



# BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE QURAN

## Part 12 - English

Surah Bani Israel (Isra) and Kahf

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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>.





#### Surah Bani Israel (Al-Isra)

- Through the story of Bani Israel, people of Makkah and Bani Israel are warned to follow the prophet
- Characteristics of healthy Muslim society is outlined
- Mention of the Prophet 's journey from Makkah to Masjid Al-Aqsa

#### **Mischiefs of Bani Israel**

- Allah punished them twice for doing corruption on earth
- First, Allah sent a great military might against them
- Then, again Allah gave them an opportunity. If you do good, you do good for yourselves
- And if you do evil, you do it to yourselves

#### Lesson:

 If we do any good, we are doing for ourselves.

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- Whoever is only concerned with the present will get as much as Allah destined. They will not get anything in the hereafter.
- But a person can earn however much he wants for the hereafter

#### Lesson:

We should strive more for hereafter.

#### **Ten Commandments**

- 1. Worship Allah alone
- 2. Be good to parents (when they become old)
- 3. Give rights to relatives, the needy, travelers.
- 4. Don't spend wastefully (those who waste are brothers of Shaitan)
- Dua for parents



Allah put mercy on them. If they turn away, then Allah will punish again.

 Quran is the correct guidance and gives good news to the believers

 Punishment reserved for those who do not believe

- Human nature is hasty
- Signs in Universe are mentioned
- Everybody's deeds are tied to their necks
- Everyone is responsible for his own deeds

#### Lesson:

 We are responsibility for our won deeds therefore we should strive to do good.

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- Rejection of Shirk
- Everything in the universe glorifies
   Allah even if we don't notice

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#### **Quran and Disbelievers**

- Attitude of Mushriks towards Quran and the Prophet SAW
- Their aversion to Quran
- Allah created a barrier between them and Quran because of their bad attitude
- They accused that the prophet is bewitched
- They mocked about Qiyamah

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#### Ten Commandments

- 5. Don't kill your children out of fear of poverty
- 6. Don't approach adultery
- 7. Do not kill a forbidden soul
- 8. Do not approach the property of orphans
- 9. Fulfill the covenant
- 10 Give full measure when measuring Do not walk upon earth with insolence
- All these are evil in the sight of Allah

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- Story of Adam and Iblis
- Iblis can try to misguide humans with his sound (useless talks, music, etc.) and he uses his entire legions to misguide people.

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The worshipers of Allah are not influenced by Iblis.

#### Mushriks believe in Allah in trouble

- When something bad happens at sea, disbelievers pray to Allah. When that passes, they go back to their idols
- Do they feel safe from Allah on land?
   Or do they feel safe from Allah
   bringing them back to the sea and drowning them?

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 On the day of Qiyamah, Mushriks would feel they lived in this world for very little time

Address to Prophet: You are not their guardian

Arguments for Tawheed

 Mushriks mocking the journey of Mi'raj

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#### Truth vs Falsehood

- Truth has come and falsehood has vanished.
- Quran is a healing and mercy for the believers
- Do your work (Mushriks) according to what you think is suitable and Allah knows who is guided.

#### **Very Little Knowledge**

Question about Ruh. We have been given only a little knowledge about it

#### No one can create Quran

Even if all humans and Jinn collaborated, they would not make something like the Quran.

#### **Demands of Mushriks**

- Bring a spring or a garden
- Or make the sky fall on us.
- Or bring Allah and the angels in front of us

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Allah honored children of Adam over most of His creation

#### Lesson:

Humans should become more obedient with these blessings

#### **People of Right Hand**

- People who get books in their right hands are the successful ones
- Whoever is blind to truth in this world will be blind in the hereafter as well

#### **Honor of the Prophet SAW**

- Address to the Prophet , stay affirm and steadfast
- If they force you to leave (Makkah) then they will not stay their long either.
- Establish prayer, recitation of Quran at Fair is witnessed by angels
- Allah swt may raise the prophet to a station of praise (Magam e Mahmood)
- The Prophet SAW is taught a dua (for Hijrah)

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#### Musa AS's signs

Mention of Musa AS, his signs, destruction of Pharaoh, and establishing his people

#### Quran is revealed in parts

- Allah revealed the Quran in parts so that they could absorb it.
- The people who believe in it, when they hear it, they prostrate, they cry, and their fear of Allah increases.

- All good names belong to Allah
- Don't be too loud nor too low in Salah
- Praise and Glorify Allah

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#### **Demands of Mushriks**

- Bring a house of gold
- Or ascend to the sky and bring a book
- Allah rejects these demands.
- The Prophet SAW is just a warner he cannot do anything by his choice
- They objected on how a human can be a prophet
- Allah says that if angels lived on earth. they would have been messengers. (Because you are humans, you get human messengers)
- Allah is sufficient and Allah witness that the prophet SAW has conveyed the message

The man is stingy

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#### **Story of Companions of the Cave**

- To save their religion, few believers along with their dog, took refuge in a cave
- Allah describes how he protected them in the cave

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#### Surah Kahf

- The world will be destroyed and Qiyamah will come
- Whatever it be: oppression, wealth, or anything else; these are all trials
- Allah has revealed the Book to His servant there is no crookedness in it
- Quran was also revealed to warn the Christians from their false beliefs
- The Prophet SAW is commanded not to grieve because of their denial
- Everything on earth is adornment, in order to test who does the good deeds

#### Lesson:

 The Prophet SAW was very concerned about his people, so we should also give dawah with love and concern

#### **Story of Companions of the Cave**

- Allah responds to the disbelievers who inquired about the story of the companions of cave.
- Dua of the Companions of the cave
- They slept for many years.

