Daughter of Our Beloved Master  

HADRAT ZAINAB RA
Beloved daughter of the
Holy Prophet Muhammad
(May peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

ḤĀḌＲĀＴ
ZAINĀB
(May Allah be pleased with her)
Haunted Zainab

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In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful,
We praise Him and invoke His blessings upon His Noble Messenger

FOREWORD

These books were originally published in Urdu to provide children with a basic knowledge and understanding of revered figures from our religious history. Illustrations, children's activities and glossaries have been added to enhance the learning experience for children. The goal of these books is for children to develop a love and appreciation for the profound faith and the immense sacrifices of the revered personalities portrayed in these books. It is also hoped that the examples of righteousness found in these pages inspire children to cultivate a personal relationship with Allah, our Creator and Sustainer.

This particular book is about the life of Ḥaḍrat Zainab ra, the daughter of our beloved Master, the Holy Prophet Muhammad sa. Some modifications and additions have been made to the original text for the sake of historical accuracy and style.

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Family Tree of Ḥadrat Zainab RA

- Qaṣa'yy
- ‘Abdul-‘Uzza
- Banū Asad
- Khuwailid
  - Al-Ḥārith
  - Ḥāli
  - Az-Zubair
  - Dirār
  - Al-Muqawwam

- ‘Abdu Manāf
  - Banū Hāshim
  - ‘Abdul-Muṭṭalib

- Banū ‘Abid-Dār

- Ḥaḍrat Khadijah
  - Ḥaḍrat Zainab
    - Abul-‘Āṣ bin Rabī’
    - ‘Ali
    - Umāmah
  - Ḥaḍrat Tāhir
  - Ḥaḍrat Ruqayyah

- Ḥaḍrat Tāhir
  - Zainab
  - Mustafīmah
  - Muḥsin
  - ‘Abdullāh

- Ḥaḍrat Tāhir
  - Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimah
  - Imām Ḥasan
  - Imām Ḥusain

- Our Beloved Master, The Holy Prophet Muhammad

- Ummi Kulthum
- Ḥaḍrat Uthmān bin ‘Affān

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ELDEST DAUGHTER OF EXALTED PARENTS

Haḍrat Zainab(ra) was the eldest daughter of our beloved Master, the Holy Prophet Muhammad(sa) and his first wife, Haḍrat Khadījah(ra). She was the daughter of the most exalted parents in the entire history of the world. Before the advent of the Holy Prophet(sa) people in Arabia used to bury their daughters alive. Even if the girls were allowed to live, they were not given any love or affection. They were not given any rights as human beings and were treated like animals. Allah sent the Holy Prophet(sa) as a mercy for the whole world. The Holy Prophet(sa) came and established great honour and respect for women. He taught people that daughters should be
cherished. In fact, he said that anyone who raises two or more
daughters with love and kindness would be as close to him in
paradise as his two fingers are close to each other.

Ḥaḍrat Zainab ra was born several years before the
prophethood of the Holy Prophet sa. The age of the Holy Prophet sa was thirty years at the time of her birth. Her family
tree from her exalted father’s side was like this; Ḥaḍrat Zainab ra was the daughter of Muhammad sa, who was the son
of ʿAbdullāh, who was the son of ʿAbdul-Muṭṭalib, who was
the son of Hāshim, who was the son of Manāf, who was the
son of ʿUṣaiyy. Her family tree from the side of her honoured
mother, Ḥaḍrat Khadījah ra was like this; Ḥaḍrat Zainab ra was
the daughter of Ḥaḍrat Khadījah ra, who was the daughter
of Khuwailid, who was the son of Asad, who was the son of
ʿAbdul-ʿUzzā, who was the son of ʿUṣaiyy.

