



BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE QURAN

Part 10 - English

Surah Yusuf and Ar-R'ad

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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 message of the verse or group of verses while reciting
 - * This can generate further interest in learning and understanding the Quran
 - * It can be use for 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 pointers and some obvious lessons where possible are highlighted on the side. However, for detailed explanations, you should refer to translations and tafsir books.
 - The sessions are divided into 26 parts and each part is presented separately.
- For any corrections or suggestions, please contact <u>mujtaba.shareef@gmail.com</u>
- ❖ You can find these sessions on <u>www.fussilat.com</u>.





Keep the dream secret

- Yaqub AS advises him not to disclose the dream with his brothers
- Yaqub AS suspected the brothers might contrive against Yusuf AS (out of jealousy)

Signs (lessons) in the story

 Allah says there are many signs (lessons) from this story

Brothers plan to kill

- Yusuf AS's brothers plot to kill him
- They decide to throw him in a well

Lesson:

 Jealousy is so bad it can lead to killing someone

Brothers persuade Yaqub AS

- Brothers seek Yaqub AS's permission to take Yusuf along for a pleasure trip
- Yaqub AS expresses fear that Yusuf AS might be eaten by a wolf

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Surah Yusuf

- Allah's decree will surely come, no one can stop it with any of their efforts.
- Allah will support those who have taqwa and stay steadfast.

Best of Stories

- Quran is revealed in Arabic for their (Quraish) understanding
- Allah narrates best of the stories

Dream of Yusuf AS

 Yusuf AS sees a dream that 11 stars, moon and sun prostrating to him, and narrates this dream to his father (Yaqub AS)

Seduction of wife of Aziz

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- Wife of Aziz tries to seduce Yusuf AS
- She locks the doors and invites Yusuf AS to commit sin
- Yusuf AS reminds her of his master who is good with him
- Allah saved Yusuf AS from committing the sin by showing His signs

Lesson:

 The taqwa is when you have the capability to commit sin and you don't.

Yusuf AS comes out clean

- Yusuf AS races towards door to save himself, and finds her husband at the door
- The wife of Aziz accuses Yusuf AS of the crime
- But the shirt (torn from back) proves that the wife was the culprit
- Al-Azoz asks his wife seek forgiveness

Gossips of women in the city

 They talk about the incident of Yusuf AS and wife of Aziz

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Yusuf AS in the Well

The brothers threw Yusuf AS in the well

Brothers Lie to their father

- They tell Yaqub AS that wolf ate Yusuf AS
- Yaqub AS is not convinced. He turns to Allah in patience

Yusuf AS reaches Egypt

- A caravan picks Yusuf AS from the well and sells him as a slave
- A person from Egypt (Aziz) buys Yusuf AS

Wisdom and Knowledge

When Yusuf AS reached maturity,
Allah gave him wisdom and knowledge

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Dawah to the Prisoners

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- Yusuf AS takes opportunity to give Dawah
- Calls them toward one God (Are multiple gods better than One Prevailing?)

Lesson

- We should look for every opportunity to give Dawah
- First step of Dawah is calling towards one God

Interpretation of prisoners' dreams

- The one who saw serving wine will survive and other who saw the birds eating from his head will be killed
- Yusuf AS tells the persons who will survive to mention him to the king
- The person forgets and Yusuf AS lived in the prison for long time

Dream of the King

 Seven fat cows being eaten by seven thin cows, seven green spikes of grain and seven dry spikes

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Plot of wife of Aziz

- The wife of Aziz gathers all the women and gives them each a knife and asks
 Yusuf AS to come in front of them
- They cut their hands
- Wife of Aziz insists on committing the sin and threatens to punish Yusuf AS If he does not oblige

Yusuf AS chooses to be in prison

- Dua of Yusuf AS to save from the plots, Allah accepts the dua
- Yusuf AS goes to prison

Lesson:

Choosing hardships is better than ease of committing sins

Dream of fellow prisoners

- Dream of two fellow prisoners: One sees he is serving wine to his lord and other sees birds eating bread from his head
- Yusuf AS takes time to interpret their dreams

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Evil Soul

 One's soul can lead to evil (except for those in Allah's mercy)

Yusuf AS gets high position in Egypt

- The king offers to make Yusuf AS his minister
- Yusuf AS requests to make him to make him in-charge of treasures of the land (agriculture)
- He highlights his capabilities (has knowledge and is guardian i.e., honest)

Lesson:

 we must strive to achieve excellence (ihsan) in all good deeds

During drought years

- Brothers of Yusuf AS come to pick up provisions (they don't recognize him)
- Yusuf AS asks to bring his younger (full) brother
- Yusuf has the money of the brothers returned.

Yaqub AS's hesitance to send his son

 Brothers go back to Yaqub AS to tell him that the king asked to bring his younger brother

Dream of the King continued..

- Eminent ones fail to interpret
- The wine server remembers Yusuf AS

Yusuf AS interprets the King's dream and provides solution

- There will be seven years of abundant crop production /harvest followed by seven years of famine
- Yusuf AS suggests to keep the extra crop in the spikes in the first seven years to save for the next seven
- Yusuf AS also suggested saving some grain to be used for seed for the next harvest

Lesson:

 Not only did Yusuf AS interpreted the dream he also gave solutions despite him being wronged. We must learn to forgive those who harm us.

