



AL-AHZAAB - THE COALITION



COMMENTARY ON THE BATTLE OF AHZAAB
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DIRECTIVE TO SEND BLESSINGS ON THE PROPHET

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DIVINE BLESSINGS ON THE PROPHET
WITHDRAWAL OF MERCY ON THOSE WHO CAUSE
HIM HARM AND DO NOT FOLLOW
DIVINE GUIDANCE
SALAWAT AYA 56
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Ayaat 56-73

SPECIFIC RELATIONSHIP & DOMESTIC DIRECTIVES TO THE PROPHET AND THE
BELIEVERS PARTICULARLY TOWARDS THE WIVES OF THE PROPHET

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Ayaat 49-55

DIRECTIVES TO WIVES OF PROPHET AND BELIEVING WOMEN
THE FAMILY OF THE PROPHET ADDRESSED AS THE PURIFIED AHLULBAYT (PEOPLE OF
THE HOUSE) 33
INCIDENT OF ZAYD AND ZAYNAB
AWESOMENESS OF PROPHET
OCCUPY YOURSELVES WITH REMEMBRANCE OF ALLAH OTHER THAN GOSSIP

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Ayaat 28-48

BATTLE OF AHZAAB (COALITION) 5AH
ALSO KNOWN AS THE BATTLE OF KHANDAQUE (DITCH)
BANU NUDHAYR WERE EXILED FROM MADINA AND MOBILISED
OTHERS INCLUDING THE QURAYSH TO FORM A COALITION TO
ATTACK MADINA. SALMAN AL FARSI RECOMMENDS THE DIGGING
OF A DITCH AROUND MADINA. AFTER A LONG SEIGE OF OVER 3
WEEKS DIVINITY SENDS A WINDSTORM, UPROOTING THE TENTS
OF THE COALITION AND THE MAKKANS FLED



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Ayaat 9-27

ADOPTION, ZHIHAAR*
STATUS OF WIVES OF THE PROPHET
ZHIHAAR WAS A PRE-ISLAMIC PRACTISE WHERE A MAN COULD REJECT HIS WIFE BY SAYING
"YOU ARE TO ME AS MY MOTHER'S BACK"
HE THEREFORE HAS NO OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS HER BUT SHE WAS NOT FREE TO LEAVE HIM
ADOPTED SONS TO BE ATTRIBUTED TO THEIR BIOLOGICAL FATHER

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Ayaat 1-8

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DID YOU KNOW?

THE CHAPTER TAKES ITS NAME FROM THE ALLIANCE CONSISTING OF THE
MAKKAN QURAYSH AND OTHER ARAB AND JEWISH TRIBES WHO FOUGHT THE
MUSLIMS AT THE BATTLE OF THE TRENCH (KHANDAQUE) ALSO KNOWN AS THE
BATTLE OF THE COALITION (AHZAAB)

SELECTED AYAAT

- 33:20 Ahzab
- 33:21 Rasulullah (pbuh) as role model
- 33:33 Ayatut Tatheer
- 33:35 Qualities of those rewarded
- 33:36 Freedom of no choice
- 33:41 Zhikr (remembrance)
- 33:56 Salawat
- 33:59 Hijab

NARRATIVE

THE CHAPTER BEGINS WITH THE NEGATION OF ZHIHAAR WHERE A MAN WOULD REJECT HIS WIFE BUT NOT FREE HER TO MARRY ANYONE ELSE, AND THE DIRECTIVE THAT ADOPTED CHILDREN WERE TO BE ATTRIBUTED TO THEIR BIOLOGICAL FATHERS.

IT THEN TRANSITIONS TO A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE OF AHZAAB (COALITION) OR KHANDAQUE (DITCH) WHERE THE TRIBE OF BANU NUDHAYR WHO WERE EXILED FROM MADINA FOR BREAKING A TREATY AND FORGED A COALITION WITH OTHERS INCLUDING THE QURAYSH TO ATTACK THE MUSLIMS. SALMAN AL FARSI RECOMMENDED THE DIGGING OF A DITCH (KHANDAQUE) AROUND MADINA TO PROTECT IT. AFTER A LONG SEIGE OF OVER 3 WEEKS. DIVINITY SENDS A WINDSTORM, UPROOTING THE TENTS OF THE COALITION AND THE MAKKANS FLED.

THE CHAPTER CONTINUES TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROPHET AND THE STATUS OF HIS WIVES. THE BELIEVERS ARE COUNSELLED TO OBEY HIM WHEN HE HAS DECREED A MATTER.

THE PURITY OF THE FAMILY OF THE PROPHET IS HIGHLIGHTED IN VERSE 33 AS THE PEOPLE OF THE HOUSE (AHLULBAYT). LOVE FOR THE PROPHET AND HIS FAMILY IS REGARDED AS A FOUNDATIONAL COMPONENT OF FAITH.

THE INCIDENT OF THE PROPHET MARRYING ZAYNAB (EX WIFE OF HIS ADOPTED SON) IS MENTIONED AND A DIRECTIVE TO MOVE AWAY FROM GOSSIP AND OCCUPY ONESELF WITH THE REMEMBRANCE OF ALLAH.

IN ONE OF THE MOST CELEBRATED VERSES OF THE QUR'AN, THE CHAPTER DECLARES THAT ALLAH AND HIS ANGELS SEND BLESSINGS UPON THE PROPHET AND ENJOINS THE BELIEVERS TO DO THE SAME.