



# BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE QURAN

## Part 11 - English

Surah Ibrahim, Hijr and Nahl

Last updated: Ramadan 1444 (Mar 2023)

Dr. Mujtaba Shareef







### **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>.





Musa AS reminded his people about the blessings of Allah

ابرهبوم

#### Be Grateful

- 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 Him)
- Allah is indeed Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy

#### Lessons:

- Not being grateful is a type of Kufr
- Be grateful to Allah if you want Him to bless you more

#### Days of Allah

The people of Nuh, Aad, Thamud were also sent prophets with clear signs, but the people rejected the message

- **Surah Ibrahim**
- Warning to disbelievers that their religion is baseless
- And Islam is the correct religion, and it will spread
- The purpose of revelation is to bring people out of darkness and into light
- Disbelievers will 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 about the punishment to disbelievers were decreed)

منزل۳ منزل۳

#### Leaders cannot help

ابرهبيرا

- The followers to their leaders on Qiyamah: Can you help us from this punishment?
- The leaders will say: There is no escape for us

#### **Shaitan blames Us**

- Shaitan will say: Do not blame me, blame yourself. I had no authority over you except invitation.
- Lesson:
- Everyone is responsible for their own deeds.
- Reward is for good people

#### Parable of Tawheed 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

- 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

منزل۳

#### Dua continues...

ابرهبيرا

- 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

 Allah strengthens the people who believe and misguides the disbelievers.

#### **Consequence of Ungrateful People**

- 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

#### **Blessings of Allah**

- 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**

Save my descendants from idolatry

منزل۳

#### The Stubbornness of the Disbelievers

الحجردا

- 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 (punishment)
- Allah has sent down the Quran, and He will protect it
- Even if the sky opened and they climbed it, they would not believe and would call it a magic

#### Signs of Allah

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

#### To the Prophet SAW:

 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 SAW

- The promise will be true. Qiyamah will come and everyone will get their consequence.
- This is a warning to everyone
- Teach them that there is only one God.

#### 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

منزل۳

#### Story of Adam and Iblis

الحجردا

- Shaitan vowed to misguide humans, but he has no influence over sincere worshipers of Allah.
- Followers of Shaitan will 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 Muttaqoon**

- 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

#### Signs of Allah

- 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 molded from black mud
- He created Jinn from smokeless fire
- Iblis refused Allah's command to prostrate to man (Adam) who was made from clay

منزل۳

#### **Story of Lut AS**

الحجرده

The people were punished severely

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

#### To the Prophet SAW

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

#### Ibrahim AS's guests

- Despite being old and thinking he was unable to have children, Ibrahim (AS) received the miraculous news of a son.
- 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

- The angels reaches the people of Lut AS
- They ask Lut AS and his family to leave the city by night
- When the people of Lut AS received the news of new men in the town (angels), they came rushing to do the evil act
- Lut AS tried to stop them but they were intoxicated with lust
- Allah tuned the cities upside down as punishment

نل۳ منزل۳

#### 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.

النحل ١٦

#### To the Prophet SAW

- 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

- About the 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.

منزل۳ منزل۳

#### **Arrogant people**

النحل

- 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

- Allah created mountains, rivers, and the stars.
- If you try to count Allah's blessings, you would never be able to do it.
- The false idols they (polytheists) 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

منزل۳

#### 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 belongs to 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 tells them to travel throughout the earth/land and see the fate of the deniers

#### **Guidance is from Allah**

- Guidance is in the hand of Allah, even if the Prophet SAW strives hard, 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 trust in Allah), Allah will reward them in this world and in the hereafter

منزل۳

#### Signs and Blessings of Allah

النحل ١١

- Milk from cattle
- 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)

#### Lesson:

• We must realize the blessings of Allah and be grateful to Him

النحل زبمأء

#### Shirk

- Mushriks attributed the blessings of Allah to false gods.
- And they claimed angels were daughters of Allah although they do not like daughters for themselves

#### Mercy of Allah

- 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

منزل ۳ منزل ۳

#### Signs and Blessings of Allah

النحل ١١

- 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 them shirk

النحل ودبعاء

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

#### **Examples of Tawheed**

- 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)

#### Qiyamah

 Allah can bring Qiyamah within 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

