



# BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE QURAN

Part 7 - English

Surah Al-A'raf

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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>.





# MAP OF THE PROPHETS MENTIONED IN THE QURAN

 Surah Al-A'raf mentions the stories of six prophets (highlighted)



### **Story of Adam and Iblis**

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### **Crimes of Iblis**

- Disobeyed Allah (He didn't prostrate)
   Superiority complex (He said I am better than Adam)
- Jealousy
- Argued with Allah
- He lied against Allah (You have made me astray)
- Revengeful
- False oath (to Adam that he is a well wisher)
- Accused Allah of misguiding him.

### Weakness of Adam (AS)

- He forgot Allah's commandment i.e., not to eat from a tree
- He let Iblis slip him

### Lesson:

We should remember the crimes of Iblis, for which Allah rejected him, and we should also be mindful of our fathers' weaknesses and work to improve upon them.

### Surah Al-A'raf (The Heights) - 206 Ayath

- Warning to the Quraish (Mushrikeen):
   Believe in the message or you will be punished like previous nations and your abode will be Jahannum in the hereafter
- The Prophet<sup>®</sup> is taught how to deal with his followers (through the story of Musa AS)
- Believers are advised to act with patience

### **Warning to Quraish**

- Address to the Prophet<sup>®</sup>. Call people towards this book
- Warning to Quraish that Allah has destroyed many cities before because they rejected their messengers
- Allah says that He will surely ask about this message to the prophets and their people
- Successful people are those whose scales will be heavy on the day of judgement

### Lesson:

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 Allah will ask about what we did in this world, so w should be prepared to answer in front of Allah.

Story of Adam and Iblis

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الاعران ولواننأ ٨

### **Dress properly**

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- Whenever you are engaged in worship, make sure to dress appropriately.
- When consuming food and drink, avoid wastefulness, as Allah does not favor those who are extravagant.
- Allah has never prohibited adornment and has made it lawful to enjoy good and halal food.
- Allah forbids all forms of immorality and sinfulness, whether they are committed in the open or in secret.

### Lesson:

- When you worship and visit the mosque, dress modestly and in clean clothes.
- Avoid any immoral behavior or actions

### Address to the Humanity

- Those who fear Allah and follow His messengers, will have no grief
- Whoever deny the message will be in Jahannum

### Dua of Adam (AS)

 Unlike Iblis, Adam AS turned to Allah in repentance.

### Lesson:

 We should follow in the footsteps of our father Adam AS and repent as soon as we fall into sin.

### **Shaitain is Enemy**

- Allah provided us with clothing to cover our nakedness and as an adornment. The best clothing however is righteousness
- Allah reminds us that Shaitan is our enemy
- Shaitan can watch us from where we cannot see him. The only protection from him is through seeking the refuge of Allah

### Lesson:

- Careful Shaitan is our enemy
- Seek refuge in Allah from shaitan
- We should wear decent clothes that reflects righteousness
- Wrong beliefs and practices of disbelievers
- Allah never ordered immorality (to do Tawaf naked)

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 Conversation of the people of Jannah and Jahannum الاعران،

### People of A'raf

- People of A'raf (the place between Jannah and Jahannum) will identify both people of Jannah and Jahannum
- They congratulate people of Jannah
- Dua of people of Jannah: Our Allah!
   Do not join us with the wrongdoers.

### **People of Jahannum**

- People of Jahannum ask/request water from People of Jannah
- They will be replied "Allah has prohibited things of Jannah to the people of Jahannum" - for not taking the deen seriously and were busy in the worldly things

### Regrets in Jahannum

- People will curse each other when thrown in hellfire
- Later generations will blame the previous generation (because they misguided them)
- Allah will give double punishment to both

### Lesson:

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 Learn the proper deen. Do not blindly follow the practices of elders

### A Metaphor

- Deniers entering Jannah is akin to a Camel going through the eye of a needle (Allah uses simile/metaphor to describe the impossibility of the deniers' chances of entering heaven)
- Allah will not burden anyone more than their capacity
- Allah will remove any malice from the hearts of those going to Jannah (unlike the people of Jahannum who will blame each other)

### Lesson:

Actions/deeds expected from Islam are not beyond our capacity

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- Through the will of Allah, fertile land produces abundant crops while infertile land yields very little.
- Difference between the people who benefit from the Quran and those who do not.

