

**Imam al-Husayn ('a) and the Holy Qur'an**

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### **Introduction**

In this brief, albeit comprehensive treatment from the Holy Qur'an, of those verses that have a relation to the life of Syed ash-Shuhada, Imam al-Husayn ('a), or those that shed light with respect to the tragedy of Karbala

This is a text whose commentary is the life accomplishment of and the martyrdom of Imam al-Husayn ('a).

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**A Complete Manuscript of the life of the Martyr of Karbala,  
in light of the Divine Revelation,  
i.e. the Holy Qur'an**

**# 1**

**Family and Lineage**

Surat al-Ahzab, Q.33.33 - Indeed Allah desires to repel all impurity from you, O People of the Household, and purify you with a thorough purification.

**# 2**

**Birth**

Surat al-Ahqaf, Q.46.15 - His mother has carried him in travail, and bore him in travail, and his gestation and weaning take thirty months.

**# 3**

**In Confirmation to Standard of Excellence**

Surat al-An'am - Q.6.162 - Say, "Indeed my prayer and my worship, my life and my death are for the sake of Allah, the Lord of all the Worlds".

**# 4**

**Journey from Medina**

Surat al-Qassas, Q.28.21 - So he left the city, fearful and vigilant. He said, "My Lord! Deliver me from the wrongdoing lot"

**# 5**

**The Struggle between Fewness and of Multitudes**

Surat al-Baqarah - Q.2.249 - How many a small party has overcome a larger party by Allah's will, and Allah is with the patient.

## # 6

### **The Loyal Party and their Parting of Ways**

Surat al-Ahzab, Q.33.23 - Among the faithful are men who fulfill what they have pledged to Allah. Of them are some who have fulfilled their pledge, and of them are some who still wait, and they have not changed in the least.

## # 7

### **Last Moments of Content**

Surat al-Asr, Q.103.3 - And enjoin one another to [follow] the truth. And enjoin one another in patience

## # 8

### **The Merits of Patience**

Surat al-Baqarah, Q.2.156 - Those who, when an affliction visits them, say, “Indeed we belong to Allah, and to Him do we indeed return”

## # 9

### **The Final Verdict**

Surat al-Fajr, Q.89.27-30 - O Soul at peace! Return to your Lord, pleased, pleasing! Then enter among My servants! And enter My paradise.

## # 10

### **Eternal Life**

Surat Al-I Imran, Q.3.169 - Do not suppose those who were slain in the way of Allah to be dead; rather they are living and provided for near their Lord

## al-Husayn's ('a) Accomplishments, Reason and Circumstances

### By way of Divine Text [the Holy Qur'an]

#### # 1

An Abrahamic prayer, seeking that among his children, be those who are true to and are guardians and protectors of Islam

Surat al-Baqarah, Q.2.127-128 - As Abraham raised the foundations of the House of Ishmael, [they prayed]: "Our Lord, accept it from us! Indeed You are All-hearing, the All-knowing. Our Lord, make us submissive to You and [raise] from our progeny a nation submissive to You, and show us our rites [of worship] and turn to us clemently.

#### # 2

Abraham's will to his children, that they be the true Guardians of Islam

Surat al-Baqarah, Q.2.132 - Abraham enjoined this [creed] upon his children, and [so did] Jacob, [saying], 'My children! Allah has indeed chosen this religion for you; so never die except as muslims.'

#### # 3

The Abrahamic prayer is a testament to Muhammad ('s) and his followers, who were true to their calling

Surat Al-I Imran, Q.3.68 - Indeed the nearest of all people to Abraham are those who follow him, and this prophet and those who have faith, and Allah is the guardian of the faithful

#### # 4

After Muhammad's ('s) demise, the danger of the populace faltering from the path of guidance remained a possibility

Surat Al-I Imran, Q.3.144 - Muhammad is but an apostle; [other] apostles have passed before him. If he dies or is slain, will you turn back on your heels? Anyone who turns back on his heels will not harm Allah in the least, and soon Allah will reward the grateful.

