BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE QURAN

Brief page by page summaries of the Quran

Part 1

Surah Al-Fatiha Surah Al-Baqarah (1-146)

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ABOUT

- The main purpose of the Bird's Eye View of the Quran is to present brief summaries of the Quran page by page. Some of the benefits are:
 - You can learn the general message of the Quran page by page
 - You can remember the key messages of the verse or group of verses while reciting
 - It can generate further interest in learning and understanding the Quran
 - It can be a Daur-e-Quran (going over the brief message of the entire Quran in 26 sessions) which is valuable particularly in Ramadan.
- Some details of the methodology are:
 - 15-line Quran is used, a soft copy of which can downloaded here
 - Verses on each page are grouped based on a common message and the key pointers¹ and some obvious lessons where possible are highlighted on the side. However, for detailed explanations, you should refer to translations and tafseer books.
 - The sessions are divided into 26 parts and each part is presented separately, other parts are available at www.fussilat.com.
 - Visit www.understandguran.com to understand the Quran The Easy Way
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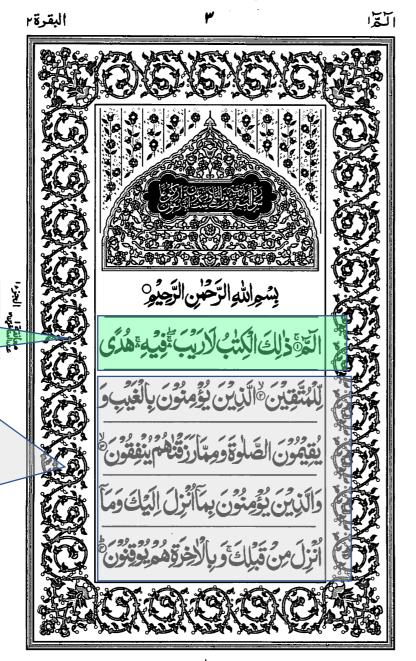
¹ Pointers are a general indication of the key meanings in the verses and do not necessarily capture every message, but give a general idea

Surah Al-Baqarah – Verses: 286

- This Surah mentions two nations (Bani Israel and Muslims)
- In the first part, the mistakes of Bani Israel are highlighted because of which they were deposed from the status of the best nation. These are "don'ts for us".
- In the second part, Muslims are given various instructions following which we can become the best nation. These are "do's for us"
- There is no doubt in this book
- Guidance is for the Muttaqoon (God conscious people)

Qualities of Muttagoon - Group 1

- They believe in unseen
- They establish Salaah
- They spend from what has been given
- They believe in this revelation (Quran) as well as earlier (Torah and Injeel)
- They firmly believe in the hereafter



Surah Al-Fatiha – Verses: 7

 It is a supplication from a slave and Quran is the response from Allah

Beginning: In the name of Allah the most gracious and beneficent

Lesson

- Start everything with the name of Allah, Allah is extremely merciful- Be hopeful and positive
- Our expression of Praise and Thanks
- Accepting Allah as extremely Merciful
- Accepting Allah as the Owner of the day of Judgement

Q Lesson

- Remember, we are accountable on the day of judgement
- This is an agreement between us and Allah
- We should worship only Allah and ask help from none except Him
- Here we are asking Allah for Guidance
- Allah revealed the Quran and explains in detail about the people on whom He bestowed favors and people on whom Allah evoked anger

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1st example - fire

They are like deaf, dumb and blind

2nd example - rain

Allah is in control of everything

Quran's call

- Address to Humanity: Worship Allah
- He Created you and people before you
- Look at the signs in the Sky, the Earth and in the Provisions

Quran's challenge

 Challenge to bring one Surah similar to the Quran البقرةا

البقرة٢

No guidance for the Kafireen

- Their hearts are sealed
- Severe punishment for them in the Hereafter

No guidance for the Munafiqeen

Disease in their hearts

Corrupt & fools

Munafiqoon are corrupt and fools

Double-faced

- They say they believe when meeting Muslims and disbelieve when meeting their own people
- Allah mocks them (gives them chance) and leaves them in their blindness
- They traded guidance for misguidance

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Question on Khalifa

البقرة٢

- Conversation between Allah and Angels
- Adam عليه السلام was made Khalifa (representative of Allah) on the Earth

Teaching of names

• Allah created Adam عليه السلام and taught him the names of everything

Prostration & Iblees

- Allah ordered everyone to prostrate to Adam عليه السلام
- Iblis refused to make Sajdah and became Kaafir
- Allah asked Adamعليه السلام and his wife to live in Jannah, and prohibited them to go near a tree