Her mother Ḥaḍrat Khadījah ra educated Ḥaḍrat Zainab ra with a lot of care. Ḥaḍrat Khadījah ra was a highly
intelligent, well-mannered, and refined lady. She was a very
beloved and caring wife of the Holy Prophet sa. Ḥaḍrat Khadījah ra stood shoulder to shoulder with the Holy Prophet sa
in all his sorrows and difficulties. As the beloved first-born
child Ḥaḍrat Zainab ra received a lot of love and inherited a wealth of noble traits from her parents.
The wedding of Ḥaḍrat Zainab ῥa took place before the prophethood of her father, the Holy Prophet ῥa. According to the custom of the Arabs, she was married at an early age to her cousin Ḥaḍrat Abul-‘Āṣ ῥa bin Rabī‘. Ḥaḍrat Abul-‘Āṣ ῥa was the son of Hāllah. Hāllah was the sister of Ḥaḍrat Khadījah ῥa and daughter of Khuwailid.

At the occasion of her eldest daughter’s wedding Ḥaḍrat Khadījah ῥa gave her a beautiful gift, a garnet necklace made in Yemen. This was the finest piece of jewelry Ḥaḍrat Khadījah ῥa owned and she wanted to give it to her daughter as a part of her dowry.
When the Holy Prophet\textsuperscript{sa} made the claim of prophethood, Ḣaḍrat Zainab\textsuperscript{ra} immediately accepted Islam. At that time her husband was on a business trip away from Makkah. During his travel Ḣaḍrat Abul-ʻĀṣ\textsuperscript{ra} heard reports about the claim of the Holy Prophet\textsuperscript{sa}. This news was confirmed upon his return to Makkah when Ḣaḍrat Zainab\textsuperscript{ra} told him that she had accepted Islam.

ハウスrat Abul-ʻĀṣ\textsuperscript{ra} was bewildered by this information and asked, “O Zainab, did you not even think about what would happen if I did not accept the claim of the Holy Prophet\textsuperscript{sa}?”
Hadrat Zainab\textsuperscript{ra} replied, “How can I reject my father who is \textit{Ṣādiq} (Truthful) and \textit{Amin} (Trustworthy)? I swear by God, he is telling the truth. My mother and sisters, Hadrat ‘Alī\textsuperscript{ra} son of Abū Ṭālib, Abū Bakr\textsuperscript{ra}, Hadrat ‘Uthmān\textsuperscript{ra} bin ‘Affān from your tribe, and your cousin Hadrat Zubair\textsuperscript{ra} bin Al-‘Awwām have all accepted Islam. I do not think that you will reject my father’s claim of prophethood.”

Hadrat Abul-‘Āṣ\textsuperscript{ra} said, “I have no doubt about your father nor do I reject him. Indeed, nothing is more important to me than to be with you in your religion, but I am afraid that my people will accuse me of abandoning the religion of my ancestors for my wife’s sake.” Therefore he did not accept Islam\textsuperscript{2}. However, he was an honourable and affectionate person. The Holy Prophet\textsuperscript{sa} often expressed appreciation for the excellent relationship between him and Hadrat Zainab\textsuperscript{ra}. 
Hadrat Zainab ra replied, “How can I reject my father who is Saadiq (Truthful) and Ami (Trustworthy)? I swear by God, he is telling the truth. My mother and sisters, Hadrat ‘Ali ra son of Abu Talib, Abu Bakr ra, Hadrat ‘Uthman ra bin ‘Affan from your tribe, and your cousin Hadrat Zubair ra bin Al-‘Awwam have all accepted Islam. I do not think that you will reject my father’s claim of prophethood.”

Hadrat Abul-‘Ash ra said, “I have no doubt about your father nor do I reject him. Indeed, nothing is more important to me than to be with you in your religion, but I am afraid that my people will accuse me of abandoning the religion of my ancestors for my wife’s sake.” Therefore he did not accept Islam. However, he was an honourable and affectionate person. The Holy Prophet sa often expressed appreciation for the excellent relationship between him and Hadrat Zainabra .

