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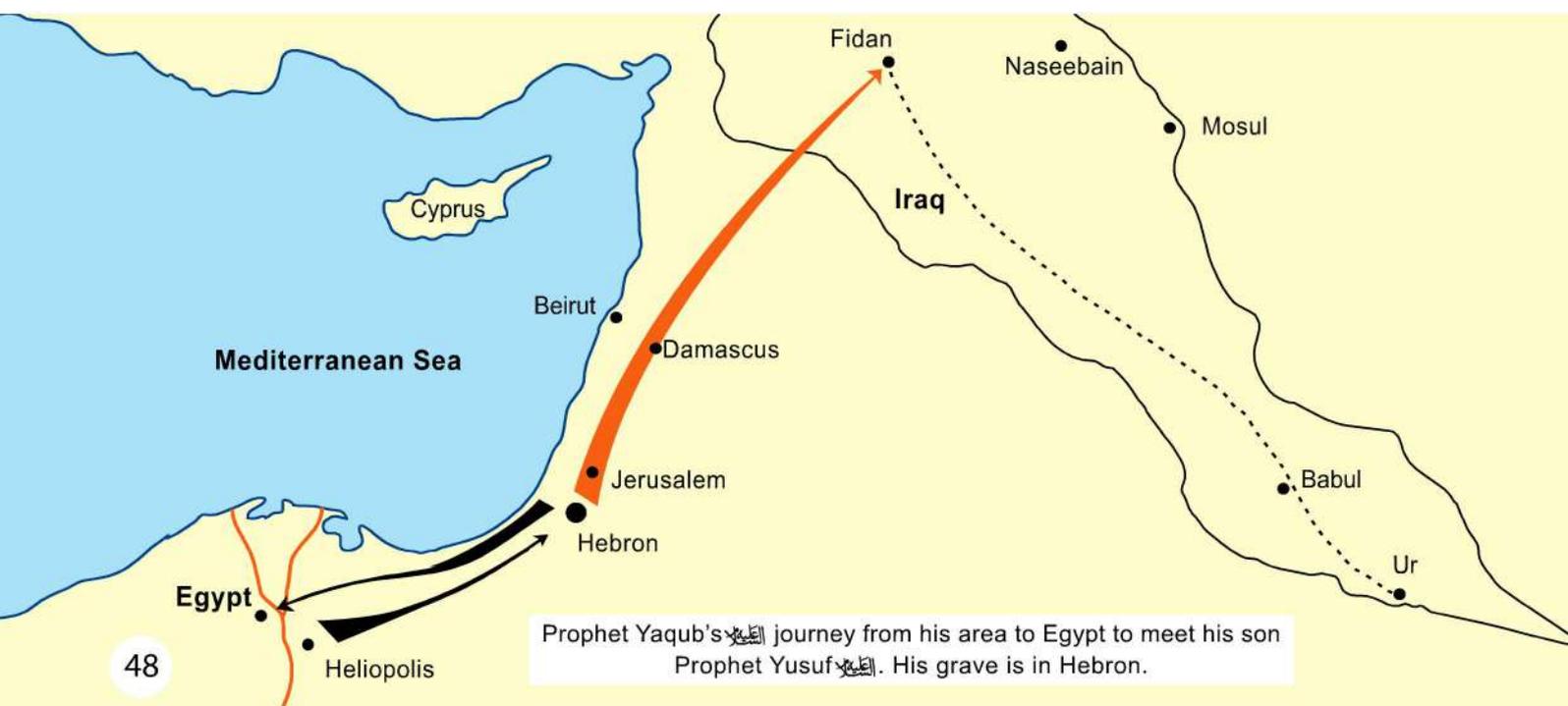
## Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام

**Objective:** To give a brief introduction to the Prophets عليهم السلام, their lives and their teachings.

Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام was the son of Prophet Ishaq عليه السلام and the grandson of Prophet Ibrahim عليه السلام, His mother's name was Rafqah. The Holy Quran says,

*“And We blessed him with Ishaq and Yaqub as gift, and each one of them We made righteous.” (Surah Al-Anbiya, Verse: 72)*

The title of Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام was Israeel. This word is from Hebrew and is formed by joining “Isra” (Abd) and “Eel”(Allah). So, in Arabic, Israel means “Abdullah”. He had a brother whose name was “Isu” and his title was “Adoom”. His descendants who were a very large tribe were known as Banu Adoom. Prophet Ishaq عليه السلام knew that his son, Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام, had been chosen by Allah the Almighty as His Messenger to guide people. Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام got more attention and care from the father, than his brother. Both the brothers used to look after their father, since he had lost his eyesight. Isu was a very good hunter, and would roast the meat of the animals and feed him. On one occasion Prophet Ishaq عليه السلام asked for some food and Isu went hunting. Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام made some food at home and set it in front of his father; Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام was very pleased and prayed for his welfare and prosperity.



