a direct descendent of the the Prophet Ishmael (AS) many generations later performed to achieve its perfection, left by his forefather Ishmael (AS).

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## **In the light of the Sunnah of the Holy Messenger Muhammad (SAWS)**

In addition to the above, I am presenting below few Prophetic traditions, recorded in major books of Ahadith (traditions):

It is reported on the authority of Hadrat Anas Bin al-Harith (RA) that the Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS) said: **Verily! This Son of mine that is Hussain will be martyred on the earth of Karbala , Iraq , and the one, who took steps for his cause from amongst you, surely helped him.** Therefore, the narrator himself i.e. Hadrat Anas Bin al-Harith (RA) was martyred with Hadrat Hussain Bin Ali (RAA).

- 1) Usdul Ghabah by Ibn al-Athir, V1, P.132
- 2) Al-Bidaya WA al-Nihaya by Ibn al-Kathir, V9, P.199
- 3) Zakhair ul-Uqba by Muhib al-Tabari, P.250
- 4) Seera by al-Mullah as quoted in Zakhair ul-Uqba.

Hadrat Jibraeel (AS) was with the Holy Prophet (SAWS) and al-Hussain (RA), with me while he (RA) wept, I left him and he approached the Holy Prophet (SAWS). Hadrat Gabriel (AS) said: Do you love him O Muhammad? "Yes" replied the Holy Prophet (SAWS). Hadrat Jibraeel responded: **Verily! Your followers will assassinate him** and if you wish, I can show you the dust of the earth, where it will take place and he showed him (SAWS) that, and that **earth is called "Karbela"**.

- 1) Fadhail ul-Sahaba by Imam Ahmed, V2, P.982, H.No.1391 (the narrators are trustworthy as written under the Hadith)
- 2) Muajjam al-Kabir by al-Tabarani, V3, P.114-115
- 3) Majma al-Zawaid by al-Haythemi, V9, P.189 (the narrators are trustworthy as comments Imam al-Haythemi)

Reported by Imam al-Hakim al-Nisapouri, Ibn Asakir and many others that the Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS) used to **weep over "al-Hussain (RA)"** :

Ummul Fazl the daughter of Harith (RA) came to the Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS) and said:

"O Messenger of Allah (SAWS), I had a dream in which I saw that a piece of your flesh flew off and fell into my lap. The Messenger of Allah (SAWS) interpreted to her, "You have dreamt something good, by the will of Allah, Fatima will give birth to a child and you will be present in the house."

Later Fatima (RA) gave birth to Hussain (RA) and Ummul Fazl (RA) was present, as the Prophet (SAWS) had predicted. She placed al-Hussain (RA) on the lap of the Holy Prophet (SAWS), She said:

"Thus when **I saw the Messenger of Allah (SAWS) and his eyes brimmed with tears.** I asked, 'O Messenger of Allah! May my parent be sacrificed for you, why are you weeping?'

He (SAWS) replied, 'Gabriel came to me and informed me that my people'd soon murder this son of mine.'

I asked, pointing at al-Hussain (RA) 'This son?' Thereupon replied He (SAWS) 'Yes', 'And he gave me the red dust of his grave.'

Imam al-Hakim says that the narrators are trustworthy and this tradition is authentic according to the criteria set by two Hadith Sheikhs i.e. al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim (RAA).

- 1) Al-Mustadarak Ala Sahihain by al-Hakim, V3, P.176
- 2) Tareekh al-Medina al-Damishque by Ibne Asakir
- 3) Majma ul-Zawaid by Imam al-Haythemi, 9:17
- 4) Muajjam al-Kabir by al-Tabarani and many others.

