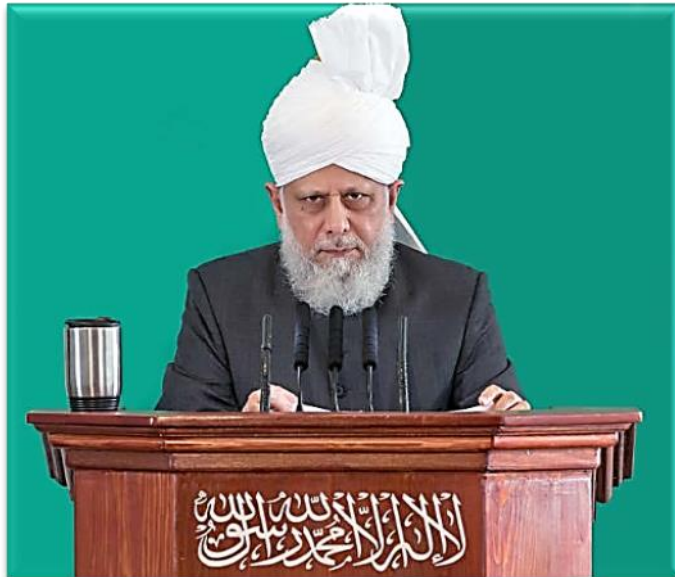
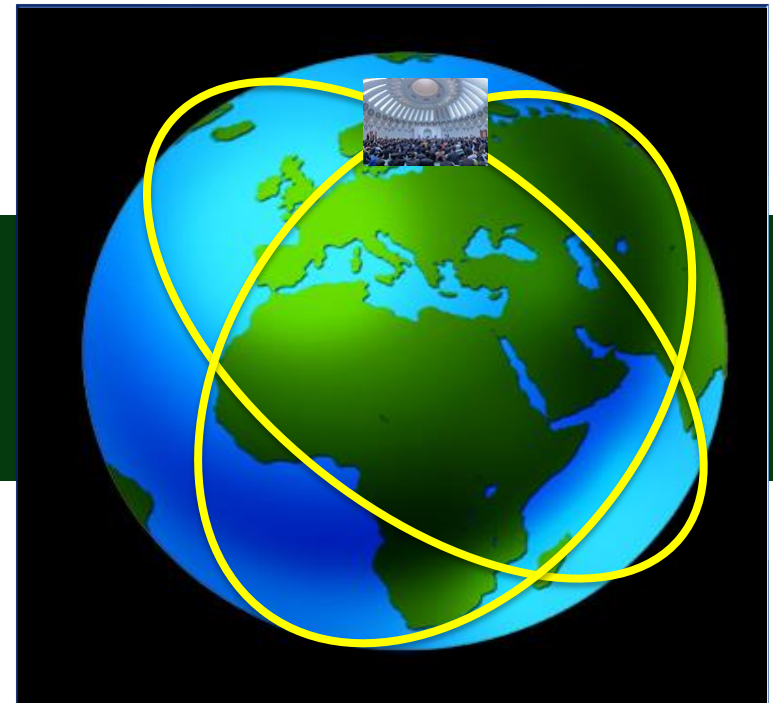


Rightly Guided Caliphs – Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra)



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Summary

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V (aba) continued highlighting the life of Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra). He mention the Conquest of Damascus, which was the last battle that took place during his era.

Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) sent various armies to Syria, he sent Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) to Homs, and Hazrat Khalid bin Walid (ra) was instructed to arrive at Damascus and along with other Muslims armies they encircled Damascus.

Hazrat Dhirar (ra) with 500 riders set out to combat Heraclius and his army. During the battle, Hazrat Dhirar (ra) was captured.

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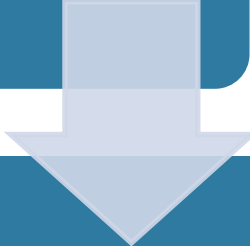
His Holiness (aba) led four funeral prayers

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Sieges of
Damascus

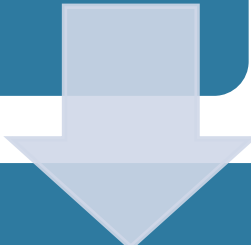
Damascus was the capital of Syria. It used to be a center for idolatry but later Christianity became more prevalent.