When Isu returned from the hunt, he was upset that his brother had already cooked and served a delicious meal to their father. The Devil planted a suspicion in his mind that his brother had deprived him of the blessings which could have been his. He was annoyed with his brother, and when his rage began to increase, his mother sent Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام to her brother Laaban; she was hoping that if they stayed apart the relations would not sour further. His uncle took a promise from him that if he stayed for 10 years and tended his herds, he would get him married to his daughter. When Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام completed the period agreed upon, he was married to his uncle's daughter.

Then Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام received a revelation from Allah the Almighty to return to his parents. He returned home with his wife and children carrying lots of gifts for his brother and family. While still on the way, he heard that his brother Isu was marching with a huge army to wage war against him. Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام continued on his way, until finally he saw his brother. The army stopped on seeing Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام. His brother looked fierce, but Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام ran towards him and embraced him. At this Isu forgot all his anger, and realising, he had misunderstood him, burst into tears. Thus a big battle was over before it began.

### Do you know ?

Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام had become blind weeping for his son, Prophet Yusuf عليه السلام during his separation, his eyesight returned when he touched the robe of Prophet Yusuf عليه السلام to his eyes.

### The Children of Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام

Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام had 12 sons, but his favourite was Prophet Yusuf عليه السلام. The others resented this and were envious of the youngest step-brother. One day they persuaded their father to send Prophet Yusuf عليه السلام with them to the jungle. There they pushed him into a dry well and took his shirt, stained with the blood of an animal, to their father, saying that a wolf had eaten him up. Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام bore this terrible news patiently and said,

*“Nay, but your minds have made up a tale (that may pass) with you, (for me) patience is most fitting: Against that which ye assert, it is Allah (alone) Whose help can be sought.” (Surah Yusuf, Verse: 18)*

Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام used to cry continually remembering his lost son, so much so that he lost his eyesight. On the other hand, a trading caravan found Prophet Yusuf عليه السلام, took him out of the well and sold him in the slave market in Egypt. There the chief minister of the King Pharaoh bought him and took him home. Prophet Yusuf عليه السلام grew up into a handsome young man in his house, and finally became the King of Egypt. He now wanted his whole family to join him there, and they moved to Egypt. Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام was then 130 years old.



Is Allah the Almighty always displeased with every wealthy man?



Write down the name of the currency of the following Muslim countries.

- Pakistan
- Iran
- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Saudi Arabia
- Kuwait

### Exercise

- Q.1 Who was Qaroon and how did he become so rich?
- Q.2 What was Qaroon's response to the advice of Prophet Musa عليه السلام?
- Q.3 How did Qaroon react to the repeated advice of Prophet Musa عليه السلام? Answer with reference to Quranic verses.
- Q.4 What was the end of Qaroon? Refer to the Quranic verses with translation.

#### Fill in the blanks.

- 1. Qaroon was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Prophet Musa عليه السلام.
- 2. At first Qaroon had committed to memorise the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. Do \_\_\_\_\_ as Allah the Almighty has done \_\_\_\_\_.

**For Teachers:** The harm that is caused by miserliness and the inordinate love of wealth should be explained in great detail. Various incidents should be narrated to encourage the desire to help the needy.

# The Mothers of Believers رضي الله عنهن

**Objective:** A brief introduction to the chaste wives of the Holy Prophet ﷺ Muhammad ﷺ, their great stature and their services.

## Ayesha رضي الله عنها

Ayesha رضي الله عنها was the daughter of Caliph Abu Bakr Siddique رضي الله عنه. Her mother was Umm-e-Ruman. She was married to the Holy Prophet ﷺ Muhammad ﷺ in Makkah Mukarrama, but she joined him in Madinah Munawwara 3 years later, in 1 Hijri. In terms of knowledge she was superior to most Companions رضي الله عنهم. Imam Zahri رضي الله عنه says,

*“She was the most learned among the people; many of the great Companions رضي الله عنهم used to discuss religious matters with her and ask her questions.”*

During the Caliphates of Caliph Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه, Caliph Umer رضي الله عنه and Caliph Usman رضي الله عنه, she would even give *Fatwas* (deliver judicial judgements). She has also narrated some important Islamic and historical events. She was extremely pious, intelligent, exceedingly generous, had great self-respect and lived a simple frugal life. She never missed the *Chasht Prayer* (A Nafil Prayer). She fasted regularly, performed *Hajj* every year and freed 67 slaves in her life.

