



“The Prophet Muhammad SAW said, “For fasting the day of ‘Āshūra, I hope that Allah will accept it as expiation for the past year.” (Muslim)



O Children of Isrā’īl!

“O Children of Isrā’īl! Remember (all) the favours I granted you and how I honoured you above the others. Guard yourselves against the Day on which no soul will be of help to another.” [Al Baqarah]

Musa AS is the most mentioned person in the Qur’ān, by name, with 136 references. Even our very acts of worship are intrinsically connected to the Prophet Mūsa AS. It was he who urged the Prophet Muhammad SAW to return to His Lord in the Ascension through the Heavens and seek a concession of five daily prayers instead of fifty. And it is his story that we commemorate with the fasting of ‘Āshūra.

Allah has promised forgiveness of sins for an entire year for fasting of ‘Āshūra in the month of Muharram. How remarkable is the generosity of the Creator. A single day’s fasting continues to wipe out sins committed during the day and night for an entire year.

The exact day of ‘Āshūra has been confirmed by Ibn ‘Abbās RA, who reported, “The Messenger of Allah SAW commanded us to fast ‘Āshūra, the tenth day of Muharram.” [Tirmidhi] Another narration states, “This is a great day, on which Allah saved Mūsa and his people, and drowned Pharaoh and his people.” [Muslim] Ibn ‘Abbās RA said, “I never saw the Messenger of Allah SAW so keen to fast any day and give it priority over any other than this day: the day of ‘Āshūra, and this month [meaning Ramadan].” [Bukhari]

Mūsa AS and his people encountered every challenge, every opponent, and every trial that this Ummah would face. The failures of the Children of Isrā’īl are indeed a manifestation of our own shortcomings when taken to the extreme. And it is when we return to our religion that we reclaim the Prophet Mūsa AS as our own. A relationship consecrated with the fasting of ‘Āshūra.

In a hugely symbolic act, the Prophet Muhammad SAW stated his intention to differ from the Jews by fasting the 9th of Muharram also. ‘Abdullāh ibn ‘Abbās RA, said, “When the Messenger of Allah SAW fasted on ‘Āshūra and commanded the Muslims to do likewise, they said, ‘O Messenger of Allah! It is a day that is venerated by the Jews and Christians.’ “The Messenger of Allah SAW replied, ‘If I live to see the next year, inshāAllāh, we will fast on the ninth day too.’ “But it so happened that the Messenger of Allah SAW passed away before the next year came.” [Muslim] **With these brief words, the Prophet Muhammad SAW simultaneously reclaimed the legacy of Mūsa, surpassed the People of the Book, sanctified the month of Muharram & maintained the unique identity of this Ummah! Hence, the Sunnah of this day is to fast the 9th and 10th of Muharram, while there is no blame on a Muslim who can only fast the 10th.**

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Tue	2	25	1:19	4:48	1:09	6:40	10:24	"	"	9:25	"
Wed	3	26	1:19	4:49	1:09	6:40	10:24	"	"	9:25	"
Thu	4	27	1:19	4:49	1:10	6:40	10:23	"	"	9:24	"
Fri	5	28	1:19	4:50	1:10	6:40	10:23	"	"	9:24	"
Sat	6	29	1:19	4:51	1:10	6:40	10:22	4:00	7:45	9:23	10:40
Sun	7	30	1:19	4:52	1:10	6:39	10:23	"	"	9:23	"
Mon	8	1	1:19	4:53	1:10	6:39	10:22	"	"	9:22	"
Tue	9	2	1:19	4:54	1:10	6:39	10:21	"	"	9:21	"
Wed	10	3	1:19	4:55	1:11	6:38	10:20	"	"	9:20	"
Thu	11	4	1:19	4:56	1:11	6:38	10:21	"	"	9:20	"
Fri	12	5	1:19	4:57	1:11	6:38	10:20	"	"	9:19	"
Sat	13	6	1:19	4:58	1:11	6:37	10:19	4:15	7:45	9:18	10:30
Sun	14	7	1:19	4:59	1:11	6:37	10:19	"	"	9:17	"
Mon	15	8	1:19	5:01	1:11	6:36	10:18	"	"	9:16	"
Tue	16	9	1:19	5:02	1:11	6:36	10:17	"	"	9:15	"
Wed	17	10	1:19	5:03	1:11	6:35	10:16	"	"	9:14	"
Thu	18	11	1:19	5:04	1:11	6:35	10:16	"	"	9:13	"
Fri	19	12	1:19	5:06	1:11	6:34	10:14	"	"	9:11	"
Sat	20	13	1:19	5:07	1:11	6:33	10:14	4:15	7:45	9:10	10:30
Sun	21	14	1:21	5:08	1:12	6:33	10:13	"	"	9:09	"
Mon	22	15	1:31	5:10	1:12	6:32	10:12	"	"	9:08	"
Tue	23	16	1:42	5:11	1:12	6:31	10:11	"	"	9:06	"
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Tue	30	23	2:23	5:21	1:11	6:25	10:04	"	"	8:56	"
Wed	31	24	2:28	5:23	1:11	6:24	10:02	"	"	8:54	"

Dhuhr Jama'ah **1:30**

First Jumu'ah **1:25**
 Second Jumu'ah **2:20**

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 Asr time ends 5 minutes before the published Maghrib time which takes refraction into account.
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Election Result

Adapted from Shaykh Haitham's old Message – still relevant.

All praise is due to Allāh, and may His peace and blessings be upon His final messenger, Muhammad SAW.

Muslims should accept any outcome as the will of Allāh before it is taken as the will of the people. Once we remember this, we remember the promises of Allāh for those who accept His divine decree.

