The story of GULSHIRINA BANU

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There may be other versions of this story but this is written as per the story told by Minocher Saheb.

Ancient IRAN was ruled over by Five dynasties.

PESHDADIAN
KYANINYAN
HAKHMANIAN
ARSHKANIAN
and the last being SASANIAN.

The last Shahenshah YAZDEGARD of the SASANIAN Dynasty got defeated at the hands of Arabs in the battle of "NEHAVAND".

Dear friends Dastoor Dinyar had preached Prophet Muhammad. He had taught him many powerful mantras to be used for the good of mankind.

Prophet Muhammad was a good pious man. He had always used it for the betterment of mankind and to help people.

But after he passed away these powerful mantras were misused by his close followers.

One such mantra was used to raise a huge dust storm in the battle of "NEHAVAND". This dust storm took Shahenshah YAZDEGARDs army by surprise and was defeated. So we see that Shahenshah Yazdegard was defeated by treacherous unfair means in the battle of NEHAVAND.

Now after loosing the battle, Shahenshah YAZDEGARD fled in the jungles and remained in hiding there for almost 9 years.

During this period a long beard had grown and his clothes were tattered, he was unrecognizable.

One day he reached a house on the outskirts of the jungle and decided to spend the night on its porch. A muslim resident on seeing the poor man offered him food.

Shahenshah YAZDEGARD before eating "Khavani Baj Dhari" ie. Offered customary prayers before eating.

The muslim man noticed this and at once recognized him as Shahenshah Yazdegard. He went to a muslim Mullah and briefed him about the same.
The Mullah told the Arabs and in turn soldiers were sent and Shahenshah Yazdegard was arrested.

Now let us pause for a moment and think.

Here was a Shahenshah who had lost his whole empire and roamed in the jungles for 9 years but still he did not forget to offer prayers to PAK DADAR AHURAMAZDA and thank him for the food that he was going to eat ie. "Jamvani Baj Dhari".

Dear friends just look at the implicit unconditional faith this Shahenshah Yazdegard had for his Mazdayasni Zarathosti religion.

Come what may, he knew he would get caught if he did the Jamvani Baj before eating but he still went on and did it. He did not forget to thank PAK DADAR AHURAMAZDA for a most simple meal in the most trying circumstances.

AND here we Zarathostis of today will find hundreds of reasons not to pray, for the smallest of reasons will blame PAK DADAR AHURAMAZDA for the misfortunes in life.

Now a days Zarathostis will at once run to bawas, buas and Dargahs to get immediate remedies. They feel by sharing Sai Babas pics on fb all their troubles will vanish and will be blessed with good luck.

Dear friends what is the use of that good luck obtained by being disloyal unfaithful to PAK DADAR AHURAMAZDA?

Dear Zarhosti humdins next time you run to visit a temple, Dargahs or share a Sai baba pic please give a thought to the great Shahenshah Yazdegard... Remember he had lost a whole empire, he had lost everything but yet he never forgot to thank PAK DADAR AHURAMAZDA for a simple meal.

We Zarathostis live the best of lives eat the best of food but I wonder how many of us have ever held the simple jamvani baj in the comfort of our home to thank PAK DADAR AHURAMAZDA for the wonderful food he has given us.

Let us salute this great Shahenshah YAZDEGARD and with folded hands ask for his blessings to help us be loyal to our Zarathosthi din till the last breath of our life.

Please let us face our destiny with implicit faith in PAK DADAR AHURAMAZDA and love for our religion.

Moving on further with the topic,

After Shahenshah Yazdegard was arrested, the Arabs asked him for his last wish to be fulfilled before they killed him.

To this Shahenshah YAZDEGARD said " I have no last wish but since you have asked, find me an acre of barren land in IRAN."
The Arabs on horses rode for months all over IRAN but could not find even a single piece of barren land in IRAN and returned empty handed.

To this Shahenshah YAZDEGARD said "see this is how fertile my IRAN is, will you be able to take care of it?"

Finally Shahenshah Yazdegard was beheaded.

Dear friends ancient IRAN was under the blessings and care of BURJO YAZAD hence so very fertile.

Under the muslim reign the custom of burying and erecting graves had started. This Yazad has a great dislike for this and hence IRAN during the Muslim reign was no longer under the protection and care of this YAZAD and had turned barren as of today.

In the next part we shall see about GULSHIRIN, the daughter of Shahenshah YAZDEGARD and the consequences she had to face after her fathers defeat.

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PART 2

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In those days there were many great Amaldar Dastoors in IRAN. They not only had the power of prayers but also were well trained to fight in battle.

One such Amaldar Dastoor was "TAAT", who held a high position in the kingdom of Shahenshah Yazdegard.

With the Amal or power of his prayers he could not only perform small miracles but was also an expert fighter who had an army of 40000 soldiers under him.

Shahenshah Yazdegard had entrusted him with the task to protect Princess "GULSHIRINA" (The daughter of Shahenshah Yazdegard) from the invading Arabs who wanted to take her prisoner and harm her honour.

Now at that time, there were many small princely states in IRAN. One of them was KERMAN.

Dastoor TAAT who had the task of protecting GULSHIRINA, was also a "TRIKAL GYANI" that means he could see the Past, Present and Furture.
He saw the future and told her to marry the Prince of Kerman State so that she could at least be queen of Kerman and lead a royal life.