Hadrat Abul-‘Ash ra was travelling with a caravan when he learned that Hadrat Zainab ra had accepted Islam.
As Islam achieved greater success in Makkah the hostility to it also kept rising. The disbelievers did not let any opportunity pass in which they could inflict hardship on the Holy Prophetṣa. Sometimes they gave the Holy Prophetṣa physical hardship and on other occasions, they caused him emotional suffering.

Two of the daughters of the Holy Prophetṣa, Ḥaḍrat Ruqayyahra and Ḥaḍrat Ummi Kulthūmrā, were engaged to marry two of Abū Lahab’s sons. After the Holy Prophetṣa claimed to be a prophet of God, both of them broke their ties with the daughters of the Holy Prophetṣa, according
to the wishes of Abū Lahab. Some of the leaders of the Quraish tried to force Ḥaḍrat Abul-ʿĀṣra to divorce Ḥaḍrat Zainabrā as well. As an encouragement they offered to marry Ḥaḍrat Abul-ʿĀṣra to a girl from another honourable tribe of the Quraish. Their goal was to cause emotional pain to the Holy Prophet sa.

However, Ḥaḍrat Abul-ʿĀṣra loved Ḥaḍrat Zainabrā very much and he completely rejected this evil offer of the Makkans. Although he had still not changed his religion at the time of the migration of the Holy Prophet sa to Madīnah, the Holy Prophet sa liked him and praised him highly.

In the thirteenth year of his advent, the Holy Prophet sa migrated from Makkah to the city of Madīnah. During this period Ḥaḍrat Zainabrā was living with her in-laws. Soon after the migration, the first battle of Islam was fought between the Muslims and disbelievers of Makkah. This battle was called the Battle of Badr. Ḥaḍrat Abul-ʿĀṣra fought on the side of the Makkans against the Muslims.
Haḍrat Zainabra was still living in Makkah at this time. At the Battle of Badr the Muslims defeated the Makkans and some of the disbelievers were held as captives. Haḍrat Abul-ʿĀṣra was among those taken captive.

When the news of their captivity reached Makkah the relatives of the captives sent ransom to gain their release. Ḥaḍrat Zainabra gave her brother-in-law the garnet necklace that was a wedding gift from her mother. She offered her valuable necklace to be used as ransom to gain freedom for Ḥaḍrat Abul-ʿĀṣra.

When the Holy Prophetra saw the necklace among the
articles of ransom his eyes welled up. It reminded him of his beloved wife, Ḥaḍrat Khadijah\(^{ra}\), who had passed away after the cruel boycott which forced the Muslims to take refuge in the valley of Abī Ṭālib. The memories of his wife came back to him at the sight of the necklace. The Holy Prophet\(^{sa}\) asked the Muslims if they would set Ḥaḍrat Abul-ʿĀṣ\(^{ra}\) free and return the necklace as well. This is because the necklace was very precious and dear to the Holy Prophet\(^{sa}\) and reminded him of his beloved wife Ḥaḍrat Khadijah\(^{ra}\). The companions immediately fulfilled this wish of the Holy Prophet\(^{sa}\) with complete sincerity, love, and obedience. Therefore Ḥaḍrat Abul-ʿĀṣ\(^{ra}\) was set free and the necklace was returned to Ḥaḍrat Zainab\(^{ra}\).
A DAUGHTER’S DIFFICULT MIGRATION

All the Makkan prisoners were released with the payment of a ransom. It was against the dignity of prophethood that the son-in-law of the Holy Prophet\textsuperscript{sa} should be released without paying any ransom. Therefore, it was decided that after returning to Makkah Ḥaḍrat Abul-‘Āś\textsuperscript{ra} would send Ḥaḍrat Zainab\textsuperscript{ra} to Madīnah as payment for his ransom.\textsuperscript{6}

The Holy Prophet\textsuperscript{sa} instructed Ḥaḍrat Abul-‘Āś\textsuperscript{ra} and Ḥaḍrat Zaid\textsuperscript{ra} bin Ḥārithah, the adopted son of the Holy Prophet\textsuperscript{sa}, to bring Ḥaḍrat Zainab\textsuperscript{ra} to Madīnah. Ḥaḍrat Zaid\textsuperscript{ra} was instructed to stay outside of Makkah and wait for Ḥaḍrat Zainab\textsuperscript{ra}, then bring her back to
Madīnah. Ḥaḍrat Abul-ʿĀṣra instructed his younger brother to accompany Ḥaḍrat Zainabra on her journey from Makkah.

