



1	 <p style="text-align: center;">THE FALL OF KHAIBAR, PRIDE OF THE JEWS 4 March 2015AD / 24 Jamadilawwal 1437H</p>
2	<p style="text-align: center;">الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ وَأَنْعَمَ، وَهَدَانَا بِالْقُرْآنِ لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْرَمُ،</p>
3	<p style="text-align: center;">قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">لَقَدْ كَانَتْ فِي قَصَصِهِمْ عِبْرَةٌ لِأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ مَا كَانَ حَدِيثًا يُفْتَرَى وَلَكِنْ تَصْدِيقَ الَّذِي بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَتَفْصِيلَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١١١﴾</p>
4	<p style="text-align: center;">أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ،</p>
5	<p style="text-align: center;">اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.</p>
6	<p style="text-align: center;">أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَأَيَّامِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.</p>
7	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>Let us together increase the level of our conviction in Allah SWT by studying the life history of the apostles of old. Knowing and studiously analysing such accounts would increase the level of our faith in, and direction from, Allah SWT. It will also act as a form of guidance for us to follow the virtuous deeds of people of the past and to leave all that would attract the wrath of Allah SWT.</p>
8	<p>Allah SWT declared in surah Yusuf verse 111, which was read at the</p>



	<p>beginning of the sermon today and has the following meaning:</p> <p><i>“There is, in their stories, instruction for men endued with understanding. It is not a tale invented, but a confirmation of what went before it, a detailed exposition of all things, and a guide and a mercy to any such as believe.”</i></p>
9	<p>Therefore, the <i>khatib</i> would like to invite members of this congregation to reflect upon the sermon today entitled “The Fall of Khaibar, Pride of the Jews”.</p>
10	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>At the end of the month of Muharram in the year seven (7) Hijrah, Rasulullah SAW brought thousands of warriors to attack the City of Khaibar. According to Syeikh Dr Mustafa As-Sibaie in <i>Sirah Nabawiyah</i>: <i>“The Battle of Khaibar was not due to blatant desire but it was made after the Jews of Khaibar encouraged the Jews of the Quraizah Tribe to become turncoats and go against the agreement it had with Rasulullah SAW and in fact planned to kill him”</i>.</p>
11	<p>Khaibar, was known as a big and fertile valley, inhabited by the Jews of Khaibar and also the centre of its military force and the centre where provocation for the purpose of sparking feelings of animosity towards Islam began. It was also known as a paradise for the Jews. Geographically, Khaibar was divided into two parts, five forts were in the first segment and three forts were in the second segment. The location of the forts were very strategic as they were on the hill. Around one thousand four hundred (1,400) of the Companions RAnhum went out to be part of the mission. All those who went with the Prophet SAW were those who really believed in the cause of Islam.</p>
12	<p>The forts which were attacked first by Islamic forces were those in the first segment of Khaibar, at Naim Fort until Al-Natah and Al-Syiqq. After they were able to capture forts in the first segment, Rasulullah SAW turned to the second segment of Khaibar at Al-Katibah. All the Jewish warriors in the first segment had fled to this segment and were holding up the forts.</p>



13	Rasulullah SAW surrounded the forts for more than ten days until the people within it surrendered and sought peace, with the condition that their warriors would not be harmed and their progeny shall not be made prisoners of war. They also agreed to surrender all their wealth, land, gold, silver and all other adornments they have, except for the clothes they wear, to Rasulallah SAW.
14	Nevertheless, two of the sons of Abu Al-Huqayq broke the treaty by hiding quite a lot of the wealth and adornments owned by Huyai bin Akhtab. Rasulallah SAW ordered for the area to be searched and found much wealth of the Jews. The Prophet SAW asked for them to be killed for having gone against the treaty. The treaty saw the fall of the Khaibar Wall which was the pride of the Jews and the beginning of a new Islamic era in the Arabian Peninsula.
15	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Ibnu Khaldun stated in his <i>Muqaddimah</i> ; “When we study history we shall learn about sunnatullah”. Among the lessons we can learn about when we study the history of Khaibar are as follows:
16	First: Spreading the religion is the main aim of Muslims The Battle of Khaibar had the objective of expanding the message of Islam, especially to protect the sanctity of Islam. Islam came with virtues for all mankind and the world. Such is the role of Islam and surely it shall not act as a religion which would split mankind, as alleged by enemies of Islam.
17	This is the main responsibility of the Muslims as stated by Rasulallah SAW when he handed over the Flag of the Muslim army to Saidina Ali RA. In a hadith narrated by Imam al-Bukhari, from Sahl bin Saad Al-Saidi RA who reported that Rasulallah SAW had said: انْفِذْ عَلَى رِسْلِكَ حَتَّى تَنْزَلَ بِسَاحَتِهِمْ ثُمَّ ادْعُهُمْ إِلَى الْإِسْلَامِ وَأَخْبِرْهُمْ بِمَا يَجِبُ عَلَيْهِمْ فَوَاللَّهِ لَأَنْ يَهْدِيَ اللَّهُ بِكَ رَجُلًا خَيْرٌ لَكَ مِنْ أَنْ يَكُونَ لَكَ حُمْرُ النَّعَمِ
18	Which means: “Perform your tasks, carry on with your journey. Until you



