

What are these? My dolls, I replied. What is this in the middle? He asked. A horse, I replied. And what are these things on it? he asked. Wings, I said. A horse with wings? he asked. Have not you heard that Solomon, the son of David, had horses with wings? I said. Thereupon the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) laughed so heartily that I could see his molars.

[Reported by Abu Dawud]

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Prophetic Hadiths:

When `Ali betrothed Fatima (may Allah be pleased with her) the Messenger of Allah said, There should be a wedding banquet.

[Reported by Ahmad]

Anas ibn Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) related,

'Abdur-Rahman ibn' `Awf came to Allah's Messenger (pbuh) and he had marks of Sutra (yellow perfume). Allah's Messenger (pbuh) asked him (about those marks). 'Abdur-Rahman ibn `Awf told him that he had married a woman from the Ansar. The Prophet (pbuh) asked, How much dowry did you pay her? He said, I paid gold equal to the weight of a date-stone. The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said to him, "Give a wedding banquet, even with (only) one sheep."

[Reported by Al-Bukhari]

Reported Anas (may Allah be pleased with him),

The Prophet (pbuh) stayed for three days at a place between khaybar and Madinah, and there he consummated his marriage with Safiyyah. I invited Muslims to his banquet that included neither meat nor bread. Then the Prophet (pbuh) ordered for leather dining sheets to be spread, and then dates, dried yogurt and butter were provided on it, and that was the banquet (walimah) of the Prophet (pbuh). Muslims asked whether Safiyyah would be considered his wife or a slave girl of what