

Battle of Tabuk 9th A.H\Haj 10th A.H

In the middle of 9th A.H, Nabi ﷺ was informed that Hiraql (Hercules) was preparing an army to attack the muslims after they were defeated at Battle of Muta. This time of the year was extremely hot and sahabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ were in poverty. Sahabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ were always ready to sacrifice their lives. They immediately began making preparation. Nabi ﷺ encouraged sahabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ to donate whatever they can. Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ brought all his wealth. Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ brought half of what he owned. U'smaan رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ gave 900 camels, 100 horses, 10 000 dinars and many others sahabah gave according to their ability. Women gave their jewellery.

On Thursday in the Month of Rajab Nabi ﷺ left with **29 000 Sahabah**. They had **30 000 weapons and 10 000 horses**. **Muhammad bin Maslamah** رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ was appointed to look after Madinah.

When Nabi ﷺ and Sahabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ reached Tabuk, Hiraql ran away to Hims and No battle took place. Nabi ﷺ stayed in Tabuk for **15 to 20 days**. This was the last battle Nabi ﷺ took part in. Nabi ﷺ returned back to Madinah in Ramadhan in 9th A.H.

The 9th A.H also known as **“THE YEAR OF DELEGATIONS”** Many people began sending delegation to accept Islam. The numbers of Muslims increased so much that when Nabi ﷺ went for Haj in 10th A.H, More than 100 000 joined him.

Haj:

Haj became compulsory in 9th A.H. So after returning from Battle of Tabuk, Nabi ﷺ made Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ the Leader of the Haj and sent some muslims with him to Makkah to perform the Haj.

In 10th A.H, Nabi ﷺ and Sahabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ left for Haj on **25th Zul Qa'dah**. The Total number of sahabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ were over **100 000**.

They all tied Ihraam at a place called **Zul Hulaifah** which is **6 miles** from Madinah. They reached Makkah on Saturday, few days before the Days of Haj.

On the 9th Zul Hijjah, At Arafah, Nabi ﷺ delivered a very inspiring Kutbah (lecture): Some of the advices are mentioned below:

“1. THE LIFE, WEALTH, AND HONOUR OF A MUSLIM IS VERY SACRED (VERY VALUABLE) UNTIL THE DAY OF QIYAMAH JUST LIKE HOW TODAY IS SPECIAL, THIS MONTH (ZUL HIJJAH) IS SPECIAL AND THE CITY OF MAKKAH IS SPECIAL. (Just like how all these things are special, in the same way the muslims' honour, life and wealth is also very special).

2. YOUR WIVES HAVE RIGHTS OVER YOU JUST LIKE HOW YOU HAVE RIGHTS OVER THEM.

3. ALL MUSLIMS ARE BROTHERS. ONE HAS TO TAKE PERMISSION BEFORE USING HIS WEALTH. DO NOT FIGHT WITH ONE ANOTHER AND DO NOT BECOME DISBELIEVERS. HOLD FIRM TO THE BOOK OF ALLAH (QUR'AN) AND YOU WILL NEVER BE MISGUIDED.

4. NO ONE HOLDS ANY STATUS OR MORE VIRTUES THAN ANYONE NO MATTER WHAT HIS BACKGROUND, COLOUR ETC EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE THE TAQWA (MOST FEAR) OF ALLAH.