

TIMELINE OF IMAM MUHAMMAD AL BAQIR (AS)



Father:

Imam Zain ul Abideen (as)

Mother:

Fatima bintul Hasan (Umm 'Abd Allah)

Titles:

Baqir Al Uloom, Al-Shakir, Al- Hadi,
Al-Amin, Al-Shabih

Period of Imamat:

19 Years

57-60 AH



O Jabir, you will have a long life, but you will meet the 5th in line of my descendants whose name will be my name, who will walk like me and who will be the 5th Imam of the time. When you will meet him, give my salaams to him".

- Prophet Muhammad (s)

57 AH: (Birth)

- Imam Muhammad bin Ali al-Baqir(as) was born on the 1st of Rajab, in Medina. He was honored to receive his connection from both the grandsons of the Prophet (s), al-Hasan and al-Husayn. From his father's side he was Hussayni and from mother's side he was Hasani.
- The Holy Prophet(s) was informed about his birth long before he was born, therefore the Ahlulbait(as) waited eagerly for his birth.
- He was born during the time of Mu'awiya. At that time the Islamic countries were full of oppression.



58-60 AH: Early years (1-2 years old)

- From the early age, he received special love and care by the members of Ahlulbait (as). He was brought up in the house which was the center of knowledge and wisdom.
- As he was cared under the guidance of 2 Imams, his noble mother, Lady Zainab(sa), Ummul Kulsoom (sa) and Abul Fadhl Abbas(as), his personality was adorned by intelligence and invaluable insight.



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61-70 AH



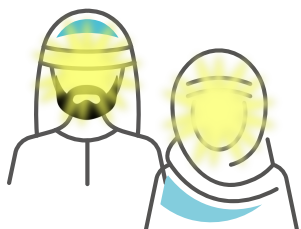
61 AH: The event of Karbala (3 years old)

- At the young age of 3 years, he witnessed the heart wrenching tragedy of Karbala.
- After the day of Ashura, Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (as) was imprisoned and travelled to Kufa and Shaam with his family.



62 AH: Return to Medina (4 years old)

- He witnessed the emotional distress, piety and asceticism of his Father Imam Sajjad (as) for many years. This made a significant effect on his soul.



70 AH: Marriage (12 years old)

- He married to Umme Farwa, daughter of al-Qasim b. Muhammad.

Year (Unknown): Second Marriage

- He married to Umme Hakim, daughter of Asid al Mughira al Thaqafi.



83-96 AH

83 AH: (25 years old)

- His wife Umme Farwa gave birth to Imam Jafar Al Sadiq (as).

95 AH: (37 years old)

- His father, Imam Sajjad (as) passed away and he became the fifth Imam.

96 AH: Intellectual Movement (38 years old)

- During this time, Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (as) established strong fiqh principles, quranic tafsir, kalam, and clarified the teachings of the school of the Ahlulbait (as).



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101-114 AH

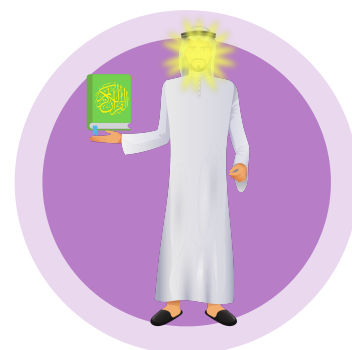


101 AH: (43 years old)

- Umar b. Abd al-Aziz returned Fadak temporarily to the Ahlulbait(as).

103 AH: (46 years old)

- During his Imamah, Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (as) held several famous debates including with the likes of Hasan al-Basri.

