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## Ubai Ibn Ka'ab

(???-650 AD)

His name is Ubai, and Kunniya is Abu Manzir. His Father's name is Ka'ab. He belongs to the Khazraj tribe of Ansar. He was among the first Islam-based group of Madinah.

Before the emigration, among those who took the oath of Uqba allegiance were Ubai Ibn Ka'ab. After that, he remained closed to the Messenger of Allah. After the emigration, he participated in the Battle of Badr and other battles. But considering the learned abilities of Ubai Ibn Ka'ab, the Noble Prophet thought that it would be appropriate for him to give the work of Quranic scriptures and related matters. Ubai Ibn Ka'ab did so much work on the Quran that at one time he came to know that he had complete Book with his own handwriting. The Prophet also deputed him to write different official letters.

Ubai Ibn Ka'ab was also Hafiz and Qari. By the time of passing away of the Noble Prophet the number of Huffaz had reached to 25, and Ubai Ibn Ka'ab was one of the first. The Noble Prophet was not only pleased with the enchanting recitation of Ubai Ibn Ka'ab, but also greatly appreciated his understanding of the Quran. In this connection, the Prophet used to take the name of Zaid bin Thabit as well. The Noble Prophet used to say:

*"If anyone wants to know any details about the Quran, then approach either of them."*

Once someone approached Ubai Ibn Ka'ab about the Quran and asked what is the significance of the Quran. He replied:

***"Make the Book of Allah your Imam because It is your true Leader.***

***You seek comfort from It. It is your true Judge and Ruler.***

***We got this Quran from our Noble Prophet,  
adopt It because It will act as your Intercessor".***

Once someone asked Ubai Ibn Ka'ab who is مؤمن (*a true believer*)? He said, "The believer has four characteristics. His first feature is that he is patient when he is in trouble. Second, he is grateful when he receives a blessing. Third he speaks the truth when he speaks, and the fourth is that when he commands something, he does justice there".

All Companions of Ubai Ibn Ka'ab highly respected him. 'Umar gave him a special name as "*the Chief of the Muslims*", and all the Companions used to call on him with this special name. During the days of Abu Bakr and 'Umar, he was an important member of the Advisory Committee. The Noble Prophet once had given him the task of collecting charities as well.

Ubai Ibn Ka'ab's faith in Allah and His Messenger was very strong. He had always remained committed to the Quran. All his life was spent in worship, obeying the laws of Sharia, and teaching.

Ubai Ibn Ka'ab died in the time of Caliph 'Uthman in 29 AH, (650 AD).