

The Life of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) A Chronological Guide

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1. Prophet's birth	In the spring season Monday is the agreed day. 1st year of Am-ul-Feel. 50 days after the event of the elephant, corresponding to 22nd April, 570 AD, 1st Jaith 628 Bikrami before sunrise, popularly known to be 12 Rabi I.	The date is a matter of controversy, but most researchers lean to the 9th Rabi I, as Monday also falls on that date. Other dates suggest are 10 and 13 Rabi I. Some have also suggested 8. But the majority of scholars' view favours 9.
2. Nursing	At the age of 4 months.	2-3 days after birth, he was suckled by Thaubia, a slave girl of Abu Lahab. Permanent nursing period spent at the desert home of Halima S'adia
3. Death of Prophet's mother.	At the age of 6 years.	
4. Death of his grandfather.	At the age of 8 years 2 months 10 days.	
5. First journey to Syria with Hazrat Abu Talib.	At the age of 12 years 2 months	The episode of Bahira, the Monk, is connected with this journey.
6. Participation in the battle of Fajjar 1st time.	At the age of 15 or thereabout.	
7. Participation in the battle of Fajjar second time.	Some time later, no date given.	
8. Participation in Hilful Fazul, a reformist movement.	At the age of 16.	

9. Second journey to Syria as a trader.	At the age of 23 or 24	
10. Marriage with Hazrat Khadija.	At the age of 25 years 2 months.	
11. Unseen secrets reveal themselves.	Seven years before Prophethood at the age of 33.	
12. Arbitration.	At the age of 35.	Arbitrated in the dispute about fixing the black stone which was amicably settled.
13. Prophethood.	At the age of 40 years 11 days, 9 Rabi I, corresponding to 12 February, 610 AD, Monday	
14. Fajr and Asr Prayers , prescribed 2 Rakats each.	9 Rabi I, on the day of Prophethood.	
15. Beginning of revelation of the Qur'an	18 Ramaza 1st year of Prophethood Friday, at night	Sura 'Alaq was revealed
16. Beginning of secret preaching	House of Arquam Makhzoomi was made centre of movement.	About 40 people accepted Islam during this period.
17. First public announcement of Prophethood.	At the end of 3rd year of Prophethood.	
18. First wave of opposition, Ridicule Propaganda and mild oppression.	3rd to 5th year of Prophethood.	During this period, deputations of Quraish went to pressurise Abu Talib and confabulations for opposition.
19. Second wave of intense opposition, Oppression.	5th to 7th year of Prophethood.	
20. Migration to Abyssinia.	Rajab, 5th year of Prophethood.	
21. Hazrat Hamza and Hazrat Umar embrace Islam.		Hazrat Umar accepted Islam 3 days after Hazrat Hamza.
22. Prophet's internment at Shi'b Abi Talib with the family of Hashim.	1st Muharram, 7th year of Prophethood.	

23. End of internment and boycott.	End of 9th year of Prophethood.		
24. Year of sorrow. Death of Hazrat Abu Talib and Hazrat Khadija	10th year of Prophethood.		
25. Visit to Taif	Jumada II, 10th year of Prophethood.		
26. Ascension (Miraj)	27th Rajab, 10th year of Prophethood, Monday		
27. Daily prayers five times a day prescribed.	27th Rajab, 10th year of Prophethood, Monday.		
28. Beginning of Islam in Medina.	Zul hijja, 10th year of Prophethood		
29. Deputation of Medina. Six people accept Islam.	Zul hijja, 12th year of Prophethood.		
30. First pledge of Aqaba with 12 persons.	Zul hijja, 12th year of Prophethood.		
31. Second pledge of Aqaba with 75 persons.	Zul hijjar, 13th year of Prophethood.		
32. Migration: (a) From Mecca to the cave of Thaur	Safar 27, 13th year of Prophethood, Prophet's age was 53 years.		
(b) Departure from Thaur	1st Rabi I, 13th year of Prophethood, Monday, 16th September, 622 A.D.		
(c) Arrival at Quba.	8th Rabi I, 14th year of Prophethood Monday 23rd September, 622		
(d) Entry into Medina.	14th year of Prophethood, Friday		
33. Foundation of Masjid-i-Nabavi laid.	Rabi I, 1 H.		
34. Addition of obligatory prayers	Rabi II, 1 H.		
35. Brotherhood between Migrants and Ansars	First quarter, 1 H.		
36. Establishment of Islamic State and constitutional agreement of Medina.	Middle of 1 H.		
37. Defence system introduced.	Middle of 1 H.		Patrol parties start.

