# THE SAHABAH
# OUR GUIDING STARS

"Dear students,

Allah grants some of his servants the zeal to carry out Khidmah for his Deen. Alhamdulillah, from amongst them, Allah had gra nted Moulana Muhammad Ismail Saheb this zeal. He has compiled information regarding the Sahabah (Radhi'Allahu Anhum), May Allah accept, make it beneficial, and take more work of Deen from him".

- Hadhrat Mufti Ibrahim Raja Saheb (Hafidhahullah)

# Who are the Sahabah?

- A Sahabi (Plural is Sahabah) is a person who sees the Messenger of Allah ﷺ during his lifetime, accepts Islam, spends time in his company and dies upon Iman
- They are approximately a hundred and twenty-four thousand Sahabah
- Imam al-Nawawi is quoted in Sharh Muslim, “The Sahabah (Radhi’Allahu Anhum), are all the best of people, the masters of the nation, and they are all role models”

# Sahabah mentioned in the Quran

- As for the first and foremost of the Muhājirīn and the Supporters (Ansār) and those who followed them in goodness, Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Allah, and He has prepared for them gardens beneath which rivers flow, where they will live for ever. That is the supreme achievement. (Surah Tawbah V100)
- Those who spent before the Conquest (of Makkah) and fought are not at par (with others). Those are much greater in rank than those who spent later and fought, though Allah has promised the good (reward) for each. (Surah Hadeed V10)
- You are the best ‘Ummah ever raised for mankind. You bid the Fair and forbid the Unfair, and you believe in Allah. (Surah Al Imran 11)

# Sahabah in Ahadith

- The Prophet ﷺ said "My companions are like guiding stars, whomsoever you follow, you shall be guided" (Ahmed)
- The Prophet ﷺ said, "Fear God in every matter concerning my Companions. Do not make them the targets [of your criticism] after me. Whoever loves them does so on account of their love for me, and whoever shows enmity towards them does so on account of their being hateful to me. Whoever insults them has insulted me and whoever insults me has insulted God. Whoever insults God, will soon be seized by Him". (Tirmidhī)
- "The best of my followers are those living in my generation and then those who will follow the latter". (Ṣaḥīḥ Bukhārī)
- The Prophet ﷺ declared, "Glad tidings be for those who seen me and [also] to the people who will see my Companions who have seen me". – (Majmaʾ Al-Zawāid)

# Status of the Sahabah (Radhi'Allahu Anhum)

- Khulafah e Rashidin
- Asharah e Mubasharah
- Ashaab e Badr
- Ashaab Bay'at e Ridwaan
- Participants of Fat e Makkah
- Those who accepted Islam after Fat e Makkah

# Who are the Ahle Bayt?

- Ahl means family and close relatives. This includes both wife and children.
- In Surah Taha, Musa (Alayhis Salam) says to his wife