Wife of Aziz confesses the crime

- When the King summons Yusuf to him, Yusuf asks he be acquitted of the false accusations/judgement
- Wife of Aziz and all the women confess the crime and Yusuf AS is shown to be innocent

Yusuf AS stops his younger brother

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- Yusuf AS plants the drinking-cup in the provisions of his younger brother
- The younger brother is accused of stealing the cup and as punishment is detained by Yusuf AS
- It was Allah's plan to keep the younger brother with Yusuf AS

 Brothers request to release younger brother

Yaqub AS's hesitance to send his son

 Yaqub initially disagrees to send his younger son, but later agrees after they give promise

Advice of Yaqub AS

- Do not enter the city together from one gate but through different gates
- He says Allah's command alone prevails
- (Yaqub AS wanted the sons to take precaution from being target of attack [physical and or the evil eyes])

Lesson:

- Taking precaution is part of Tawakkul
- Yusuf AS reveals his identity to his younger brother

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Brothers return to Yusuf AS

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- Yaqub AS encourages the brother to go back
- They return to Yusuf AS and ask him for provisions

Yusuf AS discloses his identity to brothers

- Yusuf AS discloses his identity, says: whoever is conscious of Allah and has patience, Allah will never waste their efforts.
- They confess their guilt and Yusuf AS forgives them

Yusuf AS's shirt

- Yusuf gives his shirt to take it to his father
- Yaqub AS feels the smell of the shirt from distance

Yusuf refuses and brothers return

- Yusuf AS does not agree to exchange younger brother for other
- Oldest brother stays and tells the others to go and tell their father

Yaqub AS's beautiful patience

- When Yaqub is informed that
 Benjamin is in king's custody, he does
 not believe them and turns to Allah in
 patience
- He says that Allah will gather everyone again
- He loses his eyesight due to the grief

- Address to the Prophet SAW continued...
- Say, "This is my way. I only invite to Allah.
- "I don't associate others with Him"
- Allah made prophet from among men
- When people reject them, Allah's help came
- This story has lessons for the people of understanding..

Lesson:

 Allah will never waste the efforts of those who have Taqwa and patience. يوسف٢١

Yusuf AS's shirt

- Yaqub AS get his sight back
- They asks forgiveness from their father and he says he will forgive them soon

Dream of Yusuf AS is realized

- Yaqub AS and his entire family moves to Egypt
- At the palace, the father and 11 brothers do prostration to Yusuf AS
- Yusuf AS remembers all the blessings of Allah and makes dua
- Note:
- This prostration was out of respect and not as worship, it was allowed at that time. But our shariya completely prohibits us from prostrating to anyone other than Allah

Address to the Prophet SAW

These are news from unseen that the Prophet SAW did not know before

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- Disbelievers hasten for the punishment, but Allah does not bring it quickly because He is forgiving
- Disbelievers say: Why don't you bring signs?
- You (Prophet SAW) are just a warner

Allah's Complete Control

- Allah is Aalim ul Ghaib (Knower of the Unseen)
- Allah knows everything you do even if you try to hide it.
- Angels surround humans protecting them by the decree of Allah.
- Allah does not change the condition of people until they change themselves
- When Allah decides harm, there is no stopping it.
- Thunder and Angels are praising Allah



Surah ar-Raad (Thunder)

- Proofs of Tawheed, Aakhirah, and Risalah
- Benefits of believing in them and consequence of disbelieving
- Comfort to the believers that they will be successful
- Quran has been revealed with truth.

Signs in the Universe

- Everything is created by Allah and is running by His permission. Sky, land, rivers, etc.
- These are the signs for the people who think

Disbelievers are surprised that they will be brought back to life.

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 Owning the whole world and giving it as a ransom will not help disbelievers avoid the punishment.

Qualities of people who will go to Jannah:

- 1) Fulfill the covenant
 - 2) Keep the ties of kinship
 - 3) Fear Allah
 - 4) Have patience for pleasure of Allah
 - 5) Establish Salaah
 - 6) Spend openly and hidden
 - 7) Respond to the evil with good

 Those who break the covenant, they will face the worst consequence.

- Worship is only to Allah. Worship of the Disbelievers is nothing but delusion..
- Everything prostrates to Allah

 Disbelievers accept Allah as Rab, still they don't worship Allah alone

Parable of foam in the ocean:

- Foam (falsehood) always washes away.
- What is beneficial (truth) settles firmly.

Lesson:

Truth always is clear

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Those who disbelieve will be punished in this world and in the hereafter.

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- No helper to Mushriks
- Muttaqoon gets Jannah and Kafir will go to Fire
- Some good people of the Ahle-Kitab, became happy because of the Quran.
- Others denied part of it.

Response to Objections about the prophethood of Muhammad SAW

- Messengers are just humans: they can have wives and children.
- They only have the job of conveying, and Allah takes the account and gives punishment.
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 Unquestionably, by the remembrance of Allah hearts are reassured

- Reassurance to the Prophet SAW that previous nations also denied.
- The stubborn disbelievers, whatever miracles you bring, they will not believe.
- Just say, "He is our Lord, no God is there other than Him. On Him we trust, and to Him is the return."
- If you deny, your fate will be like the previous people.

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- Continued...
- The disbelievers will soon know the outcome of their actions.
- If they reject your prophethood, say: Allah is enough as a witness

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