

Khataman Nabiyyin

Seal Of The Prophets



Recap

- ❖ There are 2 types of Prophethood
 - Law bearing
 - Non Law bearing
- ❖ Law bearing prophethood has closed.
- ❖ Non-Law bearing prophets can still come.
- ❖ The Messiah/Mahdi is a non-law bearing prophet. He follows Quran and Hadith.
- ❖ That person is Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (A.S).



The Holy Quran On Prophethood

“...This day have I perfected your religion for you and completed My favour upon you and have chosen for you Islam as religion...”

(5:4)

The Holy Quran confirms that Muhammad (S.A.W) is the last Law Bearing prophet.

He brought last and final shariah.

There is no new religion after Islam.

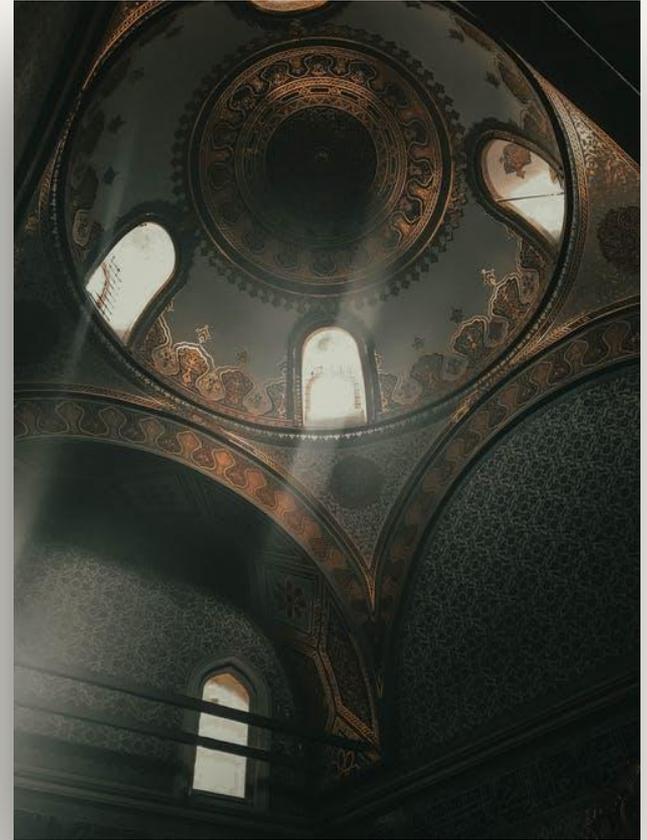
“And whoso seeks a religion other than Islam, it shall not be accepted from him, and in the life to come he shall be among the losers.”

(3:86)



Islam - A Final and Complete Religion!

- ❖ Previous verses prove that **Islam is the last and final message** from Allah.
- ❖ It is for all mankind and for all times.
- ❖ **The Holy Prophet (S.A.W) is the final prophet to bring the last religion.**
- ❖ He is the most perfect prophet as he has reached the **final level or peak of prophethood.**



Brainstorm Time!

How is Promised Messiah (A.S) a prophet, if Quran says Muhammad (S.A.W) is Khataman Nabiyyin (Seal of the Prophets)?

Discuss among each others.



Hint: Recall previous month's presentation

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Common Misconception

Non-Ahmadi Muslims usually allege that we deny the following verse

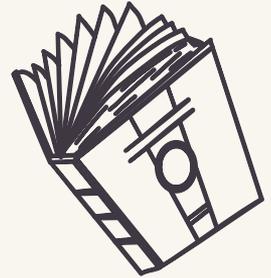
مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّن رِّجَالِكُمْ وَ لَكِن رَّسُولَ اللَّهِ وَ خَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ

“Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but *he is* the Messenger of Allah, and the Seal of the Prophets...”

(33:41)

But we reject no verse in the Holy Quran!

Muhammad (S.A.W) is indeed Khataman Nabiyyin!



