

Sayyida Fatima Zahra (AS)



Her birth

- She was born on the 20th of Jamadul Aakhir 615 CE
- Sayyida Khadija noticed a refreshing fragrance around her when she was pregnant with Fatima
- *“She was born in a halo of radiance and light”*
Sayyida Khadija (pbuh)



Rasulullah (SAW) said:

- "When I long for the fragrance of Janna I smell the neck of Fatima."
- "Fatima is part of me. Whatever upsets her upsets me, and whatever harms her harms me."



Her mum Khadija dies

- Fatima (pbuh) cared for her mother who became very ill during their stay in Sh'ib Abu Talib.
- **Khadija (pbuh) died** on 10th Ramadhan three days after Abu Talib dies.
- The Prophet calls the year Aamul Huzn (the Year of sadness)



Umm Al Abiha (Mother of her father)

- Fatima (pbuh) accompanied her father everywhere.
- She sees her father speak softly in the midst of a crowd of people and they in turn harshly send him away.
- Fatima (pbuh) as a small child stood a short distance from the scene in the Masjid al-Haram and watched when her father was called names and beaten.
- She watched as he did sijda in the mosque and his enemies threw intestines of a sheep at him.
- With her small hands she would clean her father's face and comfort him.
- It is because of this that he would call her **Umm al Abiha**, the mother of her father



Hijra

- Fatima (pbuh) also travels to Yathrib (Madina) to join Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) who had left a few days earlier.
- She arrived in Quba on Thursday 15th Rabiul Awwal.
- They **entered Yathrib (Madina)** on Friday 16th Rabi ul Awwal (1 October 622 CE).
- She stays with the mother of Abu Ayyub Ansari in Madina.



Marriage

- Proposals of marriage started coming for the hand of Fatima (pbuh). Each time a proposal came, she refused.
- When Ali (pbuh) came to seek her hand in marriage to the Prophet (pbuh), she accepted it with her silent smile.
- On the 1st Dhul Hijja, Fatima (pbuh) married Ali (pbuh).
- The mahr was 400 measures of silver. Muhammad (pbuh) escorted her to her house, placed her hand in the hand of Ali (pbuh) and entrusted his daughter to Ali (pbuh).



Ali (AS) said:

- "Should I speak to you about Fatima and Myself?"
 - She ground (grain) using a hand-mill until blisters appeared on her hands,
 - She swept the floor until her clothes became dusty and
 - Lit the fire under the cooking pot until her clothes became mud colored from the smoke.
- "I never angered her or forced her to do something she didn't like up to the day she died. Neither did she anger me or disobey me. In fact whenever I looked at her all depression and sadness lifted from my heart"
- "We lived like 2 pigeons in a cocoon"



Tasbee of Fatima Zahra (AS)

