

## **Imam Al-Hussain<sup>-asws</sup> Ibn Ali<sup>-asws</sup>:**

It is narrated that Imam Al-Hussain<sup>-asws</sup> ibn Ali<sup>-asws</sup>'s 'Nazool' took place in the third year A.H. (after Hijrah, migration of the Holy Prophet) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Shaban. Imam Hussain<sup>-asws</sup> was martyred in the month of Muharram in the year sixty-one (61) A.H. Imam Hussain<sup>-asws</sup> lived for fifty-seven (57) years and few months. Ubayd Allah ibn Ziyad (may he fall in condemnation of Allah<sup>-azwj</sup>) murdered him<sup>-asws</sup> during the Caliphate of Yazid ibn Mu'awiya (may he fall in condemnation of Allah<sup>-azwj</sup>). He was the governor of Kufa. The horsemen who murdered him were led by 'Umar ibn Sa'd (may he fall in condemnation of Allah<sup>-azwj</sup>) in the plane of Karbala. It took place on Monday the tenth of the month of Muharrarn. His<sup>-asws</sup> mother was Syeda Fatima<sup>-asws</sup> the daughter of the Rasool Allah<sup>-saww</sup>.<sup>1</sup>

**Imam Abu 'Abd Allah<sup>-asws</sup> (Imam Jafar e Sadiq<sup>-asws</sup>) has said,** 'Imam Al-Hussain<sup>-asws</sup> passed away a martyr on the day of 'Ashura' (tenth of the month of Muharram) and he was fifty seven (57) years old.<sup>2</sup>

**Our 6<sup>th</sup> Imam<sup>-asws</sup> has said also:** Imam Al-Hussain<sup>-asws</sup> would not have any feed from his mother Fatimah<sup>-asws</sup>, or anyone else. They would bring him<sup>-asws</sup> to the Holy Prophet<sup>-saww</sup> to place his thumb in the child<sup>-asws</sup>'s mouth. The child would receive food therefrom and it sufficed him for three days. The flesh of Al-Hussain<sup>-asws</sup> grew from that of the Rasool Allah<sup>-saww</sup> and his<sup>-asws</sup> blood from the Rasool Allah<sup>-saww</sup>'s blood.

In another Hadith from Imam Abu Al-Hassan Al-Reza<sup>-asws</sup>, it is said that they (people of the family) would bring Imam Al-Hussain to the Rasool Allah<sup>-saww</sup> and he<sup>-saww</sup> would place his<sup>-saww</sup> tongue in his<sup>-asws</sup> mouth. This sufficed him (for food) and he would not require any other feed.<sup>3</sup>

I heard **Imam Jafar e Sadiq<sup>-asws</sup> (6<sup>th</sup> Imam<sup>-asws</sup>)** who has said: "About the Words of Allah<sup>-azwj</sup>, ***then he (Abraham) contemplated when looking at the stars (37:88)*** and said, ***"I am sick." (37:89)***

Abu 'Abd Allah<sup>-asws</sup> has said, 'Prophet Abraham<sup>-as</sup> calculated and found what had happened to Imam Al-Hussain<sup>-asws</sup> then he<sup>-as</sup> said, "I am sick because of what will happen to al-Hussain<sup>-asws</sup>."<sup>4</sup>

**Imam Abu 'Abd Allah<sup>-asws</sup> has said,** 'When all that happened to Imam Al-Hussain<sup>-asws</sup> had happened, the angels<sup>-as</sup> wept and cried before Allah<sup>-azwj</sup> and said, "How could such a thing happen to Imam Al-Hussain<sup>-asws</sup> Your<sup>-azwj</sup> Chosen one<sup>-asws</sup> and the grandson of Your Prophet<sup>-saww</sup>? The Imam<sup>-asws</sup> has said that Allah<sup>-azwj</sup>, then Showed them the shadow of 'Al-Qa'im' (the one who will rise with Divine Authority and Power) and said, 'Through him<sup>-ajfi</sup> I<sup>-azwj</sup> will Bring the perpetrators to My Justice.'<sup>5</sup>

**Imam Mohammed Baqir<sup>-asws</sup> (5<sup>th</sup> Imam<sup>-asws</sup>) has said,** When (Divine) support came to Imam Al-Hussain<sup>-asws</sup> ibn Ali<sup>-asws</sup> it filled from earth to the Heavens and then he<sup>-asws</sup> was given the choice to have victory or to meet Allah<sup>-azwj</sup>, but he<sup>-asws</sup> chose the latter (to meet Allah<sup>-azwj</sup>).<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Al-Kafi, Vol. 1, Chapters on History, Imam Al-Hussain<sup>asws</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, h 1.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid, h 4.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid, h 5.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid, h 6.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid, h 7.

**It has been narrated through a chain of trustworthy followers of Ahi Al-Bayt<sup>-asws</sup>** that 'When Imam Al-Hussain<sup>-asws</sup> was murdered people wanted to run horses over his (Imam al-Hussain<sup>-asws</sup>'s) body. Fizza<sup>-ra</sup> (the elderly servant of Syeda<sup>-asws</sup> the daughter of the Holy Prophet<sup>-saww</sup>) then said to the elder sister of Imam Hussain<sup>-asws</sup>, 'My lady<sup>-asws</sup>, there was a shipwreck and Safina came out on an Island face to face with a lion. He (Safina) said to the lion, "O Abu Al-Harith, I am a slave of the Rasool Allah<sup>-saww</sup>." The lion murmured in front of him and showed him the way. There lives a lion in this area. Allow me to go and inform him of what the people intend to do to Al-Hussain<sup>-asws</sup> tomorrow.' The narrator has said that she (Fizza<sup>-ra</sup>) went to the lion and said, 'O Abu Al-Harith, and the lion raised his head. She asked, "Do you know what these people intend to do to (the body) of Imam Hussain<sup>-asws</sup>? They intend to run horses over his<sup>-asws</sup> body.'