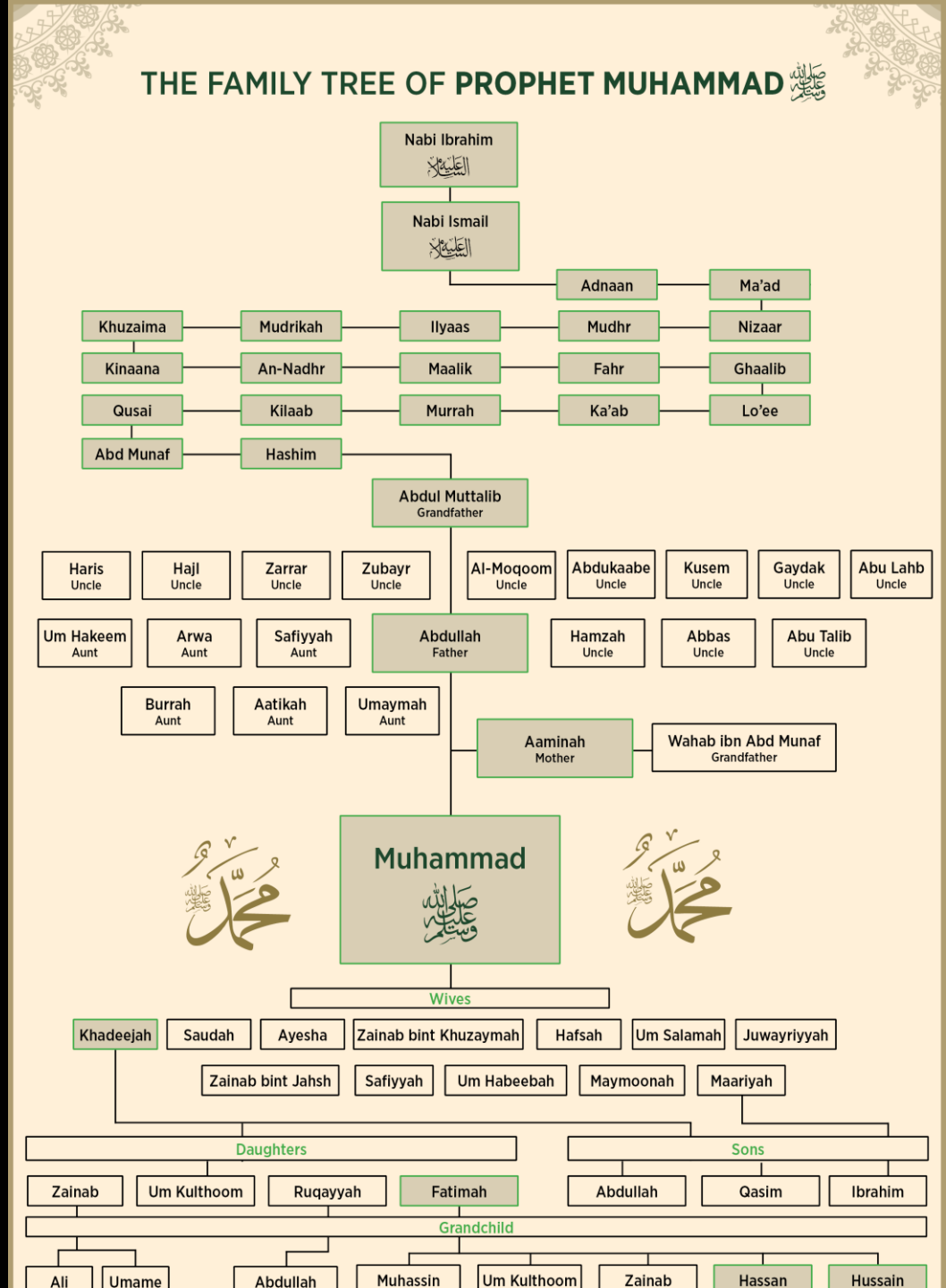
إِذْ رَءَا نَارًا فَقَالَ لِأَهْلِهِ ٱمْكُثُوٓاْ إِنِّىٓ ءَانَسْتُ نَارًا لَّعَلِّىٓ ءَاتِيكُم مِّنْهَا بِقَبَسٍ أَوْ أَجِدُ عَلَى ٱلنَّارِ هُدًى

When he saw a fire and said to his family, "Stay here. I have noticed a fire. Perhaps I can bring you an ember from it or, find some guidance by the fire."

- In Surah Hud, the wife of Ibrahim (Alayhis Salam), Sarah is told

قَالُوٓاْ أَتَعْجَبِينَ مِنْ أَمْرِ ٱللَّهِ ۖ رَحْمَتُ ٱللَّهِ وَبَرَكَٰتُهُۥ عَلَيْكُمْ أَهْلَ ٱلْبَيْتِ ۚ إِنَّهُۥ حَمِيدٌ مَّجِيدٌ

They said, "Do you marvel at Allah's command? Allah's mercy and His blessings have always been upon you, O people of the house. Surely, He is Praiseworthy, Glorious."



