

GAZWAH HUNAIN AND TAIF AGAINST HAWAZIN AND THAQIF TRIBES (SHAWWAL 8TH HIJRAH YEAR)

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All the Arab were looking at Quraish of Makkah, when they also bowed before truth all the neighbouring clans started to come under the banner of Islam but the people of Hawazin and Thaqif Tribes take a council to fight against all odds. They were proud of their archery and all the people came out along with their women and kids and also with their belongings as they had decided to fight till last breath. When the news of mobilisation of Hawazin reached the Prophet, he immediately activated the companions and a march against Hawazin with 12000 people set out for Hunain. Hawazin tribe is now fully aware of Muslim power and they also knew that idols of Makkah were also destroyed; even then their arrogance led them against Muslims.¹ Only two clans Ka'ab and Kilab separated themselves from them in participating against Muslims as they knew no good will come out rather to destroy themselves, thus chief command was assigned to Malik b. Awuf, who was leading Hawazin. The movement was lead with all the possessions and a poet of great repute and an experienced man, Duraid b. Simmah as an advisor was also taken though he was too old to fight. During conversation between Malik and Duraid on coming along with all the belongings and absence of Ka'ab and Kilab, later is not seeing any good in moving against Muslims but the people followed Malik b. Awuf against an Islamic movement led directly by the Prophet

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All the happenings in the camp of Hawazin and Thaqif were reported to the Prophet by Abdullah b. Jadrah, who has been appointed as a spy for narrating any sort of mishappening outside Makkah. Thus Muslims were compelled to fight back otherwise their attained glory would perish even after acquiring Makkah. War equipments and provision was not sufficient, hence it was borrowed from Abdullah b. Rabia'h and Safwan b. Umayyah² All is not set to move in a great splendid manner. Force of 12000 including Abu Sufian under the command of Prophet moved towards Hunain. An army the like of which an Arabian penuncila had never seen before consisted of many tribes under the banner of Islam. Many Muslims told to each other that our strength today can not be challenged by anyone; we defeated them when we were very few so now we are very powerful. Allah did not like these proud words. The Quran has very beautifully expressed it as:

لَقَدْ نَصَرَكُمُ اللَّهُ فِي مَوَاطِنَ كَثِيرَةٍ وَيَوْمَ حُنَيْنٍ إِذْ أَعْجَبَتْكُمْ كَثْرَتُكُمْ فَلَمْ تُغْنِ عَنْكُمْ شَيْئًا وَضَاقَتْ عَلَيْكُمُ الْأَرْضُ بِمَا رَحُبَتْ ثُمَّ وَلَّيْتُم مُّدْبِرِينَ

Assuredly God did help you In many battle-fields And on the day of Hunain: Behold ! your great numbers Elated you, but they availed You naught: the land, For all that it is wide, Did constrain you, and ye Turned back in retreat. (10:25)

ثُمَّ أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ سَكِينَتَهُ عَلَى رَسُولِهِ وَعَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَأَنْزَلَ جُنُودًا لَمْ تَرَوْهَا وَعَذَّبَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَذَلِكَ جَزَاءُ الْكَافِرِينَ

But God did pour His calm On the Apostle and on the Believers, and sent down forces which ye Saw not: He punished The Unbelievers: thus doth He Reward those without Faith. (10:26)

The tribe of Hawazin was famous for archery; they had no match in whole Arabia. Muslims in the battle came up with pride of enormous strength. Ambush was already laid by Hawazin. The moment Muslims entered in and came near, enemy forces in the very first dash