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Rajab 9 AlHijra
630 AD



- Christians near the borders of Arabia lived under Roman Empire.
- After Treaty of Hudaibiyah, Prophet pbuh sent out delegates to lands outside Arabia.
- Christian clans killed 15 Muslim members near Syrian border.
- Governor of Basra, under the protection of Roman Empire, killed prophet's ambassador.
- Roman Armies were gathering at the borders of Arabia.
- Prophet pbuh marched with 30,000 Muslim Armies towards Tabuk near Gulf of Aqaba.
- Expedition of Tabuk - Rajab 9 AlHijra - 630AD - 426 Miles from Madinah.
- Roman Forces backed off and withdrew from the borders of Arabia.
- Tabuk Expedition was a Success.

Explanation of Quranic Verses about Tabuk

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

AtTauba - 09:38-39 In preparation for the Battle of Tabuk, Muslims are encouraged

38. O those who believed, what is with you, when it is said to you, march forth in the way of Allah, you adhere heavily to the earth. Are you satisfied by the life of the world rather than the Hereafter. So what is the provision of the life of the world as compared with the Hereafter except little.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَا لَكُمْ إِذَا قِيلَ لَكُمْ انْفِرُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَتَأْتَلْتُمْ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ أَرْضَيْتُمْ بِالْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا مِنَ الْآخِرَةِ فَمَا مَتَاعُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا فِي الْآخِرَةِ إِلَّا قَلِيلٌ ﴿٣٨﴾

39. If you do not go forth, He will punish you with a painful punishment, ^{*40} and He will replace by people other than you, ^{*41} and you will not harm Him at all. And Allah, over all things, is Powerful.

إِلَّا تَنْفِرُوا يُعَذِّبْكُمْ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا ^{*} وَيَسْتَبْدِلْ قَوْمًا غَيْرَكُمْ وَلَا تَضُرُّوهُ شَيْئًا وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿٣٩﴾

AtTauba - 09:41 For the Battle of Tabuk, go forth, light-armed and heavy-armed

41. Go forth, light-armed and heavy-armed, and strive with your wealth and your lives in the way of Allah. That is better for you if you did know.

انْفِرُوا خِفَافًا وَثِقَالًا وَجَاهِدُوا بِأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَأَنْفُسِكُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤١﴾

AtTauba-09:42-43 Hypocrites came up with excuses -Prophet accepted -Allah was not pleased

42. If it had been a near adventure and an easy journey, they would have followed you, but the distance seemed too far for them. And they will swear by Allah (saying): “If we had been able, we would have gone out with you.” Destroying their own selves. And Allah knows, indeed they are liars.

لَوْ كَانَ عَرَضًا قَرِيبًا وَسَفَرًا قَاصِدًا لَاتَّبَعُوكَ وَلَكِنْ بَعَدَتْ عَلَيْهِمُ الشُّقَّةُ وَسَيَحْلِفُونَ بِاللَّهِ لَوِ اسْتَطَعْنَا لَخَرَجْنَا مَعَكُمْ يُهْلِكُونَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ إِنَّهُمْ لَكَاذِبُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾

43. May Allah forgive you (O Muhammad), why did you grant them permission, until became manifest to you those who told the truth, and you had known the liars.

عَفَا اللَّهُ عَنْكَ لِمَ أَذِنْتَ لَهُمْ حَتَّى يَتَبَيَّنَ لَكَ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا وَتَعْلَمَ الْكَاذِبِينَ ﴿٤٣﴾

AtTauba - 09:44 True believers did not come up with excuses - Allah admires them

44. Those who believe in Allah and the Last Day would not ask your permission to be exempted from fighting with their wealth and their lives. And Allah is Aware of those who are righteous.

لَا يَسْتَأْذِنُكَ الَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ أَنْ يُجَاهِدُوا بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِالْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٤٤﴾

AtTauba - 09:47 If hypocrites had gone, they would have created fitnah

47. If they had gone out among you, they would not have added to you except trouble, and they indeed would have hurried about in your midst, seeking to cause sedition among you. And among you are avid listeners to them. And Allah is Aware of the wrong doers.

