

Alhamdulillah, we have finished the course work for Seerah. We will continue to review the chapters in the remaining weeks. In the final exam you will be tested on the following five topics.

1. Khulafa Ar-Rashidun

Full names and correct order of the 4 Khulafa Ar-Rashidun (BONUS QUESTION)

Highlights of life and rules of 4 Khulafa:

Abu Bakr As-Siddiq (RA): Faithful friend, was companion of Rasulullah (SA) in cave Thaur. His daughter Ayesha (RA) was married to Rasulullah (SA). He was the 1st Khalifah of the muslim ummah. He was Khalifah for 2 years. He started the compilation of the Holy Quran, started the practice of "Shura" or "consultation" with Sahabah in running the government. He took a modest salary from Bait al Maal, He nominated Umar ibn al-Khattab to be the next khalifah. Parts of Iraq and most of Syria, were conquered during the rule of Abu Bakr.

Highlights of **Umar ibn Al-Khattab (RA):** He was the 2nd Khalifah. He was a harsh and arrogant man before accepting Islam, but became a kind and gentle leader as a Khalifah. He was called Amir ul Mu'minin, He introduced the Hijrah calendar. He contributed greatly in expansion of Islam beyond Arabia. Islam spread to Iraq, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Persia, central Asia and Turkey. He appointed pious and capable governors to the new areas conquered by Muslims. He introduced the judicial system by appointing judges or Qadi for each province. He treated the non Muslims justly. His rule lasted for 10 years. Umar (RA) was attacked and killed by a Zoroastrian by the name of Feroz.

Uthman ibn Affan (RA) was the 3rd Khalifah. Also known as Uthman Al-Ghani, (Uthman, the rich and generous) because of his wealth and generosity. He was a very humble man. He was married to 2 of Prophet Muhammad's daughters.

His greatest achievement is the recompilation of Quran in a book form, and distribution of the official copies of Quran throughout the Islamic world. Uthman (RA) ruled for about 12 years. He was assassinated by a group of people provoked by the enemies of Islam.

Ali ibn Abi Talib (RA) became the 4th Khalifa of muslim ummah. He was Rasulullah's cousin and the first child to accept Islam. His title was **Asadullah** or Lion of God. He was a very intelligent, learned and brave man. Ali (RA) was married to Prophet Muhammad's youngest daughter Fatima (RA). He became the Khalifah after the assassination of Uthman (RA). At that time muslim ummah was torn by civil wars and corruption. Most of his rule was spent fighting and resolving conflicts among the Muslims.

His greatest contribution to Islam is the collection of Ahadith and setting the rules of grammar in Quran.

2- Islamic vocabulary Words:

- A) **Hijrah** means the migration of Rasulullah (SA) from Mecca to Madinah .
- B) **Sunnah** is the sayings and practices of Rasulullah (SA).
- C) **Amir ul Mu'minin** or leader of the believers.
- D) **Da'wah** means preaching the message of Islam
- E) **Khulafa Ar- Rashidun** means rightly guided khulafa.
- F) **Bait al Maal** or "house of wealth" was the treasury of the government at times of Khulafa.
- G) **Ummah** : Muslim community.
- H) **Shaheed**: Martyr or a muslim killed in the way of islam.
- I) **Sahabah**: Companions of the Prophet Mohammad (SA)
- J) **Seerah**: History of Prophet Mohammad (SA)

3. Map work and spread of Islam beyond Arabia during the rule of the 4 Khulafa Ar- Rashidun

Madinah is northwest of Mecca

Yemen is south east of Mecca.

Rasulullah (SA) sent messengers to certain rulers of Africa, Syria, Persia and Alexandria during his life to spread the message of Islam beyond Arabia.

The empires of Byzantines (The Eastern Romans)and the Sasanids (The Persians) were the two big powers at that time.

The Byzantine empire (Christians/roman catholics) was located west of the Sasanid empire (mostly Zoroastrians/believed in 1 God and also worshipped elements like fire).

Islam spread to Syria, Iraq, Palestine, Egypt, Persia, Central Asia, parts of Europe and Africa during the rule of the Khulafa Ar rashidun.

4. Famous people during the rule of the Khulafa Ar- Rashidun

A) **Usamah ibn Zaid** lead the expedition to Syria after his father Zaid ibn Harithah was martyred by Byzantine army.

B) **Khalid ibn Walid** was a famous muslim commander , responsible for victories in Iraq and Syria.

C) **Zaid ibn Thabit** (RA) helped compile the Quran in a book form.

D) **Abu Ubaidah, ibn Al-Jarrah** was a brave muslim commander.

5. Timeline (BONUS QUESTION)

The year of Hijrah marks the 1st year of Islamic calendar, also called the “Hijri Calender”.

The demise of Rasulullah (SA) happened in 11th year of Hijrah.

What is the current Hijri year? (1439).

Total duration of the rule of 4 Khulafa Ar- Rashidun was 30 Years.