Khataman Nabiyyin

خَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ

- ❖ Primary meaning: Seal of the Prophets
- ❖ He is the perfection of the prophets, the authenticator and chief of the Prophets.
- ❖ All the qualities of prophethood found their most perfect and complete expression in him.

Meaning of Khataman Nabiyyin

He puts a seal i.e
authenticates ALL prophets.

Seal here refers to a stamp of
authenticity

He confirms the prophets that have
come before him.

He confirms the future prophets,
i.e they will use the seal of the
Muhammad (S.A.W) to authenticate
themselves.

“Muhammad is not the
father of any of your men,
but *he is* the Messenger of
Allah, and the **Seal of the
Prophets**; and Allah has
full knowledge of all
things.” (33:41)

He is last Law-Bearing
Prophet.

No prophet will come after
Muhammad (S.A.W) that will
abrogate Islam.

This interpretation has been accepted
by many eminent companions, Muslim
theologians and saints

Few of them are

- Ayesha (R.A)
- Ali (R.A)
- Mullah Ali Qari (R.H)
- Imam Tirmidhi (R.H)
- Ibn e Arabi (R.H)
- Shah Waliullah Dehlvi (R.H)

Hazrat Ayesha (R.A) On Khatamun Nabiyyin

قولوا انه خاتم النبيين ولا تقولوا لا نبي بعده

Ayesha (R.A) said:

“Certainly, do say, he (the Holy Prophet) is the Seal of all Prophets (Khataman Nabiyyin), but do not say, there is no prophet after him.”

(Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah: v.14. p.521)

Declared Sahih by Sa'ad bin Nasir

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Hazrat Ayesha clearly distinguishes between Khataman Nabiyyin and being the last prophet!

True Meaning of Khatam

“That the Holy Prophet was the last of the Prophets, but only in this sense that all the qualities and attributes of prophethood found their most perfect and complete consummation and expression in him; خاتم in the sense of being the last word in excellence and perfection is of common use.”

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Does Khatam Mean Last?

إِنِّي عَبْدُ اللَّهِ لِحَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّينَ، وَإِنَّ آدَمَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامَ لَمُجَدِّلٌ فِي طِينَتِهِ

“In the sight of Allāh, I was Khataman Nabiyyin since the time the Adam was still in developmental stages.”

([Musnad Ahmad bin Hanbal, Hadith #16,817](#))

Declared Sahih by Imam Dhabi and Imam Hakim

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This clearly shows Khatam does not mean last as all prophets came after Muhammad (S.A.W) was Khataman Nabiyyin.

It means he was Khataman Nabiyyin before Adam (A.S).
Regardless, if prophets come after him or before him, he remains Khataman Nabiyyin!

فَنظَرْتُ إِلَى حَاتِمِ النَّبُوءَةِ بَيْنَ كَتِفَيْهِ

“...I stood behind him (Muhammad S.A.W) and saw the seal of Prophethood between his shoulders...”

([Sahih Bukhari 190](#))

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How can Khatam mean last if it is a mark on the shoulders of Muhammad (S.A.W)?

