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Abu Bakr as-Siddiq

The First of the Four Rightly-Guided Caliphs



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In the Name of Allah, the Lord of Grace, the Ever Merciful.

For many years, I have been looking for textbooks on the History of Islam for English-speaking students, yet I have found very few. Most did not overcome a common problem: they did not go beyond the era of the Four Rightly-Guided Caliphs, ﷺ.

Bearing this in mind, we, at Darussalam, have resolved to present the entire History of Islam to our youth in language that appeals to them, in a simple yet lucid manner. The first four volumes in this series explore Islamic history during the period of the first Four Rightly-Guided Caliphs. Later volumes would be devoted to the History of Islam, down through the ages to modern times, in sha' Allah.

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This is the first volume from this series, which deals with the life of Abu Bakr as-Siddiq, the first of the Four Rightly-Guided Caliphs. No other person in the History of Islam can be compared to him when it comes to truthfulness, insight into Islamic teachings and devotion to Allah and His Messenger. He was outstanding and unique in his commitment, sincerity, and whole-hearted support and assistance to the Prophet.

We would like to thank the author Maulvi Abdul Aziz, the editor and the designer Mr. Shahzad Ahmed for their diligent efforts in preparing this volume. We hope this work will inspire our youth to form a personal relationship with Abu Bakr as-Siddiq and encourage them to commit their lives sincerely to the mission of 'the Champion of Truth', which he has left behind as our common heritage.

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The DEATH of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ



Completion of the **TASK**



When Islam reached the peak of perfection, these words were sent down upon the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, by Allah Most High (which mean):

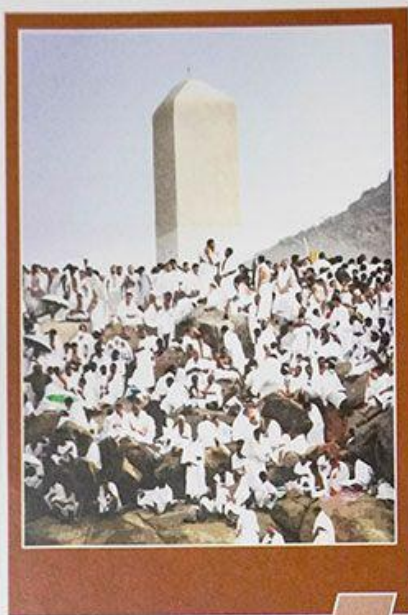
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'Today I have perfected your religion for you, completed My grace on you and approved Islam for your religion.'
[Al-Mâ'idah 5:3]

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ had conveyed the Message truthfully. He had fulfilled the trust placed on him and striven in the cause of Allah as he should. Allah had favoured His Prophet, when people entered Islam in throngs. At this point, Allah gave His Prophet leave to depart from this world. As the hour of departure drew close, Allah announced (what means):

﴿إِذَا جَاءَ نَصْرُ اللَّهِ وَالْفَتْحُ ۖ وَرَأَيْتَ النَّاسَ يَدْخُلُونَ فِي دِينٍ ۖ﴾
﴿اللَّهُ أَفْوَاجًا ۚ فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَاسْتَغْفِرْهُ إِنَّهُ كَانَ تَوَّابًا﴾

'When comes the help of Allah and victory, and you see people entering Allah's religion in throngs, then glorify the praise of your Lord and seek His Forgiveness. He is indeed Ever-turning.' [An-Nasr 110: 1-3]



Upon returning from *Hajj* in the month of Dhul Hijjah, the Prophet ﷺ remained in Madinah for the remaining months of al-Muharram and Safar in the year 11 AH/632 CE. Soon after, his attention turned towards the north. In the last days of Safar, the second month of the year, he began to prepare a huge army. He decided that the time had come to reverse

the defeat of Mu'tah. He commanded that preparations be made for an expedition against those tribes of Syria, which had sided with the Roman troops on the day when Zayd ibn Harithah, Ja'far ibn Abi Talib, and Abdullah ibn Rawahah were killed. He called Zayd's son Usamah to him and placed him, despite his youth, in command of the three-thousand-strong army. Usamah was only seventeen years old at that time.



The Prophet's ﷺ

FINAL ILLNESS



The Prophet ﷺ was taken ill shortly before the end of Safar, 11 AH/632 CE.

One night, not long after the Prophet ﷺ had ordered preparations for the Syrian Campaign and before the army had left, he called his freedman Abu Muwayhibah and said, 'I have been ordered to seek forgiveness for the people of the cemetery, so come with me.' It was midnight. They went out together. When they reached al-Baqi, a graveyard in Madinah, he ﷺ supplicated for forgiveness for the people at the graveyard. Then he turned to Abu Muwayhibah and said, 'I have been offered the keys of the treasures of this world and everlasting stay therein, followed by Paradise. I have been given the choice, between that and meeting with my Lord and Paradise.'



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