### Do you know ?

Ayesha رضي الله عنها is the only Mother of Believers who has narrated the most i.e. 2,210 Ahadith.

## Death

She passed away in 58 Hijri during the caliphate of Ameer Muawiya رضي الله عنه at the age of 67. She was buried in Jannat-ul-Baqi, in accordance with her will.

## Hafsa رضي الله عنها

She was the daughter of Caliph Umer رضي الله عنه. Her mother's name was Zainab Bint-e-Mazoon. She was born when the Holy Prophet ﷺ Muhammad ﷺ got his Prophethood. At first she was married to Khanees رضي الله عنه, and migrated with him to Madinah Munawwara. In the Battle of Badr her husband was wounded fatally and embraced martyrdom. After his death, in 3 Hijri, she married the Holy Prophet ﷺ Muhammad ﷺ.

### Do you know ?

When Caliph Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه told Zaid Bin Sabit رضي الله عنه to organise the Quran, it was Hafsa رضي الله عنها who supervised the first book form of the Holy Quran.



1. With the help of a dictionary write the meanings of the following words in Urdu and use in your sentences.

Pious - Martyrdom - Injured - Abstinent - Charity - Labour.

2. Kuniyat is a type of a name and it was used by the people of Arab. According to this people were recognized by their children or parent e.g.

| Kuniyat          | Meaning              |
|------------------|----------------------|
| ● Bint-e-Jahash  | ● Daughter of Jahash |
| ● Ibn-e-Batootah | ● Son of Batootah    |
| ● Umm-e-Salma    | ● Mother of Salma    |
| ● Abu Bakr       | ● Father of Bakr     |

Now make the Kuniyat from the given hints.

1. Son of Mariam
2. Daughter of Bahadurshah
3. Mother of Habiba
4. Father of Qasim
5. Son of Haris
6. Daughter of Muhammad
7. Mother of Kulsoum
8. Father of Jehl



## Exercise

- Q.1 What was the nature of Ayesha رضي الله عنها like?
- Q.2 Write a few lines about Hafsa رضي الله عنها.
- Q.3 What titles were given to Zainab bint-e-Jahash رضي الله عنها and Zainab bint-e-Khuzaima رضي الله عنها?
- Q.4 Describe the events in the life of Umm-e-Salma رضي الله عنها before her marriage to the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم.
- Q.5 What was the name of the first husband of Zainab bint-e-Jahash رضي الله عنها and how was he related to the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم?

**For Teachers:** The status and position of the Ummahat-ul-Momineen رضي الله عنهن, their greatness, and their services for Islam should be explained in detail.

# The Revered Companions

**Objective:** Introduction to Khulfa-e-Rashideen, their greatness and events of their lives.

## Caliph Usman Ghani

### Introduction and Early Life

The third Caliph of the Muslims Caliph Usman  was from the Umayya tribe. His father's name was Affan bin Abi Al Aas. Before he converted to Islam his kunyat was Abu Omro; after becoming a Muslim he was known as Abu Abdullah. His title was Ghani. He was 6 years younger than the Holy Prophet  Muhammad . He was a trader by profession.

**Do you know ?**

*The first Islamic fleet was established in the caliphate of Caliph Usman  through which Muslims succeeded to conquer Cyprus (the island country).*

### After Accepting Islam

He converted to Islam as a result of the preaching of Caliph Abu Bakr . He always used to avoid the social evils prevalent in pre-Islamic days. He was a noble person and was very wealthy. After accepting Islam he spent his wealth generously on spreading Islam. At the time of the Battle of Tabuk, he was the one who contributed the most. After migration, the Holy Prophet  Muhammad  had constructed Masjid-e-Nabavi ; at first it was sufficient for the needs of the Muslims, but as their numbers increased the space was not enough. In his Caliphate, he consulted the other Companions about insufficient space; they all agreed that the Masjid should be expanded, so he informed everyone about it and rebuilt the Masjid.

### Title of Ghani

Caliph Usman's  title was "Ghani", which means "a very wealthy man". He was very rich, and he spent his money abundantly on the Muslims. Because of his generosity and liberality people started to call him Ghani, so much so that it became a part of his name.

### Self Sacrifice at the time of Hijrat (Migration)

When he migrated to Ethiopia there was no news of him for a long time. The Holy Prophet  Muhammad  was very restless and used to make inquiries about him often. Eventually, one day a woman told him that she had seen his daughter and son-in-law.

### Abdul Rahman bin Auf رضي الله عنه

He was born in the 10th year of the Elephants. His real name was Abd Amro, after embracing Islam he became Abdul Rahman. His father Auf was a trader and his mother's name was Shifa. He accepted Islam due to the preaching of Caliph Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه and he spent his wealth liberally for the propagation and spread of Islam. He passed away in 32 Hijri.