Reported by the traditionalists on the authority of Umm ul-Momineen Hadrat Umm Salma (RA) that the Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS) said: **Hussain will be assassinated by being his head chopped off upon the completion of sixty years from my migration.**

- ❖ Tareekh al-Medina al-Damishque, V14, P.198

## **Ch.2: Aftermath of al-Hussain's Martyrdom**

Some more reports as recorded in the major books of Ahadith, those demonstrate the agony of the Holy Messenger Muhammad (SAWS), after his departure from this mortal World:

Reported by so many noted-traditionalists and the historians on the authority of Hadrat Abdullah Ibn Abbas (RA) that he narrated:

I saw the Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS) in the middle of morning, with disheveled and dust-covered hair. There was a flask in his hand, filled with the blood; so I asked him (SAWS): May my father and mother be sacrifice upon you, O Messenger of Allah! What is this you have? Thereupon replied He (SAWS): This is the blood of al-Hussain and his companions, not yet bled and from today it shall, out of their bodies to be cut into pieces and today I was calculating that. Following that, the massacre took place on the very same day.

- 1) Musnad Imam Ahmed, V1, P.283
- 2) Fadhail ul-Sahaba by Imam Ahmed, V2, P.981, H.No.1389 and P.985, H.No.1396 (the narrators are authentic as written under the hadith)
- 3) Muajjam al-Kabir by al-Tabarani, V3, P.116, H.No.2822
- 4) Tareekh al-Medina al-Damishque by Ibn Asakir
- 5) Tareekh ul-Islam by Hafiz al-Dhahabi, history of 61-80 Hijri, P.17

Reported by many distinguished traditionalists on the authority of Ammar that he heard Umm ul-Momineen Hadrat Umm Salma (RA) say: I heard Jinnat wail over Hussain. He further added that Hadrat Umm Salma (RA) said: I heard Jinns lament over Hussain (RA).

- 1) Fadhail ul-Sahaba by Imam Ahmed, V2, P.973, H.No.1373
- 2) Muajjam al-Kabir by al-Tabarani, V3, P.130-131, H.No.2867
- 3) Majma al-Zawaid by Ibn Hajar al-Haythemi, V9, P.199 (Allama Imam al-Haythemi says that all the narrators in this hadith are trustworthy and hadith is authentic)
- 4) Tareekh ul-Islam by Hafiz al-Dhahabi, history of 61-80 Hijri, P.17

Hadrat al-Madaini narrated, from Ali Bin Mudrak on the authority of Hadrat al-Aswad Bin Qais (RA) that he said: The sky turned red after the martyrdom of al-Hussain (RA), remained so for six months and the bloodlike stuff was seen in that. He narrated this together and inquired me as to who I was to al-Aswad. I replied: He was my grandfather, father of my father. He said: I swear upon the Allah that indeed he was a trustworthy hadith- narrator.

Reported by Hisham Bin Hassan that Hadrat Ibn Seereen (RA) asked: Do you know since when this horizon is red? That is from the day of al-Hussain's assassination onward, he added.

- ❖ Tareekh ul-Islam by Hafiz al-Dhahabi, history of 61-80 Hijri, P.15

Narrated by Abu Shaiba al-Absi Bin al-Harith al-Kundi that: When al-Hussain (RA) was assassinated, we resided there for seven days. When we prayed the "Asr" prayer, we viewed the Sun across the two walls; it seemed spoiled, like a covered safflower (a thistlelike yellow plant) and as closed as if it were in their surrounding. In addition, when we looked at the stars and the planets, we found some of them hit others.

- 1) Tareekh ul-Islam by Hafiz al-Dhahabi, history of 61-80 Hijri, P.15
- 2) Muajjam al-Kabir by al-Tabarani, V3, P.114, H.No.2839
- 3) Tahzib Tareekh Damishque, V4, P.342

Moreover, on the authority of Hadrat Saleem al-Qazi (RA), it has been reported that during the days of the martyrdom of al-Hussain (RA), it rained with blood.