When preparations for the journey were complete, Ḥaḍrat Zainabra mounted her camel and departed for Madīnah. Her brother-in-law Kinānah bin Rabīʼ accompanied her. As it was expected that the disbelievers of Makkah would cause trouble, her brother-in-law was armed with arrows and a bow.

When the disbelievers learned that Ḥaḍrat Zainabra had left Makkah, they became extremely angry. The people of Makkah chased after them and surrounded them at a place called Dhī Ṭuwā outside of Makkah. A person named Habbār bin Aswad and another man from this group attacked Ḥaḍrat Zainabra with a spear. Ḥaḍrat Zainabra fell from the camel to the ground. As a result of this attack she suffered a terrible wound deep inside of her stomach. She lost a great deal of blood from this injury.

Her brother-in-law took an arrow out of his quiver and warned the disbelievers that if anyone came near them he would shoot them with his arrow. At this threat the disbelievers quickly dispersed. Abū Sufyān, the leader
of the Quraysh came forward and said that he wanted to talk. Kinānah put his arrow back in its quiver and asked what he wanted to discuss. Abū Sufyān said we have suffered a humiliating defeat, misfortune, and disgrace at the hands of Muhammadṣa. If you take the daughter of Muhammadṣa from among us, we will be considered weak and cowards. We have no reason to prevent the daughter of Muhammadṣa from leaving Makkah if she so wishes. However, my goal is that you return to Makkah for now and when the situation settles down you can take her to Madīnah.

Kinānah agreed to this and after a few days he discreetly handed her over to Ḥadrat Zaidra bin Ḥārithah who brought her back from Makkah. 7
An ancient Arabian bow and arrow.
A BEAUTIFUL MARRIAGE

Hazrat Zainab ra was injured so severely that she lived only a few years after being wounded. For the rest of her life she suffered great agony due to the severity of her wound.

The knowledge of her ill health grieved the Holy Prophet sa deeply and he once said, “She was my best daughter and she was tried due to her love for me.”

The departure of Ḥaḍrat Zainab ra to Madīnah grieved Ḥaḍrat Abul-ʿĀṣ ra greatly because they had a beautiful relationship full of love and affection. Any separation from her made him very sorrowful. Once while on a journey to Syria he remembered Ḥaḍrat
Zainab\textsuperscript{ra} with these words full of anguish, “When I went past Iram and I remembered Zainab, a prayer for her naturally came to me that, ‘O Allah! Keep her strong and healthy, she who is residing at a sacred place (Makkah); she who is the daughter of the Trustworthy (Muhammad\textsuperscript{sa}); give her the best reward. Surely, a husband praises that which he knows well.” Both husband and wife had to suffer six difficult years of separation.\textsuperscript{7B}

\textit{Haḍrat Abul-‘Āṣ\textsuperscript{ra}} was highly honest and a successful merchant. Once it so happened that he was returning from a business trip to Syria with a caravan of the Quraysh. When the Holy Prophet\textsuperscript{sa} learned about this caravan he sent \textit{Haḍrat Zaid\textsuperscript{ra}} bin Ḥārithah with one hundred and seventy riders to follow it. The Muslims apprehended the disbelievers at the place of ‘Īṣ. Since the Muslims recognized \textit{Haḍrat Abul-‘Āṣ\textsuperscript{ra}}, he was not stopped. When \textit{Haḍrat Abul-‘Āṣ\textsuperscript{ra}} saw the plight of the caravan he immediately went to Madīnah and asked the protection of \textit{Haḍrat Zainab\textsuperscript{ra}}. It was a custom among the Arabs that if one person extended protection to someone the whole tribe was bound by it.

