

# The 27 Ghazwas of Prophet Muhammad (SAW)

*Complete List with Hijri Years — Major Battles Highlighted in Gold*

Ghazwa refers to a military expedition personally led by the Prophet Muhammad (SAW). Scholars record 27 such Ghazwas, though actual combat took place in only about 9 of them. The rows highlighted in gold below are the major Ghazwas most frequently asked about in quizzes and competitive exams: Badr, Uhud, Bani Nadir, Bani Mustaliq, Khandaq, Bani Qurayza, Hdaybiyyah, Khyber, Fatah Makkah, Hunayn, and Tabuk.

| No. | Name of Ghazwa                           | Hijri Year | Major?  |
|-----|------------------------------------------|------------|---------|
| 1   | Ghazwa-e-Waddan (Al-Abwa)                | 2 AH       | —       |
| 2   | Ghazwa-e-Buwat                           | 2 AH       | —       |
| 3   | Ghazwa-e-Safwan (Badr-e-Ula)             | 2 AH       | —       |
| 4   | Ghazwa-e-Dhu'l Ushayrah                  | 2 AH       | —       |
| 5   | <b>Ghazwa-e-Badr (Badr-e-Kubra)</b>      | 2 AH       | ★ Major |
| 6   | Ghazwa-e-Bani Sulaym                     | 2 AH       | —       |
| 7   | Ghazwa-e-Sawiq                           | 2 AH       | —       |
| 8   | Ghazwa-e-Ghatfan (Dhu Amr)               | 3 AH       | —       |
| 9   | Ghazwa-e-Bahran                          | 3 AH       | —       |
| 10  | <b>Ghazwa-e-Uhud</b>                     | 3 AH       | ★ Major |
| 11  | Ghazwa-e-Hamra-ul-Asad                   | 3 AH       | —       |
| 12  | <b>Ghazwa-e-Bani Nadir</b>               | 4 AH       | ★ Major |
| 13  | Ghazwa-e-Dhat-ur-Riqa                    | 4 AH       | —       |
| 14  | Ghazwa-e-Badr-ul-Akhira (Badr al-Maw'id) | 4 AH       | —       |
| 15  | Ghazwa-e-Dumat-ul-Jandal                 | 5 AH       | —       |
| 16  | <b>Ghazwa-e-Bani Mustaliq (Muraysi)</b>  | 5 AH       | ★ Major |
| 17  | <b>Ghazwa-e-Khandaq (Ahzab)</b>          | 5 AH       | ★ Major |
| 18  | <b>Ghazwa-e-Bani Qurayza</b>             | 5 AH       | ★ Major |
| 19  | Ghazwa-e-Bani Lahyan                     | 6 AH       | —       |
| 20  | Ghazwa-e-Dhi Qarad                       | 6 AH       | —       |
| 21  | <b>Ghazwa-e-Hdaybiyyah</b>               | 6 AH       | ★ Major |
| 22  | <b>Ghazwa-e-Khyber</b>                   | 7 AH       | ★ Major |

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|-----|---------------------------------------------------|------------|---------|
| 23  | Ghazwa-e-Wadi-ul-Qura                             | 7 AH       | —       |
| 24  | <b>Ghazwa-e-Fatah Makkah (Conquest of Makkah)</b> | 8 AH       | ★ Major |
| 25  | <b>Ghazwa-e-Hunayn</b>                            | 8 AH       | ★ Major |
| 26  | Ghazwa-e-Ta'if                                    | 8 AH       | —       |
| 27  | <b>Ghazwa-e-Tabuk</b>                             | 9 AH       | ★ Major |

**Legend:** Rows highlighted in gold (★ Major) indicate the Ghazwas most commonly asked in Islamiyat, Pakistan Studies, and general knowledge quizzes/exams.

## Quick Facts for Exam Preparation

- Total Ghazwas (personally led by the Prophet Muhammad (SAW)): 27
- Ghazwas in which actual fighting took place: approximately 9
- First Ghazwa: Waddan (Al-Abwa) — 2 AH
- Last Ghazwa: Tabuk — 9 AH
- Largest Muslim army assembled: Ghazwa-e-Tabuk (approx. 30,000 men)
- Only Ghazwa mentioned by name in the Qur'an: Ghazwa-e-Badr and Ghazwa-e-Hunayn (Hunayn named in Surah At-Tawbah, 9:25)
- Total military expeditions (Ghazwa + Sariyyah): approximately 80-100+