Khatam signifies an imprint/stamp of approval

The Context Of Khataman Nabiyyin Verse Revelation

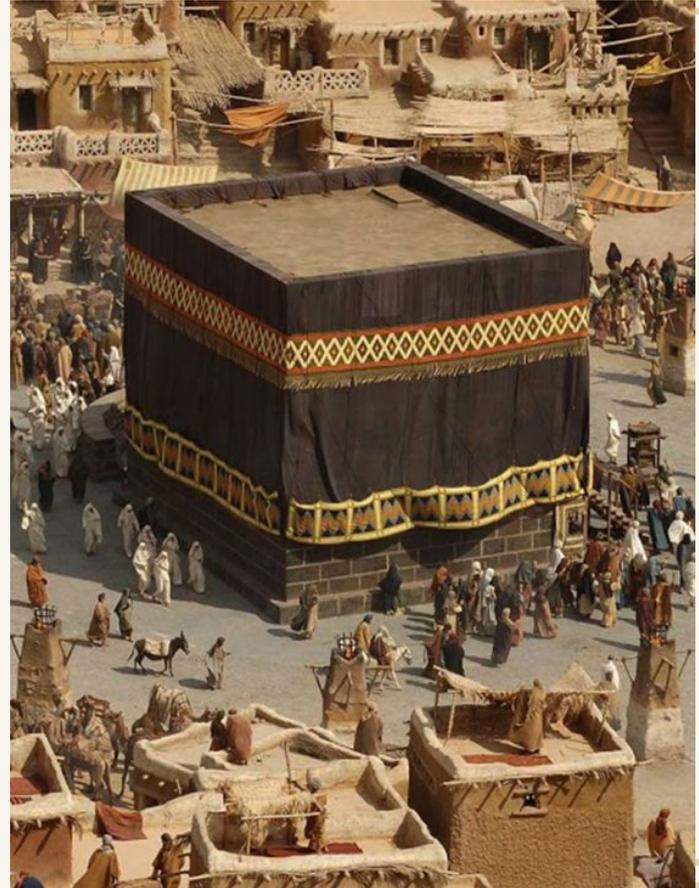
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When all the sons of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) had
died, Meccans ridiculed him by calling him “**Abtar**”
(someone with no male child)

They claimed **he is the last in his lineage** and will die
out soon along with the message he preached.

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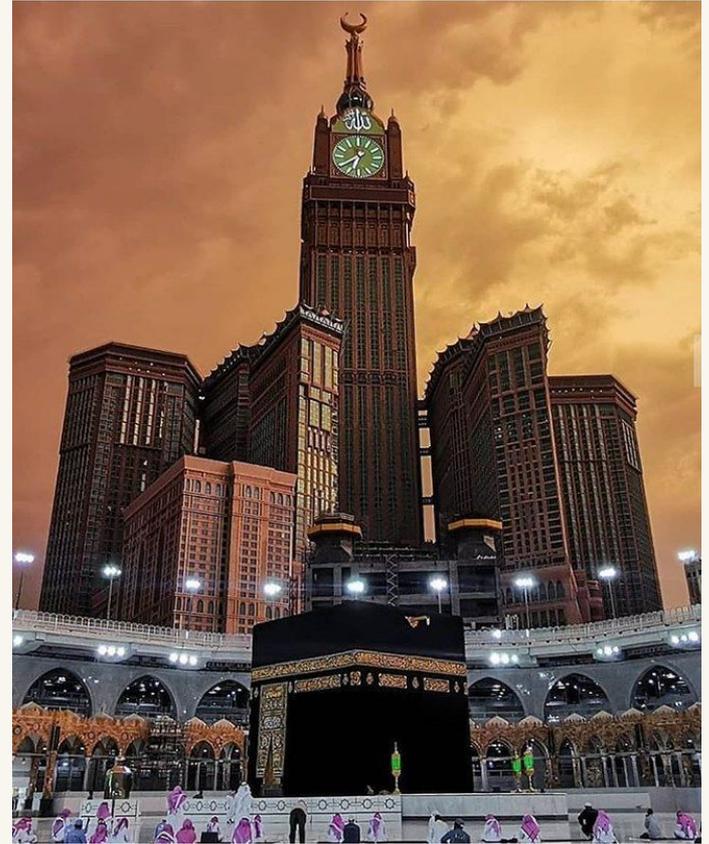
Context Continued...

Allah revealed the verse of Khataman Nabiyyin to **console the Prophet** (S.A.W).

