

THE WIVES OF OUR FINAL MESSENGER A.S

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- There were 11 wives
- They are Mothers of the Believers
(33:6) "The Prophet is more worthy of the believers than themselves, and his wives are (in the position of) their mothers...."
- They are part of the Ahl ul Bayt
- The wives will be his in the next life too
- We learn so much from them and their narrations.



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KHADIJAH BINT KHUWAYLID: MARRIED 25 BH

- **Businesswoman and widow:** hired Prophet AS and was impressed by his integrity.
- Khadeejah RA asked Nafisa to propose to the Prophet AS, on her behalf.
- When the verses of Iqra were revealed, **he turned for comfort to her.** “Nay! But receive good tidings! By Allah, He will never disgrace you, for by Allah, you keep good relations with your kith and kin; speak the truth; help the poor and the destitute; entertain your guest generously; and assist those who are stricken with calamities.”
- **6 children:** Qasim, Zaynab, Ruqayya, Umm Kulthum, Fatima, Abdullah
- A ransom of her necklace from Zaynab RA caused the Prophet’s tears to flow.
- When Our Messenger heard the voice of her sister Halah he would remember Khadijah.
- **When Khadijah RA died, the Prophet AS did not smile for many months.** She had been his only wife in his prime, and for 25 years.



SAWDA BINT ZAM'A: MARRIED 1 BH

- She and her husband migrated to Abyssinia.
- Happy disposition, a good sense of humour
- Married the Prophet 3-4 months after Khadeejah's RA death
- Matchmaker was Khawla, who remarked that the blessed Prophet was grieving and sad.
- She was his only wife in Mecca after Khadeejah RA, and the eldest of the wives in Madinah.



A'ISHA BINT ABU BAKR

- A'isha was a **hafidha** and **narrated** over 2200 ahadith.
- Known for her **wisdom, poetry, questioning, eloquence, &** herbal medicine
- Amongst the 7 companions who gave fatwas. She was a *faqihah* (**scholar/expert**) and corrected many companions, e.g. the notion that women need to undo braids for ghusl, and that kissing one's spouse breaks wudu'.
- Khawla: "What about the daughter of the most beloved person in the world to you?" He advised her to ask Abu Bakr RA. He was concerned whether it was allowed as he was so close to Our Messenger. A'isha was already betrothed to Mu'tim ibn Adi.
- She would drink from a cup during her menses and he would turn the cup and drink from the same place.
- Verses of tayamum revealed due to her lost necklace while returning from a *ghazwa* (journeys/campaigns from Medina).



A'ISHA: “ALLAH FAVOURED ME WITH 10 THINGS”

- Was never married to anyone but the Prophet AS
- Both parents were *muhajiroon* (original converts from Mecca who migrated to Medina – the Hijra)
- Allah revealed her innocence from above the heavens
- Only wife who was a virgin
- Angel Gibrail proposed on her behalf
- The Prophet would pray in her room while she was lying in front of him; he would tap her legs to prostrate.
- The *wahy* (revelation) would come while he was with her.
- He died on her chest, on her night, and was buried in her house.



THE AGE OF A'ISHA RA

A'isha RA said: "The Prophet married her when she was six years old and he consummated the marriage when she was nine years old, and then she remained with him for nine years." (Bukhari)

Arguments by traditionalist Syrian scholar of ḥadīth, Ṣalāḥ al-Dīn al-Idlibī that A'isha was around 17 years old:

- A'isha's older sister Asma was 10 years older. Asma was 27 at the time of the Hijrah, **making A'isha 17.**
- Ibn 'Umar: The Prophet AS did not permit him to fight in Uḥud at 14, but did at 15. A'isha must have been at least fifteen at the time of Uḥud, where she helped on the field, meaning she consummated the marriage at 13/14 years old. She also commented on verses that were revealed in Mecca around 5BH that she could not have been aware of until at least 4 years of age.
- **This article also highlights evidence that A'isha RA was 16-17 years old at the time of her nikah and 19 years old at consummation:**

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AGE OF A'ISHA RA

- A'isha's age was never an issue before 20thC
- She never complained, and she adored the Messenger. She was engaged to someone else before the Prophet, which was considered normal. The most ardent enemies did not criticise this point.
- Early marriages: 33 year old King John of England married 12 year old Isabella of Angouleme.
Also Romeo and Juliet
- Christian tradition: Mary (in her teens) and Joseph (in 80s)



HAFSAH BINT 'UMAR - MARRIED IN 3 AH

- **Guardian of the Manuscript:** given by 'Umar RA
- Widow at 22 yo. 'Umar asked Uthman and Abu Bakr RA for her hand. Saddened by them declining, he complained to the Messenger AS: Perhaps Hafsa will marry better than Uthman who will marry better than Hafsa. They declined because they knew The Messenger was interested in proposing.
- 'Umar's wife raised her voice to him and when questioned, said Hafsa does the same. Hafsa commented that she was talking to her husband and they had these kinds of arguments.
- Incident of the honey. Our Messenger AS spent more time at Zaynab bint Jahsh's, who offered him honey. Plot: say that the honey caused a bad smell on Messenger who then denied himself the honey.