- 1) Tafseer al-Kashaf WA al-Bayan, V8, P.353
- 2) Zakhair ul-Uqba by Muhib al-Tabari, P.145
- 3) Tafseer Ibn Kathir, V4, P.153
- 4) Tafseer Dhurr al-Manthoor by Imam al-Suyuti, V6, P.300
- 5) Al-Jirah WA al-Ta'adeel by al-Razhi, V4, P.216. H.No.941
- 6) Tareekh ul-Islam by Hafiz al-Dhahabi, history of 61-80 Hijri, P.16
- 7) Tahzib Tareekh Damishque, V4, P.342

Moreover, lamented Hadrat Zainab Bint Fatima Bint Muhammad (SAWS) facing towards al-Medina addressing the Holy Messenger Muhammad (SAWS):

O Muhammada! The angels of heaven send salutations upon you! This is al-Hussain, lying under the open sky, drenched all in blood without shroud and grave, cut into pieces and your daughters have been taken captive. **Your progeny has been butchered** into

pieces over whom, the winds are blowing. She (RA) **lamented so painfully in agony** that it caused the eyes of all the friends and foes alike, to brim with tears.

- 1) Al-Kamil Fi al-Tareekh by Ibn Athir, V3, P.434
- 2) Tareekh al-Tabari, V4, P.205

Reported by al-Dailami (RA) on the authority of Hadrat Ali Ibn Abi Talib (RA) that he said: Verily! Mousa Bin Imran (AS) asked the Holy Allah (SWT): O Lord! My brother has died, please forgive him, thereupon revealed Allah to him: O Moses! "If you had asked me to forgive people of the beginning to the people of the ending, I would certainly have done so except the killer of Hussain Ibn Ali Bin Abi Talib". Verily, I will take vengeance for him.

Verily Mousa Bin Imran (AS) asked further his Lord Allah about the visiting the grave of al-Hussain Bin Ali and He (SWT) replied that seventy thousands angels would be appointed for this.

- ❖ Al-Firdaus Bi-Mathour by al-Dailami, V1, P.227, H.Nos.869-870

Reported by many traditionalists in their respective works about the angels, who'd wail over Hussain until the day of the final judgement:

**"70,000 angels descended to the grave of 'Hussain Ibn Ali' after his martyrdom and began wailing over Him (RA) and will continue to do so unto the Day of the final Judgment."**

- 1) Ghaniyat ul-Talibeen by Sheikh Abdul Qadir al-Jilaani (RA), P.430
- 2) Zakhair ul-Uqba by Muhib al-Tabari, P. 245

It is reported on the authority of Hadrat Abu Huraira (RA) that the Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS) said: **One, who loved them both i.e. Hasan and Hussain, has truly loved me and the one, who hated them both, has actually hated me.**

- 1) Sunan al-Kubra by Imam Nisa'i, V7, P.317, H.No.8112
- 2) Fadhail ul-Sahaba by Imam Nisa'ai, P.20, H.No.65
- 3) Fadhail ul-Sahaba by Imam Ahmed, V2, P.967, H.No.1359, P.975, H.No. 1376 and P.976, H.No.1378 (the narrators are trustworthy and hadith is authentic)
- 4) Mustadarak Ala Sahihain by al-Hakim, V3, P.166 and P.171 (narrators are trustworthy and hadith is authentic, as says Imam al-Hakim)
- 5) Talkhis al-Mustadarak by al-Dhahabi, V3, P.166 (Authenticated by al-Dhahabi)
- 6) Musnad Imam Ahmed, V2, P.288 and P.440
- 7) Majma al-Zawaid by Ibn Hajar al-Haythemi, V9, P.179 (the narrators are trustworthy as says Imam al-Haythemi)
- 8) Sahih Ibn Habban, V9, P. 57, H.No. 6928
- 9) Sunan Ibn Ma'aja, V1, P.51, H.No. 143 (the narrators are authentic)
- 10) Muajjam al-Kabir by al-Tabarani, V3, P.41

There is one Prophetic tradition as well about those, who would kill Hadrat Hussain (RA) as reported by many traditionalists that the Holy Messenger of Allah (SAWS) said: The killers of al-Hussain shall be in the coffins of the Hell, burning in torment equal to the half of the whole Hell dwellers.

❖ Manaqib by Ibn Maghazili al-Shafaie, V.120, H.No.95

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