### Story of Nuh AS

- He called people towards worship of Allah
- The chiefs from his people rejected his message and accused him of being misguided
- Allah punished them by drowning

### Lesson:

Nuh AS was very patient in giving Dawah (for 950 years) even after his people were arrogant on his face. This teaches us to be patient

### Story of Hud AS

- Prophet Hud delivered a similar message to his people as Prophet Nuh did to his own.
- He was accused of being a liar and a fool by his people's leaders.

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**Regrets of disbelievers** 

Allah is the creator of everything

### **Etiquettes of Supplication**

- Be humble and do it in private
- While making dua we should be in a state of fear and hope
- Allah's mercy is always close to the good-doers

### Lesson:

- There should be a balance between fear and hope
- Allah reminds us with an example (cloud, rain etc.) to explain how Allah resurrects us

### **Story of Saleh AS**

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- Allah ordered them not to harm the she-camel and let it graze freely
- The leaders amongst his people rejected Allah's message
- They defied the command of Allah and killed the she-camel
- The chiefs challenged Saleh by saying, "Bring us what you threaten us with, if you are truly one of the messengers".
- Allah punished the deniers with an overwhelming earthquake

### Story of Lut AS

 Lut AS reprimands his people about the shameful act they used to do, i.e. approaching men with desire instead of women

### Story of Hud AS continued..

- Hud AS gives dawah, his people continued to reject his message
- Allah punishes and completely uprooted the disbelievers
- Allah saved him and believers with him by His mercy and uprooted those who denied his signs

### **Story of Saleh AS**

- Allah sent Hud to the people of Thamud
- Saleh gave the same dawah as Nuh and Hud
- Allah sent to them a she-camel as a sign

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### Story of Shoeb contd....

- The people threatened to expel Shoeb AS his fellow believers from the city.
- The chiefs threatened and prevented people from believing his message
- Allah sent punishment to them with an overwhelming earthquake

### **Sunah of Allah**

 The Sunnah of Allah is that when a messenger is sent to a place with clear signs, and the people reject the message, the entire place will be destroyed, but the messenger and their followers will be saved.

### Story of Lut AS contd...

- The people plotted to expel Lut AS from the city
- But Allah sent punishment to them and saved the believers

### **Story of Shoeb AS**

Shoeb AS ordered his people to:

- Worship Allah
- Give full measure and weigh with justice
- Not to spread corruption on earth
- Not to defraud people of their property
- Not to lie in ambush on roads
- Not to threaten or hinder people striving in the path of Allah

### Lesson:

 Do not obstruct or make things difficult for those who strive in the path of Allah

### **Story of Musa AS**

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- When Pharaoh demands a sign, Musa AS demonstrates two miracles: his staff turning into a serpent, and his hand shining with a bright light.
- Pharaoh tries to incite his leaders against Musa AS, claiming that he intends to drive them from their land.
- Pharaoh's leaders suggest that he bring magicians to challenge Musa AS.
- The magicians request a reward from Pharaoh for their participation in the contest.
- Despite the entire team of magicians, they are overpowered by the miracles of Musa AS.
- The defeated magicians ultimately submit to the truth and accept the message of Musa, falling prostrate before him.

الاعرات الملاه

 Benefits of Taqwa – Allah will send blessings from heavens and earth

### Lesson:

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- Obedience and fear of Allah is the key to success in this world and hereafter
- If people continue to deny the truth,
   Allah may choose to bring punishment upon them at any time.

 Allah narrates these stories (of different prophets) to give warnings to the people and so they take heed

### **Story of Musa AS**

 Musa AS goes to Pharaoh to deliver him Allah's message

### Story of Musa AS contd.

- The people of Pharaoh were tested with various punishments, such as floods, locusts and lice, frogs, and blood.
- When the people promise Musa AS that they will believe if he can remove the afflictions, they break their promise after the hardships are lifted.
- Allah punishes Pharaoh and his people by drowning them.
- As a reward for their patience, Allah makes the Bani Israel inheritors of the land.

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### Story of Musa AS contd.

