



ENFORCEMENT OF ISLAM IN MAKKAH, BIRTH PLACE OF THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (SAW) (RAMADHAAN 8TH HIJRAH YEAR)

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Prophet Muhammad and all the Muslims had a long desire to enter and occupy Makkah, the very first city of Islam, where Quran was revealed and Muslims were forced to leave the place some eight years before its occupation back by the Muslims. Islam was revealed for mankind at Makkah with the last message (Quran) for the last hour through the last Messenger, Prophet Muhammad. Many messengers appeared before the world with the same message to obey one and the only God (Allah) and not to follow numerous deities. This was the message carried by all the Prophets, from Prophet Adam to Prophet Muhammad. Hundreds of Prophets appeared in different parts of earth to teach their nations the message of the creator. They are Adam, Noah, Idris, Dawud, Sulaiman, Ibrahim, Yaqub, Yousf, Musa, Isaa..... and last of them is Muhammad. Prophet Muhammad came, as a seal of the Prophets, for whole world and not only to Arabs.¹ Started Prophetic mission from Makkah, he was forced to leave along with a handful of his devoted companions after 13 years of preaching the message and eventually Madina was the place to welcome him, thus land of Madinah was blessed by Allah with Prophet Muhammad². The events of his mission are briefly recorded in previous chapters. It was 6th year of hijrah when Muslims set out for Makkah to offer pilgrimage and they halted at a place Hudabiya, not allowed to enter the city by the pagan Makkans instead a peace treaty was created between Muslims and the pagan Makkans which had a far reaching effects on the propagation of the message and to make firm stronghold by the Muslims in the Arabian peninsula. It paved a way of progress and prosperity and to understand the message by those who oppose it. It also provided ample time for the Muslims to stabilize internal position and to treat the hypocrites and the Jews of Khyber who were behind the conspiracy of Ahzaab. Moreover peace treaty has opened a door for propagating the message to foreign nations and the letters were sent to different kings of the time. That is what the Quran said, "Verily We have granted Thee a manifest Victory"³

THE CAUSE OF THE ENTRY OF MUSLIMS IN MAKKAH

After a gap of eight years Muslims came back to Makkah as a dominant force. They had concluded a peace treaty with Makkans at Hudabiyah two years before their entry in Makkah and it was fixed for a period of 10 years and both the parties were bound to respect the treaty. The treaty also prescribed that any of the non-Makkan can join either party. On the basis of this provision the tribe of Khuza'ah joined Prophet Muhammad and the tribe of Banu Bakr joined the Quraish. Both the tribes had suspended their old blood feud. Taking an advantage of the treaty Banu Bakr raided Khuza'ah tribe during night and they were helped in raid with arms by Quraishi people. The news was carried by Khuza'ah tribe to the Prophet, who assured them with help. A man was deputed to the Quraish with three conditions that either should be fulfilled

- 1) Blood money of the murdered should be paid
- 2) Quraish should give up their alliance with Banu Bakr
- 3) Treaty of Hudabiya should be declared null and void