Jumadaʿ al-Thānī

Jumada Al Thani, which is formally known as **Jumada Al Akhirah,** is the **sixth month** in accordance with the Islamic Calendar. Focusing on its Literal meaning, it is meant as **the second month of spring.**

To serve the departed souls, donations are performed in Rabi Al Thani. As the Islamic Calendar is based on **Lunar Calendar**, every month shall start on observing the first crescent of the new moon.
Lunar Calendar is shorter than the normal tropical year by 11 to 12 Days. The Islamic Calendar can be seen migrating through the whole four seasons.

1. Origin of the Name

The Arabic word *Jumada* is associated with freezing or solidification, particularly the freezing of water during cold weather.

- **Jumada** refers to freezing or becoming solid.
- **Al-Thani** means the second.
- **Al-Akhirah** means the latter or last.

The name dates back to the pre-Islamic Arabian calendar, when the month names were associated with seasonal conditions. Because the Islamic calendar is lunar, Jumada al-Thani now moves through different seasons

2. Spiritual Significance

Jumada al-Thani is an opportunity for Muslims to strengthen their relationship with Allah through prayer, charity, repentance, and remembrance.

Although it is not one of Islam's four sacred months, Muslims are encouraged to perform righteous deeds throughout the year.

The Quran reminds us:

"Indeed, the number of months with Allah is twelve..."

Surah At-Tawbah 9:36

There is no established special fasting or prayer ritual prescribed specifically for Jumada al-Thani.

Noticing the major happenings in this month, a battle took place named **"Furu"** at **Buhraan** in **3 A.H.** In **9th Hijri**, another Battle took place. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) didn't take part in the **Battle of Sariyyah**. For this purpose, He (PBUH) had allocated one of His Companion as Colonel for the war on His (PBUH) behalf. The Consigned Companion was **Ali Ibn Abi Talib** (RA).

Events in Rabi Al Thani (Rabi Al Akhir)

- 10 or 12 Rabi al-Thani: Death of Fatimah bint Musa (RA)

  Fatimah (RA), the beloved daughter of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and Khadijah (RA), is also associated with Jumada al-Thani. Some Islamic traditions place her birth or passing during this month, although historical accounts differ on the exact dates.

- 11 Rabi al-Thani: Death of Abdul Qadir Gilani.
- 15 Rabi al-Thani: Death of Habib Abu Bakr al-Haddad.

Abu Bakr (RA), the first Caliph of Islam and a close companion of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, passed away during Jumada al-Thani in 13 AH (634 CE). His passing marked the beginning of the caliphate of Umar ibn al-Khattab (RA)

- 27 Rabi al-Thani: Death of Ahmad Sirhindi.
- 28 or 29 of Rabī' al-Thānī, death of ibn Arabi, the great philosopher from Spain who died and rests in Damascus, Syria

In this Holy month, the recitation of the Holy Qur'an is important to be executed on a daily basis. Generally, the **word** i.e., continuous recitation of "**Istaghfaar**", meaning (Depreciation), is considered as the second essential step. Thirdly, offering Nawafil can also be beneficial for the **Raza** (Contentment) of Allah Almighty (SWT). It is meant that reciting Surah Mariam, Fatiha, Taha, Muzammil and Ayatal Kursi should also be focused on.

The superiority of Rabi Al Thani is that one can have **acceptance for their Duas** in this month by Allah (SWT). Muslims are also observed offering their prayers wholeheartedly by the **Sadqua** (Sake) of our Holy Prophet (PBUH).

The month reminds us to remain steadfast in faith, value the legacy of the Sahabah, strengthen family relationships, and prepare spiritually for Rajab, Sha'ban, and Ramadan.

A beautiful Quranic reminder is:

"And whoever is mindful of Allah, He will make a way out for them, and provide for them from sources they could never imagine."

Surah At-Talaq 65:2–3