



## **Born in the Ka'bah**

### ***The miracle of Imam Ali's (as) birth***

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#### ***The Birth***

The birthday of Imam Ali (as) is recorded to have been on Friday the 13th of Rajab, although some have stated the date may have been the 7th or 23rd of Shaban, or the 15th of Ramadan. This was 30 years after the Year of the Elephant (when the Prophet (saw) was born), and 10 or by some narrations 12 years before the advent of the Prophetic Mission.

On this date, Fatima bint Asad felt the pangs of childbirth while circumambulating the Ka'bah. She prayed to Allah in the name of her faith in Him, His books, and His messengers before to make her labour easy, and leaned against the wall of the Ka'bah to rest. By some miracle, the wall opened up, allowed Fatima inside, and closed behind her. ***Thus, Imam Ali (as) was given the unique honour of being born in the House of God, and emerged with his eyes closed and his body in prostration to Allah.***

#### ***What does the birth of Imam Ali (as) in the Ka'bah mean?***

***It means a great deal.*** Allah, in His mercies, has provided us with clear & undoubtable indicators of the status of his prophets and imams (as) through verses, miracles, their luminous examples, character, judgement and astonishing words. He has made this status apparent in them even in youth, before the assumption of their roles. The prophet (saw), for example, always said 'bismillah' before food and 'alhamdulillah' afterwards, despite it not being a habit of the Arabs at the time. he was considered the most trustworthy, al Amin, amongst his people; and was respected so much that he was given right to decide in the argument over who would set the black stone into the ka'bah, and allowed to guide it to its own position with his own blessed hands. He never once swore by Lat or Uzza, and declared them the meanest things on the earth, which his people worshipped from excessive stupidity.

***Further, their status is apparent even in infancy,*** even from the moment of their blessed birth. there were several miraculous events around the time of the prophet's birth; the palace of the emperor of Iran trembled and 14 of its towers fell, for the first time in 1000 years the fires which were worshipped in Persia were extinguished, lake Savah which was worshipped dried up, all of the idols in the Ka'bah and across the rest of the world fell on their faces, and hosts of angels descended to earth praising Allah, and encircled Meccah with lamps. The brightness of the city could be seen from as far away as Yemen (taken from Hiyat al Qulub vol 2).

***The miracle of the birth of imam Ali (as) is clearly an indicator of his status before Allah.*** Heavily pregnant women were forbidden to approach the ka'bah at all at that time, what are the chances of one not only getting there, but stopping to rest at the corner of the ka'bah only to find it split open to allow her inside to give birth?

***This is the House of Allah, first mosque on earth, foundations raised again by Ibrahim (as), qiblah of Muhammad (saw)... that to which all Muslims turn towards and pray to 5 times every single day. By choosing this as the place of birth for imam Ali (as) Allah swt has indicated his imam's status to all Muslims for all times, and brought them to reaffirm it - knowingly or not - several times a day until the end of the world.*** A crack can still be

seen in the same corner today, despite the original ka'bah being built over/around through history. The area keeps splitting, despite numerous attempts by the Saudi government to patch it up. This one point speaks volumes. They wish to bury the truth, but it will continue to reveal itself until they instead have become buried by it.

***17:81 And say: "Truth has (now) arrived, and Falsehood perished: for Falsehood is (by its nature) bound to perish."***

***The event of the birth of Imam Ali (as) was the first of many great indicators of the Imam's (as) status in Islam.***

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