# Wives of the Prophet ﷺ

# Ummahatul Mu'mineen (Mothers of the Believers)

| Number | Name of wife | Year of Nikah | Age at the time of Nikah | Age when passed away | Year of passing away | Grave | Duration in the company of the Prophet | Age of the Prophet at the time of Nikah |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Khadijah (Radhi'Allahu Anhaa)<br>Also known as Taahirah (Pure/Chaste woman) | 25N | 40 | 65 | 10N | Makkah Mukarramah | 25 years | 25 |
| 2 | Saudah (Radhi'Allahu Anhaa) | 10N | 50 | 72 | 23/54 | Madinah Munawwarah | 14 years | 50 |
| 3 | Ayesha (Radhi'Allahu Anhaa)<br>Also known as Siddiqah/Um Abdullah | 10N | 9 | 66 | 57H | Madinah Munawwarah | 9 years | 54 |
| 4 | Hafsa (Radhi'Allahu Anhaa) | 3H | 22 | 60 | 45H | Madinah Munawwarah | 8 years | 55 |
| 5 | Zainab Bnt Khuzaimah (Radhi'Allahu Anhaa)<br>Known as Ummul Masakin (Mother of the poor) | 3H | 30 | 30 | 30H | Madinah Munawwarah | 3 months | 30 |
| 6 | Um Salamah (Radhi'Allahu Anhaa) | 4H | 24 | 84 | 62H | Madinah Munawwarah | 7 years | 56 |
| 7 | Zainab Bint Jahsh (Radhi'Allahu Anhaa) | 4/5H | 35 | 50/53 | 20H | Madinah Munawwarah | 6 years | 57 |
| 8 | Juwayriyyah (Radhi'Allahu Anhaa) | 5H | 20 | 65 | 50H | Madinah Munawwarah | 6 years | 57 |
| 9 | Um Habeebah (Radhi'Allahu Anhaa) | 6H | 37 | 74 | 44H | Madinah Munawwarah | 6 years | 58 |
| 10 | Safiyyah (Radhi'Allahu Anhaa) | 7H | 17 | 50 | 50H | Madinah Munawwarah | 3.5 years | 59 |
| 11 | Maymoona (Radhi'Allahu Anhaa) | 7H | 36 | 80 | 51H | Close to Makkah Mukarramah | 4.5 years | 59 |

# Who are the Khulafah e Rashidin?

They are the successors of the Prophet after his demise. They are

1. Hadhrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (Radhi'Allahu Anhu)
2. Hadhrat Umar Ibn Khattab (Radhi'Allahu Anhu)
3. Hadhrat Uthman Ibn Affan (Radhi'Allahu Anhu)
4. Hadhrat Ali Ibn Abi Talib (Radhi'Allahu Anhu)

# Hadhrat Abu Bakr Siddiq (Radhi'Allahu Anhu)

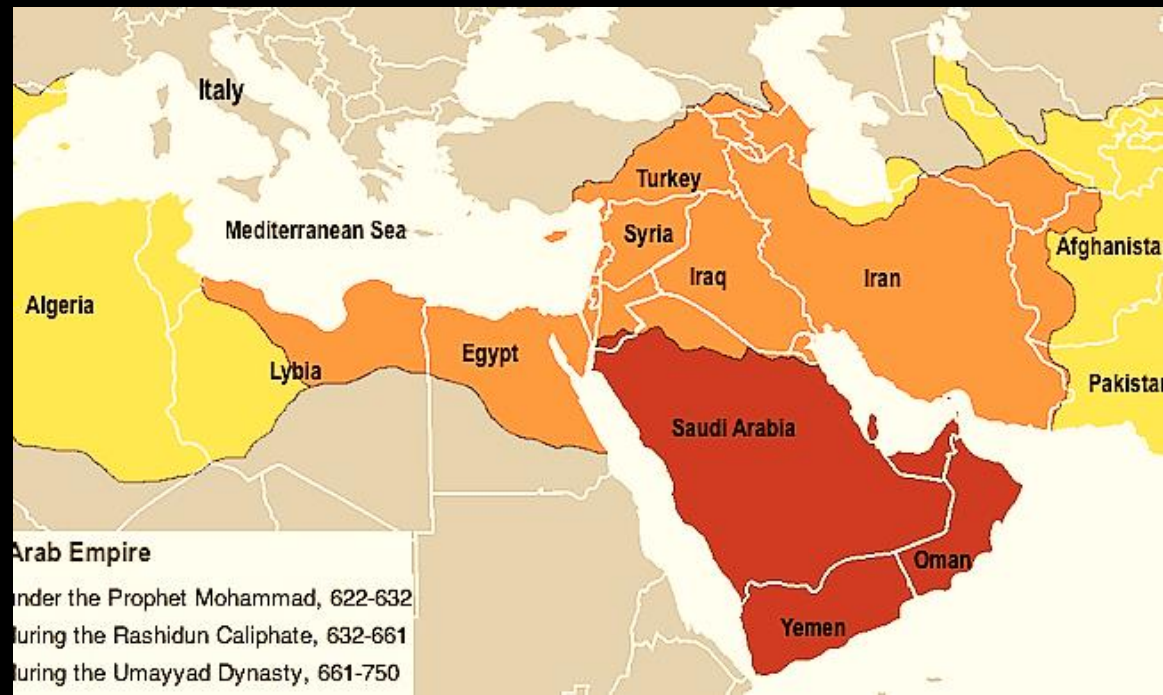
- His name was Abdullah Ibn Quhafah, also known as Siddiq, Al Ateeq and Saahib e Ghaar. The word Bakr means to be the first, since Hadhrat Abu Bakr (Radhi'Allahu Anhu) was always at the forefront when it comes to everything, he was titled Abu Bakr. He was from the Banu Taym tribe within the Quraish clan
- Near the end of the life of Rasulullah, he was appointed for Salah which indicated towards his leadership
- His Khilafah was 2 years, 3 months and 10 days. During the era of Abu Bakr Siddiq, the muslim empire expanded to some areas of Persia, Busra (Iraq) and some areas of Syria.