At the time the Holy Prophet\textsuperscript{sa} was offering Fajr
Prayer. Ḥaḍrat Zainab ra called out that she had taken Ḥaḍrat Abul-ʿĀṣ ra under her protection. After completing his prayer the Holy Prophet sa asked, “O people! Did you hear anything?” They replied saying, “Yes!”

When the Holy Prophet sa came home Ḥaḍrat Zainab ra came to see him and said, “O Prophet of Allah! From the closer of relations Abul-ʿĀṣ ra is my first cousin and a more distant relation he is the father of my children. This is why I have extended protection to him. Abul-ʿĀṣ ra was the leader of this caravan therefore please kindly return their possessions.”

The Holy Prophet sa addressed the people saying “You know Abul-ʿĀṣ ra is my relative. If you choose to favour him by returning his possessions it will make me happy. However, you have the authority to do as you wish.” All the people agreed to return everything.
FAJR

PRAYER IS BETTER THAN SLEEP
A Generous and Honourable Man

The Holy Prophet\textsuperscript{sa} instructed Ḥaḍrat Zainab\textsuperscript{ra} to take good care of Abul-ʻĀṣ\textsuperscript{ra} and to treat him with respect. However, he instructed that they should live in separate houses until Ḥaḍrat Abul-ʻĀṣ\textsuperscript{ra} accepted Islam. After that Ḥaḍrat Abul-ʻĀṣ\textsuperscript{ra} took his possessions, kissed his children, bid farewell to his wife and left.⁹

Upon his return to Makkah Ḥaḍrat Abul-ʻĀṣ\textsuperscript{ra} cleared all his accounts and one day gathered the Quraish together and asked them if anyone had any claim on him. They replied, “Indeed, now we have no claim concerning you. May God reward you in an excellent
manner. You are indeed an honourable and generous person.”

At this moment Ḥaḍrat Abul-ʿĀṣra declared that he had become a Muslim, and openly recited the Kalimah. He swore by God that the only thing that had kept him from the companionship of the Holy Prophetsa was that the people might think he had accepted Islam in order to be freed from any monetary obligations. Now that he had fully discharged all his obligations, nothing could keep him from becoming a Muslim.

This incidence shows the greatness of his character. Ḥaḍrat Abul-ʿĀṣra was the son-in-law of the most trustworthy person in the world, the Holy Prophetsa and he was exemplary in his loyalty to that relationship.

In the seventh year after the Hijrah, during the month of Muḥarram, Ḥaḍrat Abul-ʿĀṣra accepted Islam and migrated from Makkah to Madīnah. After his arrival in Madīnah the Holy Prophetsa sent Ḥaḍrat Zainabra to live with him.10
There is none worthy of worship except Allah, Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah.

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Haḍrat Zainab ra loved her illustrious father and her husband, Abul-‘Āṣ ra, very much. She used to wear very nice clothes. The attendant of the Holy Prophet sa, Haḍrat Anas ra once saw her wearing a beautiful yellow-striped silk shawl.

Haḍrat Zainab ra had two children. Her son’s name was ‘Alī ra and her daughter’s name was Umāmah ra. ‘Alī ra was born in Makkah before the migration. He was very dear to the Holy Prophet sa. The Holy Prophet sa had trained him personally. After the conquest of Makkah he was riding on the camel with the Holy Prophet sa when the Holy Prophet sa entered Makkah. According to some traditions he was alive at the
occasion of the Battle of Yarmūk which was fought during the *Khilāfat* of Ḥaḍrat ‘Umarra. According to some other accounts he passed away before reaching his maturity.

