BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE QURAN

Brief page by page summaries of the Quran

Part 11
Surah Ibrahim
Surah Hijr
Surah Nahl

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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
 - Every effort was made to ensure this work is free of errors. If a mistake or shortcoming is identified, please notify us and help make this presentation error free.

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

 Musa AS reminded his people about the blessings of Allah ابرهبوم

- Allah says: If you are grateful, I will certainly give you more. But if you are ungrateful, surely My punishment is severe
- Allah does not need us to believe in him (rather we need it)
- Allah is indeed Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy
- Lesson:
- Not being grateful is a type of Kufr
- Be grateful to Allah if you want Him to bless you more
- Mention of the Days of Allah
- The people of Nuh, Aad, Thamud were also sent prophets with clear signs but the people disbelieved

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 - The disbelievers will soon know the outcome of their actions.
 - If they reject your prophethood, say:
 Allah is enough as a witness
 - Surah Ibrahim
 - Warning to disbelievers that their religion is baseless
 - And Islam is on the correct religion and it will spread
 - The purpose of revelation is to bring people out of darkness and into light
 - Disbelievers have punishment
- This book is revealed in their language so that it is clear to them

- Musa AS was also sent to lead his people out of darkness and into light
- He reminded his people of the Ayyamullah (Days of Allah) (those days Allah's great decisions were made like punishments)

The followers to their leaders on Qiyamah: Can you help us from this punishment? ابرهبيرا

- The leaders will say: There is no escape for us
- Shaitan will say: Do not blame me, blame yourself. I had no authority over you except invitation.
- Lesson:
- Every one is responsible for their own deeds.
- Reward is for good people
- Parable of Tauheed vs Kufr
- Example of a good statement (La ilaha illallah) is like a tall tree with strong roots
- Evil statement (Kufr, Shirk, etc.) is like a bad tree uprooted from the surface that has no stability and basis

- Days of Allah continued...
- For their disbelief, Allah destroyed them and made the believers survive
- And in the hereafter, the disbelievers will have Jahannum

The disbelievers' deeds will go away like ash in the wind

If Allah wishes, he can replace you with another creation

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- Dua continues...
- whoever follows me is with me, and whoever disobeys me—then surely Allah is All-Forgiving and Most Merciful
- Establish Makkah and provide fruits
- Make me and my descendants establishers of prayer, and accept my supplication
- Forgive me, my parents, and all believers

Allah is not unaware of what wrongdoers do

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Continued...

 Allah strengthens the people who believe and misguides the disbelievers.

 Those who were ungrateful for Allah's blessings and misguided their people have Jahannum

 To the believers: Establish prayer and spend secretly or openly before Qiyamah

- Allah reminds about the various blessings he gave us. Allah also granted man's own wishes.
- We can never count the blessings of Allah

- Dua of Ibrahim for Makkah
- Save my descendants from idolatry

- The Stubbornness of the Disbelievers
- Reassurance to the Prophet #that soon they will wish to believe (on Qiyamah)
- They wanted angels to come down from the sky. Angels only come down with the final decision
- Allah has sent the Quran, and He will protect it
- Even if the sky opened up and they climbed it, they would not believe and would call it magic

- Allah is reminding how he placed constellations in the sky, and adorned it for all to see
- Allah created fortresses in the sky that protect against Shaitan

- Surah al-Hijr (The Rocky Tract)
- The miracles are of no use to the people who are stubborn
- For those of understanding, the Quran is clear evidence
- The Quran is a clear book

- To Prophet: Warn the people about the day they will regret for not following the prophets
- To disbelievers: Why don't you take a lesson from the previous nations?
- To the Prophet: The promise will be true. Qiyamah will come and every one will get their consequence.
- This is a warning to everyone and teach them there is only one God.

Story of Adam and Iblis continued...

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- Shaitan vowed to misguide humans, but he has no influence over sincere worshipers of Allah.
- Followers of Shaitan go to Jahannum and it has seven gates
- Lesson:
- Shaitan cannot deviate/distract sincere people, if we try to be sincere Allah will save us from Shaitan

- Reward of Muttagoon
- All jealousy and negative thoughts will be removed from their chests
- Tell my worshipers: I am Most Forgiving and Most Merciful. And my punishment is painful
- Ibrahim AS's guests

- Continued...
- Allah created the earth and mountains and provisions in it
- Allah sent fertilizing winds, and sent rain from the sky
- Allah is the giver of life and causes death. Everyone will gather to Him

Story of Adam and Iblis

- Allah created man from sounding clay moulded from black mud
- He created tJinn from smokeless fire
- Iblis refused Allah's command to prostrate to man (Adam) who is made from clay

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- Story of Lut AS
- His people were punished severely

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 Allah also punished the As-hab ul-Aikah (people of Shoaib AS) and Ashab ul-Hijr (Thamud) because they denied Allah's signs

- To Prophet SAW:
- Qiyamah will come, so forgive them
- Allah has granted us the seven often repeated and the great Quran
- Don't get amazed of the disbelievers' worldly things.
- Be kind to the believers



- Continued...
- News of son to Ibrahim AS even though he is old and thought he was unable to have children
- No one despairs of Allah's mercy except the misguided people
- Angels tell Ibrahim AS that they are going to punish people of Lut AS

Story of Lut AS

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- Signs and Blessings of Allah
- Benefits of Cattle
- Allah created fields, fruits, day, night, and different colors
- Allah also enabled us to travel through the sea and gave us food and pearls from it.
- These are all signs for those who think, ponder, and remember so that they will be thankful.

