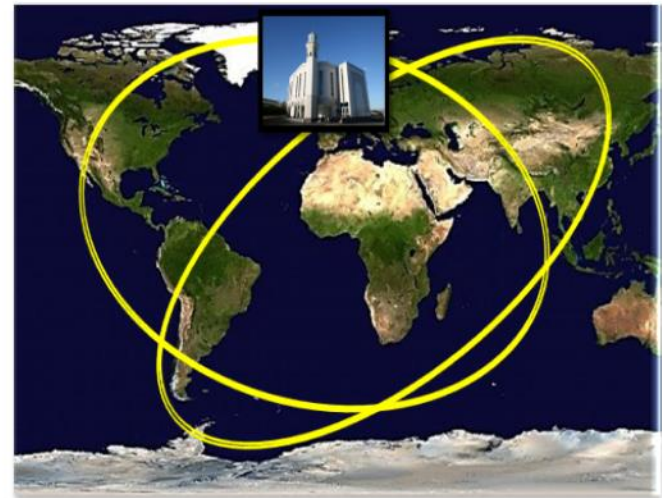


“Incidents From the Life of the Holy Prophet (sa) – The Battle of the Ditch”



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Summary

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His Holiness (aba) quoted Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad (ra) who described the manner in which Madinah was protected on one side by the ditch that had been dug and by orchards and trees on the other sides. As the disbelieving army approached,

they sent Huyayy bin Akhtab to the chief of the Banu Quraizah tribe to incite them to join their cause. Despite being in an active peace treaty with the Muslims, the Banu Quraizah ultimately decided to break this treaty and help the disbelieving army.

Due to the peace treaty, the Muslims in no way expected the Banu Quraizah to be involved, and even if they didn't actively help the Muslims, they expected that due to the treaty, the Banu Quraizah wouldn't help against them either.

Treachery of the Banu Quraizah

However, now with this newfound alliance between the disbelieving army and the Banu Quraizah, an entry point for that army would be accessible into Madinah.

Upon learning of this new alliance, the Muslims became worried and also had to devise a plan in light of it. As such, the Holy Prophet (sa) formed a contingent of 500 Muslims.

His Holiness (aba) said that the Muslims still stood firm to protect Madinah and under the leadership of Hazrat Zubair bin al-Awwam (ra), there were eight stations along the ditch that were being guarded.

Now with the Banu Quraizah joining the besieging army and the threat of an imminent attack,

The Holy Prophet (sa) deployed two contingents to various parts of Madinah and also instructed them that from time to time, they should raise slogans glorifying Allah.

Treachery of the Banu Quraizah

Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad (ra) writes: ‘At this time, as far as apparent means were concerned, the horizon of Madinah was immensely dark and gloomy. On all four fronts of the city, thousands of bloodthirsty enemies had set up camp. All of them lay in ambush to find an opportunity so that they could pounce at the Muslims and annihilate them.

Within the city, at arms reach of the Muslims, were the treacherous Banu Quraizah,

who were no less than a fierce army in themselves, boasting hundreds of armed young men.

They were in a position to attack the Muslims from the rear whenever they so pleased or whenever an opportunity presented itself.

The Muslim women and children, who resided in the city, were easy prey for them at all times.

Treachery of the Banu Quraizah

Various hypocrites presented themselves before the Holy Prophet (sa) and began to say, “O Messenger of Allah, our homes are completely unprotected in the city, please grant us permission so that we may stay in our homes to defend them.”

In response to this, the following divine revelation was sent down: “It is incorrect that these people are worried about their homes being exposed, rather, the fact of the matter is that they seek a way to flee from the field of battle.”

It was at this very juncture, however, that sincere Muslims exhibited the true colours of their faith. As such, the Holy Qur’an states:

“And when the believers saw the army of the disbelievers, they said, ‘This is what Allah and His Messenger promised us; and indeed, Allah and His Messenger are truthful. Hence, this onslaught only added to their faith and submission.’”

