

The Companions of Imam Husain (A.S.) Martyred in Karbala

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Introduction: There were many companions of Imam Husain (A.S.) that sacrificed their lives on the day of 'Ashura. Many of them are not usually mentioned by their names in speeches and majaalis, although their sacrifices were no less important. The purpose of this presentation is to pay tribute and mention them by their names. It is also important to note that traditionally the number of martyrs in Karbala is stated to be seventy-two. However, according to several accounts, there were more than one hundred martyrs.

Start of the battle of Karbala. Umar b.Sa'ad started the battle by first shooting an arrow towards the supporters of Imam Husain (A.S.). Thereafter, his soldiers showered them with hundreds of arrows. This resulted in the death of many companions.

The martyrs from the first enemy attack

1. **Adham b. Umayya.** He came from Basra to Mecca to join Imam Husain (A.S.).
2. **Umayya b. Sa'd.** He was Imam Ali's (A.S.) companion from Kufa, and joined Imam Husain (A.S.) in Karbala.
3. **Bashar b. Umar.** He joined Imam Husain (A.S.) In Karbala
4. **Jabir b. Hajjaj.** He was a very brave companion of Imam Husain (A.S.).
5. **Habab b. Amir.** He was from Kufa. He took oath of allegiance and joined Imam Husain (A.S.) on his way to Iraq.
6. **Habla b. Ali.** He was a brave man from Kufa. Earlier, he had joined Muslim b. Aqeel upon his arrival in Kufa
7. **Janda b. Ka'b.** He joined Imam Husain (A.S.) at Mecca. His family was with him.
8. **Jundab b. Hajir Kindi.** He was an elderly companion of Imam Ali (A.S.). He joined Imam Husain (A.S.) during his journey towards Kufa, before Hurr intercepted Imam Husain (A.S.).
9. **Juwayn b. Malik.** He was from Banu Tamim clan. He first came to fight Imam Husain (A.S.) on Umar b Sa'd's side. When Ibn Sa'd did not accept Imam Hussain's terms, he withdrew from Kufan soldiers in the dark of night and joined Imam Husain's (A.S.) camp.
10. **Harith b. Amri al-Qays.** He was a famous and brave warrior. He came with Umar b. Sa'd's troops, but joined Imam Husain's (A.S.) side when Umar b. Sa'd decided to fight and kill Imam Husain (A.S.).
11. **Harith b. Nabhan.** He had been in the company of Imam Ali (A.S.) and Imam Hasan (A.S.) and accompanied Imam Husain (A.S.) to Karbala.
12. **Hajjaj b. Badr.** He lived in Basra. He had brought a letter from Basra in reply to Imam's letter to Mas'ud b. Umar.
13. **Hulas b. Umro.** He was among the companions of Imam Ali (A.S.), and was a commander of his forces in Kufa. He came with Ibn Sa'd and when ibn Sa'd did not accept Imam's terms, he joined Imam's camp during the dark of the night.
14. **Zahir b. Umro.** He was a famous and valiant warrior, and was well known to be a friend of Ahl al Bayt. He went for Hajj, met Imam Husain (A.S.), and joined his camp.
15. **Zahir b. Salim.** He was with Kufan army, but when Umar b. Sa'd decided to fight with Imam Husain (A.S.), he left Kufans and joined Imam Husain's (A.S.) camp.
16. **Salim.** He was a resident of Kufa. He accompanied Yazid b. Thabit to Karbala.
17. **Salim b. Umro.** He came from Kufa to Karbala before fighting started