The narrator has said that the lion walked (all the way) and placed both of his hands over the body of Al-Hussain<sup>-asws</sup>. When the horsemen came they found the lion in that, position and Umar ibn Sa'd (may he fall in condemnation of Allah<sup>-azwj</sup>) told them, 'It is mischief Do not bother and turn back. They turned back (on that day).'<sup>7</sup>

(The narrator says) I heard Imam Jafar-e-Sadiq<sup>-asws</sup> say, 'After Imam Al-Hussain<sup>-asws</sup> was martyred his<sup>-asws</sup> wife, who was from the tribe of al-Kalb, began to organize a mourning gathering. Syeda<sup>-asws</sup> wept and the ladies and servants wept until their tears dried up. There was one female servant (slave) who wept and her tears would not stop. She called her and asked, 'How is it that our tears have dried up and your tears have not?' She said, 'When I sutler I drink Sawiq (a kind of soup made of wheat and or barley).' She<sup>-asws</sup> then ordered to prepare Sawiq and food. She<sup>-asws</sup> would drink and eat and give others to drink and eat and say, 'We need to find energy to weep for Imam Al-Hussain<sup>-asws</sup>.'

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Imam<sup>-asws</sup> has said, once, a certain kind of (roasted) birds were given to Al-Kalbia lady<sup>-asws</sup> (the widow of Imam Hussain<sup>-asws</sup>) to help her<sup>-asws</sup> in her mourning for Imam Al-Hussain<sup>-asws</sup>.' When she saw them she asked: What are these for? They told her that they were a gift from so and so to help you<sup>-asws</sup> in mourning for Imam Al-Hussain<sup>-asws</sup>. She<sup>-asws</sup> said: 'We are not in a wedding. What do we do with them?' and Syeda<sup>-asws</sup> told her<sup>-asws</sup> servants to take them out of the house. When they were taken out of the house they just disappeared as if they did not exist or flew between the Heavens and earth and afterwards no trace of them was found anywhere.<sup>8</sup>

Our sixth Imam<sup>-asws</sup> says: Imam Hussain<sup>-asws</sup> Ibn Ali<sup>-asws</sup> said: I<sup>-asws</sup> am the Martyr of Tears. No Momin (believer) remembers me<sup>-asws</sup> without crying.<sup>9</sup>

## **Bequest of Imam Hussain Ibn Ali Ibn Talib-asws**

(Before leaving Medina) Al-Husayn<sup>-asws</sup> called for ink and paper wrote this bequest for his<sup>-asws</sup> brother Muhammad – In the Name of Allah<sup>-azwj</sup> the Beneficent, the Merciful. This is what is bequeathed by Al-Husayn<sup>-asws</sup> Bin Ali<sup>-asws</sup> Bin Abu Talib<sup>-asws</sup>, to his<sup>-asws</sup> brother Muhammad, well known as Ibn Hanafiyya.

Al-Husayn<sup>-asws</sup> testifies that there is no god except Allah<sup>-azwj</sup> Alone. There is no associate for Him<sup>-azwj</sup>, and that Muhammad<sup>-saww</sup> is His<sup>-azwj</sup> servant and His<sup>-azwj</sup> Rasool<sup>-saww</sup>. He<sup>-saww</sup> came with the truth from the

<sup>7</sup> Ibid, h 8.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid, h 9.

<sup>9</sup>109 كامل الزيارات، النص، ص: 3, chapter 36, H. 3

Presence of The Truth, and that the Paradise and the Fire are true, ***And the Hour is coming, there is no doubt in it, and that Allah will Resurrect the ones in the graves [22:7].***

And I<sup>-asws</sup> did not go out for evil, nor for priding, nor for mischief, nor for injustice, and rather I<sup>-asws</sup> am going out to seek the betterment regarding the community of my<sup>-asws</sup> grandfather<sup>-saww</sup>. I<sup>-asws</sup> want to enjoin with the goodness and forbid from the evil, and I<sup>-asws</sup> conduct with the conduct of my<sup>-asws</sup> grandfather<sup>-saww</sup>, and my<sup>-asws</sup> father Ali<sup>-asws</sup> Bin Abu Talib<sup>-asws</sup>.

So, the one who accepts me<sup>-asws</sup> by accepting the truth, so Allah<sup>-azwj</sup> is foremost with the truth, and the one who reject this upon me<sup>-asws</sup>, I<sup>-asws</sup> shall be patient until Allah<sup>-azwj</sup> Decrees between me<sup>-asws</sup> and the people with the truth, and He<sup>-azwj</sup> is best of the judges.

And this is my<sup>-asws</sup> bequest, O my<sup>-asws</sup> brother, to you, ***and my success is only with Allah. Upon Him do I rely, and to Him do I turn [11:88]***.

He (the narrator) said, 'Al-Husayn<sup>-asws</sup> folded the letter and sealed it with his<sup>-asws</sup> seal and handed it to his<sup>-asws</sup> brother Muhammad, then bade him farewell and went out in the middle of the night'' (an extract).<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> Bihar Al-Anwaar – V 44, The book of History – Al-Hassan<sup>-asws</sup>, Ch 37 H 2 a