- Rasulullah (SAW) said to Fatima (AS):
 - Shall I teach you something that is better for you than a servant and a world with everything in it?
 - After every prayer say:
 - Allaahu Akbar thirty four (34) times
 - Al-Hamdu lillaah thirty three (33) times
 - Subhan Allah thirty three (33) times
 - then conclude that with la illaaha illa Allah.
- She made a tasbee out of blue knotted wool and it came to be known as `Tasbee Fatima
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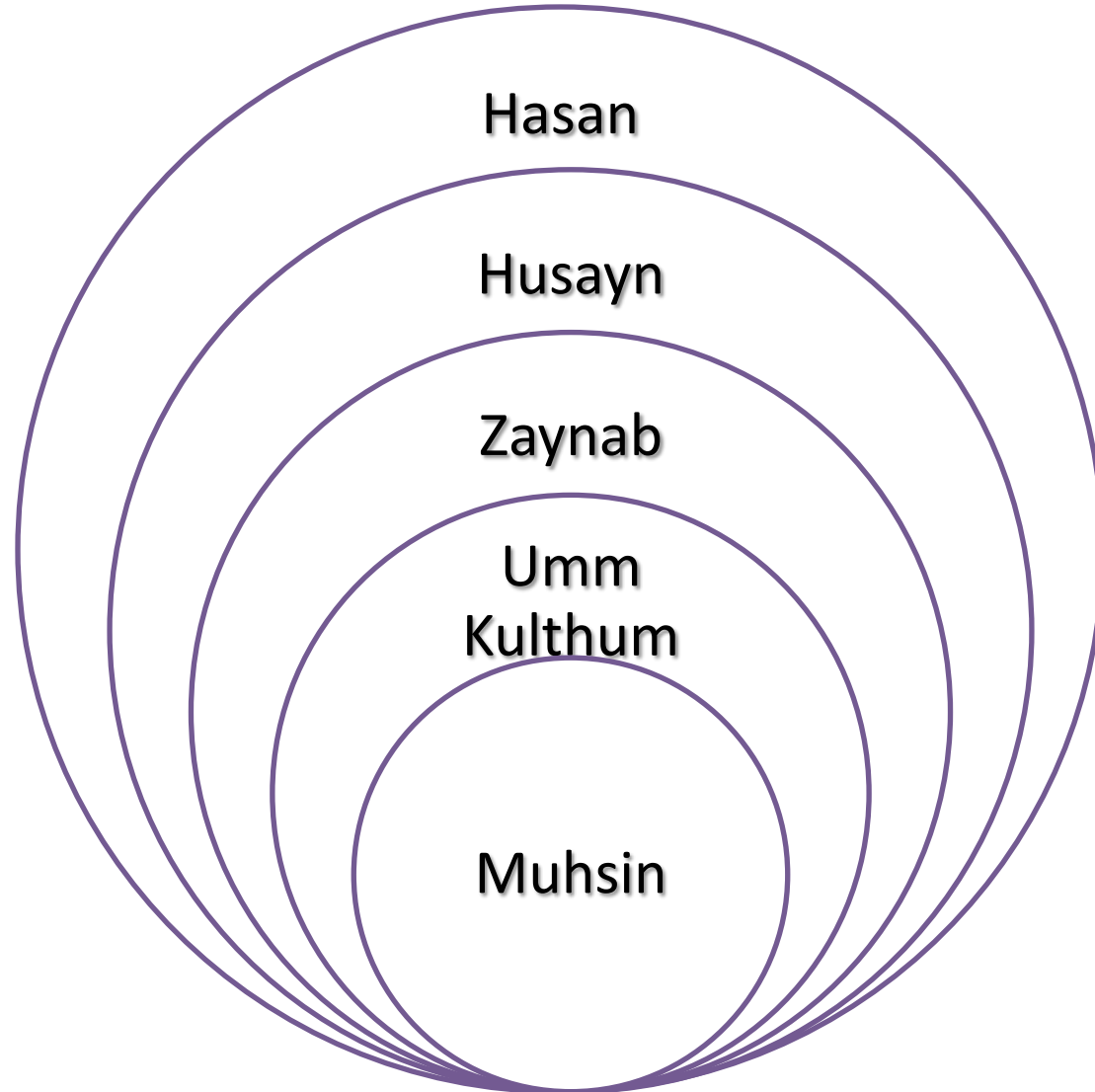


Nursing the wounded

- The Battles of Badr and Uhud were the earliest battles of Islam.
- Fatima (pbuh) was seen nursing the injured during the battles.
- When the war of Uhud came to an end and the enemy troops had left , the Prophet (pbuh), with an injured forehead and a broken tooth, was still in the field. Fatimah (pbuh) rushed quickly to Uhud on foot.
- She cleaned her father's face with water, but the wound on his forehead was still bleeding. She burnt a piece of mat and poured the ashes on the wound to stop the bleeding



Mother of the Aimmma



Ayatul Tatheer

- On 23rd DhulHijja 630 the event of the cloak occurred.
- The narration is famously known as **Hadith e Kisa**, when Aya Tathir 33:33 was revealed in honour of Fatima, her father, her husband and her sons.

“Indeed Allah only desires to keep away the uncleanness from you, O people of the House! and to purify you a (thorough) purifying.”

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Mubahila

- Muhammed (pbuh) invited the Christians of Najran to a **Mubahila** on 24th DhulHijja 630.
- Mubahila is an event which is arranged when a dispute cannot be resolved with discussion. A prayer to distance oneself from these who cover up the truth is done.
- The Prophet (pbuh) had tried to explain that Isa (pbuh) was not the son of God. The likeness between Adam (pbuh) and Isa (pbuh), in that neither had a father was highlighted. The Christians were not prepared to listen.
- Aya Mubahila 3:61 was revealed. Muhammad (pbuh) brought Ali, Fatima, Hasan and Husayn to the Mubahila.
- On seeing those accompanying the Prophet (pbuh), the Christian delegation withdrew from the Mubahila



Wafat of Rasulullah (SAW)

- On 28th Safar Fatima's (pbuh) grief knew no bounds when her **father died** in the lap of Imam Ali (pbuh).
- Her only consolation was his whispering to her that she would be the first family member to join him very soon.



