

TABUK



Introduction:

Bismillahir Rahman Raheem. All praise is due to ALMIGHTY ALLAH, the SUSTAINER, NOURISHER and CHERISHER of the universe, Peace, Blessings and Salutations be upon our beloved Master and Leader, NABI MUHAMMED MUSTAPHA ﷺ .

HISTORY OF TABUK

Tabuk is a [province](#) of [Saudi Arabia](#), located along the northwestern coast of the country, facing [Egypt](#) across the [Red Sea](#). It has an area of 146,072 km² and a population of 910,030 (2017). In recent years, the province has received substantial media attention due to the Saudi government's futuristic [Neom](#) City project in the province. The history of the Tabuk region dates back to 5,000 years ago. The region is identified with the land of [Madyan](#). The region is traversed by the [Hejaz Railway](#), which was a focus for attacks during the [Arab Revolt](#) of 1916–1918. The province has traditionally been inhabited by the [Howeit](#) tribe.

The battle of Tabuk

It was in the 9th year AH, A Thursday, the beginning of the month of Rajab. Mustapha ﷺ and 30 000 Sahaba (RA) assembled and it was in mid summer. There were 10 000 horses, the conditions were difficult. Therefore the **Battle of Tabuk** is also known as Ghazwatul Usrah (Time of Difficulty) because it was a logistical nightmare. Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddique (RA) brought all his wealth namely 400 Dirhams, Sayyiduna Umar (RA) brought half of his wealth and Sayyiduna Uthman (RA) had brought 1000 gold coins and he had donated 300 camels with saddles. Nabi ﷺ was so elated and delighted by the gesture of Sayyiduna Uthman (RA) that he ﷺ said "*No harm will come to Uthman (RA)*" After this substantial contribution of his. Nabi ﷺ and the Sahaba travelled from Medina Munawarah to Tabuk in the mid Summer and this journey took approximatley 20 days.

THE REASON FOR THE BATTLE OF TABUK

The Romans had assembled a massive army for which Heraclius gave them funds and supply for one entire year to fight the Muslims. However no war or combat took place. The Sahaba would take turns to ride camels as there was not enough means of conveyance. The Sahaba made such sacrifice that they would have only date per day.

Only the hypocrites had stayed behind and 3 Sahaba (RA) who ALMIGHTY ALLAH subsequently forgave all 3 of them. Sayyiduna ALI (RA) was made deputy of Medina whilst Nabi ﷺ and Sahaba travelled to Tabuk. Whilst Nabi ﷺ was going towards Tabuk, they passed the place of Nabi SALEH (AS) people where they were punished and Nabi ﷺ said do not drink the water from this place and do not visit this place because this is the place where ALMIGHTY ALLAH's punishment had descended. Nabi ﷺ made dua for rain and it started to rain, theses all the signs and the miracles of Nabi ﷺ

Nabi ﷺ spent 20 nights in Tabuk and he ﷺ returned to Medina Munawarah in the beginning of Ramadaan. This was the final battle of Nabi ﷺ.

My Experience in Tabuk

When I travelled by plane from Jeddah to Tabuk in 2011, the journey was one and a half hour and most of the journey it is only the shore that can be seen and the view is majestic with the beautiful islands and water. When we arrived in Tabuk, my family member Hafez Ismail made the necessary arrangements for us to be picked up from the airport, took us to our hotel. We spent a few nights in Tabuk. We visited the places where Nabi ﷺ stayed, where he ﷺ performed salaah. The masjid was intially known as Masjid Rasullulahi ﷺ but it is now known as Masjid Tabuk or Jaami Tabuk.

TOURIST ATTRACTION IN TABUK



Masjid Al Tawbah

Al-Tawbah Mosque in Tabuk represents an important Islamic landmark as the site where it was built is connected to events from the Battle of Tabuk. The mosque serves as a vital point in the region, around which the markets and neighborhoods of Tabuk are clustered.

Al-Tawbah Mosque is known by several names. Some people refer to it as the Archaeological Mosque, while the locals in the area call it the Prophet's Mosque. It is narrated that the Nabi Muhammad - ﷺ prayed in the spot where the mosque was built. Researchers, on the other hand, refer to it as Al-Tawbah (repentance) Masjid due to its connection to events related to the Battle of Tabuk, after which Surat Al-Tawbah was revealed.



[Tabuk Castle](#)

it is believed that castle was built thousands of years ago and mentioned in the [Quran](#) as of *Aṣḥāb al-Aykah* ("Companions of the Wood"). It was constructed to protect the water station as well as for security and surveillance purposes and was one of the stations on the Levant-Medina Haj road to welcome the pilgrims

The castle consists of two stories connected by a stairway and encompassing a mosque and various rooms where the second floor involves an open masjid

CONCLUSION

It is sad that the Saudi regime is building the NEOM city in a place where ALLAH TA'ALAS punishment descended and to make it a tourist attraction for non muslims. Most probably it will end up as a white elephant.

- **Neom** is a new [urban area planned](#) by the [Kingdom of Saudi Arabia](#) to be built in its northwestern [Tabuk Province](#). The site is north of the [Red Sea](#), east of [Egypt](#) across the [Gulf of Aqaba](#) and south of [Jordan](#). The total planned area of Neom is 26,500 km² (10,200 sq mi). The city's plans include multiple regions, including a floating industrial complex, global trade hub,

tourist resorts and a [linear city](#) powered by renewable energy sources. It was launched in 2017 by Saudi crown prince [Mohammed bin Salman](#).

- Developers intend for the majority of the city to be completed by 2039. Experts have expressed skepticism about the ambitions of the [megaproject](#). Saudi Arabia originally aimed to complete major parts of the project by 2020, with an expansion completed in 2025, but then fell behind schedule. By July 2022, only two buildings had been constructed, and most of the project area remained bare desert. Neom's construction has also been criticised for environmental and human rights violations, with members of the local [Howeitāt](#) tribe protesting their forced expulsion and expatriate employees describing abusive working conditions.
- The project's estimated cost exceeds \$500 billion. On January 29, 2019, the Saudi government announced that it had established a closed joint-stock company named Neom. The company is wholly owned by the [Public Investment Fund](#) and is solely dedicated to developing the economic zone of Neom.

MAY ALLAH TA'ALA GUIDE THEM TO THE STRAIGHT PATH AAMEEN