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Imam Hussain (AS)

A Comprehensive Q&A Guide

Based on the Martyrdom & Legacy of
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1 When was Imam Hussain (AS) born?

Imam Hussain (AS) was born on 3rd Shaban-ul-Moazzam, 4 AH in Madinah Munawwarah.

2 What was the Kunyah (title of respect) of Imam Hussain (AS)?

The Kunyah of Imam Hussain (AS) was Abu Abdullah.

3 Write the famous titles of Imam Hussain (AS).

Famous titles: Sayyid al-Shabab al-Jannah, Sibt al-Nabi, Sayyid al-Shuhada, and others.

4 What was the blessed age of Imam Hussain (AS) at the time of martyrdom?

The blessed age of Imam Hussain (AS) was 57 years.

5 When did the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (AS) take place?

The martyrdom of Imam Hussain (AS) took place on 10th Muharram, 61 AH in Karbala.

6 How many children did Imam Hussain (AS) have?

Imam Hussain (AS) had 6 children: 3 sons and 3 daughters.

7 How many sons of Imam Hussain (AS) were martyred in the Battle of Karbala?

Two sons were martyred in Karbala: Hazrat Ali Akbar (AS) and Hazrat Ali Asghar (AS).

8 What are the names of the daughters of Imam Hussain (AS)?

The daughters' names are Fatimah Kubra, Fatimah Sughra, and Fatimah Sakinah.

9 'Aqilah Bani Hashim' is the title of which sister of Imam Hussain (AS)?

'Aqilah Bani Hashim' is the title of his elder sister, Hazrat Zainab (SA).

10 Write the family background of Imam Hussain (AS).

Grandfather: Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), Grandmother: Khadijah al-Kubra (SA), Father: Imam Ali (AS), Mother: Fatimah Zahra (SA), Brother: Imam Hasan al-Mujtaba (AS).

11 When did Imam Hussain (AS) reach Karbala?

Imam Hussain (AS) reached Karbala al-Mualla on 2nd Muharram al-Haram.

12 When did Imam Hussain (AS) leave Madinah?

Imam Hussain (AS) left Madinah on 28th Rajab al-Murajjab.

13 How many years did Imam Hussain (AS) spend with his grandfather, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)?

Imam Hussain (AS) spent 6 years with his grandfather, the Holy Prophet (PBUH).

14 How many years did Imam Hussain (AS) spend with his noble father?

Imam Hussain (AS) spent 36 years with his noble father.

15 How many years did Imam Hussain (AS) spend with his brother, Imam Hasan al-Mujtaba (AS)?

Imam Hussain (AS) spent 46 years with his brother, Imam Hasan al-Mujtaba (AS).

16 Whom did Imam Hussain (AS) appoint as his ambassador to Kufa?

Imam Hussain (AS) appointed Hazrat Muslim ibn Aqeel as his ambassador to Kufa.

17 Against which ruler did Imam Hussain (AS) rise up?

Imam Hussain (AS) rose up against Yazid ibn Muawiyah (May Allah's curse be upon him).

18 For how many days was water blocked for the family and companions of Imam Hussain (AS)?

Water was blocked for three consecutive days for the family and companions of Imam Hussain (AS).

19 To whom did Imam Hussain (AS) give his flag (Alam) in Karbala?

Imam Hussain (AS) gave his flag to Hazrat Abul Fadl al-Abbas in Karbala.

20 Where is the blessed shrine of Imam Hussain (AS)?

The blessed shrine of Imam Hussain (AS) is in Karbala al-Mualla.

21 At what age did Imam Hussain (AS) receive Imamah (Imamate)?

Imam Hussain (AS) received apparent Imamah at the age of 46 years.

22 Who was the governor of Madinah in 61 AH?

Walid ibn Uqbah.

23 When did Yazid become the so-called caliph of Muslims?

In the middle of Rajab, 60 AH, after the death of Muawiyah, Yazid ibn Muawiyah sat on the throne of caliphate.

24 Besides Imam Hussain (AS), which two personalities did Yazid ibn Muawiyah order his governor to deal with strictly?

Abdullah ibn Umar and Abdullah ibn Zubair.

25 When Walid's messenger came with a message to Imam Hussain (AS), where and with whom was he engaged in conversation?

At that time, Imam Hussain (AS) was engaged in conversation with Abdullah ibn Zubair in Masjid al-Nabawi.

26 Imam Hussain (AS) said: 'O son of the blue-eyed woman, will he kill me or will I?' To whom was this addressed?

Imam Hussain (AS) addressed this to Marwan ibn al-Hakam in Madinah.

