

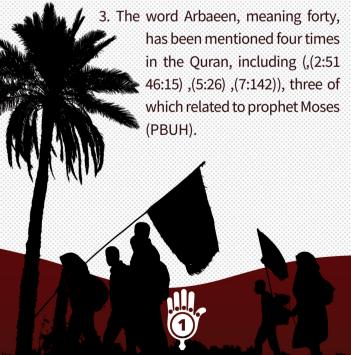
## **FORTIETH DAY**

1. It generally means the fortieth day (The traditional period of mourning in Islamic culture is forty days)



2. The number forty and the period of forty days is of high significance in the Islamic tradition, symbolizing completion or maturity.







4. It marks forty days after the Day of Ashura when imam Hussain (AS) was martyred in the Battle of Karbala



5. Based on some historical accounts, imam Hussain's (AS) head which was taken by Yazid's army to Sham (Damascus), was returned to Karbala on this day and buried along with his body.





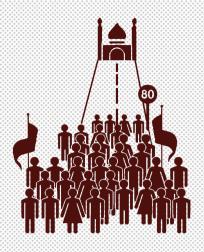
6. Visiting the shrine of a "martyr" (a person who has sacrificed his/her life for the sake of Allah and truth) is highly recommended in Islam. Also, the first pilgrims of imam Hussain's (AS) shrine paid their visit forty days after imam Hussain's (AS) martyrdom.



It is highly recommended to recite Ziarat Al-Arbaeen on this day



8. It has become the world s largest annual peaceful gathering, with the increasing number of 22 million pilgrims.



9. millions of pilgrims from all corners of the globe make their journey to Karbala on foot (especially along the 80 km stretch from Najaf to Karbala) to symbolize the nature of Imam Hussain's (AS) movement and to show they stand for social Justice, and peace.



10. All along the route lies thousands of temporary camps (mawakeb) where





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