Treachery of the Banu Quraizah

At such a perilous time, how could this small group of Muslims contest, who consisted of various weaker dispositions and hypocrites as well?

They did not even have enough men to adequately arrange to stand guard at less secure posts.

As a result, this harsh duty of day and night utterly exhausted the Muslims.

On the other hand, due to the treachery of the Banu Quraizah, it was necessary to strengthen security in the streets and alleys of the city as well, so that the women and children could be protected.

At times, the course of events would take on an extremely delicate state and the disbelieving army almost penetrated the weaker points to enter the city.

These full-fledged attacks were generally warded off by the Muslims with arrows.

Selfless Services

Incidents From the Life of the Holy Prophet (sa) – The Battle of the Ditch

His Holiness (aba) said that despite the ditch, it did not mean that the Muslims were completely safe. Despite the peace treaty, after the Banu Quraizah's alliance with the disbelieving army, there were some enemy soldiers already within Madinah presenting a real threat.

Furthermore, there were certain areas along the borders of Madinah which the enemy army could penetrate and enter Madinah.

In light of these worrying circumstances, the Muslims were assigned to stand guard at various points.

The Holy Prophet (sa) would also take shifts in standing guard.

These duties, in the form of shifts, would continue day and night, despite the extreme cold during the nights.

His Holiness (aba) said that the Holy Prophet (sa) selflessly served Madinah and its people.

Hazrat Safiyyah's (ra) Valour

Hazrat Mirza Bashir Ahmad (ra) narrates an incident of bravery displayed by Hazrat Safiyyah (ra) during this battle.

The Jews proposed to attack one such area of the city where the women and children had gathered. It so happened that the only person present near the women at the time was Hassan bin Thabit. Safiyyah bint 'Abdil-Muttalib, said to Hassan (ra), "This individual is an enemy Jew, who is prowling about to

acquire intelligence and is bent upon mischief. Kill him, so that he does not return to his people and cause harm to us." However, Hassan (ra) could not find the courage to do so. Therefore, Hadrat Safiyyah moved forward herself and fought the Jew, after which she killed him and he fell to the ground.

The Jewish spy was beheaded and thrown to that side of the stronghold where the Jews had gathered, so that they would not dare to attack the Muslim women. Hence, this strategy proved to be successful. As a result, the Jewish people were awe-struck and turned back.'

Hazrat Ali's (ra) Fearlessness

His Holiness (aba) said that there was also an incident of Hazrat Ali (ra) killing Amr bin Abd Wudd.

When he entered Madinah he called out challenging anyone to battle him. Hazrat Ali (ra) wished to get up and fight him, but the Holy Prophet (sa) stopped him.

However as Amr bin Abd al-Wudd continued calling out, Hazrat Ali (ra) got up and the Holy Prophet (sa) didn't stop him, rather he granted Hazrat Ali (ra) with his turban and sword and sent him off with prayers.

His Holiness (aba) said that upon coming face to face, Hazrat Ali (ra) invited Amr bin Abd al-Wudd to join Islam however Amr refused. Then Hazrat Ali (ra) challenged him to fight.

So a fight ensued, in which Hazrat Ali (ra) was ultimately victorious and killed Amr bin Abd al-Wudd.

Upon seeing this, Amr's comrades tried to flee. They were either killed or captured.

Guidance & Prayers

His Holiness (aba) said that today the Ijtemas of the Ahmadiyya Women's Auxiliary Organisation (Lajna Ima'illah) and the Elder's Auxiliary Organisation (Ansarullah) are commencing.

His Holiness (aba) advised all attendees to focus on prayers especially during these days and sending salutations upon the Holy Prophet (sa).

His Holiness (aba) prayed that may Allah enable everyone to do so and enable them to fulfil the purpose of these gatherings.

His Holiness (aba) prayed that may Allah bless these events in every respect.