**Do you know ?**

*Abdul Rahman رضي الله عنه freed 30,000 families from slavery during his lifetime.*

### Saeed bin Zaid رضي الله عنه

He was a Companion willing to sacrifice his life for the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. He took part in every battle and was among the earliest converts to Islam. He was one of the few who were literate at that time, so he used to write down the revelations. He passed away in 50 Hijri.

**Do you know ?**

*Saeed bin Zaid رضي الله عنه was the paternal cousin of Caliph Umer رضي الله عنه and his brother-in law (his sister's husband).*

### Abu Ubaida bin Jarah رضي الله عنه

He was ready to sacrifice his life for the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. His father's name was Abdullah and his grand-father was Jarah. His real name was Aamir but he was known by his kunyat "Abu Ubaida". He too accepted Islam at a very young age. As a result he became the target of cruelty by the nonbelievers of Makkah Mukarrama. The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم gave him the title of "Amin al Ummah". He is famous as "Fateh Shaam" in history.

**Do you know ?**

*In the Battle of Uhud the chains of a helmet pierced the Holy Prophet's صلى الله عليه وسلم Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم cheek. Abu Ubaida رضي الله عنه pulled them out with his teeth. As a result he lost two of his own teeth.*



Activity

Write antonyms of the following words:

Below - Famous - First - Paternal - Noble - Generosity - Real - Spend.



### Exercise

- Q.1 What is meant by *Ashra-e-Mubashshira*?
- Q.2 Write the names of the fortunate *Ashra-e-Mubashshira* and write short notes on any five.

# The Battle of Mouta 8 Hijri

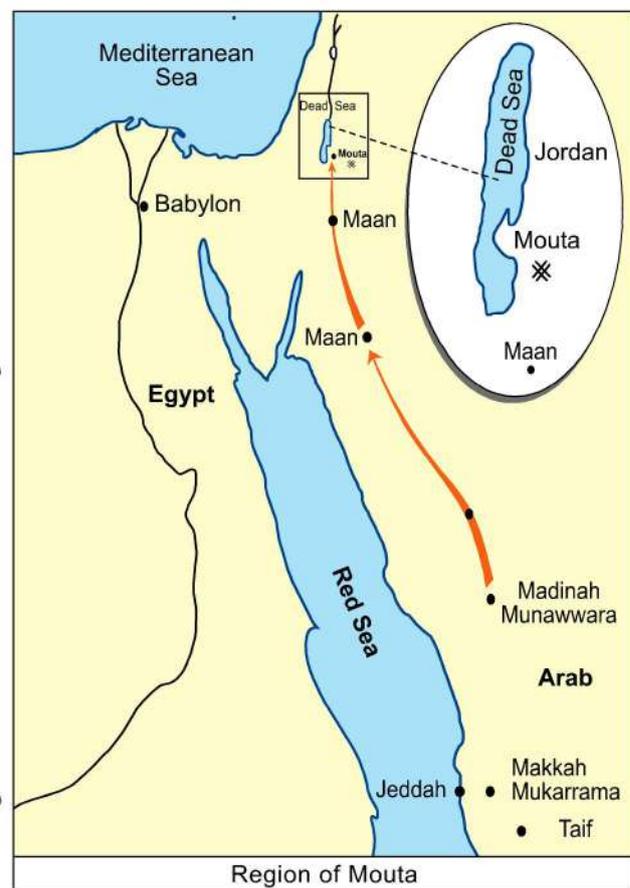
**Objective:** Introduction of battles and to describe the passion of Muslims for Jihad.

## Background

The Holy Prophet ﷺ sent an invitation through Haris bin Umair Azdi to Shurahabeel bin Umro Ghassani (Governor of Syria from the government of Rome) to embrace Islam, but Shurahabeel killed him. He was the only one among the whole group of envoys to get martyred like this. When the Holy Prophet ﷺ heard this news, he was deeply distressed. It was not an ordinary event that his envoy, and his Companion should be martyred. The Holy Prophet ﷺ decided to give a befitting reply.

## Command for Jihad

He informed all the companions about this tragedy and started organising the army. He appointed Zaid bin Haris as Commander (Ameer) and said that if he were to be martyred, then his paternal cousin, Jafar would take over, and if he were martyred then Abdullah bin Rawaha would take over from him. If he were also martyred then the Muslims should consult among themselves and appoint a Commander. This was an extraordinary step to appoint three Commanders, at once. However it was also an indication that these Companions would gain martyrdom. He then gave the flag to Zaid bin Haris and an army of 3000 Companions departed from Madinah Munawwara.



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