Hazrat
Khaulah (ra)

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It was also a central location for trade and many caravans would pass through.



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Damascus was also a well fortified city with high walls and tranches surrounding the borders, making it difficult to enter.

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Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) sent various armies to Syria, he sent Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) with an army to Homs, which was near Damascus.

Later, Hazrat Khalid bin Walid (ra) was instructed to arrive at Damascus and along with other Muslims armies encircled Damascus.

The people of Damascus would climb atop the walls of their fortress and throw rocks and launch arrows at Muslims, who would defend themselves with leather shields.

This went on for 20 days, without any result.

The people of Damascus within the fortress were facing difficulty as there was a shortage of sustenance without anything being able to go in.

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Khaulah (ra)

In the meantime, the Muslims learned that Heraclius had formed a large army nearby in Ajnadain.

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Hazrat Khalid (ra) initially thought they should combat that army, however Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) advised that since the people of Damascus were in straitened circumstances, they should not leave just yet.

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Hazrat Khalid (ra) agreed and ordered the Muslims armies to launch a fierce attack.

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In the meantime, Heraclius was seen bringing his army to help the people of Damascus.

Hazrat
Khaulah (ra)

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) suggested that a battalion should be formed to go out and combat Heraclius.

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Hence, Hazrat Dhirar (ra) was appointed with 500 riders who set out to combat Heraclius and his army.

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They were initially apprehensive because the opponent was large in number, however Hazrat Dhirar (ra) encouraged them that they should not fear and no one should flee from Jihad.

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Hence, the Muslims fought fiercely. During the battle, Hazrat Dhirar (ra) was captured and despite attempts, the Muslims were unable to free him.

Hazrat Khaulah (ra)

When Hazrat Khalid (ra) learned of this he was greatly saddened.

Deafeat of Byzantines

Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) told him that he should make arrangements for the continued siege of Damascus, and then he could go to combat Heraclius and his army.

Funeral Prayers

Hazrat Khalid (ra) set out to try and free Hazrat Dhirar (ra), and if they had already martyred him, then they would take recompense.

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There was a person at the front of the Muslims army who was valiantly fighting against the opponents, clad in armour, however he did not recognise them.

Hazrat
Khaulah (ra)

This person went into the enemy ranks and would strike down anyone in their way.

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Hazrat Khalid (ra) asked this person who they were, and after hesitating initially, the person admitted that she was in fact a woman; Khaulah, the sister of Hazrat Dhirar (ra).

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Thereafter, the Muslims launched a united attack and defeated the Byzantines, granting security to those who sought it.

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Hazrat
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Deafeat of
Byzantines

Upon arriving, the Muslims found Hazrat Dhirar (ra), the Muslims launched a fierce attack and ultimately were able to free Hazrat Dhirar (ra).

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In the meantime, the siege of Damascus continued. By this point, Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) agreed that the Muslims should go to Ajnadain to combat the army of Heraclius.

As the Muslims were travelling, a person named Boolis attacked the Muslims from behind with an army of 6,000 riders.

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The Muslims fought valiantly, and in the meantime, Hazrat Khalid (ra) sent reinforcements.

Hazrat Khaulah (ra)

Boolis was ultimately captured, and out of the 6,000 riders, no more than 100 remained alive.

Deafeat of Byzantines

The Byzantines had captured some of the Muslim women, including Hazrat Khaulah (ra).

She gathered the imprisoned Muslim women and urged them to defend themselves and attack their captors. They each took a wooden pillar from the tent, and set out towards the Byzantines.

Funeral Prayers

3,000 people circled the Muslims women, but if anyone tried to advance, the Muslims women would attack and kill them. In the meantime, Hazrat Khalid (ra) arrived with his army and defeated the Byzantines.

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Muslim Army Returns to Damascus after Defeating Byzantines in Ajnadain

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Having defeated the Byzantines who had gathered at Ajnadain, the Muslims army returned to Damascus.

