



# **Shrines, Tombs**

**And Old Mosques in Jordan**

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**God Almighty has graced the land of Jordan with the shrines and tombs of a number of prophets, companions of the Prophet Muhammad peace be upon him and righteous men from among the martyrs and leaders of the nation, who provided with their sacrifices unequalled examples of martyrdom and contribution, or who were at the vanguard of the armies of Islamic conquests. These shrines and tombs are a credit to Jordan by underscoring the fact that Jordan has made a significant contribution to the history of the nation.**



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## **Introduction..**

### **A Geography that is Imbued with the Aroma of History..**

**The geography of Jordan is the receptacle of an illustrious history.. It is in truth the corridor of Islamic conquest, for from this location the bearers of the Message of Islam passed toward the ends of the earth, where they reached the lands of Sind, India and China to the east.. They likewise reached the Atlantic Ocean, and crossed the Strait of Gibraltar to Andalusia westward..**

**This passageway was vital. It is not surprising then that those whose remains, tombs, shrines and mosques or those that contributed to an achievement or triumph, are in excess of hundreds of companions of the Prophet and their successors.. They were on this land, or died here and left behind them traces. I have enumerated the names of more than seventy illustrious companions, leaders and personalities in the history of the Arabs and Muslims who sojourned here or traversed this land or were martyred on this soil. Their relics are there as an indubitable sign of their existence in this land, and here are the tombs, shrines and mosques bearing their names and including their remains everlastingly.**

**This geography holds within it more of the pure remains of the companions than any other location in the world. Thus this place merits veneration.**



**I had to maraud the land to reach every shrine or tomb or old mosque, and to behold and record observations about the place, its nature and the way to reach it, and to note in which city it lies. It was incumbent on me to serve the idea by capturing photographic images of the place and mentioning the city, and also assimilating the historical description and its background**

**from traditional books, old encyclopedias, travelogues and the works of historians who visited the place and depicted their travels to it after having visited it, viewing its features and photographing them, and taking note of the renovations and construction that took place, and observing the mosque or tomb or building erected in the place. In reality, Jordan has been keen through its four monarchs dating back to more than a century to refurbish and build the tombs and shrines of the companions of the Prophet and the sites of the prophets, and all that is related to the heritage of the nation and the history of its leaders and great men and women. The construction and refurbishment of these holy places carried great importance insofar as highlighting, preserving and marketing them. Whereas I write and photograph today these places to print them in the present work (Shrines, Tombs and Old Mosques in Jordan) I continue to look forward to the sponsorship of another new book entitled (Our Forefathers in Jordan) which would enable me to access the persons and discuss their lives and biographies, whereby the entire topic would be comprehensively treated in the two mentioned books:**



**One about the places, their architecture, locations and historicity, and another about the personalities, biographies and roles..**

**The undertaking was enjoyable, arduous, and sensitive. I sought to be precise to the extent possible. I was assisted by a group of people I have confidence in and who share with me the view that it is necessary to reconnect the human with his land, homeland and places of abode so as to effect fusion between the land and the human.**

**Whilst viewing the present work as being of benefit, I dedicate it to the emerging generations to become acquainted with their forefathers and arena of unfolding life through reading about the highly symbolic places engraved in the soil of Jordan.**

**Yes, it is Jordan.. the pure and sacred soil in which are entombed the bodies of martyrs, prophets and companions of the Prophet and outstanding leaders.**

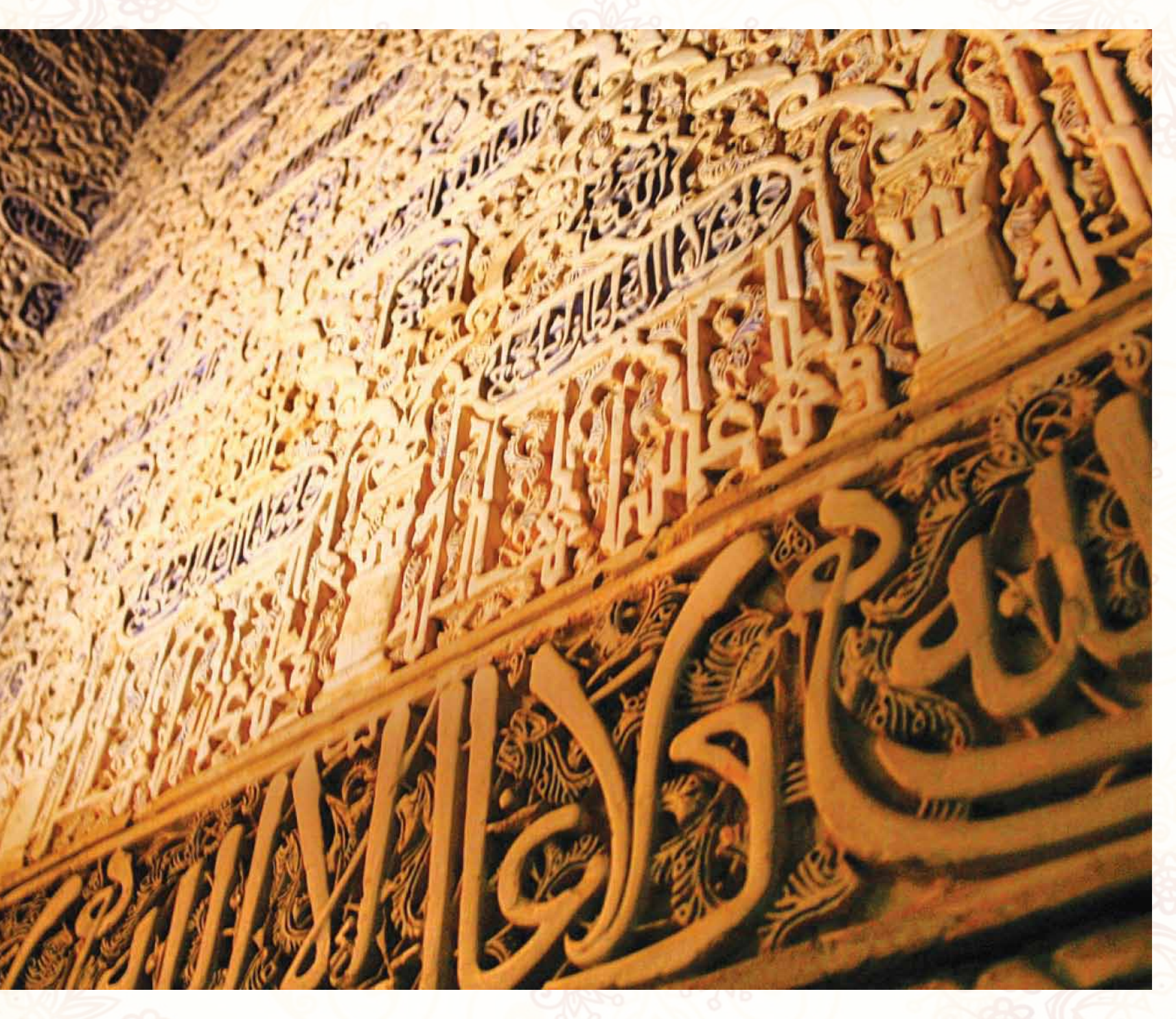
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## **Section One**

**Shrines of the Companions  
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**And the Generations  
Succeeding them**





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Please accept my deep respect,,

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