

List of Early History Battles and Casualties				
No.	Battle	Year	Conflict	Casualties
1	Battle of Thymbra	547 BC	Lydian–Persian War	Approx. 100,000
2	Battle of Marathon	490 BC	Greco-Persian Wars	
3	Battle of Thermopylae	480 BC	Greco-Persian Wars	22,300–22,500
4	Battle of Plataea	479 BC	Greco-Persian War	51,500–257,000
5	Battle of Chaeronea	338 BC	Rise of Macedon	20,000 or more
6	Battle of the Granicus	334 BC	Wars of Alexander the Great	15,000 or more
7	Battle of Issus	333 BC	Wars of Alexander the Great	50,450
8	Battle of Gaugamela	331 BC	Wars of Alexander the Great	53,500
9	Battle of the Hydaspes	326 BC	Wars of Alexander the Great	23,310
10	Battle of Sentinum	295 BC	Third Samnite War	33,500
11	Battle of Heraclea	280 BC	Pyrrhic War	11,000–26,000
12	Battle of Kalinga	262 BC	Kalinga-Maurya Empire	150,000–200,000
Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_battles_by_casualties				



Conclusion

Most of the battles were imposed on Prophet Muhammad ﷺ; after driving him from Makkah, at the third attempt to assassinate him, he left Makkah for Madinah in hiding with his close friend, Abu Bakr. Quraysh chased him, and all those wanted a considerable reward to capture him. After he migrated to Madinah, he formed a defenseless and extremely poor *city-state* with few streets and a handful of people. He fought his persecution throughout his life, responded with brilliant tactics, and minimized his followers' and opponents' bloodshed. The sum of the number of casualties in all battles from the Muslim side is below 200. With that, he ﷺ conquered the entire Arabian Peninsula (7 governments today exist in the same area and over 80 million). The number of casualties from the enemy side is also below

300. Because he ﷺ made them surrender many times by persuading them, they cannot defeat Muslims.

Islam acknowledges that there is no equality or comparison between good and evil. It requires that evil be repelled with something better, just as an antidote is better than poison. The Holy Quran ordains:

سُورَةُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ

أُدْوَعِ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ السَّيِّئَةِ تَخُنْ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يَصِفُونَ (٩٦)

“Respond to the injustice (done to you) with the better deed. We know best what they attribute to God.” (Quran 23: 96)⁶

Before Islam, the world was plunged into intractable wars, bloodshed, ferocity, and hatred. Fighting was endemic in society, with no ethical limits and no rules of conduct whatsoever. As a practiced religion, Islam does not rule out the possibility of war against a nation unwilling to live in peace and has become a threat to a peaceful country. When there is no option, and in the face of persecution, the believers are permitted to defend with vigor and complete preparation, but not ruthlessly. Modern war is always followed by pillage, looting, evil, and a general massacre.

On the other hand, Prophet Muhammad ﷺ issued strict orders to the commanders of Muslim armies not to attack women, children, old and sick men, not to cut down fruit-bearing trees and crops, nor to slaughter animals. Places of worship, mosques and churches, synagogues, temples, and other religious areas were protected. Mutilation or disfigurement of the corpses of enemies was prohibited. The dwellings of unresisting citizens were to be left untouched, so also the means of their sustenance.

To that extent, Islam opposes the stubborn yet oft-spoken doctrine: ‘All is fair in love and war.’ The Quran repudiates the negative narrative that Islam was preached by force. Conversion by compulsion is not allowed. Almighty Allah proclaims:

سُورَةُ الْبَقَرَةِ

لَا إِكْرَاهَ فِي الدِّينِ قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ الرُّشْدُ مِنَ الْغَيِّ فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ الْوُثْقَىٰ لَا انفِصَامَ لَهَا وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ (٢٥٦)

⁶ Sahih International



“There is no compulsion in religion. Indeed, right has become distinct from wrong. Whoever rejects the devil and believes in God has firmly taken hold of a strong handle that never breaks. God is All-hearing and knowing (Quran 2:256)⁷.

⁷ Muhammad Sarwar