Timeline

570

The birth of Muhammad in Mecca.

595

Muhammad and Khadija are married.

601

Ali ibn Abi Talib born.

610

The revelation of the Qur'an begins.

619

Khadija, wife of Muhammad and mother of Fatima, dies.

625

Hasan the son of Ali and Fatima born.

626

Hussain the son of Ali and Fatima born.

628

The Treaty of Hudaibiyya between Muhammad and the rulers of Mecca.

630

Mecca becomes a Muslim city.

631

The visit of the Christian delegation from Najran that resulted in the *mubahala*.

632

The revelation of the Qur'an comes to an end shortly before the death of Muhammad. Muhammad died and is buried in Medina.

Fatima died but her burial place is not disclosed.

638

Iraq comes under Muslim rule with Kufa as the garrison city.

653

Birth of Ali Akbar, the son of Hussain and Layla.

656

Birth of Ali ibn Hussain (Zayn al-Abidin), the son of Hussain and Shahrbanu.

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Ali becomes the fourth Caliph.

657

The Battle of Siffin, which was engaged between the forces of Ali and Mu'awiya. Ali moves the capital of the Muslim community from Medina to Kufa.

661

Ali assassinated in Kufa.

661-750

Rule of the Umayyad dynasty.

667

Birth of Sukayna, the daughter of Hussain and Rubab.

669

Death of Hasan, the son of Ali and brother of Hussain.

671

Birth of Fatima al-Sughra, the daughter of Hussain and Umm Ishaq.

676

Mu'awiya formally declared Yazid to be his successor.

680

Month unknown Birth of Abdullah Ali Asghar, the son of Hussain and Rubab.

Rajab/April Mu'awiya died (exact date unknown).

17 Rajab/22 April Yazid sworn in as Caliph.

Late Rajab/April Hussain and his companions leave Medina for Mecca.

Mid-Ramadan/July Muslim ibn Aqil leaves to travel to Kufa.

- 8 Dhul Hijjah/9 September Hussain and companions leave Mecca for Kufa.
- 9 Dhul Hijjah/10 September Muslim ibn Aqil is killed in Kufa.
- 1 Muharram 61/1 October 680
- 2 Muharram/2 October Hussain and his companions arrive at Karbala
- 3 Muharram/3 October Umar ibn Sa'd arrives at Karbala with 4,000 men
- 7 Muharram/7 October Hussain's company are cut off from water
- 8 Muharram/8 October Hussain has a meeting with Umar ibn Sa'd
- 10 Muharram: Ashura/10 October The massacre of Hussain and his companions