- To Prophet continued...
 - Stay away from the Mushriks, Allah is sufficient for you
- Allah knows your (Prophet's) chest gets constrained because of what they say
- So glorify the praises of your Lord and be one of those who always worship Allah
- Surah Nahl
- Denial of Shirk, proofs of Tawheed, consequence of denying the message, and instructions to the believers
- Warning to Mushriks not to hasten for Qiyamah, it will come on its time.
- Signs and Blessings of Allah
- Creation of heavens and earth and creation of Human
- But humans are argumentative (even when the signs are clear).
- He created the cattle for you as a source of warmth, food, and for many other benefits.

- Continued...
- On Qiyamah, they will be asked:
 Where are you gods to help you?
- At the time of death, they will deny to the angels that they were doers of evil deeds

- But, the angels will reject this and admit them into Jahannum
- God-fearing people
- They call Allah's revelation "the best".
- For them are gardens
- At the time of their death, angels will greet them with "Peace be upon you! Enter Paradise for what you used to do."

- Allah did not wrong the arrogant people, it was they who wronged themselves.
- They will face evil consequences for what they used to ridicule

- Signs and Blessings of Allah continued...
- Allah also created mountains, rivers, and the stars.
- If you tried to count Allah's blessings, you would never be able to do it.
- The false idols they invoke besides
 Allah cannot create anything—they
 themselves are created
- There is only one God.
- Those who disbelieve are being arrogant, and Allah does not like arrogant people.
 - Arrogant people
- They calls Allah's revelation old stories
- On Qiyamah, they will carry their own burden and of their followers
- Punishment will come from where they cannot even imagine
- Lesson:
- If we misguide someone, we will inherit their evil deeds

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- To Mushriks: messengers are just humans. If you don't know about prophethood, ask the people who know (People of Book)
- Do they feel safe from punishment?
- Lesson:
- If we don't know something or have doubts about a topic, we must consult with the people of knowledge.
- Everything prostrates to Allah, and they are not arrogant. Everything obeys Allah

- Allah is only one. Fear Him alone.
- When everything in heavens and earth is for Allah, why do you serve and fear other gods?

- Mushriks claim that if Allah willed they would not do shirk
- All messengers told people to worship Allah alone.
- Allah tod them to travel throughout the earth/land and see the fate of the deniers

- Guidance is in the hand of Allah, even if Prophet strives he cannot give guidance to anyone
- Mushriks swear that Allah will never raise the dead to life
- In fact, it is a true promise from Allah.
- If Allah will for something to exist, all He says is: "Be!" And it will happen
- Those who emigrate for their religion, are patient, and trust Allah (or have tust in Allah), Allah will reward them in the world and in the hereafter

- Signs and Blessings of Allah
- Cattle milk
- Sugar from fruits
- Honey is a cure
- He sends down rain from the sky
- Some people reach old age when they will not lose memory
- Made spouses of your own kind
- Blessed you with children and grandchildren
- Pure rizq (sustenance)

How can someone deny Allah after these signs

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- Mushriks attributed the blessings of Allah to false gods.
- And they claimed angels were daughters of Allah although they didn't like daughters themselves

- If Allah punished for sins immediately, no one would be left on Earth
- Allah gives an opportunity till a specified time

- Reassurance to the Prophet #
- Shaitan makes disbelievers believe their actions are good

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- Signs and Blessings of Allah continued...
- Blessings in the animals (we use skin hair etc)

 These are blessings are given so that you submit to Allah

After these blessings if you turn away,
 Prophet is just a warner

 They will see the punishment and deny their shirk

النحل ودبعاء

Do not associate partners with Allah.
 They are incapable of benefiting you.

- Example of a slave vs a king
- Another example of a mute person (cannot speak) who cannot do anything vs one who commands justice is on the straight path
- (Example of Allah vs false gods)

- Allah can bring Qiyamah with the blink of an eye, or even less. Surely Allah is Most Capable of everything
- Signs and Blessings of Allah
- Blessings within ourselves (hearing, sight etc) so that we be grateful
- Signs in the birds flying

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- Advice to believers continued:
 - 6) Do not take your oaths as deceit
 - 7) Don't exchange convent for a small price

- Allah will give good life to good people?
- 8) Seek refuge in Allah from Shaitan before reciting Quran

- Kaafir says Prophet is inventor of revelation
- Rather, the Holy Spirit (Jibril AS) brings it from Allah

 Allah will bring witness from every Ummah and Prophet will be witness upon us

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- Advice to the believers:
 - 1) Command justice and goodness
 - 2) Give to the relatives
 - 3) Forbid immorality, evil, and oppression
 - 4) Fulfill the covenant
 - 5) Do not break oaths

 Allah gives guidance to anyone He wishes and misguides anyone He wishes

 Example is given of a city which was safe, but they denied their messenger, so Allah sent punishment on them. النحل ١٢

- Allah orders us to eat from Halal and pure foods.
- Be be grateful for Allah's favors and worship Him alone
- Dont falsely declare halal and haram (This is lawful, and that is unlawful)

 They also accuse the Prophet of learning it from someone else

- Whoever disbelieves after believing, except for one who was forced, has the anger of Allah and great punishment.
- Because they prefer the worldly life,
 Allah put a seal on their hearts, ears,
 and eyes.

Reward is for people who migrate, do jihad and were patient

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 Allah accepts Tauba if the sin was committed out of ignorance

- Example of Ibrahim AS.
- He was grateful to Allah's favors
- So Allah chose him and guided him to the Straight Path
- Allah blessed him with all goodness in this world,¹ and in the Hereafter he will be among the righteous

- Invite people to the path of Allah with wisdom and kind advice.
- Only debate with them in the best manner
- If you seek retribution, be just and proportionate Patience however is better.
- Allah is with Muttaqoon and Muhsinoon.

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