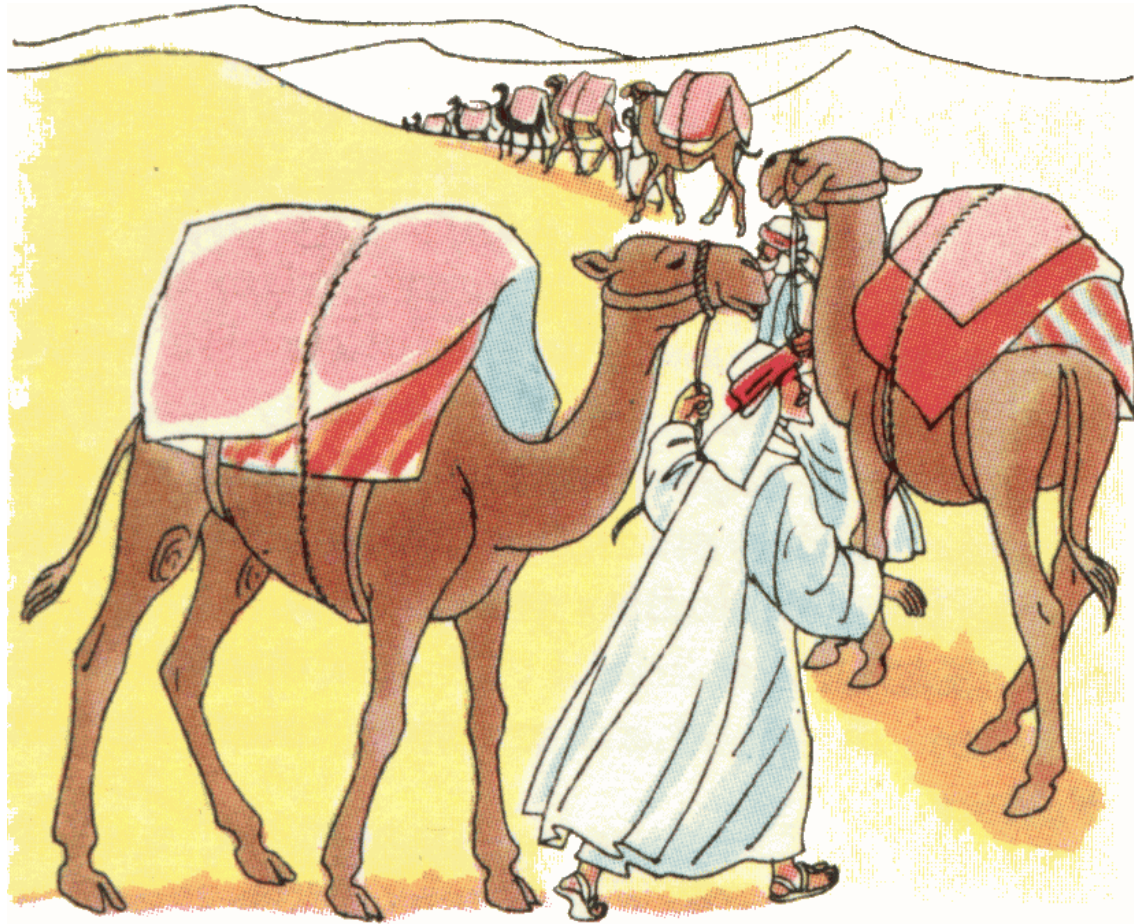
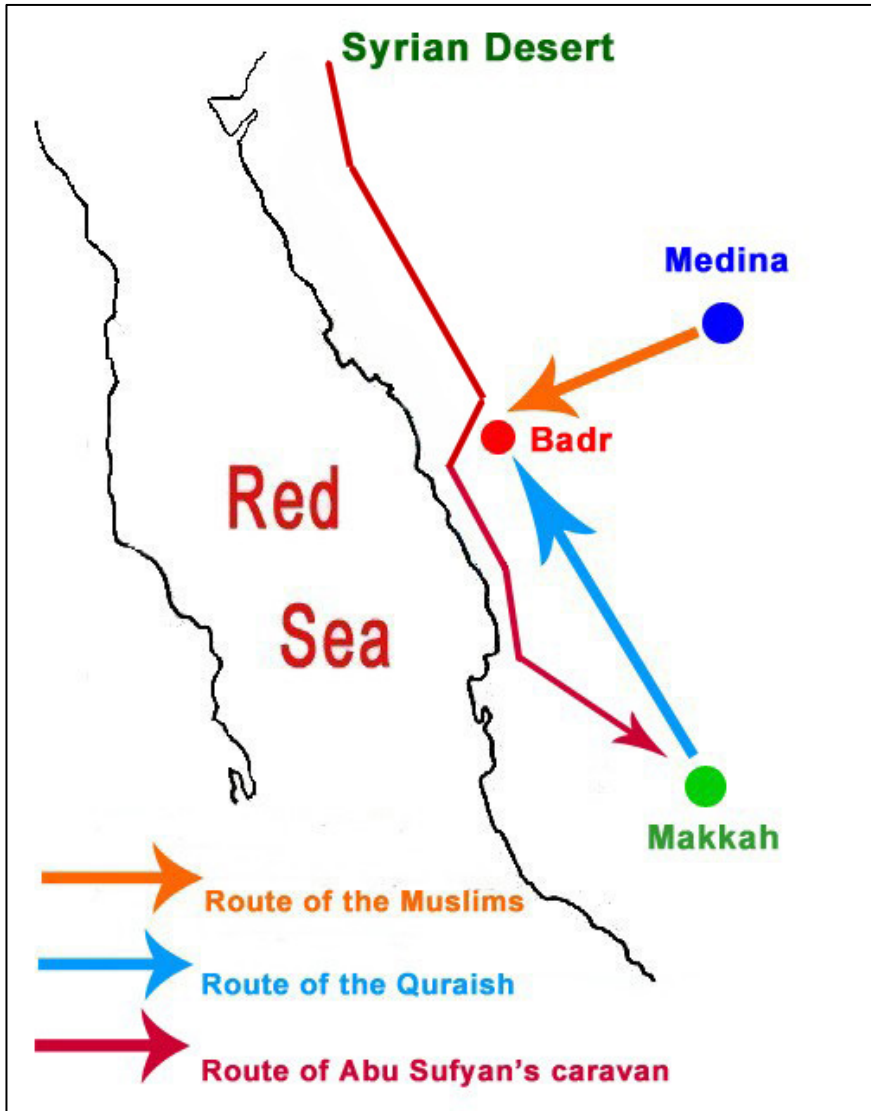


BATTLE OF BADR  
WHY DID IT HAPPEN?



**Abu Sufyaan's trade caravan**



Map Source: Muslims At Work Publications

The Arabs traded with Syria and regularly sent their caravans there. The traders of Makkah had to pass Madinah when going to Syria. In 2H , Abu Sufyan was returning from a trade mission.

The Muslims wanted to intercept this caravan to repossess the wealth that they had to leave behind in Makkah when they were forced to leave.

When Abu Sufyan heard about the Muslims of Madinah wanting to attack his caravan, he sent a message to the Quraish of Makkah and asked for protection. This was exactly what the Quraish wanted; war with the Muslims.

Immediately an army of 1000 men was prepared. Abu Sufyan changed his route and managed to escape the Muslim. He then send a second message to inform that the danger was over. The Quraish however refused to holdback and insisted on attacking the Muslim.