



In the Name of Allah the Most Compassionate Very Merciful

All Praise Due to Allah Almighty the Lord of Hazrat Muhammad – may Allah send peace and blessings upon him

The Martyrdom of Sayyiduna Imam Husain *Mentioned in the Ahadeeth*

Hazrat Mujaddid Muhaddith Abdul Haq ؒ has recorded the following Ahadeeth regarding the martyrdom of Sayyiduna Imam Husain ؒ in his famous ‘Maa Thabata Bis Sunnah’:

1. It is narrated by Ameerul Mu’mineen Sayyiduna ‘Ali Murtza ؒ that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ stated:

أَخْبَرَنِي جِبْرِيلُ أَنَّ حُسَيْنًا يُقْتَلُ بِشَاطِئِ الْفُرَاتِ

“Jibreel informed me that Husain will be martyred at the bank of Furaat¹.”

This Hadeeth is narrated by Allamah Ibn Sa’d.²

¹ Imam Manaawi states when explaining the geographical property of the term “At the bank of Furaat”:

بضم الفاء أي بجانب نهر الكوفة المشهورة وهو يمرّ بأطراف الشام ثم بأرض

الطف من بلاد كربلاء

Furaat, with Dammah of “Faa” i.e. At the bank of the famous river of Koofah that passes through the boundaries of Al-Shaam and then the land of Tuff which is situated in the Karbala region.

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أَخْرَجَهُ ابْنُ سَعْدٍ فِي الطَّبَقَةِ الْخَامِسَةِ مِنَ الصَّحَابَةِ²

Allamah Ibn Sa’d has mentioned it in his Fifth Tabqah of Sahaba (in his world renowned book Tabaqaat Ibn Sa’d).

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2. Ummul Mu'mineed Sayyidah 'Ayesha RadiyAllahu Anha reported to have said, "The Messenger of Allah ﷺ stated:

أَخْبَرَنِي جِبْرِيلُ أَنَّ ابْنِي الْحُسَيْنَ يُقْتَلُ بِأَرْضِ الطَّفِّ وَجَاءَنِي بِهَذِهِ
التُّرْبَةِ وَأَخْبَرَنِي أَنَّ فِيهَا مَضْجِعُهُ

"Jibreel informed me that my son Husain will be martyred at the plain of Tuff after me. Hence, this sand is brought to me and I am told that it is the place of his burial'."

This Hadeeth is narrated by Allamah Ibn Sa'd and Imam Tabrani narrated in "Kabeer".³

3. Hazrat Ummul Fadl Bint Al-Haarith RadiyAllahu Anha is reported to have said, "The Messenger of Allah ﷺ stated:

أَنَّ أُمَّتِي سَتَقْتُلُ ابْنِي هَذَا وَ أَتَانِي بِتُرْبَةٍ مِّنْ تُرْبَتِهِ حَمْرَاءَ

'Soon, my Ummah will slay this son of mine. Hence, the red sand of his burial-place is brought to me'."

Imam Abu Dawood, and Imam Haakim has narrated in his Mustadrak.⁴

4. Hazrat Umme Salimah RadiyAllahu Anha is reported to have said, "The Messenger of Allah ﷺ stated:

أَخْبَرَنِي جِبْرِيلُ، أَنَّ هَذَا يُقْتَلُ بِأَرْضِ الْعِرَاقِ لِلْحُسَيْنِ ، فَقُلْتُ : يَا جِبْرِيلُ ،
أَرِنِي تُرْبَةَ الْأَرْضِ الَّتِي يُقْتَلُ فِيهَا، فَجَاءَ، فَهَذِهِ تُرْبَتُهَا.

'Jibreel has informed me that this son of mine will be martyred at the land of Iraq. I asked Jibreel to show me the sand of the battlefield, and he brought me the sand'."⁵

³ Tabraani 3/107 Hadeeth No. 2814

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⁴ Mustadrak 'Ala Al-Saheehain Li Al-Haakim Al-Nishapuri Hadeeth No. 4818

⁵ Kanz Al-'Ummaal, Hadeeth No. 34313
Al-Ahaad Wal-Mathaani Hadeeth No. 429
Mu'jam Al-Kabeer of Tabrani Hadeeth No. 697
Kanz Al-'Ummaal Hadeeth No. 34313

إِنَّ ابْنِي هَذَا - يَعْنِي الْحُسَيْنَ - يُقْتَلُ بِأَرْضٍ مِّنْ أَرْضِ الْعِرَاقِ يُقَالُ لَهَا
كَرْبَلَاءُ، فَمَنْ شَهِدَ ذَلِكَ مِنْهُمْ فَلْيَنْصُرْهُ.

