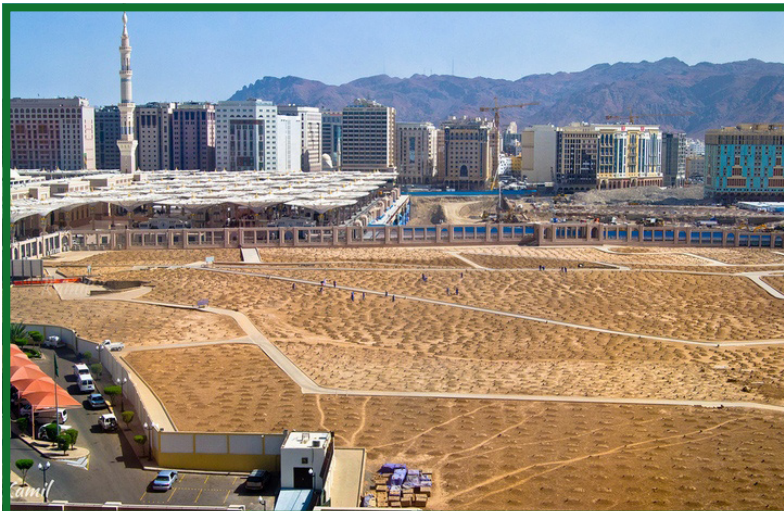


# Jannatul Baqi



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- ❖ Aisha (رضي الله عنها) reported (that whenever it was her turn for the Prophet (ﷺ) to spend the night with her) he would go out towards the end of the night to al-Baqi and say: “Peace be upon you, abode of a people who are believers. What you were promised would come to you tomorrow, you receiving it after some delay; and God willing we shall join you. O Allah, grant forgiveness to the inhabitants of Baqi al-Gharqad.” [Muslim]
- ❖ Baqi means the land in which the roots of different trees are embedded, Gharqad is the name of a thorny tree (Boxthorn) which were abundant in Baqi. Hence the cemetery also came to be known as Baqi al-Gharqad.
- ❖ The first person to be buried in al-Baqi was As’ad Bin Zararah (رضي الله عنه), an Ansari companion who died soon after the Prophet (ﷺ) migration to Madinah. The Prophet (ﷺ) chose the spot to be a cemetery. The first of the Muhajirun (Emigrants) to be buried there was Uthman bin Mazoun (رضي الله عنه) who died shortly after the Prophet (ﷺ) returned from the battle of Badr.
- ❖ Some of the blessed personalities resting in Jannatul Baqi are:
  - The wives of the Prophet (ﷺ), also known as the Mothers of the Believers including Aisha, Hafsa and Sauda. The two wives that are not buried here are Khadijah bint Khuwaylid who is buried in Makkah and Maymuna bint al-Harith who is buried in Sarif (رضي الله عنهم).
  - The daughters of the Prophet (ﷺ), Fatima, Ruqayyah, Zainab and Umme Kulthum (رضي الله عنهم).
  - Ebrahim (رضي الله عنه), the infant son of the Prophet (ﷺ) by Maria al-Qibtiyya
  - Hasan (رضي الله عنه), the grandson of the Prophet (ﷺ)
  - Abbas (رضي الله عنه), the uncle of the Prophet (ﷺ)
  - The aunts of the Prophet (ﷺ), Safiyyah and Aatikah (رضي الله عنهم)
  - Uthman (رضي الله عنه), the third Caliph and son-in-law of the Prophet (ﷺ)
- ❖ The Prophet (ﷺ) said, “On the day of Qiyamah (the Day of Judgement) my grave shall be opened first and I shall step forth. Then shall Abu Bakr (رضي الله عنه) step forth and then Umar (رضي الله عنه). Then shall I proceed to Baqi and take all its inmates with me. Then shall we await the inmates of the graveyard of Makkah, who shall meet me halfway between Makkah and Madinah.” [Tirmidhi]
- ❖ During different times of history many domes and structures were built or rebuilt over many famous graves in Al-Baqi in order to identify the inhabitants. On April 21, 1925, mausoleums, domes and structures in Jannatul Baqi were demolished by the order of King Abdul Aziz Al Saud with the objective of complying with the hadith of the Prophet (ﷺ) to not cover or build structures over any grave and to prevent people from seeking help from the dead. Only a few of the graves in Jannatul Baqi can now be identified.
- ❖ It is virtuous to visit Jannatul Baqi (preferably on a Friday) and supplicate to Allah (ﷻ) for all those buried in its noble earth.



# Map of Jannatul Baqi



**1**  
**AUNTS OF THE PROPHET (رضي الله عنهن)**  
 Safiyyah bint Abdul Muttalib and her sister Aatikah (رضي الله عنهن)

**2**  
**RELATIVES OF THE PROPHET (رضي الله عنهم)**  
 Abdullah bin Jafar and Aqeel bin Abi Talib (رضي الله عنهم)

**3**  
**WIVES OF THE PROPHET (رضي الله عنهن)**  
 Aisha, Sauda, Hafsa, Zainab bint Khuzaymah, Juwairiya, Umm Habibah, Safiyyah, Zainab bint Jahash, Umm Salama (رضي الله عنهن)

**4**  
**DAUGHTERS OF THE PROPHET (رضي الله عنهن)**  
 Ruqayyah, Zainab and Umme Kulthum (رضي الله عنهن)

**5**  
**FAMILY OF THE PROPHET (رضي الله عنهم)**  
 Abbas bin Abdul Muttalib, Hasan bin Ali bin Abi Taleb, Zainul Abideen bin Husain bin Ali, Muhammad al-Baqir bin Zainul Abideen and Jafar bin Muhammad al-Baqir (رضي الله عنهم). Fatima (رضي الله عنها) is also said to be buried here.

**6**  
**IMAM MALIK**  
 Imam Malik and his teacher Imam Nafi' bin Abi Nu'aym (may Allah be pleased with them)

**7**  
**SON OF THE PROPHET (رضي الله عنه)**  
 Ebrahim (رضي الله عنه), the infant son of the Prophet (ﷺ) by Maria al-Qibtiyya

**8**  
**MARTYRS OF THE BATTLE OF AL-HARRAH**  
 This was a battle fought in 683 AH against the armies of Yazeed bin Muawiyah by Abdullah bin Zubair (رضي الله عنه) and his allies in order to defend Madinah

**9**  
**UTHMAN (رضي الله عنه)**  
 The third Caliph and son-in-law of the Prophet (ﷺ). He died in 656 CE

**10**  
**HALEEMAH SA'DIYA (رضي الله عنها)**  
 The wet-nurse and foster mother of the Prophet (ﷺ)

**11**  
**COMPANIONS OF THE PROPHET (رضي الله عنهم)**  
 Abu Saeed Khudri and Sa'ad bin Mu'adh (رضي الله عنهم)

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