18. **Sawar b. Abi Hamir.** He joined Imam Husain (A.S.) in Karbala. He was seriously wounded in the first attack and taken prisoner, but his life was spared. He was eventually martyred.
19. **Shabib b. Abd Allah.** He was a brave and valiant fighter and joined Imam Hussain's camp with his two sons. He was martyred in the first attack.
20. **A'aid b. Mujm'a.** He, along with his father joined Imam Husain (A.S.) on his way to Kufa.
21. **Amir b. Muslim.** He came from Basra along with his slave to Mecca and joined Imam's camp.
22. **'Abd Allah b. Bashir.** He was a famous warrior and a supporter of cause of truth. He came with Umar b. Sa'd forces but joined Imam's side.
23. **'Abd Allah b. Yazid.** He came with his father from Basra to Mecca and joined Imam's camp.
24. **'Ubayd Allah b. Yazid.** He, along with his father joined Imam Husain (A.S.) at Mecca.
25. **'Abd ar-Rahman b. 'Abd ar-Rab.** He was a companion of Prophet (Peace be upon him and his progeny). During the time of Imam Ali (A.S.), he had testified to the event of Ghadir-e-Khum.
26. **'Abd ar-Rahman b. Mas'ud.** He and his father were well known for bravery. They came with 'Umar b. Sa'd and later joined Imam Husain's (A.S.) camp.
27. **'Umar b. Dhab'i'a.** He was a well-known warrior and had the distinction of seeing Prophet (Peace be upon him and his progeny). He came with 'Umar b. Sa'd and then joined Imam Husain's (A.S.) companions.
28. **'Ammar b. Hassan.** He was a sincere and faithful follower of Ahl al Bayt. His father had fought in the battles of Jamal and Siffin and died as a martyr. 'Ammar was with the Imam when he left Mecca.
29. **'Ammar b. Salima.** He was among Prophet Muhammad's (Peace be upon him and his progeny) companions and a supporter of Imam Ali (A.S.). He had fought in the battle of Jamal.
30. **Qasim b. Habib al-Azdi.** He came to Karbala from Kufa with 'Umar b. Sa'd and then joined Imam's camp.
31. **Qasit b. Zuhayr.** He was a companion of Imam Ali (A.S.) and Imam Hasan (A.S.). He joined Imam Husain (A.S.) in Karbala.
32. **Kardus b. Zuhayr.** He was Imam Ali's (A.S.) companion. He, along with his two brothers joined Imam Husain (A.S.) Karbala in the darkness of night.
33. **Kanana b. 'Atiq.** He was a famous resident of Kufa. He was well known for asceticism and recital of the Qur'an. He joined Imam's camp in Karbala
34. **Muslim b. Kathir.** He came from Kufa to join the Imam's camp
35. **Masud b. Hajjaj.** He came to Karbala to join the Imam.
36. **Maqsat b. Zuhayr.** He had fought in the wars with Imam Ali (A.S.). He came to Join Imam at Karbala.
37. **Nasar b. Abi Nazar.** He had served Imam Ali (A.S.) and accompanied Imam from Medina.
38. **Nu'man b. 'Umro.** He came with 'Umar Sa'd, but joined Imam during darkness of night.
39. **Na'im b. Ajan.** He came from Kufa on the day of 'Ashura and attained martyrdom.
40. **Zuhayr b. Bashar al-Khasa'mi.** His name is listed as martyr by Ibn Shahe Ashub in the book "Munaqib."

The second phase of the battle of Karbala. Imam (A.S.) offered the sacrifice of his other companions and then the members of his Ahl al-Bayt from among the Banu Hashim clan. Due to constraints of space, details of their merits, chivalry, and their love of attaining martyrdom are not included here. The reader may follow the references at the end of this presentation.

1. **'Abd Allah b. 'Umayr.** He was a noble businessperson from Kufa. He heard about Imam Husain's (A.S.) mission in Karbala. He immediately went to Imam Husain (A.S.). His wife accompanied him. She was one of the female martyrs of Karbala.
2. **Sayf b. al-Harith** and
3. **Malik b. 'Abd Allah.** These maternal brothers joined Imam's camp on the day of 'Ashura
4. **'Umro b. Khalid al-Saydawi,**
5. **Sa'd Molai 'Umro,**