Hazrat Khaulah (ra)

In the meantime, the people of Damascus had stocked up on various supplies, in case the Muslims lay siege for a long time once again.

Deafeat of Byzantines

The leader of Damascus at the time of Taumah, who ordered a fierce attack against the Muslims.

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Hazrat Aban (ra) was martyred during this attack, and later, his newlywed wife Umm Taumah returned to the very place where her husband had been martyred.

Many Byzantines were killed at her hands.

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She then targeted the person protecting Taumah, who was carrying a cross.

Hazrat Khaulah (ra)

Umm Taumah launched an arrow as a result of which the cross fell from his hand.

Deafeat of Byzantines

She then targeted Taumah and launched an arrow at his eye, due to which he was never able to see from that eye again.

Funeral Prayers

As a result, the Byzantines were forced to regroup.

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The Muslims were prepared for a long siege, and as such would carry out various investigations to find out the best way to defeat and conquer Damascus.

Muslim Army Returns to Damascus after Defeating Byzantines in Ajnadain

As a result of these investigations, Hazrat Khalid (ra) found the perfect moment to cross the trench, scale the walls and thus, the Muslims army entered Damascus.



The Muslims took control of the Eastern entrance, and so the people of Damascus went to Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) who was at the western entrance requesting to form a treaty.



Hazrat Abu Ubaidah (ra) agreed and the Muslims outside the fortress were let into the fortress.



By the time news of this victory reached Madinah, Hazrat Abu Bakr (ra) had passed away.

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Funeral Prayers

Umar Abu Arqub had been serving as the President of the Community in northern Palestine. In his final illness, he advised his son not to be sad. He is survived by his wife, three sons and four daughters.

Umar Abu Arqub

He learned about the Community in 2010 through MTA and after praying accepted Ahmadiyyat. He was patient through any difficulty. He loved Khilafat a great deal.

He had dedicated the lower portion of his home for the Community, where members would come to offer prayers and conduct various meetings.

Despite being urged by opponents to leave Ahmadiyyat, he remained steadfast and in fact would debate with them to the point that they would not have any answer.

His Holiness (aba) prayed that may Allah enable the rest of his family to accept Ahmadiyyat, and may He treat the deceased with forgiveness and mercy.

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Sheikh Nasir of Mithi Tharparkar. He was the first Ahmadi there.

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Khaulah (ra)

Sheikh Nasir

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He was regular in offering prayers, hospitable, and loved Khilafat a great deal. Many people accepted Ahmadiyyat through his preaching efforts.

He faced a great deal of opposition especially at the times of his children's weddings. The Fourth Caliph (rh) praised him saying that if there was a Nasir in every centre then we would be successful.

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He is survived by two sons and four daughters. His Holiness (aba) prayed that may Allah elevate his station.

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Funeral Prayers

Malik Sultan Ahmad who was a former local missionary under Waqfe Jadid.

Malik Sultan Ahmad

He learned from the Fourth Caliph (rh) when he was the head of Waqfe Jadid. Later he was sent to serve in various areas.

He had a passion for propagation. He was regular in offering prayers, hospitable and beloved by all. He is survived by his wife, three sons and two daughters.

His Holiness (aba) prayed that may Allah treat him with forgiveness and mercy and elevate his station.

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Mahboob Ahmad Rajiki of Mandi Bahauddin. He was the son of Hazrat Ghulam Ali Rajiki and the nephew of Hazrat Maulvi Ghulam Rasool Rajiki (ra), who were Companions of the Promised Messiah (as).

Mahboob Ahmad Rajiki

He was devoted to prayer, to the Holy Prophet (sa) and the Promised Messiah (as) and loved Khilafat. He was wrongfully imprisoned three times.

He would always try to offer prayers in the mosque even when he was ill. Many non-Ahmadis have attested to the acceptance of his prayers. He is survived by two sons and a daughter.

His Holiness (aba) prayed that may Allah grant him forgiveness and mercy and elevate his station, and enable his progeny to carry on the legacy of his virtues.

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