



Life of Muhammad^{sa}

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SA'D'S^{ra} AWARD IN HARMONY WITH THE BIBLE

Turning to the Banu Quraiza he asked the same question, and they also agreed.

Then shyly he pointed to the side where the Prophet (sa) was sitting and asked if the people on that side also agreed to abide by his award*.

The Prophet (sa) replied, "Yes".

Then Sa'd (ra) gave his award in accordance with the following commandment of the Bible... (*Deut. 20: 10-18*).

* Judgement

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When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it. And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, that all the people that is found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee. And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it: And when the Lord thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword: But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, even all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the Lord thy God hath given thee. Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities which the Lord thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth: But thou shalt utterly destroy them; namely, the Hittites, and the Amoites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee: That they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the Lord your God

(Deut. 20: 10-18)

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According to the teaching of the Bible, if the Jews had won and the Prophet (sa) had lost, all Muslims—men, women and children—would have been put to death.

The least the Jews would have done was to put to death the men, to enslave the women and children and make away with the belongings of the Muslims, this being the treatment laid down in Deuteronomy ...

Sa'd (ra) was friendly to the Banu Quraiza. When he saw that the Jews had refused to accept the award* of the Prophet (sa) and refused thus to have the lighter punishment prescribed for such an offence in Islam,..

...he decided to award to the Jews the punishment which Moses (as) had laid down.

* Judgement

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Yet Christians to this day continue to defame the Prophet (sa) of Islam and say that he was cruel to the Jews.

(Jews) were offered what would have been a compassionate award*. But, ..

(Jews) insisted on a person other than the Prophet (sa) making the award.

This nominee of the Jews, ..., asked the Prophet (sa) and the Jews in public whether they would accept his award.

It was after the parties had agreed, that he proceeded to announce it.

And what was his award? It was nothing but the application of the Law of Moses (as) to the offence of the Jews

If any cruelty was perpetrated, it was by the Jews on the Jews.

* Judgement

SA'D'S^{ra} AWARD IN HARMONY WITH THE BIBLE

The Battle of the Ditch over, ... The Prophet (sa) declared that from that day onwards pagans would not attack Muslims; instead, Muslims would now attack pagans.

Muslims were going to take the offensive against tribes and parties which had so far been gratuitously attacking and harassing them.

Muslims would attack disbelievers. Muslim endurance had reached its limit.

The tide was going to turn

But now for twenty-one years, the enemies of Islam had done their utmost to extirpate Islam and Muslims. Continued failure of their plans had shaken their confidence. They had begun to fear that what the Prophet (sa) taught was true, and that their national idols and gods were false, that the Creator was the One Invisible God taught by the Prophet (sa).