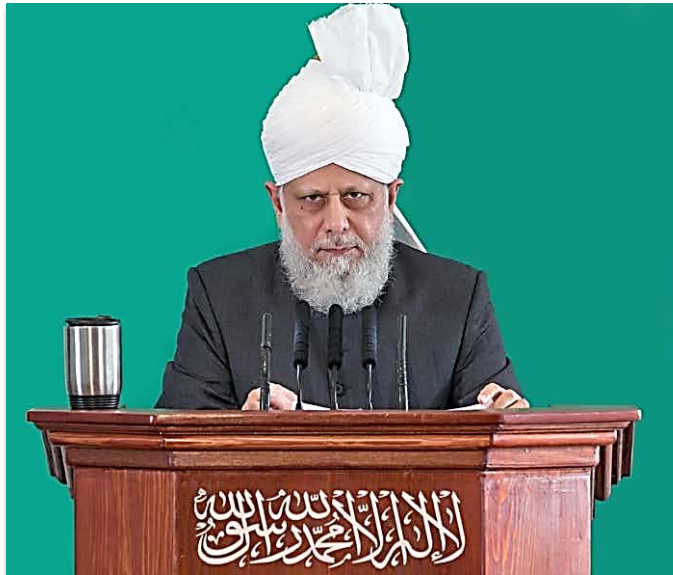
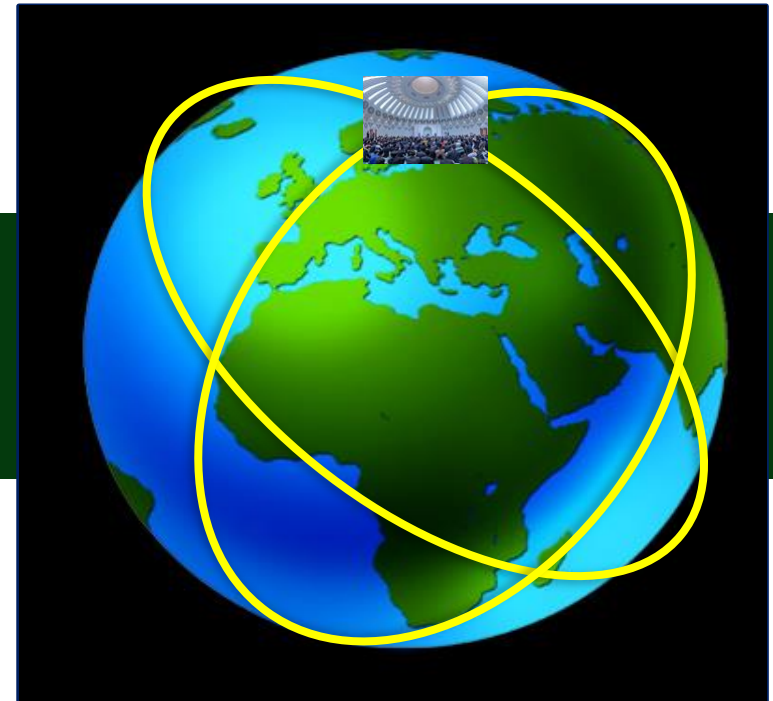


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Hazrat Sa`d bin Mu`adh (ra)

Deuteronomy 20:10-18

The decision was not made by the Holy Prophet (sa)

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His Holiness (aba) stated that as mentioned in the previous Sermon, after the Battle of Ahzab, the Holy Prophet (sa) was given the Divine command to head towards the Banu Quraizah and deal with their treachery. The Holy Prophet (sa) sent Hazrat Ali (ra) to give them a warning and have them realize their treacherous ways.

However, rather than realising their mistakes and expressing remorse, they retorted with profanities and foul language directed towards the wives of the Holy Prophet (sa).

Hazrat Ali (ra) returned and informed the Holy Prophet (sa), upon which he, along with the Muslims marched towards the castle of the Banu Quraizah and lay siege to it.

Finally when the Banu Quraizah realized there was no other way, they sent word that Abu Lubabah (ra) should be sent to negotiate their surrender. Abu Lubabah (ra) went and urged them to surrender and accept the Holy Prophet (sa), however they refused.

Instead, they expressed that rather than the Holy Prophet (sa) deciding their fate, they wished for Hazrat Sa`d bin Mu`adh (ra) leader of the Aus tribe which had been an ally to them, to be the one to decide their fate.

Though there were some amongst the Banu Quraizah who were of the opinion that a treaty should be agreed upon with the Muslims, the general population of the Banu Quraizah could not bear to accept the Holy Prophet (sa) to have any sort of power over them.

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Thus in the hopes of his leniency, they insisted that whatever their fate may be, it should be decided by Hazrat Sa`d bin Mu`adh (ra).

Some from the Aus tribe tried convincing Hazrat Sa`d bin Mu`adh (ra) to render a lenient punishment as the Banu Quraizah had been their ally, however he did not give in to any influence and said that the decision should be left to whom it has been entrusted

When Hazrat Sa`d (ra) arrived, first he ensured that all those present; the Aus, the Banu Quraizah and the Holy Prophet (sa), would accept his decision; to which they all agreed. Then he presented his decision according to the following Biblical teaching:
(Deuteronomy 20:10-18)

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Seeing that the Banu Quraizah were not prepared to accept the decision of the Holy Prophet (sa) which would have been made according to Islamic teachings, which at the most would have resulted in their expulsion from Madinah,...

...Hazrat Sa`d (ra) made his decision based on the decision Moses (as) had already made for such a scenario.

Furthermore, this decision was not made by the Holy Prophet (sa). Certain people allege that the Holy Prophet (sa) rendered an extremely harsh punishment. But as history bears testament, the decision was made by Hazrat Sa`d bin Mu`adh (ra); before making his decision he confirmed with all involved parties, including the Holy Prophet (sa), if they would accept his decision to which they all agreed. Technically, this was not even the decision of Hazrat Sa`d bin Mu`adh (ra), as he merely rendered that which had already been decided by Moses (as).

The Holy Prophet (sa) instructed that for the execution of those who fought from Banu Quraizah, each person should be brought separately, they should not be executed in front of one another. He was also present himself, so that if an appeal of mercy was made on behalf of anyone about to be executed, he may hear it and accept it.

His Holiness (aba) again clarified, in light of some allegations made regarding this incident, that this was not the decision of the Holy Prophet (sa) but was of Hazrat Sa`d bin Mu`adh (ra).

His Holiness (aba) also highlighted the fact that one of the conditions in the treaty which the Banu Quraizah broke, was that in the event the treaty is broken, the fate of the guilty party would be decided according to their own scripture. The decision made by Hazrat Sa`d bin Mu`adh (ra) was exactly in line with the teachings of the Torah for such an instance.

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His Holiness (aba)
then mentioned
some members of
the community who
have recently
passed away.

Hajiyya Ruqayya
Khalid Sahiba

Safiyya Beghum
Sahiba

Ali Ahmad sahib

Rafiq Bibi sahiba

His Holiness (aba)
said that in today's
funeral prayer he
would also be
including in those
who he has
announced in
previous sermons
who passed away
recently, but their
funeral could not be
offered due to the
current pandemic.

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