	<i>are in their area, then invite them to Islam. Convey to them their responsibilities which they must perform to Allah. In the name of Allah, indeed your success in making a person gain guidance until he becomes a Muslim is much better than a reddish camel (which is an animal that would fetch a great price)."</i>
19	<p>Second: Preserving truth with force</p> <p>Prophet Muhamad SAW laid a strong foundation in governing and administering a nation. But, the truce was broken by the Jews. Based on that, Rasulullah SAW asked for the Companions to occupy the City of Khaibar, as a form of guidance and warning to the Jews of Khaibar in particular, and other inhabitants of the Arabian Peninsula in general.</p>
20	Islam strongly advocates peace but is also very firm in preserving agreements and in performing the terms of such agreements. Islam also allows acts with force if the religion is treated disrespectfully by its enemies, but it must be based on justice according to the Al-Quran and As-Sunnah.
21	<p>Allah SWT declared in surah Al-Anfal verse 58:</p> <p>وَأِمَّا تَخَافُ مِنْ قَوْمٍ خِيَانَةً فَانذِرْ إِلَيْهِمْ عَلَىٰ سَوَاءٍ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ ﴿٥٨﴾</p>
22	<p>Which means: "If you fear treachery from any group, throw back (their covenant) to them, (so as to be) on equal terms: for Allah loves not the treacherous."</p>
23	<p>Third: Jewish Attitude</p> <p>History has shown that the Jews are known for their attitude of undertaking despicable acts on earth. It is all due to their feelings of envy, jealousy, hatred and utter disgust for Islam. Plans upon plans were made to ensure Islam would follow their wishes and eventually vanish from the face of the earth.</p>
24	Nowadays, they plan many grand schemes and slogans as their effort to separate the religion of Islam from Muslims, such as hedonism, which is the belief or view which emphasizes on enjoyment, LGBT which is Lesbian,



	Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender, Islamophobia which is planting fear in non-Muslims towards Islam, and so on.
25	What a pity indeed! The continuous attack has resulted in a group of Muslims, especially in our country, to feel at ease and in agreement with them. As a result, we are also facing the challenge of Muslims who begin to lose faith in Islam, among the already existing enemies of Islam.
26	All that is happening now has been foretold by Rasulullah SAW, as stated in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Bukhari, based on a report by Abu Said Al Khudri RA: لَتَتَّبِعَنَّ سَنَنَ مَنْ قَبْلِكُمْ شِبْرًا بِشِيرٍ وَذِرَاعًا بِذِرَاعٍ حَتَّىٰ لَوْ سَلَكَوا جُحْرَ ضَبٍّ لَسَلَكَتُمُوهُ. قُلْنَا: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، الْيَهُودَ وَالنَّصَارَىٰ؟ قَالَ: فَنَنْ؟
27	Which means: “You will follow the footsteps of the people of the past, bit by bit, length by length, to the point that when they enter the lair of the sand lizard you will also follow them”. The Companions asked, “O, Rasulullah! Do you mean the Jews and the Christians?” The Prophet SAW said, “Who else if not them”.
28	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Such is the history of Islam, and it is different from the limited understanding that is shown by its enemies. On the other hand, Islam encompasses all aspects of mankind’s life and is always focusing on mankind’s interests. Such basis, which has been understood by previous generations until today, has been able to save them from the enemies of Islam and even helped to safeguard unity among the ummah.
29	Allah SWT has bestowed upon us the Al-Quran as a complete guide to life. Find the wisdom in it through knowledge and virtuous deeds. For as long as we are distant from the spirit of Islam, we shall be disunited and would be able to be toyed around by the enemies of Islam. Let us realise that before the sanctity and the honour of our religion is lost.
30	To conclude the sermon today, the mimbar would like to remind all members of this congregation of the following:



	<p>First: By following the life story of Rasulullah SAW, we shall be able to increase our love towards him and increase the level of our faith in Allah SWT.</p> <p>Second: The occupation of Khaibar was with the objective of preserving the message of Islam, safeguarding tranquillity, and performing a great responsibility - namely to guide mankind towards the true path.</p> <p>Third: The Jews shall always try to find a way to bring Muslims down the wrong path. As a result, all honour, morals and concerns shall be cast aside if we follow them. Al-Quran is our saviour from all the trickery of the Jews and other enemies of Islam. Find the wisdom in it through knowledge and virtuous deeds.</p>
31	<p>Allah SWT declared in surah Al-Zukhruf verses 43-44:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">فَأَسْتَمِيعُ بِالَّذِي أُوحِيَ إِلَيْكَ ^ط إِنَّكَ عَلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٤٣﴾ وَإِنَّهُ لَذِكْرٌ لَكَ وَلِقَوْمِكَ ^ط</p> <p style="text-align: right;">وَسَوْفَ تُنْشَلُونَ ﴿٤٤﴾</p>
32	<p>Which means: “So hold you fast to the Revelation sent down to you; verily you are on a Straight Way. The (Qur'an) is indeed the message, for you and for your people; and soon shall you (all) be brought to account.”</p>
33	<p>بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلَ هَذَا وَاسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ. فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ.</p>