

INTRODUCTION

As-salaamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatu

Nahmaduhu wa nusalli ala Rasoolihil Kareem. Amma ba'd.

All praise is due to Almighty ALLAH, the Cherisher, Nourisher and Sustainer of the Universe. Peace, blessings and salutations be upon our Beloved Master and Leader, Nabi Muhammad Mustafa, SallALLAHU Alayhi wa Sallam (ﷺ).

ZAWJAATI TAHIRAAT – THE HONOURABLE WIVES OF MUSTAFA NABI MUHAMMAD ﷺ continued:

PART 4: SAYYIDA UMME HABIBA, SAYYIDA SAFFIYA, SAYYIDA MAYMUNA رضي الله عنهم

9. UMMUL MU'MINEEN SAYYIDA UMME HABIBA رضي الله عنها

Her name was Ramla. Her brother was Ameer Muawiya رضي الله عنه. Their father was Abu Sufyan رضي الله عنه and mother was Saffiya رضي الله عنها.

She and her husband, Ubaidullah bin Jahsh, migrated to Abyssinia [Habasha], modern-day Ethiopia, due to the persecution of the Quraysh. One night [she dreamt] she saw Ubaidullah in a very ugly form. This was an indication of his *irtidaad* i.e., he had turned *murtad* (apostate) and become Christian, ALLAH forbid.

Umme Habiba continued to remain in exile. Almighty ALLAH جل و على recompensed her by giving her someone better. In fact, the best in the entire creation, Nabi Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ.

The Master عليه الصلاة والسلام proposed to her through Najashi [Negus] رحمه الله علي, the Ruler of Habasha. Najashi رحمه الله علي thus became Mustafa ﷺ's *Wakeel*.

She accepted happily. So great was her happiness that she even gave the jewellery she was wearing to the lady who brought the proposal. This *nikah* was performed

here in Africa in 7 AH, a year before her father, Abu Sufyan رضي الله عنه accepted Islam.

Najashi رحمه الله علي gave 400 dinars, which are gold coins, as the *Mahr* (marital gift) as well as other gifts to Sayyida Umme Habiba رضي الله عنها. He also gave gifts to the people who were present there.



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After the *nikah*, Shurahbeel bin Hasanah رضي الله عنه was dispatched to Habasha to bring Umme Habiba رضي الله عنها back to Medina Munawwarrah.

She passed away in 44 AH and is buried in Baqi. May Almighty ALLAH جل وعلى grant Ummul Mu'mineen Sayyida Umme Habiba رضي الله عنها the highest rank and stage in Jannat, Ameen.

10. UMMUL MU'MINEEN SAYYIDA SAFFIYA رضي الله عنها

She was the daughter of Huyay and a descendant of Nabi Haroon عليه الصلاة والسلام, the brother of Nabi Moosa عليه الصلاة والسلام.

She was married to Kanana who was killed in 7 AH during Muharram, in the battle of Khaybar, when the Muslims were victorious. Sayyida Saffiya رضي الله عنها was taken captive, to be sold as a slave.

Hazrat Dihya Kalbi رضي الله عنه asked Mustafa ﷺ, "Ya RasoolALLAH, give this lady to me." Nabi ﷺ did so.

However, the Sahaba رضي الله عنهم came to Nabi عليه الصلاة والسلام and said, "The Banu Natheer, the Banu Quraiza (Jewish tribes in Medina Munawwarah) will take offence to see the daughter of a Jewish Chief working as a slave for Hazrat Dihya Kalbi رضي الله عنه. Therefore, we suggest, Ya RasoolALLAH, you take her as your wife".

Nabi ﷺ paid a huge sum to Hazrat Dihya Kalbi رضي الله عنه as a ransom, freed Sayyida Saffiya رضي الله عنها and gave her a choice: If you want, you can go back to your tribe or if you prefer, you can become my wife. SubhanALLAH, she replied, "I longed to be with you, Ya RasoolALLAH, while I was a Jew. How can I leave now when I am a Muslim?"

This is a reference to one of her dreams. She saw the moon falling into her lap. When she mentioned this dream to Kanana, he hit her on her face so that a mark was left on her eye. He told her, "It seems you are desiring to become the wife of the Ruler of Medina Munawwarah (Mustafa ﷺ)!" Her father also assaulted her.

Sayyida Saffiya رضي الله عنها was 17 years old when she married Mustafa ﷺ. Because all this happened after the Battle of Khaibar, Mustafa ﷺ told the Sahaba, "Whatever you have, bring it here to eat". And that was the *Waleemah*. They brought dates, cheese, butter and other foodstuffs. A leather sheet was spread out and that was the *dastarkhan* (tablecloth). SubhanALLAH, such a simple function for Rahmatulil Alameen ﷺ.

Sayyida Saffiya رضي الله عنها passed away in Ramadhan 50 AH at the age of 60 and is buried in Baqi.

11. UMMUL MU'MINEEN SAYYIDINA MAYMUNA رضي الله عنها

She had been married previously – twice, according to some reports – before she married Mustafa ﷺ.