The word “Lakin” (But) is used in the verse to negate the first statement. That he is not father of men but **spiritual father of all prophets!**

What kind of consolation would it be if Allah told him that **he is not only last from his lineage but also last among the prophets?** This would mean Allah is supporting Meccans instead of our beloved Prophet (S.A.W)

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The Use of Khatam

Khatam-ush-Shu'araa (Seal of Poets)	Was used for the poet Abu Tamam. (Nafiyatut A'yan, vol. 1, p. 123, Cairo) <u>Was he the last poet? We have poets even today!</u>
Khatam-al-Karaam (Seal of Remedies)	Used for camphor. (Sharah Deewanu, Mutanabbeq, p.304) <u>If "seal" means "last", then has no medicine been found or used after camphor?</u>
Khatam-al-Auliyaa (Seal of Saints)	For Hazrat Ali (R.A) (Tafsir Safi, Chapter Al-Ahzab) <u>We have had many saints after Ali (R.A)</u>
Khatam-Al-A'immah (Seal of Religious Leaders)	Used for Imam Muhammad 'Abdah of Egypt. (Tafseer Alfateha, p. 148) <u>Don't we have religious leaders today?</u>
Khatam-Atul-Huffaz (Seal of Custodians)	For Al Shaikh Shamsuddin (Al Tajreedul Sareeh Muqqadimmah, p.4) <u>A "hafiz" is one who has memorized the full arabic text of the Holy Quran.</u>
Khatam-al-muhadditheen (Seal of narrators)	Used for Imam Suyuti (Hadiyyatul Shee'ah, p. 210)



Is Muhammad (S.A.W) the Last Prophet?

- ❖ He is not the last prophet in the absolute sense.
- ❖ He is the last law bearing prophet, he brought last shariah (Islam).
- ❖ He ascended to final level of prophethood, surpassed all previous law bearing prophets like Noah (A.S), Abraham (A.S) and Moses (A.S).
- ❖ Recall the many ahadith about Isa (A.S) descending.
- ❖ As per non Ahmadi Muslims, Isa (A.S) is a prophet and will come after Muhammad (S.A.W)
- ❖ Thus, Muhammad (S.A.W) is not the last prophet ever.



SUMMARY

<u>Ahmadi Muslims</u>	<u>Non Ahmadi Muslims</u>
<p><u>Prophet Muhamad (S.A.W) is the Seal of the Prophets.</u> One who authenticates all Prophets Spiritual father of all Prophets. <u>Most perfect prophet as he has reached the final stage of prophethood.</u> Last Prophet with a law.</p>	<p>They have differing positions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• He is last prophet to be born.• He is last prophet to receive prophethood.• He is last to have revelation/prophecy. Allah no longer communicates with humans
<p>Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) spiritual master of all prophets.</p>	<p>Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) is without heir, just as Meccans claimed.</p>
<p>Prophets can come within Islam who follow Quran and Hadith</p> <p>Example: Promised Messiah A.S</p>	<p>Old prophets with abrogated/previous sharia (law) can come (Ex: Isa A.S)</p> <p>New prophets cannot come (Ex: Promised Messiah A.S)</p>
<p><u>Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) ummah(community) is exalted above others</u>, therefore it will have all the blessings of previous ummah.</p>	<p><u>Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) ummah(community) do not get the same blessings</u> as other ummahs i.e blessings of prophethood</p>



SUMMARY

- ❖ Khataman Nabiyyin does not mean last of all prophets. Those who say that are disrespecting the Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W)
- ❖ It refers to the exalted status of Muhammad (S.A.W). He seals/authenticates the prophets.
- ❖ They are also going against the many Quranic verses and hadith that say prophets can still come.
- ❖ Prophethood within the Ummah of Muhammad (S.A.W) is forever open.



More Resources

Verses/Ahadith

All references and scans available:

<https://ahmadianswers.com/prophethood/>

Video 1 (4 min)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGVQ43zKI-E>

Video 2 (4 min) - Hazrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad (R.H)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGVQ43zKI-E>

Video 3 (6 min) - MTA

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9Ev_NQYzjs