“And certainly, We shall test you with something of fear, hunger, loss of wealth, lives and fruits, but give glad tidings to al-Sābirīn (the patient, perseverant ones). Who, when afflicted with calamity, say: ‘Truly! To Allāh we belong and truly, to Him we shall return.’ They are those on whom are the Salawāt (blessings; i.e. who are blessed and will be forgiven) from their Lord, and receive His Mercy, and it is they who are the rightly guided.” [Al Baqarah]

Muslims are taking their role in society.

Muslims have been very active and involved in the general elections. We have heard reports of record numbers of identifiably Muslim individuals and communities hosting hustings events, holding candidates to account, and turning up to the ballot box to exercise their say. Not seeing the desired outcome nationally should not discourage them from continuing their efforts to be politically active in an attempt to pave a better future for them and for the rest of the societies they are living in.

Therefore, there is no need to blame ourselves and to feel down if we are disappointed with the results. Leaders create victory from beneath defeat and create profits out of losses. It is amazing that this is the case of the true believers.

The Messenger of Allah SAW said,

“How wonderful is the case of a believer; there is good for him in everything and this applies only to a believer. If prosperity attends him, he expresses gratitude to Allāh and that is good for him; and if

adversity befalls him, he endures it patiently and that is better for him”. [Muslim]

Have a long-term vision.

Believers have a long vision; they should look at the long term and not be short-sighted. They acknowledge that real gain normally comes after losses. Let us remember that we live amongst different people including racists, bigots, the arrogant and foolish, who do not learn except the hard way. Yes, it can be difficult, yet fruitful in the end, by the Will of Allāh.

“And it may be that you dislike a thing which is good for you and that you like a thing which is bad for you. Allāh knows but you do not know.” [Al Baqarah]

This teaches us numerous things. Society is still far from what some may desire, and thus we need to be more active and engaged; in da'wah, in social activism, in politics, in media, in the legal sphere, and we definitely need more financial stability.

The most significant and impactful way to continue to push through with efforts despite disliked outcomes is to make your efforts for Allāh, since that means you never actually lose. What Allāh is promising you is greater than any worldly manifesto promise: that the final outcome is one of success for believers.

We are in this cause for the long haul, and Allāh is judging us based on every single action – however materially small – done for the right intention.

Secure your relationship with Allāh.

Finally, let us act as Islām guides us to act during challenges:

“Those to whom hypocrites said, ‘Indeed, the people have gathered against you, so fear them.’ But it [merely] increased them in faith, and they said, ‘Sufficient for us is Allāh, and [He is] the best Disposer of affairs.’ So they returned with favour from Allāh and bounty, no harm having touched them. And they pursued the pleasure of Allāh, and Allāh is the possessor of great bounty.” [Aal Imran]

We should remember Allāh more, seek His forgiveness and promise Allāh that we will never give up working until we meet Him.

Irrespective of the real reasons behind this election result, which are very important to analyse and study, we need to learn many other things Allāh wants us to learn when we face what we may dislike.

Now is the beginning, not the end.

Now is the time to continue the momentum we have built up over the years and build upon it more. Elections are only one part of the picture. Now is the time to build a relationship with your newly elected member of parliament and become known to them. They should know that you expect them to take into account your and your community's views and needs when they are voting on bills, scrutinising policies and debating issues.

We must continue to campaign for positive change; we must join or support local and national organisations that are doing work for bringing about justice and mercy to those in need, from food banks to social care to services for our youth. Likewise for lobbying organisations and think tanks that campaign for positive systemic change.

All praise is due to Allāh, and may His peace and blessings be upon His final messenger, Muhammad SAW.

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The poster is for a 'Seerah Event' at Masjid Abu Bakr. It features the GRT (Global Relief Trust) logo and the Masjid Abu Bakr logo. The event is scheduled for Saturday 20th July and Sunday 21st July, starting after 'Asr Salah at 7:45 PM. It is open to brothers only and features a special guest speaker, Sheikh Kaather Ali. The poster also mentions that sisters can listen via livestream on the website www.masjidabubakr.co.uk. The address is Masjid Abu Bakr - 26A Mansfield Rd, London E17 6PJ.

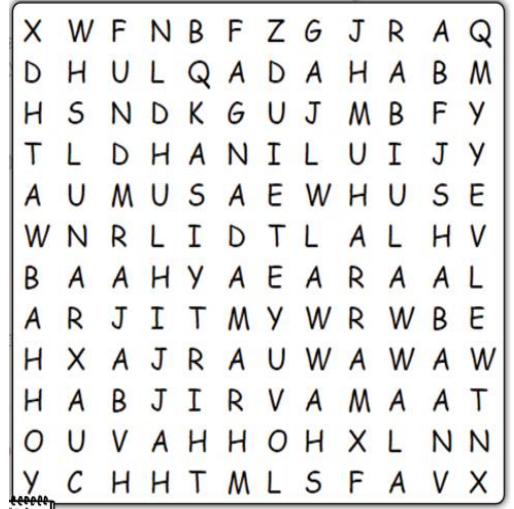
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1. The Islamic (Hijri) calendar is based on the cycles of the Moon. This is why it is called a _____ calendar.
2. A Hijri month can be Twenty nine or _____ days long.
3. There are _____ months in the Hijri calendar. Allah mentions this in Surah Al _____
4. The first month of the Hijri calendar is _____
5. The last month of the Hijri calendar is _____
6. This is the only month mentioned in the Qur'an by name: _____ (Hint: it is the greatest month).
7. The 4 forbidden months are: _____, _____, _____, _____ Dhul Hijjah and Muharram. Fighting is forbidden in these months.
8. Eid ul Fitr occurs on the 1st of _____
9. Rasool Allah (SAW) was born and also died in _____
10. Besides Ramadan, Rasool Allah (SAW) also used to fast a lot in this month: _____



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