منزل۳

#### Advice to the believers:

النحل ١٦

- 6. Do not take your oaths as deceit
- 7. Don't exchange convent for a small price
- 8. Seek refuge in Allah from Shaitan before reciting Quran

#### False Accusation

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

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

#### Advice to the believers:

- 1. Command justice and goodness
- 2. Give (charity) 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

منزل۳ منزل۳

#### Deniers will be punished

النحل ١١

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

#### Advice

- Allah orders us to eat from Halal and pure foods.
- Be grateful to Allah's favors and worship Him alone
- Don't falsely declare halal and haram (Such as saying: This is lawful, and that is unlawful)

#### **False Accusation**

They also accuse the Prophet SAW 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

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

ندن ع

منزل۳ منزل۳

النحل ا دبما ١١

Taubah

Allah accepts Tauba if the sin was committed out of ignorance

#### **Example of Ibrahim AS.**

- He was grateful to Allah's favors
- Allah chose him and guided him to the straight path
- Allah blessed him with all goodness in this world, and in the hereafter he will be among the righteous

#### **Method of Giving Dawah**

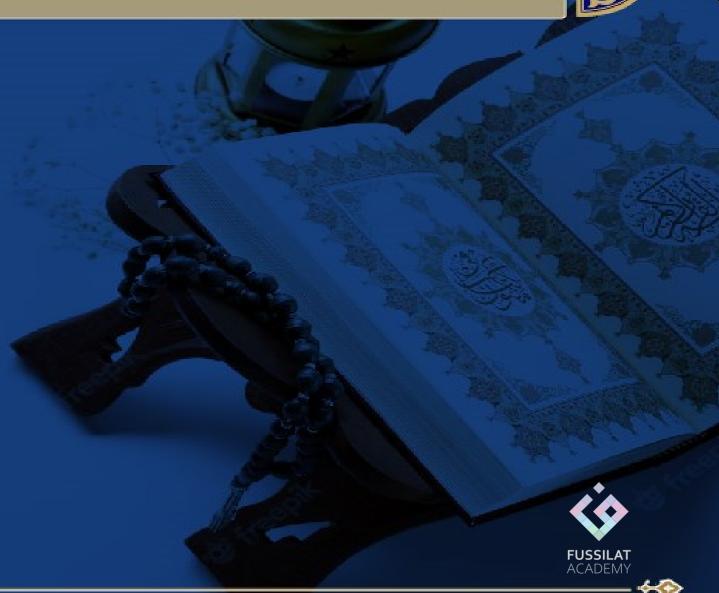
- Invite people to the path of Allah with wisdom and kind advice.
- Only debate with them in the best manner
- If you seek retribution, be just and proportionate Patience however is better.
- Allah is with Muttaqoon and Muhsinoon.



### THREE LEVELS OF DAWAH



- \* To the Intelligentsia (intellectual minority) -
  - They are very decisive
  - Not by Emotional words
  - With Hikmah
  - Profs and Logic
  - \* Who can give the Dawah, who has control over it
  - دُوْغُ إِلَىٰ سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِٱلْحِكْمَةِ (Call them with Wisdom (Hikmah)
- Normal people
  - \* Can be appealed by emotions
  - ❖ They don't like logic, intelligent
  - 🍫 Call them with Good Sermons (وَ ٱلْمَوْ عِظْةِ ٱلْحَسَنَةِ)
- Other people who deviate people (Eg missionaries)
  - \* Do jidal, arguments with good
  - Do debates with the best maner
  - 🕏 وَجَلاِلْهُم بِٱلَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ 💠





### REFERENCES



- Following Tafsir and Translation of Quran have been used to prepare the 'Bird's Eye View of the Quran'
  - \* Tafheem ul Quran By Maulana Maududi
  - \* Tadabbur Al-Quran By Maulana Amin Ahsan Islahi
  - ❖ Bayan Al-Qur'an By Dr. Israr Ahmed







# بلغواعنى ولوأية

اللهُمْ وَبِحَنْهِاكَ أَشْهَاأَنْ لَا إِلَّهُ اللهُمْ وَبِحَنْهِاكَ أَشْهَاأَنْ لَا إِلَّهُ اللهُمْ وَبِحَنْهِاكَ أَشْهَاأَنْ لَا إِلَيْكَ أَنْتُمْ فِي كُوَ أَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ

Visit www.fussilat.com for other parts and also available in Urdu