The Holy Prophetṣa loved the daughter of Ḥaḍrat Zainabra, Ḥaḍrat Umāmahra, deeply. She was the first granddaughter of the Holy Prophetṣa. Ḥaḍrat Umāmahra was so dear to the Holy Prophetṣa that he would not part with her even when offering prayers. He would seat her on his shoulders while offering prayer. When the Holy Prophetṣa would move to his bowing position and prostration, he would lay her down. Then, when he would raise his head from prostration, he would seat her on his shoulders again. The Holy Prophetṣa would follow this routine through the completion of his prayer. This incident shows the immense love that the Holy Prophetṣa had for daughters.

Once the Holy Prophetṣa received a precious necklace as a gift. The Holy Prophetṣa came home and said that he would give it to the person who was most dear to him in the family. It was presumed that the Mother of the Believers, Ḥaḍrat ‘Ā’ishahra, would receive it, but the Holy Prophetṣa put the necklace around the neck of Ḥaḍrat Umāmahra.
After the demise of Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimahra, who was the maternal aunt of Ḥaḍrat Umāmahra, she was married to Ḥaḍrat ‘Alīra in fulfilment of the wish of Ḥaḍrat Fāṭimahra.11
Hadrat Zainab\textsuperscript{ra} lived a little over a year after Hadrat Abul-‘Āṣ\textsuperscript{ra} accepted Islam. The cause of her death was the same wound that she received at the time of her migration. This places her in the circle of martyrs. She passed away in the eighth year after the \textit{Hijrah}. The Holy Prophet\textsuperscript{sa} pronounced a death sentence for Habbār bin Aswad who had inflicted the wound on her. However, he pardoned the murderer of his beloved daughter when he asked for forgiveness at the time of the conquest of Makkah.
O Allah! Shower your blessings on Muhammad.

The Holy Prophet said that all parts of the body should be washed three or five times and camphor should be applied on the body. It is also narrated that the Holy Prophet said “O Ummi ‘Atiyyah! Wrap my daughter in this shroud in the best manner, braid her hair in three parts, and apply the best perfumes on her.”

The Holy Prophet himself led his daughter’s funeral prayer, lowered her into the grave and she was buried in Jannatul-Baqi. The Holy Prophet’s grief was evident from his face. Recalling the suffering of Ḥadrat Zainab the Holy Prophet prayed, “O Allah! Ease the suffering of
Zainab ra and make the confined space of the grave spacious for her.”

Haḍrat Abul-‘Āṣ ra was dejected and grief stricken at the demise of Haḍrat Zainab ra. He also passed away shortly afterwards.

اِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَ اِنَّا اِلَيْهِ رٰجِعُوْنَ

innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji‘ūn

To Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.

May God raise the ranks of these righteous and noble individuals and grant us the ability to follow in their footsteps. Āmin.
TO ALLAH WE BELONG AND TO HIM SHALL WE RETURN

(Baqarah, Verse 157)
The following abbreviations have been used. Readers are urged to recite the full salutations when reading the book:

**sa**  
ṣallallābu ʿalaihi wa sallam, meaning ‘may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him’, is written after the name of the Holy Prophet Muhammad\(^{sa}\).

**as**  
ʿalaihis-salām, meaning ‘may peace be on him’, is written after the name of Prophets other than the Holy Prophet Muhammad\(^{sa}\).

**ra**  
rādiyallāhu ʿanhu/ʿanhā/ʿanhum, meaning ‘may Allah be pleased with him/her/them’, is written after the names of the Companions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad\(^{sa}\) or of the Promised Messiah\(^{as}\).

In transliterating Arabic words we have adopted the following system established by the Royal Asiatic Society.

1. **ā**, pronounced as \(a, i, u\) preceded by a very slight aspiration, like \(b\) in the English word *honour*.

2. **th**, pronounced like \(th\) in the English word *thing*.

3. **ḥ**, a guttural aspirate, stronger than \(b\).

4. **kh**, pronounced like the Scotch \(ch\) in *loch*.