6. **Jabir b. Harith** and
7. **Majm'a b. 'Abd Allah.** These four battled together and penetrated deep into the enemy forces.
8. **Burayr b. Khuzayr.** He was a reciter of the Qur'an and taught Qur'an in the Kufa mosque.
9. **'Umro b. Qarza b. Ka'b Ansari.** He came to Karbala and was one of those who negotiated unsuccessfully with 'Umar b. Sa'd on behalf of Imam Husain (A.S.).
10. **Sa'd b. Harith** and
11. **Abu al-Hatuf b. Harith.** These two came with 'Umar b. Sa'd. Towards the end, when Imam Husain (A.S.) raised the cry, asking for help, and women and children in Imam's camp started lamenting, these two turned against Kufan army and fought bravely in defense of the Imam
12. **Nafi b. Hilal al-Jamali.** He was a valiant soldier, a reader of the Qur'an and writer of hadith. Kufans were unable to defeat him in single combat, so they attacked him from all sides.
13. **Abu al-Sha'sha' al-Kindi.** His real name is Yazid b. al-Kindi. He came with Kufans, but when negotiations failed, he joined Imam's camp.
14. **Muslim b. 'Awsaja Asadi.** He was a noble and pious companion of the Prophet (Peace be upon him and his progeny). He fought valiantly defending the left wing of Imam's army under the command of Zuhayr b. al-Qayn.
15. **Hurr b. Yazid Riyahi.** He was with the enemy, but responded to the call of truth. Imam Husain (A.S.) welcomed him.
16. **Habib b. al-Muzahir.** He was a companion of the Prophet (Peace be upon him and his progeny). In Kufa, he had received the oath of allegiance from the people on behalf of the Imam.

Abu Thamama Saydavi asked the Imam to allow him to join the Imam in Zuhr prayer, before he sacrifices his life for the Imam. Imam (A.S.) asked Zuhayr b. al-Qayn and Sa'id b. Abdullah to stand in front of him to protect him and Imam thereafter offered Salaat-al-khaof (prayer of fear) with one-half of his companions.

17. **Sa'id b. 'Abd Allah al-Hanafi.** He stood in front of the Imam to shield him from the enemy arrows while Imam offered Zuhr prayers. He received many wounds from the arrows and spears and died protecting the Imam
18. **Abu Thamama Sa'idi.** His name was 'Umro b. 'Abd Allah b. Ka'b and he was a companion of Imam Ali (A.S.). He joined Imam during his journey towards Kufa.
19. **Salman b. Madarib.** He was a cousin of Zuhayr b. al-Qayn and joined Imam in the middle of his journey.
20. **Zuhayr b. al-Qayn Bajali.** He was a brave and noble member of his clan. He accompanied Imam to Karbala. He is reported to have killed more than one hundred enemies.
21. **Hajjaj b. Masruq al-Ja'fi.** He accompanied Imam from Mecca. He used to recite Adhan for the prayers.
22. **Yazid b. Maqfil Ja'fi.** He was a well-known poet and a companion of Imam Ali (A.S.). He accompanied Imam from Mecca. He fought valiantly and killed many enemies.
23. **Hanzala b. Sa'd Asa'di Shabami.** He joined Imam in Karbala and acted as his messenger to 'Umar b. Sa'd.
24. **'Abis b. Abi Shabib.** He was a chief of the clan of Bani Shakir, a tribe of Hamdan. He was a powerful man, an orator, a jurisprudent and a valiant fighter.
25. **Shudhab b. 'Abd Allah.** He was a keeper of the traditions of Imam Ali (A.S.). He came from Kufa and joined Imam at Mecca.
26. **John b. Abi Malik.** He was a slave of Abu Dharr Ghaffari. He took permission from Imam to fight and died as a martyr.
27. **'Abd ar-Rahman al-Rahabi.** He carried Imam's letter to Muslim b. Aqil, but came back to be with Imam.
28. **The Turkish slave of Imam.** His name was not mentioned by the author. He was a reciter of the Qur'an. He fought bravely and killed many enemies.
29. **Aris b. Harith.** He was a companion of the Prophet (Peace be upon him and his progeny) and was a narrator of traditions. In spite of being old, he killed eighteen enemies.

