

The birth of Hadrat ʿAlī in the Kaʿbah

Question: Was Hadrat ʿAlī *radiyallāhu ʿanhu* born in the Kaʿbah? Which Sahābī was born in the Kaʿbah and what was his mother's name?

Answer: There is just one Sahābī by the name of Hakīm ibn Hizām *radiyallāhu ʿanhu* who was born in the Kaʿbah.

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was not born in the Kaʿbah. Rather, he was born close to where Rasūlullāh
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ʿAlī ibn Ghanām said: Hakīm ibn Hizam was born inside the Kaʿbah. His mother entered the Kaʿbah and experienced labour pains there, so she gave birth in the Kaʿbah.

Imām Nawawī *rahimahullāh* writes in his commentary to *Muslim Sharīf*:

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One of his merits is that he was born inside the Kaʿbah. The ʿulamāʾ say: We do not know of anyone else who enjoys the same distinction.

Sharh al-Muhadh-dhab states:

...وكان من المحدثين من قالوا بان علي بن ابي طالب ولد في مكة في بيت الله ...[2]

Hakīm ibn Hizām radiyallāhu ‘anhu was born inside the Ka’bah. It is not established if anyone else was born in it.

Al-Badr al-Munīr states:

...وكان من المحدثين من قالوا بان علي بن ابي طالب ولد في مكة في بيت الله ...[3]

...As for the narration claiming that ‘Alī radiyallāhu ‘anhu was born in it, this is a weak narration...

Al-Ikmāl states:

...وكان من المحدثين من قالوا بان علي بن ابي طالب ولد في مكة في بيت الله ...[4]

The following is mentioned in *al-Istīʿāb*:

...وكان من المحدثين من قالوا بان علي بن ابي طالب ولد في مكة في بيت الله ...[5]

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There are some scholars who wrote – without any chain of transmission – that Hadrat ʿAlī *radiy allāhu ʿanhu*

was born inside the Kaʿbah. In fact, Imām

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says that it is proven through innumerable narrations that he was born inside the Kaʿbah.

The text of *Mustadrak-e-Hākīm* reads as follows:

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In addition to this, ʿAllāmah Fākihī (d. 275 A.H.) writes in *Akhhbār Makkah*:

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ʿAlī was the first to be born inside the Kaʿbah from the Banū Hāshim.

At-Tārīkh al-Qawīm makes reference to the place where Hadrat ʿAlī *radiyallāhu ʿanhu* was born:

بني هاشم بن عبد مناف بن قصي بن كلاب بن مرة بن كعب بن لؤي بن غالب بن فهر بن مالك بن النضر بن كنانة بن خزيمة بن مدركة بن إلياس بن مضر بن نضر بن معد بن عدنان. [9]

ʿAlī ibn Abī Tālib was born in Makkah in Sūq al-Layl at the top of the pass. The place of his birth is close to where Rasūlullāh sallallāhu ʿalayhi wa sallam was born. The distance between the two places is less than 200 metres.

The Shīʿah book, *lāṁ al-Warā li Aṁ lāṁ al-Hudā* of Abū ʿAlī al-Fadl ibn al-Husayn at-Tabrisī, states that

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was born inside the Kaʿbah. However, its chain of transmission is not reliable.

As-Sīrah al-Halabīyyah states:

(Arabic text-p. 132)

As regards the name of Hadrat Hakīm ibn Hizām’s mother, *Tahdhīb al-Kamāl* states:

...وكانت أمه فاكهيتة بنت زهراي بن الحارث... [\[10\]](#)

His mother is Umm Hakīm Fākhitah bint Zuhayr ibn al-Hārith...

Al-Isābah states:

...وكانت أمه فاكهيتة بنت زهراي بن الحارث... [\[11\]](#)

His mother's name is Safiyyah. Others say that it is Fākhitah or Zaynab bint Zuhayr...

Summary

It is learnt from the above narrations that only one Sahābī was born inside the Ka'bah, and he is Hakīm ibn Hizām *radiyallāhu ʿanhu*.

His mother's name is Fākhitah bint Zuhayr. The view that

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was born inside the Ka'bah is extremely weak. It is essentially the view of some Shī'ahs, but even their noteworthy books such as

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and others do not make mention of it. Our 'ulamā' say that the correct view is that

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