5. **dh**, pronounced like the English \(th\) in *that*.
\[\text{\textit{s}}, \text{strongly articulated } s.\]
\[\text{\textit{d}}, \text{similar to the English } \text{\textit{th}} \text{ in } \text{\textit{this}}.\]
\[\text{\textit{t}}, \text{strongly articulated palatal } \text{\textit{t}}.\]
\[\text{\textit{z}}, \text{strongly articulated } \text{\textit{z}}.\]
\[\text{\textit{‘}}, \text{a strong guttural, the pronunciation of which must be learnt by the ear.}\]
\[\text{\textit{gh}}, \text{a sound approached very nearly in the } r \text{ grasseye} \text{ in French, and in the}\]
\[\text{German } r. \text{ It requires the muscles of the throat to be in the ‘gargling’ position}\]
\[\text{whilst pronouncing it.}\]
\[\text{\textit{q}}, \text{a deep guttural } k \text{ sound.}\]
\[\text{\textit{‘}}, \text{a sort of catch in the voice.}\]

Short vowels are represented by:
\[\text{\textit{a}} \text{ for } \underline{\text{a}} \text{ (like } u \text{ in } \text{\textit{bud})}\]
\[\text{\textit{i}} \text{ for } \underline{\text{i}} \text{ (like } i \text{ in } \text{\textit{bid})}\]
\[\text{\textit{u}} \text{ for } \underline{\text{u}} \text{ (like } oo \text{ in } \text{\textit{wood})}\]

Long vowels by:
\[\text{\textit{á}} \text{ for } \underline{\text{á}} \text{ or } \underline{\text{i}} \text{ (like } a \text{ in } \text{\textit{father})};\]
\[\text{\textit{í}} \text{ for } \underline{\text{í}} \text{ or } \underline{\text{i}} \text{ (like } ee \text{ in } \text{\textit{deep})};\]
\[\text{\textit{ú}} \text{ for } \underline{\text{ú}} \text{ (like } oo \text{ in } \text{\textit{root})};\]

Other:
\[\text{\textit{ai}} \text{ for } \underline{\text{ai}} \text{ (like } i \text{ in } \text{\textit{site})};\]
The consonants not included in the above list have the same phonetic value as in the principal languages of Europe. While the Arabic َ is represented by $n$, we have indicated the Urdu ں as ِ. Curved commas are used in the system of transliteration, ‘ for ظ’, for ض.

We have not transliterated certain Arabic words which have become part of English language. The Royal Asiatic Society rules of transliteration for names of persons, places and other terms, could not be followed throughout the book as many of the names contain non-Arabic characters and carry a local transliteration and pronunciation style which in itself is also not consistent either.

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GLOSSARY

Allah— Allah is the personal name of God in Islam. To show proper reverence to Him, Muslims often add Ta‘ālā, ‘the Most High,’ when saying His Holy name.

Hadīth— A saying of the Holy Prophet Muhammad⁵ᵃ. The plural is aḥādīth.

Ḥaḍrat — A term of respect used for a person of established righteousness and piety.

Hijrah— Year of Islamic calendar that started after the migration of the Holy Prophet⁵ᵃ.

Holy Prophet⁵ᵃ — A term used exclusively for Ḥaḍrat Muhammad⁵ᵃ, the Prophet of Islam.

Islam— Means peace and submission; Name of religion brought by the Holy Prophet Muhammad⁵ᵃ.
**Jannatul-Baqi**— Graveyard in Madīnah where many Companions of the Holy Prophet ﷺ are buried

**Kalimah Ṭayyibah**— The creed of Islam, There is none worthy of worship except Allah, and Muhammad ﷺ is the Messenger of Allah.

**Khilāfat**— Divine system of succession after the prophet.

**Makkah**— City of the birth of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and location of the Ka'bah.

**Madinah**— City to which the Holy Prophet ﷺ migrated. Its former name was Yathrib.

**Quraish**— the most highly respected tribe in Arabia.

**Ummahātul-Mu’minin**— Mothers of all Believers. Title given to all the wives of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. This title is based on the words of Allah the Almighty Who refers to them as ‘Mothers’ in the Holy Quran. (Singular is Ummul-Mu’minin - Mother of the Believers)
Beloved daughter of the Holy Prophet Muhammad \(\text{sa}\)

\text{HADRAT}

\text{ZAINAB}

(May Allah be pleased with her)

STUDY GUIDE
AND WORKBOOK
“Whoever raises two girls until they reach maturity and get married, he and I will be like these two on the Day of Resurrection” and the Holy Prophet ṣa held together two of his fingers. (Narrated by Muslim and At-Tirmidhī.)