Slip & Repentance

- But Satan made them to slip into disobedience
- Adam and his wife quickly repented for their disobedience
- Allah forgave Adam and his wife for the mistake and sent everyone down to the Earth

P Lesson

- Both Satan and Adam made mistakes, Satan became arrogant, but Adam was humble and asked for forgiveness
- We should turn towards Allah in humility when mistakes happen

المقرة ٢ البقرة ٢

Warning & good news

- Allah's challenge, "You cannot and will never be able to produce a Surah"
- Then, fear the fire
- Glad tidings to the believers

Example of a mosquito

- Parable of a Mosquito
- People who believe take heed from the parable
- People who disbelieve make a mockery, these people are the transgressors

Who is misled?

- Who break covenant, break the ties of kinship, spread corruption on the Earth
- They are the losers

How can you disbelieve?

- How can one disbelieve?
- Look at the signs inside (we were dead, Allah made us alive, we will die,and He will make us alive again)
- Signs outside (Skies and Earth)

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Rescue from Firoun

البقرةا

 Saved from the punishment of Pharaoh

40 nights

Bestowed the Book

Calf & repentance

They took calf as idol

Show Allah! Mann & Salwa

- The demanded to see Allah
- Allah provided them with shade, Mann, Salwa, and good provisions

لَمَّا ٨ البقرة ٢ الَمَّا

Guidance & result

- Allah promised to send down guidance (Prophets and Books) as and when necessary
- Whoever follows will have no fear or grief
- Whoever rejects will be in the eternal Hell Fire

Call to Bani Israel

- Beginning of the long story of Children of Israel
- Allah lists the favors bestowed upon them and points out their crimes
- Favor upon them means sending Prophets and Books
- 😱 Lesson
- Purpose of mentioning the mistakes of Bani Israel is to teach us Muslims not to do indulge in those mistakes

Do good deeds!

They were asked to establish Salah, seek help with patience and Salah

Bani Israel! Fear that Day!

- Allah reminds Bani Israel that He preferred them over the Worlds
- Reminder that there is no intercession on the Day of Judgement

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Rule of faith & deeds

Whoever does good deeds (follow Quran and Sunnah), their reward is with Allah and they will have no fear or grief

Promise under Toor

Allah raised Mount Tur over them and took the covenant

Saturday violation

People who transgressed the rule of Sabt were made apes

The cow story

Children of Israel found many excuses by asking irrelevant questions such as its color, age etc.to avoid carrying out the order (to sacrifice)

القا البقرة الما البقرةا

Enter the town!

They rejected the order of Allah to say a particular word (Hittatun)

Dua for water

They asked for water, Allah created 12 springs

Demand for foods

They demanded normal food instead of Mann and Salwa

Punishment for Kufr & killing

- Allah sent curse upon them
- They transgressed and used to kill **Prophets**

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Ignorant masses

- Allah knows the hidden and the visible
- Woe to those who write books with their own hands, they are the people of fire
- Q Lesson
- We Muslims also have wishful thinking that we will enter into Jannah. We must remember that entering into Jannah is based on the good deeds NOT for merely born as Muslim

Fire won't touch!

 They had wishful thinking (that they were chosen and will not go to Hell except for a few days)

Rule for hell & heaven

 People who believed will be in the Gardens forever

Covenant of Bani Israel

- · Allah took oath from Bani Israel
- 1)Worship none other than Allah
- 2)Be good with parents, orphans, needy
- 3) Say good to people,
- 4)Establish Prayers give Zakat
- Many of them broke their oath later

البقوة التما البقرة٢

Third question

They sacrificed, but they were never intending to do that

The killer

Allah showed them another miracle of making dead person alive, and gave witness

Stone hearts

- Their hearts became hard like stone and even harder than stones
- Allah gives examples of how water gushes out from some stones

They change & hide

- Bani Israel distorted the words of Allah
- They claimed to be believers, but they would stop others from telling the truth

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Rejecting the Book

□ Lesson

 Reminder that these crimes of Bani Israel are mentioned to teach us not to indulge in those

Evil transaction of Kufr

- They earned the wrath of Allah
- They will have humiliating punishment

"We believe in our books"

 They rejecting believing in Quran, but say they believer in their book

Covenant with Toor above

Allah raised Toor and took covenant

Covenant of blood

Allah took oath with Bani Israel not to shed blood and evict people from their homes

Killing & expulsion

Allah took oath with Bani Israel not to evict people from their homes

Believing in parts?

