A THREAT FROM THE NORTH: THE BATTLE OF MU’TAH

1. What caused the Battle of Mu’tah?

The act of killing the messenger who carried the letter from Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was the main reason.

2. When did the Battle of Mut’ah happened and where?

In the month of Jumada al Oula, 8 A.H at Mu’tah, a village south of present day Jordan.

3. Who were the enemies of Muslims in Mu’tah?

The Ghassanid tribe of Syria and the Romans.

4. Who were the three great commanders in this Battle?

Zaid ibn Harithah, Jafar ibn Abi Talib and Abdullah ibn Rawahah (May Allah be pleased with them)

5. Who was Saifullah? What role did he play in the Battle?

Khalid ibn al Waleed was given the title ‘Saifullah’. He was the one who altered the formations of different brigades and brought things under control during the Battle of Mu’tah.

6. What is Martyrdom?

Giving one’s life fighting in the way of Allah is called ‘martyrdom’ (Ash-shahadah)

7. Who was chosen as the fourth commander?

Khalid ibn al Waleed.
8. How did the Prophet react to the deaths of the three great Martyrs?

The Prophet was so moved by the deaths of the three leaders that tears began to flow from his eyes whenever he described the battle.

Related Texts:

1. Provide proof from Qur’an or Hadeeth that all people killed for Allah’s sake will go to Jannah.

   “Whoever is killed for the sake of Allah is a Shaheed, martyr. Whoever dies for the sake of Allah is a Shaheed, martyr”. (Hadeeth)

2. Provide proof from Qur’an or Hadeeth that all people killed for Allah are not actually dead, but alive with Allah:

   “And do not think of those who were killed in Allah’s way as dead; nay, they are alive and are provided with sustenance from their Lord” (Qur’an)