Today, when we go for Umrah or Hajj, we will see a place called Sarif, just outside Makkah Mukarramah. It is the special distinction of Sayyida Maymuna رضي الله عنها: *Inna Nabi ﷺ tazawajaha bi Sarif wa batabiha bi Sarif wa matat bi Sarif wa dufinat bi Sarif*. SubhanALLAH! Mustafa ﷺ's *nikah* with her occurred in Sarif in 7 AH. The marriage was consummated there. She passed away there in 51 AH when she was 81 years old and is also buried in Sarif. A strange coincidence, if one wants to call it that.

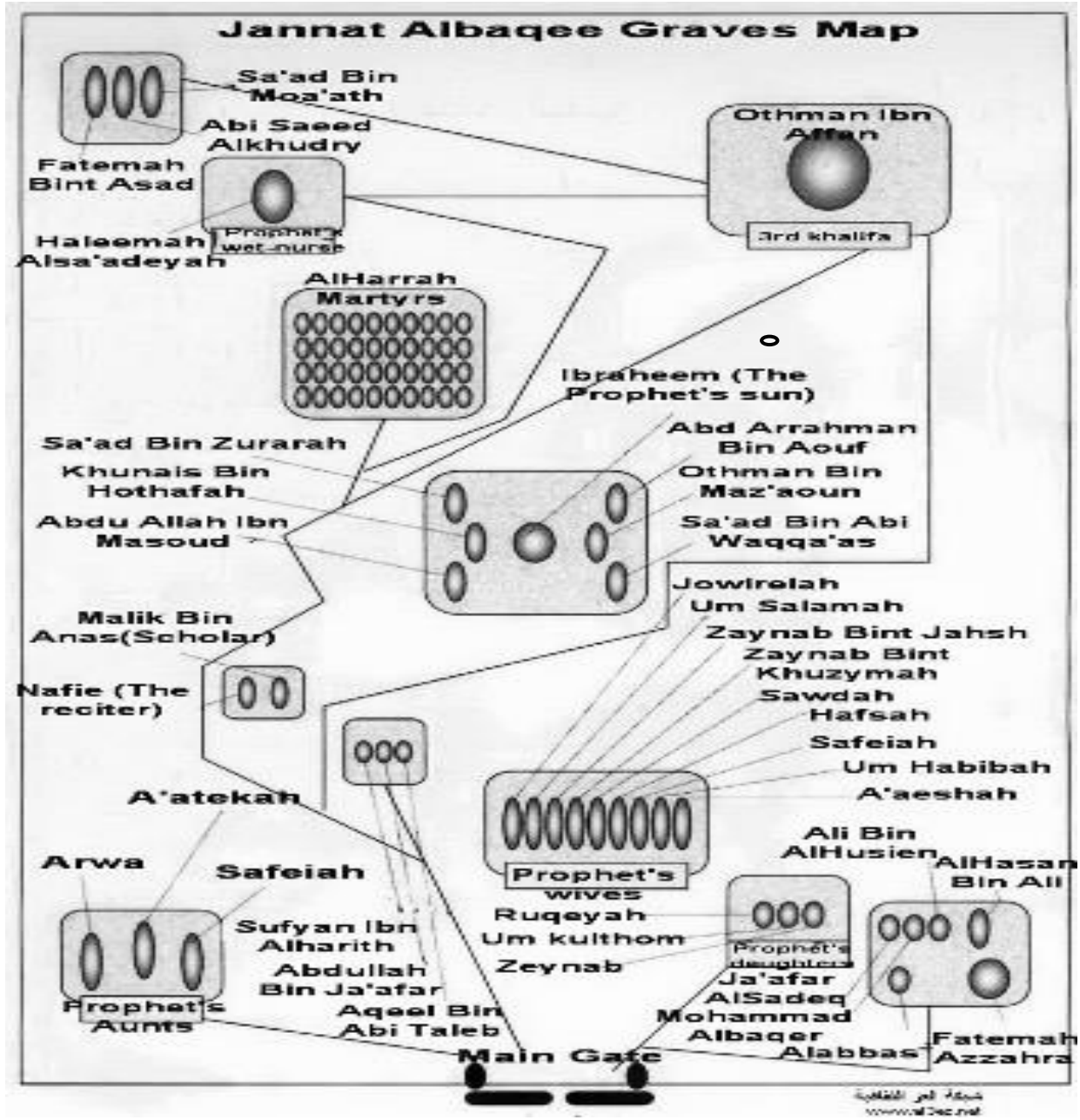
She and Sayyida Khadija رضي الله عنها are the only honourable wives of Mustafa ﷺ to be buried in Makkah Mukarramah and its outskirts. The others are all buried in Baqi.

Our mother, Siddiqatu bintu Siddiq, Sayyida Ayesha رضى الله عنها states: Sayyida Maymuna رضى الله عنها was a very pious lady and very mindful of her kith and kin (family members).

CONCLUSION (PART 4):

It serves as a testament to Nabi Muhammad ﷺ's great character that he, Rahmatulil Alameen, was entrusted with the unique responsibility of caring for eleven Mubarak, blessed and honourable wives.

May Almighty ALLAH infuse within us the love for all of them, Ameen.
Wa akhiratu da'wana annil Hamdulillahi Rabbal 'Alameen.



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