ZAYNAB BINT KHUZAYMA: MARRIED IN 3 AH

- Umm al-Miskeen: known for her **generosity**
- Widow: marriage was a message that Muslims would care for the vulnerable.
- Marriage lasted 3 to 8 months. Died in 4AH
- The Prophet had predicted the 1st to die would be the one with the 'longest hand'. They realised this meant **the one who gave most in charity.**



UMM SALAMA (HIND): MARRIED IN 4AH

- **Noble tribe, educated and beautiful.**
- 2 migrations: In 2nd Abu Salama's tribe took the baby. Everyday she cried in the valley. Baby was returned and she set out on hijrah alone.
- Uthman ibn Talha saw and accompanied her. He was amongst the most noble of Arabs, she commented.
- The Prophet proposed. She replied: I feel jealousy, I am no longer young and I have children.
- 6AH: Hudaybiyyah - Our Messenger asked everyone to shave their heads... they did not move due to shock. **She advised him** to go out, don't speak to anyone, get a barber and shave... they will follow.
- **Verses directly revealed due to her questions:**
33:35 Allah always mentions men. Where are the women? 3:195 Allah praises the muhajireen. How about the muhajiraat?



ZAYNAB BINT JAHSH: MARRIED IN 5AH

- Cousin to the prophet
- Prophet AS proposed to her for Zayd. She agreed, saying she was happy with who the Messenger AS was happy with.
- Unhappy marriage: Zayd complained to Prophet AS, who advised him to keep his wife.
- They divorced eventually
- The Prophet AS then asked Zayd to propose to her from himself.
- On hearing this, she went into prostration and asked for time to make istikhara.
- Surah Ahzab then revealed. Allah married the two of them (33:37)
- Walima: guests overstayed leading to (33:53) - the verse of hijab



JUWAYRIYAH BINT AL-HARITH: MARRIED 6AH

- Father was chief of Banu Mustaliq, **a pagan tribe.**
- 6AH: Muslims planned surprise attack on Banu Mustaliq to thwart their attack on Muslims. Juwayriyah's husband killed. Her father escaped.
- Tribe became prisoners of war.
- Juwayriyah demanded right to buy freedom, so approached Our Messenger for help. Messenger AS offered a better deal; **to pay for her freedom himself, and proposed marriage. She accepted Islam and the proposal.**
- Muslims felt they could not hold their in-laws captive, so freed them.
- A'isha RA said *"I know of no woman who was a greater blessing to her people than Juwayriyah"*
- Her father came to buy her freedom. On meeting Rasool Allah, he accepted Islam.



THE DHIKR TAUGHT TO JUWAYRIYAH RA

- When Our Messenger AS left one morning, she was making Dhikr and when he returned, she was still there. He taught her this:



Transliteration:

Subhanallahi wa bihamdihi, 'adada khalqihi, wa rida nafsihi, wa zinatah 'arshihi, wa midada kalimatih.

Allah is free from imperfection, and I begin with His praise, as many times as the number of His creatures, in accordance with His Good Please, equal to the weight of His throne and equal to the ink that may be used in recording the words (for His Praise)

(Heavier on the scales than an entire morning of recitation)



RAMLA BINT ABU SUFYAN/UMM HABIBA: MARRIES IN 6AH, CONSUMMATED 7AH

- Married previously to Ubaydullah ibn Jahsh. Both became Muslim and emigrated to Abyssinia.
- Father was Abu Sufyan
- Husband left Islam for Christianity, according to many narrations.
- After her husband died, Our Messenger sent a letter of proposal to her through the Negus, who acted as guardian.
- She arrived in Medina in 7AH
- Abu Sufyan visited her after the Quraysh break Treaty of Hudaibiyyah to intercede. He sits on her mattress and she jumps up, rolls it up and says, this is the mat of Rasool Allah (saw).



SAFIYYA BINT HUYAYY IBN AKHTAB; MARRIED 7AH

- Huyayy (her father) was chief of **Jewish tribe**, Banu Nadir, and an enemy to Rasool Allah saw.
- Battle of Khaybar: some families taken captive
- Rasool Allah offered her a choice, as she was noble, to accept Islam and stay with him or stay on her own faith. She accepted Islam.
- The Prophet AS found her crying. Hafsah RA had disparagingly called her ‘yahudiyyah.’ He advised *“You are certainly the daughter of a Prophet (Haroon), and certainly your uncle was a Prophet (Moses), and you are certainly the wife of a Prophet (Muhammad) so what is there to be scornful towards you?”* He then rebuked Hafsah RA.
- Safiyya RA was in a camel procession. The servant was moving the camels hastily, so the Prophet AS advised *“Be gentle with the fragile vessel/crystals.”*
- During I’tikhaf, she would visit the Prophet and talk till late.



MAYMUNA BINT AL-HARITH; MARRIED IN 7AH

- Half sister to Zaynab bint Khuzayma
- When Prophet came on Umratul Qada, Maymuna RA mentioned to her sister that she was alone and single and what if the Messenger AS took an interest in her?

It was mentioned to Abbas RA, who mentioned it to the Messenger AS, who then proposed.



THE WOMAN WHO DECLINED A PROPOSAL FROM THE PROPHET AS

- Umm Hani was a widow and Ali RA's sister
- She declined, fearing that she would not be able to care for her children should she marry again.



THOSE UNDER THE RIGHT HAND

- Mariya; sent by the Maqawqis as a gift to the Messenger AS. They had a son named Ibrahim, who died at 18 months old.

According to Shabbir Ally, Our Messenger set her free and married her.

<https://youtu.be/H1xxgX7Vkt4>

- Rayhana: from Khaybar. She became Muslim, but chose not to become one of the Mothers of Believers.