38. Marriage with Hazrat Ayesha.	Shawwal, 1 H.	Married in Mecca before migration but consummation at Medina after migration.
39. Islam of two elite, Abdullah ibn Salam, formerly Jew and Abu Qais Sarha bin Abi Anas, former Christian monk.		
40. Jihad ordered.	12 Safar 2 H., 1 year 2 months and 10 days after migration.	
41. First military action Ghazwa Waddan.	Safar 2 H.	
42. Pacts with outside clans Bani Damra, People of Bowat and Banu Madlaj.	Safar to Jumada II, 2 H.	
43. Robbery of Kurz bin Jabir Fahri.	Rabi I, 2 H.	
44. Nakhla episode, first frontier clash of Islamic party.	End of Rajab, 2 H.	One non-Muslim killed and two taken prisoners and brought to Medina. The Prophet resented the action and made amends for it.
45. Salman Farsi accepts Islam.	2 H.	
46. Beginning of Azan	2 H.	
47. Zakat prescribed.	2 H.	
48. Change of Qibla.	15th Shaban, 2 H. Monday	
49. Ramazan fast prescribed.	1st Ramazan, 2 H. Wednesday.	
50. Congregational prayer of Eid-ul Fitr, Fitra ordered.	1st Shawwal, 2 H.	
51. Battle of Badr. First regular battle: Start from Medina.	8 Ramazan, 2 H. Wednesday	
Battle.	17 Ramazan, 2 H.	
Victorious entry into Medina.	20 Ramazan, 2 H.	
52. Marriage of Hazrat Ali and Hazrat Fatima.	After the battle of Badr, 2 H.	
53. Siege of Banu Qainuqa'.	Middle of Shawwal to beginning of Ziq'ada, 2 H.	
54. Prophet's marriage with Hazrat Hafsa, daughter of Hazrat Umar.	3 H.	
55. Marriage of Hazrat Usman with Hazrat Umme Kulsum, daughter of the Prophet.	3 H.	
56. First order of prohibition of wine.	3 H.	
57. End of Ka'ab bin Ashraf.	3 H.	

58. Birth of Hazrat Hassan.	15 Ramazan, 3 H.		
59. Battle of Uhud, Start from Medina.	5 Shawwal, 3 H. after Friday prayer.		
Battle.	6 Shawwal, 3 H. Saturday.		
Pursuit of Abu Sufian's army up to Hamra-ul-Asad.	7 Shawwal, 3 H. Sunday.		
60. First order of prohibition of usury.	Soon after battle of Uhud.		
61. Injunctions about orphans.	Soon after battle of Uhud.		
62. Detailed laws of inheritance issued.	Soon after battle of Uhud.		
63. Injunctions about marriage, rights of wives, prohibition of marriage with idolaters.	3 H.		
64. Prophet's marriage with Ummul Masakin Zainab, daughter of Khozaima.	End of 3 H.		
65. Episode of Raji'. Murder of 10 members of missionary deputation.	Safar, 4 H.		
66. Ghazwa Banu Nodair.	Rabi I, 4 H.		
67. Death of Hazrat Zainab, daughter of Khozaima.	Rabi I, 4 H.		
68. Order of <i>Hijab</i>	1 Ziq'ada, 4 H. Friday.		
69. Final order of prohibition of wine.	4 H.		
70. Second Ghazwa of Badr.	Ziq'ada, 4 H.		Abu Sufian did not turn up in keeping with his own challenge.
71. Ghazwa Dumatul Jandal	Rabi I, 5 H.		
72. Ghazwa Banu Al-Mustalaq	3 Shaban, 5H.		
73. Injunctions for Tayammum.	On the way to Ghazwa Banu Mustalaq.		
74. Prophet's marriage with Hazrat Jowairia.	Shaban, 5 H.		
75. Episode of Ifk.	Shaban, 5 H.		
76. Enforcement of Penal Laws against fornication, slander etc.	5 H.		
77. Ghazwa Ahzab.	Shawwal or Ziq'ada, 5 H.		
78. Arrival of Daus deputation to Medina.	5 H.		
79. Punishment of Banu Quraiza.	Zul hijja, 5 H.		
80. Prophet's marriage with Zainab, daughter of Jahsh.	5 H.		
81. Islam of Thamama bin Usal, chief of Najd.	6 H.		
82. Treaty of Hudaibiya.	Ziq'ada, 6 H.		

83. Return to Medina from Hudaibiya.		Zul hijja, 6 H.	
84. Islam of Khalid bin Walid and Amr ibn-ul Aas.		Zul hijja, 6 H.	
85. Beginning of international call-letters to rulers.		1st Muharram, 6 H. Wednesday.	
86. Ghazwa Khyber.		Muharram, 7 H.	
87. Prophet's marriage with Hazrat Safia.		Murharram, 7 H.	
88. Return of Abyssinian migrants.		7 H.	
89. Establishment of independent Muslim camp at Saiful Bahr.		7 H.	By Muslim young men who were oppressed in Mecca but could not be allowed to say at Medina according to Hudaibiya Treaty.
90. Raid by Saif-ul-Bahr on Quraish Caravan.		Safar, 7 H.	
91. Postponed Umra performed		Ziq'ada, 7 H.	
92. Detailed injunctions about marriage and divorce		7 H.	
93. Marriage of the Prophet with Hazrat Maimuna at Mecca		7 H.	
94. Islam of Jibila Ghassani.		7 H.	
95 Ghazwa Mutah.		Jumada I, 8 H.	
96. Violation of Hudaibiya pact by non-Muslims		Rajab, 8 H	
97. Ghazwa of the conquest of Mecca, start from Medina.		10 Ramazan, 8 H. Wednesday.	
Victorious entry into Mecca		20 Ramazan, 8 H.	
Expedition of Hazrat Khalid to demolish the temple of Uzza at Nakhla.		Most probably 25 Ramazan, 8 H.	
Expedition of Amr ibn-ul Aas to demolish the temple of Swa'a.		Ramazan, 8 H	
Expedition of Sa'ad Ashhali to demolish temple of Manat.		Ramazan, 8 H	
Stay in Mecca		Up to 9 Shawwal	
Ghazwa Hunain.		Shawwal, 8 H	
Siege of Taif		End of Shawwal to beginning of Ziq'ada, 8 H. about 18 or 20 days.	
Distribution of booty at Ji'rana, and Umra		Ziq'ada, 8 H.	
98. Final order of prohibition of usury		8 H.	On the occasion of the victory of Mecca. Annulment of all demands of the amounts of interest.
99. Arrival of Suda deputation at Medina.		8 H.	