30. **Abdullah b. 'Urwa** and
31. **'Abd ar-Rahman b. 'Urwa.** These two brothers joined Imam in Karbala. Their grandfather was Imam Ali (A.S.)'s companion.
32. **'Umro b. Janada Ansari.** After his father was martyred, this youth of eleven years of age asked the Imam for permission to fight stating that his mother has urged him to fight to defend the Imam. Imam reluctantly gave him permission.
33. **Wadah al-Turki.** He was a brave Turk.
34. **Rafi' b. 'Abd Allah.** He came to Karbala from Kufa.
35. **Yazid b. Thabit.** He came to Mecca from Basra and joined Imam.
36. **Bakr b. Hai.** He was with Kufi soldiers. On the day of 'Ashura he realized the truth, repented and joined Imam's (A.S.) companions.
37. **Zarghama b. Malik.** He had taken oath of allegiance with Muslim b. Aqil. He came with Kufans and joined Imam thereafter.
38. **Majm'a b. Ziyad.** He joined Imam's companions near Medina.
39. **'Abd b. Muhajir.** He joined Imam near Medina.
40. **Wahab b. Habab Kalbi.** He was a newly married Christian youth. His caravan crossed Imam Husain's (A.S.) caravan. The young man was impressed by the Imam and accompanied him to Karbala. On the day of 'Ashura he gave Shahadah to become Muslim and died fighting for Imam. His wife also was martyred.
41. **Habshi b. Qays b. Salima.** He belonged to the clan of Naham and joined Imam in Karbala.
42. **Ziyad b.'Arib.** He belonged to the clan of Hamdan. He fought valiantly and killed many enemies.
43. **'Uqba b. Salat.** He joined Imam during his journey from Mecca to Karbala.
44. **Qanab b. 'Umar.** He came from Basra to Mecca to join the Imam.
45. **Anis b. Moa'qal.** Details are not available for this martyr.
46. **Qurra b. abi Qurra.** He killed sixty-six enemy soldiers before being martyred.
47. **'Abd ar-Rahman b. 'Abd Allah al-Yazni.** He was a brave fighter from the clan of Yazn.
48. **Yahya al-Mazani.** He was a brave and fearless fighter.
49. **Manjh.** He had accompanied his mother Hasina to Karbala.
50. **Suwayd b. 'Umro.** He was a noble person who was known to pray (salaat) a lot.

The martyrs of Banu Hashim.

Only their names will be listed here for the sake of completion. Their detailed biographies are available elsewhere.

1. **Ali b. al-Husain (Ali Akbar).**

The family of 'Aqil b. Abi Talib.

2. **'Abd Allah b. Muslim b. 'Aqil**
3. **Muhammad b. Muslim b. 'Aqil**
4. **Ja'far b. 'Aqil**
5. **'Abd ar-Rahman b. 'Aqil**
6. **'Abd Allah b. 'Aqil**
7. **Muhammad b. Abi Sai'd b. 'Aqil**

The family of Ja'far b. Abi Talib

8. **'Aun b. 'Abd Allah b. Ja'far**
9. **Muhammad b. 'Abd Allah b. Ja'far**
10. **'Ubayd Allah b. 'Abd Allah b. Jafar**
11. **Qasim b. Muhammad b. Ja'far b. Abi Talib**

The children of Imam al-Hasan (A.S.)

12. Qasim b. al-Hasan
13. Abu Bakr b. al-Hasan
14. 'Abdullah b. al-Hasan
15. Hasan b. al-Hasan

The Children of Imam Ali (A.S.)

16. 'Abd Allah b. 'Ali
17. 'Uthman b. 'Ali
18. Ja'far b. 'Ali
19. Abu Bakr b. 'Ali
20. Muhammad b. 'Ali
21. 'Abbas al-Asghar
22. 'Abbas bin 'Ali
23. Muhammad b. 'Abbas b. 'Ali

Imam Husain's (A.S.) infant son:

24. 'Abd Allah b. al-Husain ('Ali Asghar)

Imam Husain (A.S.) Finally, Imam Husain (A.S.) went to the battle. He fought valiantly and eventually fell to the ground with many wounds. He was martyred by accursed Shimr b. Dhu'l Jawshan. *Inna Lillahi wa inna ilaihi Raja-oon.*

Thus, the total number of martyrs at Karbala according to the research of 'Ali Nazari Munfarid was in excess of hundred and fifteen (115). Other sources have mentioned higher numbers.

Please recite:

Peace be upon you O' Aba Abdullah Husain,
Peace be upon you O' family of Husain,
Peace be upon you O' companions of Husain,
Peace be upon you all, and the
Mercy of Allah and His Blessings.

Ref: 1. The story of Karbala by 'Ali Nazari Munfarid. Translated from Persian by Sayyid Hussein 'Alamdar
2. The tragedy of Karbala by Syed Mohsin Naqvi