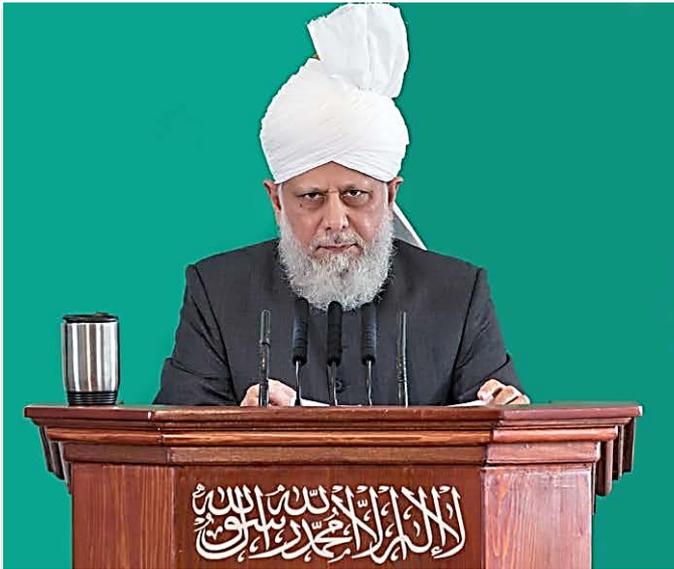
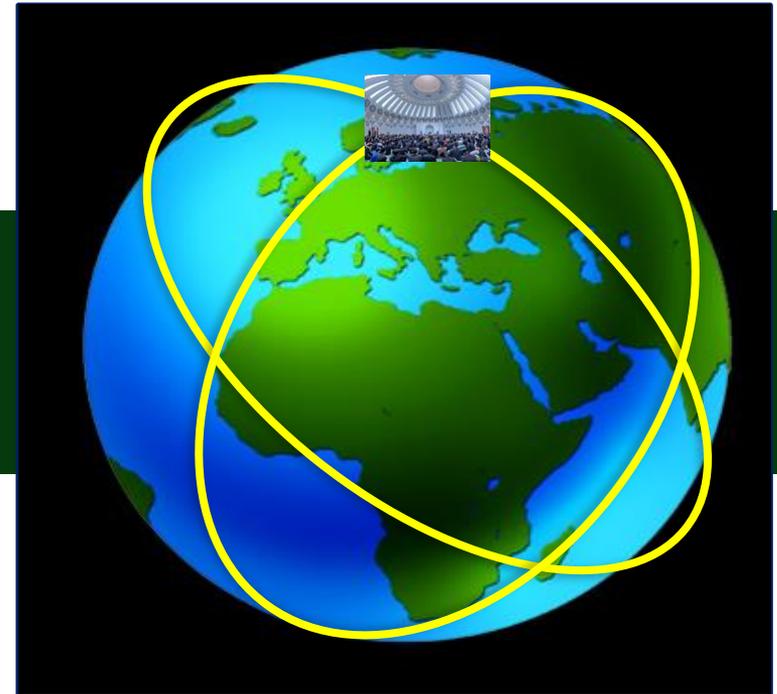


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Hazrat Sa'd bin Abi Waqqas (ra)

Holy Qur'an, 44:26-29

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There was a prisoner in the custody of Hazrat Sa`d bin Abi Waqqas (ra) who was being held for the crime of drinking alcohol.). He heard that there was a war ongoing and would express his regret upon the fact that he was not able to help the Muslims in battle. One day, Hazrat Sa`d's (ra) wife was passing by and heard him expressing this regret.

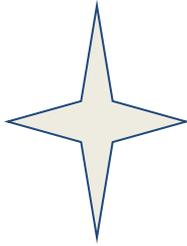
She went into the room and released him on the condition that he would be going to help the Muslims in battle. And so, he went to the battleground, and helped the Muslims advance in battle through his brave efforts against the enemy. Hazrat Sa`d bin Abi Waqqas (ra) recognised him and later said that he would punish whoever had released him.

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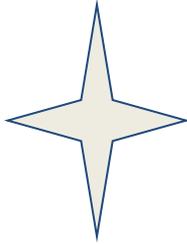
Hazrat Sa`d's (ra) wife told him that it was her and that she had done this because he was fearless in battle and would attack the enemy head on – that she had done this for the sake of Islam – and that he may do as he pleased as a consequence.