# Hadhrat Umar Ibn Khattab (Radhi'Allahu Anhu)

- He was also known as Farooq e A'zam. He was from the Banu Adiyy tribe. His title was Farooq and Abu Hafs
- There were many verses which were revealed in accordance to the opinion of Umar Ibn Khattab. These became known as 'Muwafaqat e Umar'.
- Hadhrat Abu Bakr Siddiq selected him as the next leader, and he succeeded him. He ruled for 10 years
- During his era, the Muslim word expanded to all of Syria, all of Egypt and a major portion of Persia

# Hadhrat Uthmaan Ibn Affan (Radhi'Allahu Anhu)

- He was also known as Dhun-Nurayn (Person of two lights) due to him marrying two daughters of the Prophet (Hadhrat Ruqayyah and Hadhrat Umme Kulthoom) and was from the Banu Umayyah
- He was appointed Khalifah after the demise of Umar. He was the Khalifah for 11 years, 11 months and 9 days.
- During his era, the Muslim world expanded to the lands of Spain, Qayrawan, all the way to the Atlantic ocean in the west. In the east it was right until the Chinese lands.



# Hadhrat Ali Ibn Abi Taalib (Radhi'Allahu Anhu)

- He was the son of Abu Talib (Uncle of Rasulullah ﷺ) and just like the great companions before him, he was also from the Asharah e Mubasharah. He grew up around Rasulullah and was the first child to accept Islam. Both Hadhrat Ali (Radhi'Allahu Anhu) and Hadhrat Muawiyah (Radhi'Allahu Anhu) were Kaatib e Wahi (writers of Wahi)
- He married the daughter of Rasulullah; Hadhrat Fatima (Radhi'Allahu Anha) and he was the father of both Hassan and Hussain (Radhi'Allahu Anhuma).
- His Khilafah was only 4 years and due to internal issues, he didn't expand on Muslim lands rather, he focused more on internal issues. He had a lot of respect for the Khulafah before him and even named his children after them

# Other notable companions

- Abdullah Ibn Masood (Radhi'Allahu Anhu)
- Abdullah Ibn Abbas (Radhi'Allahu Anhu)
- Abdullah Ibn Umar (Radhi'Allahu Anhu)
- Zaid Ibn Thabit (Radhi'Allahu Anhu)
- Abu Hurairah (Radhi'Allahu Anhu)
- Anas Ibn Malik (Radhi'Allahu Anhu)
- Bilal Ibn Rabah (Radhi'Allahu Anhu)
- Salman Farsi (Radhi'Allahu Anhu)