Upholder of truth and justice

- The grief at losing her father was compounded when his instructions from Allah, regarding his successor, were not adhered to.
- She also had to put up with those who took away her right to **Fadak**, a land gifted to her by her father.
- Her pregnancy with her son **Muhsin** ended prematurely as a result of one attack.
- Her response in the court of the Khalifa to being deprived of her rightful inheritance is well accepted as a masterpiece in eloquence and knowledge.
- She expressed her troubles in a couplet –
- *"O my father! After your death I was subjected to such tortures that if they had been inflicted on the day it would have turned to night".*



Protest

- She withdrew in protest from the society where she was pivotal in educating the women.
- Imam Ali (pbuh) built her a house in the graveyard of Baqee called Baytul Huzn (The house of grief).
- She spent her days there grieving for her father



Wafat

- 75 days after her father's demise, **Fatima (pbuh)** **died** on 14 Jamadul Awwal 11 AH. She was 18 years old.
- She was buried at her request in the darkness, in the absence of those who had hurt her.
- She left her legacy of Imama through her sons Hasan (pbuh) and Husayn (pbuh) and ideals for women to follow in her daughters Zaynab (pbuh) and Umme Kulthum (pbuh).



The words of Imam Ali (AS) at her grave

- O Prophet of God please accept my Salaams
- *“Surely we belong to Allah and towards Him is our return.”* (2:156)
- Your trust (Your daughter) which was entrusted to me is taken back from me. Sorrow now lives with me and happiness has taken leave.
- This grief is so overbearing that it takes over all other sorrows, leaving me with sleepless night and joyless days
- O messenger of God! Your dear daughter will tell you how your followers have behaved with her and how they have ill-treated her.
- It is the wish of a sincere heart which loved and always love you both, a heart which will cherish and will carry your loving memories to its grave.
- Goodbye O daughter of the chosen messenger of God! May you rest in peace which humankind denied you in this world.
- If I leave your grave to go to my place, it is not because I am tired of your company. I wish I had it to the end of my life. I would make a permanent home on your grave had it not been for the reward that God has reserved for those who bear sorrows patiently.

(Sermon 207 of Nahjul Balagha)



Extracts from Al Khutba Al Fadakiyya



Fatima about Allah

- “All praise is for Allah for what He has given everyone, even without being asked for it.
 - He has asked them to be thankful so that He could increase His gifts on them.”
 - “I swear that there is no God but Allah and that there is nobody like Him.”
- “Humankind cannot fully understand Allah except by studying His Attributes (Asma ul Husna)”.
- “Allah created everything from nothing according to how and what He wanted. He only wants everyone to know that the best thing for them is to obey His rules.”



Fatima about Rasulallah (SAW)

- I swear that my father Muhammad (pbuh) is the Prophet and servant of Allah. Allah chose him as Prophet to make sure that what He wants will be done.
- My father was sent to make the idol worshipers see the light of Allah.
- My father (Muhammad (pbuh) invited people to the straight Way. He showed them the light from Allah in the teachings of the Qur'an.



Fatima about the Qu'ran

“The wisdom in the Qur’an will take you from the darkness of ignorance to the light of knowledge.”

“The Qur’an contains all the knowledge one could want. Following these instructions will lead us to Allah and Janna.



Fatima about Eiman

- Allah wants you to have faith only in Him.
- To be sincere in His worship Allah advised against believing in any other god.
- And Allah set obedience of us (Ahlul Bayt) for security of the society and Imama as a safety from disunity.
- And Amr bil Ma'ruf & Nahyi anil Munkar for the amendment and correction of society and the public



Fatima about Furu e deen

- Allah made salaa as a purification from conceit.
- And He made fasting compulsory so that you can remain sincere to Him.
- He introduced Hajj to strengthen the faith of Islam.
- He made Zakat a purification for the soul.



Fatima about Akhlaq

- And Allah made the kindness to parents a shield from His displeasure
- And He made maintaining family relations, a means of lengthening life.
- He kept nadhr as a medium for forgiveness
- He assured a reward to those who tried hard and showed patience.
- Allah advised people to do good and avoid evil so that society can improve.