لَوْ خَرَجُوا فِيكُمْ مَا زَادُوكُمْ إِلَّا خَبَالًا وَلَا أَوْصَعُوا خِلَّكُمْ يَبْغُونَكُمْ الْفِتْنَةَ وَفِيكُمْ سَمْعُونَ لَهُمْ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِالظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٤٧﴾

AtTauba - 09:50 If calamity befalls you, hypocrites are happy

50. If good befalls you (O Muhammad), it grieves them. And if a calamity strikes you, they say: “We indeed took our precaution before hand.” And they turn away while they are rejoicing.

إِنْ تُصِيبَكَ حَسَنَةٌ تَسُؤْهُمْ وَإِنْ تُصِيبَكَ مُصِيبَةٌ يَقُولُوا قَدْ أَخَذْنَا أَمْرَنَا مِنْ قَبْلُ وَيَتَوَلَّوْا وَهُمْ فَرِحُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾

AtTauba - 09:53 Their spending will not be acceptable

53. Say: “Spend willingly or unwillingly, never will it be accepted from you. Indeed, you are disobedient people.”

قُلْ أَنْفِقُوا طَوْعًا أَوْ كَرْهًا لَنْ يُتَقَبَلَ مِنْكُمْ إِنْ كُمْ كُنْتُمْ تَوَمَّا فَسِقِينَ ﴿٥٣﴾

AtTauba 09:58-81 They accuse prophet in the matter of charity distriburion-Allah explains

58. And among them are some who accuse you (O Muhammad) in the matter of the

وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَلْمِزُكَ فِي الصَّدَقَاتِ فَإِنْ أُعْطُوا مِنْهَا رَضُوا

(distribution of) charities. So if they are given thereof, they are pleased, but if they are not given thereof, behold, they are enraged.

وَإِنْ لَّمْ يُعْطُوا مِنْهَا إِذَا هُمْ يَسْخَطُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾

60. Zakat expenditures are only for the poor, and the needy, and those employed to administer thereof (the funds), and for attracting the hearts together (for Islam), and for those in bondage, and for those in debt, and for Allah's cause, and the wayfarer, an obligation from Allah. And Allah is All Knower, All Wise.

إِنَّمَا الصَّدَقَاتُ لِلْفُقَرَاءِ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَالْعَمِلِينَ عَلَيْهَا وَالْمُؤَلَّفَةِ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَفِي الرِّقَابِ وَالْغُرِمِينَ وَفِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ فَرِيضَةً مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٦٠﴾

68. Allah has promised the hypocrite men and the hypocrite women and the disbelievers fire of Hell, they shall abide therein. It is sufficient for them. And Allah has cursed them, and for them is an enduring punishment.

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الْمُنَافِقِينَ وَالْمُنَافِقَاتِ وَالْكُفَّارَ نَارَ جَهَنَّمَ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا هِيَ حَسْبُهُمْ وَلَعْنَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَأَسْوأُ عَذَابٍ مُّقِيمٌ ﴿٦٨﴾

81. Those who remained behind (from Tabuk), rejoiced in their staying after (the departure of) the Messenger of Allah, and they disliked to strive with their wealth and their lives in the cause of Allah, and they said: "Do not go forth in the heat." Say: "The fire of Hell is more intense in heat," if only they could understand.

فَرِحَ الْمُخَلَّفُونَ بِمَقْعَدِهِمْ خِلْفَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ وَكَرِهُوا أَنْ يُجَاهِدُوا بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَقَالُوا لَا تَنْفِرُوا فِي الْحَرِّ قُلْ نَارُ جَهَنَّمَ أَشَدُّ حَرًّا لَوْ كَانُوا يَفْقَهُونَ ﴿٨١﴾

AtTauba - 09:88-89

Allah's promise to those who went for battle

88. But the Messenger and those who believe with him strive with their wealth and their lives. And those, for them are the good things. And it is those who will be the successful.

لَكِنَّ الرَّسُولَ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَعَهُ جَاهِدُوا بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ وَأُولَئِكَ لَهُمُ الْخَيْرَاتُ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿٨٨﴾

89. Allah has prepared for them gardens underneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide. That is the great success.

أَعَدَّ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا ذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ﴿٨٩﴾

AtTauba - 09:107-108

Those who made a masjid to cause harm

107. And those who took a mosque for (causing) harm and disbelief, and (to create) division among the believers, and as a station for those who warred against Allah and His Messenger before. And they will indeed swear: "We did not intend except good." And Allah bears witness that they are certainly liars.

وَالَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا مَسْجِدًا ضِرَارًا وَكُفْرًا وَتَفْرِيقًا بَيْنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَإِرْصَادًا لِّمَنْ حَارَبَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَلَيَحْلِقُنَّ أَنْ يُارَدْنَا إِلَّا الْحُسْنَى وَاللَّهُ يَشْهَدُ إِنَّهُمْ لَكَاذِبُونَ ﴿١٠٧﴾

108. Do not stand (for prayer) therein, ever. The mosque whose foundation was laid on righteousness from the first day, is more worthy that you stand therein (to pray). In

لَا تَقُمْ فِيهِ أَبَدًا لِمَسْجِدٍ أُسِّسَ عَلَى التَّقْوَى مِنْ أَوَّلِ يَوْمٍ أَحَقُّ أَنْ تَقُومَ فِيهِ فِيهِ رِجَالٌ يُحِبُّونَ أَنْ يَتَّطَّهَرُوا

it are **men** who love to purify themselves. And Allah loves those who purify themselves.

وَاللَّهُ يُحِبُّ الْمُطَهَّرِينَ

AtTauba - 09:118 Allah forgave three men who did not go for battle but were sincere

118. And upon the three, those who were left behind, until when the earth, in spite of its vastness, was straitened for them, and their own souls were straitened for them, and they perceived that there is no refuge from Allah but towards Him. Then He turned to them, that they might repent. Indeed, Allah is He who accepts repentance, Most Merciful.

وَعَلَى الثَّلَاثَةِ الَّذِينَ خَلَفُوا ط حَتَّىٰ إِذَا صَافَتْ عَلَيْهِمُ الْأَرْضُ بِمَا رَحُبَتْ وَصَافَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ أَنفُسُهُمْ وَظَنُّوا أَن لَّا مَلْجَأَ مِنَ اللَّهِ إِلَّا إِلَيْهِ ط ثُمَّ تَابَ عَلَيْهِمْ لِيَتُوبُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ

AtTauba - 09:128-129 Allah admires the prophet

128. There has certainly come to you a Messenger from amongst yourselves. Grievous to him is that you should suffer (any difficulty), concerned over you, for the believers full of kindness, merciful.

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَءُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ

129. Then if they turn away, (O Muhammad) say: “Sufficient for me is Allah. There is no deity except Him. In Him have I put my trust, and He is the Lord of the Tremendous Throne.”

فَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَقُلْ حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ ط لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

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Battles	Dates	Location	Result
Badr	2AHijra-624AD	80 miles sw of Madinah	300 Muslims defeated 1000 Meccans
Uhud	3AHijra-625AD	Madinah Mount Uhud	700 Muslims are defeated - 3000 Meccans go back
AlAhzab	5AHijra-627AD	Madinah city Boundary	Meccans and other tribes were defeated Muslims 3,000, Enemy 10,000
Hudaibiyah	6AHijra-628AD	Near Mecca	A treaty was signed. Muslims went back to Madinah without performing Umrah
Khaiber	7AHijra-628AD	90 miles nw of Madinah	Muslims vs Jewish Tribes. Muslims had victory
Victory of Mecca	8AHijra-629AD Ramadan	Mecca	Mecca fell without fight. Prophet pbuh entered Mecca as a Commander-in-Chief
Huneyn	8AHijra-629AD Shawwal	Between Mecca and Taif	Muslims vs Tribe of Qays – Muslims won in the Battle of Huneyn
First Hajj	8AHijra-629AD Dhil Hajja	Mecca	First Hajj after fall of Mecca is done on pagan way
Second Hajj	9AHijra-630AD Dhil Hajja	Led by Abu Bakar	Second Hajj is done on pagan way by Meccans and Muslim way by Muslims from Madinah
AtTauba verses 1-37 Verse 25 (Huneyn)	9AHijra-630AD Dhil Qaada	4 months respite 9ZilHajj-9Rabiuthani	Ali is sent to Mecca with 1-37 verses of AtTauba while Abu Bakar is leading second Hajj
Tabuk	9AHijra-630AD Rajab	Tabuk-Near Gulf of Aqaba	Tabuk was a success. Roman Forces backed off from the borders of Arabia. Muslims 30,000
Third Hajj	10AHijra-631AD Dhil Hajja	khutbatul Wida at mount Arafat.	Third Hajj was performed in pure Islamic way. Prophet pbuh to performed his first and last Hajj.