Explain what you think this Ḥadīth means.________________________
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Give an example from the book which shows how much the Holy Prophet ṣa loved his daughters.________________________
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Can you think of or find any other Ḥadīth which show the high regard that the Holy Prophet ṣa had for women and daughters? Write it and explain what it means.________________________
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“How can I reject my father who is Ṣādiq (Truthful) and Amin (Trustworthy)? I swear by God, he is telling the truth. My mother and sisters, Ḥaḍrat Ālīra son of Abū Ṭālib, Abū Bakra, Ḥaḍrat ʿUthmānra bin ʿAffān from your tribe, and your cousin Ḥaḍrat Zubairra bin Al-ʿAwwām have all accepted Islam. I do not think that you will reject my father’s claim of prophethood.”

“Indeed now we have no claim concerning you, may God reward you in excellent manner, you are indeed an honourable and generous person.”
“O Allah! Ease the suffering of Ḥādrat Zainab and make the confined space of the grave spacious for her.”

“I have no doubt about your father nor do I reject him. Indeed, nothing is more important to me than to be with you in your religion, but I am afraid that my people will accuse me of abandoning the religion of my ancestors for my wife’s sake.”

“O Ummi ‘Atiyah! Wrap my daughter in the shroud in the best manner, braid her hair in three parts, and apply the best perfumes on her.”

“O Prophet of Allah! From the closer relation Abul-‘Āṣ is my first cousin and from a more distant relation he is the father of my children. This is why I have extended my protection to him. Abul-‘Āṣ was the leader of this caravan therefore please kindly return their possessions.”
A NOBLE FAMILY!

Using the name bank below, find the missing names on the family tree.
CIRCLE THE ARTIFACT!

Use the clues below to find the missing artifacts. Circle your answer!

1.) When Ḥaḍrat Zainab was leaving Makkah to go to Madīnah she was attacked. Which weapon permanently injured her?

2.) Due to the attack, she fell. Where did she fall from?
3.) When Ḥaḍrat Abūl-Īsā returned to Makkah, before declaring that he had become Muslim, he cleared all his accounts and made sure that he did not owe anyone....

4.) The Holy Prophet⁴{saw} received a precious gift which he decided to give to the person most dear to him, his granddaughter Umāmah⁴{saw}. What was the gift?
1. The Holy Quran:
“And one of His signs is this, that He has created wives for you from among yourselves that you may find peace of mind in them, and He has put love and tenderness between you. In that surely are Signs for a people who reflect.”
(Ar-Rūm 30:22)

How do we know that Ḥaḍrat Zainab ra and Ḥaḍrat ʿAbul-Āṣ ra loved each other very much?____________________________________________________
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What was the only reason that they were separated from each other?____________________________________________________
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Explain what we can learn from their relationship. ________
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Think of three reasons why it is important for a husband and wife to love each other.
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What is a martyr?________________________________________
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Why was Ḥaḍrat Zainab ra considered a martyr? _________
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Explain how the body of Ḥaḍrat Zainab ra was prepared for her funeral.________________________________________
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How do we know that the Holy Prophet sa was grief stricken at the death of his eldest daughter?__________________________
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Find out the different steps which take place in Islamic funerals today and why these particular things happen.

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What is a martyr?______________________________

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Why was Haadir Zainab ra considered a martyr? _________

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Explain how the body of Haadir Zainab ra was prepared for her funeral.

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How do we know that the Holy Prophet sa was grief stricken at the death of his eldest daughter?____________________

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