His Holiness (aba) mentioned that Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud (ra) presented this incident during an address to the ladies of the Jama`at in order to exhibit the sacrifices and services of women

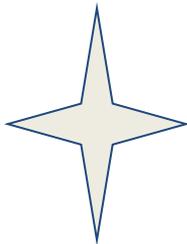
His Holiness (aba) said that after garnering victory in Qadisiyyah, the Muslims also garnered victory in Babylon – a city in present day Iraq – a city which is mentioned in the Qur'an with reference to Harut and Marut and is modern day Kufa. This is the same place that Nimrod imprisoned Abraham (as).



His Holiness (aba) then made mention of how the Muslims conquered Midian, crossing the Tigris river and as a result of their victory, obtaining the grand white castles of Kisra (Chosroes)

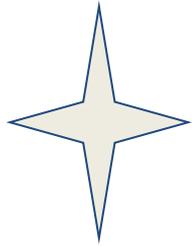


Thus, the prophecy which the Holy Prophet (sa) made during the Battle of the Ditch regarding Hazrat Sa`d bin Abi Waqqas (ra) – that he had seen the white castles of Midian falling – came true

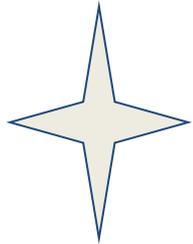


Seeing this, Hazrat Sa`d (ra) recited the following verses: *How many were the gardens and the springs that they left behind! And the cornfields and the noble places! And the comforts wherein they took delight! Thus it was destined to be. And We made another people inherit these things.*
(Holy Qur'an, 44:26-29)

His Holiness (aba) mentioned that once some people made false complaints against the way in which Hazrat Sa`d bin Abi Waqqas (ra) lead the prayers. Hazrat Umar (ra) investigated the matter, and upon inquiring from him, Hazrat Sa`d (ra) responded by saying that he lead the prayer exactly as he had seen the Holy Prophet (sa) leading the prayer.



Hazrat Sa`d (ra) was hurt by these allegations, saying that he had been the first to launch an arrow for the sake of Islam, yet such things were being said against him.



His Holiness (aba) related that Hazrat Sa`d (ra) as a member of the board from whom the Khalifa after him was to be selected, as they were those whom the Holy Prophet (sa) had given the glad tidings of heaven.



His Holiness (aba) narrated an incident, in which Amir Mu`awiyah asked Hazrat Sa`d bin Abi Waqqas (ra) as to why he didn't help him against Hazrat Ali (ra). He replied that it was because of the three things which the Holy Prophet (sa) had said to Ali (ra), of which if he (Hazrat Sa`d (ra)) were to ever receive even one, it would be greater than any wealth.

The First was that once when going out on an expedition, the Holy Prophet (sa) left Hazrat Ali (ra) in-charge. When Hazrat Ali (ra) asked the Holy Prophet (sa) why he was leaving him behind, the Holy Prophet (sa) told him that he had the same relationship with him, as Aaron (as) did with Moses (as), except that he (Hazrat Ali (ra)) did not possess prophethood.

The second was during the Battle of the Ditch, at which time the Holy Prophet (sa) said that he would give the Islamic flag to such a person who loves God and His Messenger (sa) and they love him. At that time, Hazrat Ali (ra) was experiencing an ailment of the eyes. The Holy Prophet (sa) rubbed some of his saliva in his eyes, and then handed him the flag. The Muslims garnered victory in that battle.

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Hazrat Sa`d bin Abi Waqqas (ra) passed away in 55 AH. Some of the wives of the Holy Prophet (sa) also took part in the funeral.

He was buried in Jannatul Baqi. He expressed his desire in his will to be buried in the same manner as the Holy Prophet (sa), He was the last of the men from the Muhajireen to pass away.

He also expressed his desire to be buried in the same garments he wore on the day of the Battle of Badr.

His Holiness (aba) then said that he would lead the funeral prayers of the following members:

Safdar Ali Gujjar Sahib who passed away on 25th July

Iffat Nasser Sahiba, wife of Naseer Ahmad Khan Sahib, who passed away on 3rd May

Abdur Rahim Saqi Sahib who passed away on 31st March

Syed Ahmad Sekal Sahib who passed away on 12 April

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