Princess GULSHIRINA had high self esteem. She laid down a condition to the marriage and said that she would only marry the Prince if he waged war against the Arabs and won back the whole of IRAN.

She said after the Prince defeated the Arabs and won over IRAN, there have to be two thrones kept side by side.

One the first throne she would sit representing her father and Shahenshah Yazdegard and the other throne would be for the Prince of Kerman and they would jointly rule over IRAN.

Dastoor TAAT said that it was impossible for the Prince to wage war and win against the Arabs but Gulshirina remains defiant and said that she would only marry the Prince if the laid conditions were fulfilled..

The marriage proposal was sent to the Prince of Kerman along with the above laid conditions by Gulshirina. The Prince had a soft corner for Gulshirina, and so accepted the condition along with the marriage proposal and started waging war to liberate IRAN from the Arabs.

Within a short time he was fighting a loosing battle against the Arabs and so he joined Dastoor TAAT who was also fighting against the Arabs along with his army of 40000 men.

All said and done but Dastoor TAAT and the Prince were fighting a loosing battle against a huge army of Arabs which outnumbered them. It was only a matter of time before the last bastion would fall.

Dastoor TAAT sensing the end was near, handed over the responsibility of protecting GULSHIRINA to another Amaldar Dastoor named JAMAASP.

Pointing out to an underground tunnel, Dastoor TAAT orders Dastoor JAMAASP to move away to safety along with Gulshirina through it.

Gulshirina was a stubborn lady with high self-esteem, she said she would rather prefer to fight and die than run away like a coward.

To this Dastoor TAAT convinces her to go along with Dastoor Jamaasp.

He then places the crown of Shahenshah Yazdegard on Gulshirina's head and blesses her saying, "May the blessings of PAK DADAR AHURAMAZDA be with you."

Dear friends it is said the crown of IRAN had the blessings of PAK DADAR AHURAMAZDA and nobody could touch or harm the person wearing it.

After wearing the crown Gulshirina along with Dastoor Jamaasp head towards the underground tunnel.
Now, unfortunately an Arab soldier sees them entering the tunnel and soon a large group of Arabs start following them.

Gulshirina was a well built lady and could not run fast enough in the tunnel so dastoor Jamaasp carries her and runs till they reach the end of the tunnel.

On coming out of the tunnel they see a river flowing by it.

There Dastoor Jamaasp and Gulshirina pray to AAVA YAZAD for help. Miraculously the river changes it course and gushes into the tunnel filling it up forcing the Arab army to retreat back and run away.

Now as they wander into the jungle fleeing the pursuing enemy both are exhausted and Dastoor Jamaasp's injuries sustained in the battle field had started taking a toll on him.

At that instance DASTOOR TAAT who was a TRIKAL GYANI senses that the end is near and so telepathically communicates with the injured DASTOOR JAMAASP. (telepathy means communication of thoughts through the minds of two individuals).

Dastoor TAAT through telepathy tells Dastoor Jamaasp to reach the top of a particular mountain where he would meet them.

Dastoor Jamaasp struggles to reach the top of the mountain along with Gulshirina. Reaching there, Dastoor Jamaasp looses the battle of life and breathes his last sacrificing his life to save the honour of Princess Gulshirina.

As per the last wishes of Dastoor Jamaasp his body is draped in a "Jamo" and then she leaves to move further.

Unfortunately for her, the sun rays fall on her crown making the jewels in it shine brightly. This shining of the crown is noticed by the Arab army, who now surround the mountain and slowly move up in order to take her prisoner.

Knowing that it was better to die than to fall in the enemy hands, Gulshirina fervently prays to AAVA YAZAD to save her honour.

Again a miracle takes place, the mountain land beneath her feet opens up and she is taken inside and the mountain land closes again.

It is said even long after that people had seen Gulshirina's cloth stuck outside the crack in that mountain.

Though with time the cloth is not there but water miraculously flows outside the crack all throughout the year, even though this mountain is situated in a desert.

Locals say they are the tears of Princess GULSHIRINA. Since the falling water makes a CHAK CHAK sound, they call it CHAK CHAK.
This place has become a pilgrimage shrine for Zarathostis and it is called PEER - E - SABZ.

Dear friends after the fall of Shahenshah Yazdegard, Zarhostis continued to suffer and take refuge in KOEHISTAN (meaning mountainous regions) a hundred years later ABEDAN ABED NAIRYOSANG AAVAL came out of Bateen to lead a few 1305 zarathostis to the safety of India.

Dear friends the time of our 100th Rainidaad Saheb named SHAH RA SHAH SHAH BEHRAM VERZAVAND SAHEB is very near. It is said the Varzavandi rule will last for 500 years and after that the rule will be handed back to the descendants of the SASANIAN dynasty who have survived the onslaught of the Arabs and continue to live in hiding even as of today.

Let us pray and remember the tremendous sacrifices made by our Forefathers for our Mazdayasni Zarathosti religion and dear friends as of today if we can do nothing for the religion, we can at least try and be loyal to it keeping in mind and as a mark of respect to the priceless sacrifices and long sufferings endured by our ancestors.

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