## # 5

Muslims, after having had reigns to power, led to corruption in the land, and were about to sever bonds of attachment and love

Surat Muhammad - Q.47.22 - May it not be that if you were to wield authority you would cause corruption in the land and ill-treat your blood relations?

## # 6

In this specific Community (*ummat*), the existence of a group is necessary, that enjoins people towards goodness, and exerts any and all efforts in preventing vices.

Surat Al-I Imran, Q.3.104 - There has to be a nation among you summoning to the good, bidding what is right, and forbidding what is wrong. It is they who are the felicitous.

## # 7

This group's purpose of existence is to defend against the onslaught of vices

Surat Al-I Imran, Q.3.110 - You are the best nation [ever] brought forth for mankind: you bid what is right and forbid what is wrong, and have faith in Allah. And if the People of the Book had believed, it would have been better for them. Among them [some] are faithful, but most of them are transgressors.

## # 8

This group should never tread in the path of those who have denied God

Surat Al-I Imran, Q.3.149 - O you who have faith! If you obey the faithless, they will turn you back on your heels, and you will become losers

## # 9

One should persevere on the path of guidance and never to associate with those who are unjust.

Surat Hud - Q.11.112-113 - So be steadfast, just as you have been commanded— [you] and whoever has turned [to Allah] with you— and do not overstep the bounds. Indeed

He sees best what you do. O you who have faith! If you obey the faithless, they will turn you back on your heels, and you will become losers

#### # 10

And they are well established upon obedience to God, and no one else

Surat al-Bayyinah, Q.89.5 - Yet they were not commanded except to worship Allah, dedicating their faith to Him as men of pure faith, and to maintain the prayer and pay the zakat. That is the upright religion.

#### # 11

If the country one resides at, presents obstacles to the fulfillments of one's religious obligations, then it necessarily mandates leaving that place of residence.

Surat al-Nisa, Q.4.97 - Indeed, those whom the angels take away while they are wronging themselves, they ask, 'What state were you in?' They reply, 'We were abased in the land.' They say, 'Was not Allah's earth vast enough so that you might migrate in it?' The refuge of such shall be hell, and it is an evil destination.

#### # 12

Negate obedience to any one other than God, even if the consequence, is of the abandonment of country, while not entertaining the fear of death

Surat al-Ankabut, Q.29.56-57 - O My servants who have faith! My earth is indeed vast. So worship [only] Me. Every soul shall taste death. Then you shall be brought back to Us

#### # 13

If circumstances necessitate, standup for what is right and just.

Surat al-Hajj, Q.22.39-41 - Those who were expelled from their homes unjustly, only because they said, 'Allah is our Lord.' Had not Allah repulsed the people from one another, ruin would have befallen the monasteries, churches, synagogues and mosques in which Allah's Name is much invoked. Allah will surely help those who help Him. Indeed Allah is all-strong, all-mighty. Those who, if We granted them power in the land, will maintain the prayer, give the zakat, bid what is right and forbid what is wrong. And with Allah rests the outcome of all matters.

#### # 14

And when confrontation is ones lot, persevere and engage in the remembrance of the Almighty Allah, with tongues utterance aloud

Surat al-Anfal, Q.8.45 - O you who have faith! When you meet a host [in battle], then stand firm, and remember Allah greatly so that you may be felicitous

#### # 15

Even if one was to perish, attaining Allah's grace is better than all the riches of the temporal world

Surah Al-I Imran, Q.3.157 - If you are slain in the way of Allah, or die, surely forgiveness and mercy from Allah are better than what they amass

#### # 16

Final success rests with those who are with Allah.

Surat al-Mujadilah - Q.58.21 - Allah has ordained: 'I shall surely prevail, I and My apostles.' Indeed Allah is all-strong, all-mighty

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