

In The Name of Allaah, The Most Merciful, The Bestower of Mercy.

In the year 656 AH/1258 CE, Artughal's son, Uthman, was born and it is to whom the Ottoman Empire was attributed. It was the year in which the Mongols, led by Hulagu, carried out a military expedition against Baghdad - the capital of the Ottoman Caliphate - which led to catastrophic events and great calamities. Imaam Ibn Katheer [may Allaah have mercy upon him] stated, "They (i.e. the Mongols) killed everyone they were able to kill, including men, women, boys, Shaikhs, the elderly and the young men. Many people entered the wells, the habitats of wild animals and the gutters, and they hid for days without appearing. A group of people would gather in the inns and shut the doors, but the Tartars either opened the doors by breaking them or setting them on fire; then they pursued the people who fled to the highest places and killed them on the rooftops until blood flowed in the alleys. Indeed to Allaah we belong and to Him we shall return! Likewise, in the local mosques and the big central mosques, no one escaped from them except the Jewish and Christian citizens of the Muslim land, and those who sought refuge with them".

The distress was great and the circumstances were catastrophic. The Ummah was weakened and devitalized because of their sins and disobedience, so the Mongols gained the upper hand against them, violated their honour, shedded blood, killed people, plundered and ravaged the country. In those difficult circumstances and prevalent weakness, Uthman, the founder of the Ottoman Empire, was born. And at this point of the discussion, something meaningful manifests regarding the beginning of re-establishment of authority for the Ummah, whilst it was in the most extreme state of weakness. That beginning of a return to strength, victory and empowerment is indeed based on Allaah's (perfect) Wisdom, intent and all encompassing Will.

Allaah [The Most High] stated about Fir'awn:

إِنَّ فِرْعَوْنَ عَلَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَجَعَلَ أَهْلَهَا شِيَعًا يَسْتَضَعِفُ طَائِفَةٌ مِّنْهُمْ يُدْبِحُونَ أَبْنَاءَهُمْ وَيَسْتَحْيُونَ نِسَاءَهُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ مِنَ الْمُفْسِدِينَ

Verily, Fir'aun (Pharaoh) exalted himself in the land and made its people sects, weakening (oppressing) a group (i.e. Children of Israel) among them, killing their sons, and letting their females live. Verily, he was of the Mufsidun (i.e. those who commit great sins and crimes, oppressors, tyrants, etc.). [Surah Al-Qasas. Verse 4] (1)

[وَجَعَلَ أَهْلَهَا شِيَعًا] – and made its people sects]- Meaning: Different groups that were organised and distinguished, and he utilised each group in that which he desired in his kingdom. (2) He made them into sects and different groups to serve him and they went along with what he wanted and obeyed him. (3) He made them into different distinct groups, dealt with them based on his evil desires and subjugated them as he wanted by means of his power and authority. (4) He divided them into different sects and they went along with him in everything he desired of evil and corruption, or he used some as a means to get others to obey him; or he made them

into different distinct groups under his service and used every group in some type of work, such as construction, tillage, earthwork [drilling etc] and other burdensome work, and whoever did not work was beaten, so they served him by doing so; or he made them into sects and incited hatred and enmity between them, so that they do not come to an agreement [or become united in their stance against him]. (5)

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

وَنُرِيدُ أَنْ نَمُنَّ عَلَى الَّذِينَ اسْتُضِعُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَنَجْعَلَهُمْ أَئِمَّةً وَنَجْعَلَهُمُ الْوَارِثِينَ
وَنُتَمِّكِنَ لَهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ

And We wished to do a favour to those who were weak (and oppressed) in the land, and to make them rulers and to make them the inheritors, and to establish them in the land...[Surah Al-Qasas 5-6]

The people of truth are not hasty with regards to what Allaah has promised, because they will be aided and given authority. Therefore, they must give consideration to the divine ordained Sharee'ah as well as those affairs which Allaah has stated that they must take place in the universe. Allaah [The Exalted] said: [وَلَوْ يَشَاءُ اللَّهُ لَانتَصَرَ مِنْهُمْ وَلَكِنْ لِيَبْلُوَ بَعْضَكُمْ بِبَعْضٍ] - And had Allaah willed, He Himself could certainly have punished them (without you); but (He lets you fight), in order to test you, some with others]. [Surah Muhammad. Verse 4]

When Allaah wants something to happen, He prepares the means for it and makes it occur in stages and not at once. The story of re-establishment of authority started through Uthmaan - the leader of the Uthmaanee Empire - who was born in the year in which the Abbasid Caliphate fell. (6)

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[Ref 1: An Excerpt from Ad-Dawlah Al-Uthmaaniyyah Awaamil An-Nuhood Wa Asbaab As-Suqoot. 44-45. slightly paraphrased]

[2: An Excerpt from 'Al-Misbaah Al-Muneer Fee Tahdheeb Tafseer Ibn Katheer'. Slightly paraphrased]

[3: An Excerpt from 'Fat-hul Qadeer 4/209' slightly paraphrased]

[4: An Excerpt from 'Tafseer Sadi'. Slightly paraphrased]

[5: An Excerpt from 'Roohul Ma'aanee' 11/64-65. Slightly paraphrased]

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