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- Story of Companions of the Cave
- Allah instructs us to say "Insha'Allah" (if Allah wills) for the actions we intend to perform.
- They lived in the cave for 309 years

#### Lessons:

- It is not difficult for Allah to raise the dead.
- Allah can go against the rules of nature if He wishes.
- It is necessary to sacrifice for the sake of religion.

#### Surround yourself with good people

- Allah's words cannot be changed
- Always surround yourself with people to remember Allah day and night.
- Do not listen to those who are only after their desires
- Whoever disbelieves in the truth revealed by Allah, their punishment is the fire.

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#### Story of Companions of the Cave

- They woke up and went to the city to bring some food
- The people of the city realized that they were from the previous generation
- Some people argued about their count. Were they three or five or seven...?

#### Lesson:

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*Instead of arguing on pointless things* like count, we should focus on the message

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#### **Story of the Two Gardens**

- His believing neighbor criticizes him for not saying Masha Allah instead of boasting
- Allah destroyed the gardens
- He repents, and realizes he shouldn't have done Shirk with Allah

#### Lesson:

Wealth in this world does not mean
Allah is happy with you or that you are
on the right path

#### Life of this world

- Example of life of this world is like plants that grow but soon are swept away by the wind.
- Wealth and children are adornments of this life, but the hereafter is better

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 Those who believe and do good have will have Jannah

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#### **Story of the Two Gardens**

- A person was given two lush gardens
- He would boast about this to his neighbor (who was poor) and claim the gardens would never perish
- His believing neighbor reminded him of his origin of birth and Tawheed of Allah

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- Disbelievers are following the example of the previous nations by disbelieving
- They used to mock the prophets when they came.
- Because of their rebelliousness Allah covered their hearts
- Since Allah is merciful, He didn't punish them instantly.
- When their wrongdoing became extreme, Allah destroyed them.

#### Story of Musa AS and Khidr

- Musa sets out on a journey
- Allah gave the sign of the destination that the dead fish sneaks into sea

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#### Everything is captured in the Book

- Allah will show everyone their book on Qiyamah
- The book will not leave out the smallest or biggest action

#### Don't take Satan as Allies

 Iblis disobeyed Allah and left his command. Allah warns us not to take him and his descendants as allies

 Allah had no help in creating the heavens, earth, and humans

Quran is a book which explains in detail

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#### Story of Musa AS and Khidr

- **Third incident**: In a city, they are denied food. Khidr repairs a wall there. Musa AS says they should have gotten compensation for fixing it
- At this point, Khidr says it is time to part ways
- Khidr gives the wisdom of the incidences:
  - 1) To save the ship from an oppressive king who was stealing all good ships, Khidr made hole in the ship.
  - 2) Parents were pious, but the boy would have grown up to become an evil person, so he killed him.
  - 3) Under the wall was a treasure for orphans whose parents were pious.
- Khidr was not doing these actions on his own but with the permission of

Allah

They asked about Dhul-Qarnayn

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#### Story of Musa AS and Khidr

- Musa AS meets another slave of Allah (Khidr AS), and Musa AS wants to learn from him.
- Khidr puts the condition to Musa to never question his actions.
- First incident: They embarked on a ship and Khidr makes a hole in it, Musa AS questions it.
- Second incident: Khidr kills a boy, Musa AS objects to it

#### Lesson:

Seeking knowledge requires humility. (Even though Musa AS was a great prophet, he went to learn from Khidr AS)

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- Allah says that when the permission of Allah (Qayamah) comes the wall (holding Yajuj and Majur) will be broken
- Signs of the Day of Judgement

 Those who only work for this world and disbelieve in the meeting with Allah will have nothing in the hereafter

#### Lesson:

 Denying the hereafter can be in belief and in action. If we only work for this world, we deny the hereafter.

The good people have Jannah

#### Allah's Might

 Allah's words could not be written completely even if the oceans were turned into ink

#### Story of Dhul-Qarnayn

- He was given power and control on earth. Three places he visited are mentioned
- First, a place sun was setting, and Allah gave permission to punish the wrongdoers or leave them. He punished the wrongdoers
  - Second, a place of the rising sun.
- Third, he reached a place between two mountains
- The people there request Dhul-Qarnayn to save them from the corrupt people called Yajuj and Majuj.
- He asks for support of manpower instead of money, and he builds a wall between the mountains so that Yajuj and Majuj cannot break it

#### Lessons:

- We shouldn't be kind to the criminals in order to curb the crime in the society
- Use your power to do good deeds like what Dhul-Qarnayn did.

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The Prophet is Just a Human

The Prophet SAW is just a human who has gotten revelation that Allah is one.

If you believe in meeting Allah do good actions and refrain from Shirk.

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### REFERENCES



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