Allamah Ibn Sa'd commented, "The objective of 'This son of mine' is Sayyiduna Imam Husain ؑ who will be martyred in the land of Iraq which is called 'Karbala'. Whoso is present at that time must assist him."⁶

5. Hazrat Umme Salimah RadiyAllahu Anha reported:

إِنَّ جِبْرِيلَ أَخْبَرَنِي أَنَّ ابْنِي هَذَا يَعْنِي الْحُسَيْنَ يُقْتَلُ وَأَنَّهُ اشْتَدَّ غَضَبُ اللَّهِ
عَلَى مَنْ يَقْتُلُهُ

"Jibreel informed me that my son will be martyred and Allah's extreme anger is upon the one who will kill him."

It's the narration of Ibn 'Asaakir.⁷

6. The following Hadeeth is recorded in "Jame' Al-Usool" by Hazrat Salma RadiyAllahu Anha an Ansari woman, she said:

سَلَّمِي - امْرَأَةٌ مِّنَ الْأَنْصَارِ - : - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا - قَالَتْ : دَخَلْتُ عَلَى
أُمِّ سَلَمَةَ وَهِيَ تَبْكِي ، فَقُلْتُ : مَا يُبْكِيكِ؟ قَالَتْ : رَأَيْتُ الْآنَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ -
صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - تَعْنِي فِي الْمَنَامِ - وَعَلَى رَأْسِهِ وَلَحْيَتِهِ الثُّرَابُ وَهُوَ
يَبْكِي ، فَقُلْتُ : مَا لَكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ؟ فَقَالَ : شَهِدْتُ قَتْلَ الْحُسَيْنِ
آنِفًا. أَخْرَجَهُ التِّرْمِذِيُّ.

"When I visited Hazrat Umme Salimah she was crying. When I asked, she replied, 'I just dreamt of Allah's Messenger ﷺ and saw that the hair of his head and beard were covered

⁶ Kanz Al-'Ummaal Hadeeth No. 34314

⁷ Jaame' Al-Ahadeeth of Imam Suyooti: Hadeeth No. 7742
Kanz Al-'Ummaal Hadeeth No. 34317

in dust and He too was crying. When I asked, ‘O Allah’s Messenger, what is the matter?’ ‘I just returned from the land of Husain’s martyrdom’ He replied’.”

Imam Tirmidhi has recorded this Hadeeth.⁸

7. In the Hadeeth of Bukhari narrated by Hazrat Anas ؓ he said:

أَنَسُ بْنُ مَالِكٍ - رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ - قَالَ : «أَتَى عُبَيْدُ اللَّهِ بْنُ زِيَادٍ بِرَأْسِ الْحُسَيْنِ ، فَجَعَلَ فِي طَسْتٍ ، فَجَعَلَ يَنْكُتُ ، وَقَالَ فِي حُسْنِهِ شَيْئًا ، قَالَ أَنَسٌ : فَقُلْتُ : وَاللَّهِ ، إِنَّهُ كَانَ أَشْبَهُهُمْ بِرَسُولِ اللَّهِ - صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ - وَكَانَ مَخْضُوبًا بِالْوَسْمَةِ».

“When the head of Imam Husain ؓ was brought to Ubaidullah Ibn Ziyaad (The governor of Kufah) on a tray. He began to poke it with a stick and he said something about Imam Husain’s beauty ؓ.” Hazrat Anas ؓ said, “By Allah! He looked similar to the Nabi ﷺ although his hair were dyed with black dye.”⁹

⁸ Tirmidhi Hadeeth No. 3771

Jame’ Al-Usool Hadeeth No. 6567

⁹ Jaame’ Al-Usool Hadeeth No. 6568

صحيح : أخرجه أحمد (261/3). والبخاري (32/5) قال : حدثنا محمد بن

الحسن بن إبراهيم ابن إشكاب. كلاهما - أحمد ، وابن إشكاب - قالا :

حدثنا حسين بن محمد ، قال : حدثنا جرير - ابن حازم - ، عن محمد ، - ابن

سيرين - ، فذكره. ورواية الترمذي أخرجه (3778) قال : حدثنا خلاد بن

أسلم ، قال : حدثنا النضر بن شميل ، قال : أخبرنا هشام بن حسان ، عن

حفصة ، فذكرته.

Sahih

Imam Ahmad Ibn Hanbal recorded it 3/261 and Imam Bukhari 5/32 said, “Muhammad Ibn Al-Hasan Ibn Ibraheem Ibn Ishkaab narrated the Hadeeth to us. They both, Imam Ahmad and Ibn Ishkaab said, “Husain Ibn Muhammad narrated the Hadeeth to us”, he said, “Jareer Ibn Haazim narrated the Hadeeth to us, from Muhammad Ibn Seereen and mentioned it.”