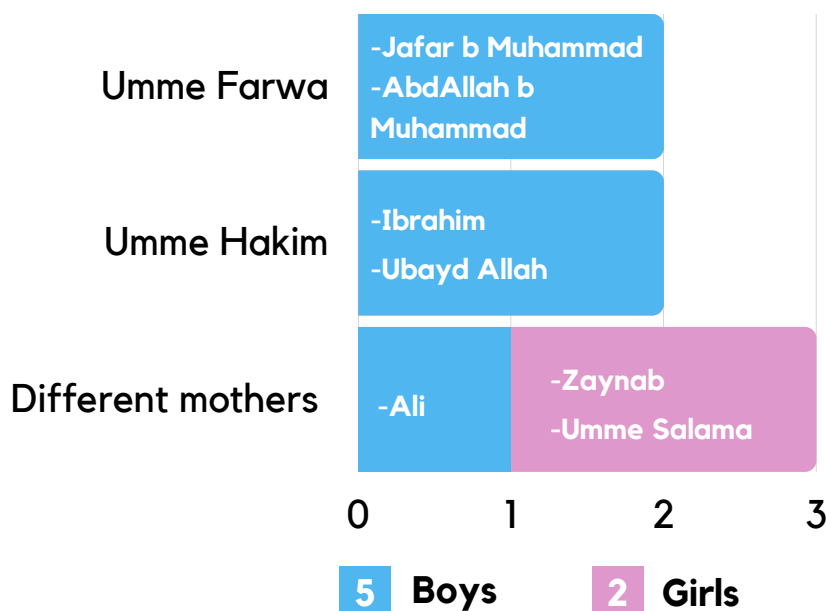


114 AH: Death by poison (57 years old)

- Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (as) passed away due to poison. Multiple narrations indicate that the poison was given on the orders of the Caliph Hashaam bin Abdul Malik.

- He was buried in Medina in Jannatul Baqi graveyard.

Imam Muhammad al-Baqir's Children



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Why was he called Al-Baqir?

"O (you) who split open knowledge (making it available) to the people of piety and the best of those who seek to answer the call of the Exalted."

-Imam Ali ar-Ridha(as)

The title Al-Baqir means "The splitter of knowledge ". It has been narrated that Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (as) was named and given this title by the Holy Prophet (s) himself. The Apostle of Allah, from the divine knowledge, knew about the great work and spread of the knowledge through Imam al- Baqir(as). Imam (as) also proved the mastery of his knowledge from a very young age. Jabir bin Ansari, who used to learn from him, once said: "Baqir, you have been given wisdom while you are still a boy."



Wise Words of Al-Baqir (as)

Heaven and its Resources

Once Imam Muhammad Al-Baqir (as) was asked by a man: "I have heard the resources of the heaven would never deplete. Provide me the likeness of this example from this world."

The Imam(as) replied:" It is similar to a candle through which you can lit many candles but the light of that candle will never change, despite of giving the light to many."



The Treasures of Good deeds

There are 4 treasures of good deeds:

- 1-To keep your desires hidden from others.
- 2-To give charity in secret.
- 3-To conceal your pain from others.
- 4-To conceal your problems from others.

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Taos Yamani once engaged with the Imam(as) and had the following conversation:

TY: "In which fast the consumption of food was allowed?"

Imam: "It was the fast of Lady Mariam (as), where she was only prohibited from talking."

TY: "Which is the thing that only decreases?"

Imam: "Your age."

TY: "Which is the thing that only increases?"

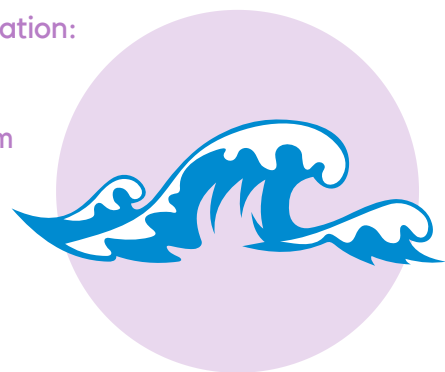
Imam: "The water of ocean."

TY: "What from earth got elevated in air only once?"

Imam: "It was Mount Sinai which got elevated in air and was hung over the heads of Bani Israel."

TY: "When was 1/3 of the world population got destroyed?"

Imam: "Never, but 1/4 of the world population was eliminated when Qabeel killed Habel, as the world population comprised on only 4 human beings."



A dua for seeking forgiveness from Allah

Imam al-Baqir (as) is reported to have said: Almighty Allah has forgiven a Bedouin man for two words he said in his prayer. These two words are as follows:

O Allah, if You punish me, then this befits me,



but if You forgive me, then it befits You.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنْ تُعَذِّبْنِيْ فَاهْلٌ لِّذٰلِكَ اَنَا

allahumma in tu'adhdhibni fa'ahlun lidhalika ana

وَ اِنْ تَغْفِرْ لِيْ فَاهْلٌ لِّذٰلِكَ اَنْتَ

wa in taghfir li fa'ahlun lidhalika anta