

In the Beginning...

The Son of the Prophet Was Killed–Why?” The tragedy of Karbala is not only a terrible event in the history of Islam, but also an astonishing story. Just 50 years after the passing away of the Prophet (s.a.w.w.) his grandson is killed, not by non-Muslims nor by non-Shiites, but by those who are known as lovers of Ahlul-Bayt!!!

In just less than half a century from the passing away of the Prophet (s.a.w.w.), Mu’awiyah, who alongside his father Abu-Sofyan has fought Islam for about 20 years becomes the leader of the Islamic territory! And finally, Yazid, the tippler, son of Mu’awiyah sits in the position of the Commander of Believers! The massacre of Karbala takes place at his command!!!

Nevertheless, in spite of all the painful aspects of Karbala, it holds a great significance in the early Islamic era, for the revolution of Imam Husayn (a.s.) was not merely an event which had taken place by chance. It was rather a movement for the revival of Islam. In these series of lectures, I am aiming at analyzing the above bitter events of the first century in Islamic history. I will examine the roots and the reasons why the massacre of Karbala took place. Also, I will present the impacts of Karbala on the revival of Islam.

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