A similar narration is also recorded by Imam Tirmidhi.¹⁰

8. It's narrated by Hazrat 'Umaarah Ibn 'Umair, he said:

عُمَارَةُ بْنُ عُمَيْرٍ - رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ - قَالَ : «لَمَّا جِيءَ بِرَأْسِ عُبَيْدِ اللَّهِ ابْنِ زِيَادٍ وَأَصْحَابِهِ نُضِدَتْ فِي الْمَسْجِدِ فِي الرَّحْبَةِ، فَانْتَهَيْتُ إِلَيْهِمْ وَهُمْ يَقُولُونَ : قَدْ جَاءَتْ ، قَدْ جَاءَتْ، فَإِذَا حَيَّةٌ قَدْ جَاءَتْ تُخَلِّلُ الرُّؤُوسَ ، حَتَّى دَخَلَتْ فِي مَنْخَرِ عُبَيْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ زِيَادٍ ، فَمَكَثَتْ هُنَيْهَةً ، ثُمَّ خَرَجَتْ فَذَهَبَتْ حَتَّى تَغَيَّبَتْ ، ثُمَّ قَالُوا : قَدْ جَاءَتْ قَدْ جَاءَتْ ، فَفَعَلَتْ ذَلِكَ مَرَّتَيْنِ أَوْ ثَلَاثًا». أَخْرَجَهُ التِّرْمِذِيُّ.

“When the heads of Ubaidullah Ibn Ziyaad and his companions were beheaded and brought, I intended to go towards the yard of Masjid, and well, I made it. People suddenly began to scream, “There it comes, there it comes!” Then I saw a big snake appearing from the crowd and entered Ibn Ziyaad’s head and came out through his nostril and then it disappeared. After a while it appeared again or it came for the third time also and repeated what it had previously done.”

Imam Tirmidhi mentioned this Hadeeth¹¹, and Imam Suyooti has recorded it in Tareekh Al-Khulafa.

Imam Tirmidhi did the Takhreej of this narration, Hadeeth No. 2778, said, “Khallaad Ibn Aslam narrated the Hadeeth to us”, he said, “Nadr Ibn Shameel narrated to us the Hadeeth”, he said, “Hishaam Ibn Hassaan narrated the Hadeeth to us, from Hafsah, and mentioned it.”

¹⁰ Jaame' Al-Usool Hadeeth No. 6567

¹¹ Jaame' Al-Usool Hadeeth No. 6569

أَخْرَجَهُ التِّرْمِذِيُّ (3780) قَالَ : حَدَّثَنَا وَاسِلُ بْنُ عَبْدِ الْأَعْلَى ، قَالَ : حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو

مَعَاوِيَةَ ، عَنْ الْأَعْمَشِ ، عَنْ عُمَارَةَ بْنِ عُمَيْرٍ ، فَذَكَرَهُ.

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وَقَالَ التِّرْمِذِيُّ : هَذَا حَدِيثٌ حَسَنٌ صَحِيحٌ.

This Hadeeth's Takhreej is in Tirmidhi Hadeeth No. 3780. He said, “Wassil Ibn Abd Al-A'la narrated the Hadeeth to us, he said, ‘Abu Mu’awiyah narrated to us from A’mash, from ‘Umaarah Ibn ‘Umair, and mentioned the Hadeeth.” Imam Tirmidhi said, “This Hadeeth is Hasan Sahih.”

9. Imam Baihaqi narrated the following Hadeeth in “Dala’il” from Sayyiduna Ibn ‘Abbaas رضي الله عنه:

أَخْبَرَنَا أَبُو الْحَسَنِ عَلِيُّ بْنُ أَحْمَدَ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ ، أَخْبَرَنَا أَحْمَدُ بْنُ عَبْدِ الصَّغَرِ
قَالَ : حَدَّثَنَا بَشَرُ بْنُ مُوسَى الْأَسَدِيُّ ، أَخْبَرَنَا الْحَسَنُ بْنُ مُوسَى الْأَشَّيْبِ ،
أَخْبَرَنَا حَمَّادٌ ، عَنْ عَمَّارِ بْنِ أَبِي عُمَارٍ ، عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَبَّاسٍ قَالَ : رَأَيْتُ
رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فِيمَا يَرَى النَّائِمَ نِصْفَ النَّهَارِ ، أَشْعَثُ أَغْبَرُ ،
فِي يَدِهِ قَارُورَةٌ فِيهَا دَمٌ ؛ فَقُلْتُ يَا أَبَايَ أَنْتَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ، مَا هَذِهِ ؟ قَالَ :
« هَذَا دَمُ الْحُسَيْنِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ ، لَمْ أَزَلْ أَلْتَقِطُهُ مُنْذُ الْيَوْمِ » . قَالَ : فَأَخْصَوْا
ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ ، فَوَجَدَ قَدْ قُتِلَ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمَ

“I saw the Prophet ﷺ in the afternoon while his hair and beard were covered with dust and there is a bottle in his hand which contains blood. I said, O Allah’s Messenger, may my father be ransomed upon you, what is this? He replied, “It’s the blood of Husain and his Companions, and I have been collecting them since a certain day.” (The Sahabi said) “If one were to estimate that day, it was the exact date of Imam Husain’s martyrdom.”¹²

¹² Dala’il Al-Nubuwwah Li Al-Baihaqi Hadeeth No. 2977