- They believed in parts of the book (they liked) and rejected parts (they disliked)
- Allah says painful punishment for them

Lesson

 We must believe in the Quran in its entirety and not cherry pick

Treatment with Musa & Isa & other Messengers

- Allah gave Musa عليه السلام the book and clear signs
- They denied some prophets and killed some of them
- Allah sends curse upon them

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Followed the devils

- Allah sent two angels Bani Israel, as a test, to teach magic
- ∙ 🔓 Lesson
- Learning and doing magic is prohibited

Separate couples

- Despite the warnings from the Angels the people used to learn magic to separate husband and wife
- Allah says no harm can be done except with his permission

Evil trade, knowingly

They do not have any share in the hereafter

Don't say Ra'ina!

- Address to believers: "Don't say Ra'ina but say Unzurna"
- Jews used to say double meaning words when they communicated with Prophet Allah is prohibiting the words relating to it
- Allah chooses whoever he wants for his blessings

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Hereafter for you only?

They hoped never to die because of their evil deeds

They love this life!

Allah says even if they live on this earth for thousand years, they cannot escape the punishment in the Hereafter

Enmity with Jibrael

- Enemies of Angels are enemies of Allah
- Whenever prophets were sent, they rejected them

Threw away pledges

 They used to throw the book behind their backs (they didn't give importance to it)

Lesson

Let check our attitude towards the Quran is similar i.e. throwing behind our backs.

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Jews & Christians argue

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 Jews, Christian and Mushriks all claim they are on the right path but Allah will decide on the day of judgement

The unjust block mosques

East and the West belongs to Allah

Christians made a son for Allah

- They say Allah has a son, Allah is free from such things
- He is the Originator of the Heavens and the Earth, he creates by saying Be and It will be.

Ignorant say: Allah should talk to them

- Allah sent Prophet # with the truth, giver of glad tidings, and warner
- Prophet # will not be asked about the people who go to Hell

عّرا البقرة ٢

Abrogation of verses

Allah replaces any Ayaah which are abrogated with the better ones

Will you too question?

Address to Muslims: Do not ask excessive questions like the people of Musa did.

Wish of the People of the Book

 Some instructions to the Prophet[®] and believers: Forgive them, establish Salah, give Zakat

Paradise for Jews & Christians only?

- Its wrong by Jews and Christians to say they can only enter Jannah; they have to bring proof of that
- But whoever submits and are good doers they are the ones who will enter Jannah

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Construction of Ka'ba & Duas

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 Construction of Kaaba and a beautiful Dua

Q Lesson

 Anytime we do good work we should make dua as Ibrahim (AS) did while constructing the Kaaba.

Who will turn away from the religion of Ibrahim?

- Whoever turns away from the path of Ibrahim عليه السلام is foolish
- Allah selected Ibrahim عليه السلام in this world and hereafter
- He always submitted to Allah

Instruction of Ibrahim & Yakub

- Naseeha of Prophet Ibrahim to his children to worship Allah alone
- Naseeha of Prophet Yaqoob عليه السلام to his children at the time of his death

Q Lesson

 We should be concerned about our deeds, regardless of which family or tribe we belong to.

That nation passed away

 Every Ummah will get what they earned

البقرةا

Jews & Christians will never be pleased

- Jews and Christian will never be happy with you unless you follow them
- Whoever has been given book he recites it and believes in it
- Whoever denies and they are the losers

♀ Lesson

 We should never be bothered to make other people happy in religious matters

Bani Israel! Remember the favors

 Address to Bani Israel reminding again the favors

Test of Ibrahim A

• Story of Ibrahim عليه السلام Allah commands us to take the place of Ibrahim عليه السلام as prayers

House of Allah & the city

- Allah commands Ibrahim عليه السلام to keep the house of Allah clean
- Ibrahim (AS) supplication to make the city of Makkah a place of peace and provisions

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Change of Qibla

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Allah has authority to change his Qibla to whatever he wants

The Change - a test

- Allah made Muslims Ummat e wasat (Middle nation)
- Muslims are made witness to mankind and Rasool are witness to all

The Change - your wish

- Allah changed the Qibla to Kaaba (from Bait ul Muqaddas)
- One reason to change was to fulfil the desire of the Prophet

People of the Book know it

- Some of the people of books they are so stubborn no sign or miracle will convince them
- They reject the Prophet seven after listening and recognizing the message

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Be Jews or Christians!?

- Ibrahim عليه السلام was Haneef (worship one God alone)
- We don't discriminate among Prophets

If they believe like you then...

 The best Color is Color of Allah (Religion of Allah)

Q Lesson

 If we want to be successful, we should bring color of Allah (His religion) in our life

You dispute about Allah?

Every Ummah will get what they earned

Most unjust - hides testimony

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