27 Imam Hussain (AS) said 'Inna Lillahi wa Inna Ilaihi Rajiun' in response to which person, and why?

Imam Hussain (AS) said this in response to Marwan ibn al-Hakam when he suggested allegiance to Yazid.

28 What was the most important objective of Imam Hussain's (AS) movement?

Amr bil Ma'ruf (Enjoining good) and Nahi anil Munkar (Forbidding evil).

29 How many days did Imam Hussain (AS) take to travel from Madinah to Makkah?

Imam Hussain (AS) completed this journey in five days.

30 When did Imam Hussain's (AS) caravan reach Makkah?

Imam Hussain's (AS) caravan reached Makkah al-Mukarramah on Friday night, 3rd Shaban, 60 AH.

31 What did Imam Hussain (AS) say to Hazrat Muslim ibn Aqeel (AS) when sending him to Kufa?

'I am sending you to the people of Kufa. May Allah grant you success in that which pleases Him. Depart now, and may Allah be your Helper and Supporter. I hope that you and I will attain the rank of martyrs.'

32 When did Hazrat Muslim ibn Aqeel (AS) depart from Makkah towards Kufa?

Hazrat Muslim ibn Aqeel departed from Makkah towards Kufa on 15th Ramadan, 60 AH.

33 Why was Imam Hussain (AS) advised against traveling to Kufa?

Because the people of Kufa were unfaithful and breakers of promises.

34 Why did Hazrat Muhammad ibn Hanafiyyah not reach Karbala to help Imam Hussain (AS)?

According to Allama Hilli in Safinat al-Bihar, Hazrat Muhammad ibn Hanafiyyah could not accompany Imam Hussain (AS) to Karbala due to illness.

35 When the famous poet Farazdaq asked Imam Hussain (AS) why he left Hajj in haste for Iraq, what did the Imam reply?

Imam Hussain (AS) replied: 'If I had not done so, I would have been arrested.'

36 When Imam Hussain (AS) inquired from Farazdaq about the conditions in Iraq, what did he reply?

Farazdaq said: 'You have asked a well-informed person. People's hearts are with you, but their swords are against you. However, destiny is in Allah's hands, and He does as He wills.'

37 When a resident of Kufa asked Imam Hussain (AS) during the journey: 'O grandson of the Prophet! Why have you come to this barren desert?' What did the Imam reply?

Imam Hussain (AS) said: 'On one side, there is danger from this people (Bani Umayyah), and on the other side, these are the letters from the people of Kufa.'

38 When Imam Hussain's (AS) caravan reached Qasr Bani Muqatil, Hazrat Ali Akbar (AS) asked: 'Are we not on the truth?' What did the Imam reply?

Imam Hussain (AS) replied: 'Why not, my son? We are indeed on the truth.' Then Hazrat Ali Akbar (AS) said: 'If we are on the truth, then we have no fear of death.'

39 How long did Imam Hussain (AS) stay in Makkah?

Imam Hussain (AS) stayed in Makkah from 3rd Shaban to 8th Zil-Hajj — a total of 4 months and 5 days.

40 On the day of Ashura, when Imam Hussain (AS) began to deliver a sermon, the Yazidi army created a commotion. What did the Imam say?

Imam Hussain (AS) addressed the Yazidi army: 'Woe be upon you, O people! Disgrace and regret are your destiny. You invited us, and now you have drawn swords against us.'

41 What was the curse (bad dua) of Imam Hussain (AS) on the day of Ashura?

Imam Hussain (AS) said: 'O Allah! We are the Ahl al-Bayt of Your Prophet and his relatives. O Lord! Disgrace and humiliate all those who have oppressed us and usurped our rights. Surely You are the All-Hearing and the Nearest.'

42 What did Imam Hussain (AS) say in his conversation with Umar ibn Sa'd?

Imam Hussain (AS) said: 'O Umar! Do you think that when you kill me, that shameless one (Yazid) will give you the government of Rey and Gorgan? No, by Allah, that government will never be yours.'

43 Which companion reminded Imam Hussain (AS) of Zuhur prayer on the day of Ashura, and what did the Imam give him in return?

Abu Thamamah al-Sa'idi (RA) reminded him, and the Imam gave him a prayer (dua).

44 When Imam Hussain (AS) had his last meeting with Zuhair ibn Qayn (RA), what did the Imam say to him?

Imam Hussain (AS) said: 'After you, I too am coming to meet my grandfather, father, and mother.'

Thank You

For Learning About the Legacy of Imam Hussain (AS)

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