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- Despite Pharaoh's threats to cut off their hands and feet, and to crucify them, the magicians no longer fear him and continue to believe.
- The magicians make a prayer to Allah, asking for perseverance and submission to Him even in the face of death.
- Pharaoh plans to kill all male children among the Bani Israel in order to dominate them, sparing only the girls.
- Musa AS urges his people to seek help from Allah and to be patient.
- Musa AS assures his people that Allah will grant them authority and destroy their enemies, but also warns them that they will be tested.
- Allah tests Pharaoh and his people by sending various signs and miracles.

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- The Children of Israel demand a god like those of other nations, and Musa AS scolds them for their ignorance.
- Musa AS goes to Mount Tur and stays there for 40 days.
- Musa AS requests to see Allah, but he is unable to bear it and falls unconscious.
- Upon seeing a sign from Allah, Musa
   AS repents and glorifies Him.

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## Story of Bani Israel(After they crossed the sea)

- Children of Israel demand a god like other people and Musa AS scolds them for being ignorant
- Musa AS goes to Mount Tur for 40 days
- Musa AS requests to see Allah but he could not bear it and fell unconscious
- After seeing the sign, He repents and glorifies Allah

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### Story of Musa AS contd.

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- Dua of Musa AS at Tur
- Allah says His mercy encompasses everything

### Attributes of successful people:

- They follow the Prophet ##
- They enjoin good and forbid evil
- They believe in the Prophet ##
- They honor him #
- They support him ##
- They follow the light (Quran) which was sent down with him #

These qualities are also mentioned in the previous books

 Allah asks the Prophet<sup>®</sup> to announce the message: I am the messenger to all of you, there is only one God

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### Story of Musa Continued...

- Upon his return, Musa AS becomes angry with the Children of Israel for their idol worship.
- Musa AS makes a dua, "My Lord!
   Forgive me and my brother! And
   admit us into Your mercy. You are the
   Most Merciful of the merciful."
- Musa AS takes 70 people from the Bani Israel to take an oath at Mount Tur.
- Here is the dua of Musa AS that he made at Mount Tur.

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### Story of People of Sabt (Saturday)

- People divided into three groups
- First group indulged in doing what was prohibited
- Second group kept quite and stopped the group 3 warning them
- Third group preached and tried to stop them
- Allah punished the first group by converting them to apes

### Lesson:

- We should be among third group, who continue preaching good, and not stay quite
- Allah ordered them to hold tight the book of Allah and establish Salaah

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### Story of Musa contd.

- Allah bestowed blessings upon Musa AS's people, including dividing them into 12 tribes and providing each tribe with a spring of water.
- Allah shaded them with clouds and sent down Manna and Salwa for their sustenance.
- However, despite these blessings, they disobeyed Allah's commands and even changed His words.
- As a result, Allah sent down punishment upon them.

### Story of People of Sabt (Saturday)

 Allah commanded them not to work on Saturday

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### **Example of Disbelievers**

- They have ears, but they do not hear, eyes, but they do not see, and hearts, but they do not understand.
- They are like livestock, or even more astray. They are the heedless ones

### The names of Allah are the best.

 And to Allah belong the best names, so invoke Him by them. Indeed, Allah's plan is firm

- To the Mushrikeen of Makkah:
- Allah calls them to ponder over (the character of) the Prophet<sup>®</sup>, his message.
- Ponder over the heavens and earth

 Disbelievers ask about when will be the day of judgement, Allah says it may come suddenly



 Allah raised the mountain over the Bani Israel and took the oath to hold the book tight.

 Allah created all the souls from the loin of Adam and took oath 'Am I not your Lord', everyone replied saying 'Yes'

### Lesson:

- We already accepted in front of Allah that He is our Lord, and we got the message of the Prophet , so we have no excuse
- Allah says that He explained in detail the verses so that we return to Him
- Allah provides a parable of a dog to describe the nature of disbelieving nations.
- Whoever Allah guides he is the one who is [rightly] guided
- and whoever He sends astray it is those who are the losers.

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Idols will not benefit anyone

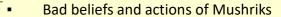
### Advice to the believers

- When dealing with Mushriks, forgive them, command them towards good, and leave the ignorant people.
- Seek refuge in Allah
- Listen and stay quiet when Quran is being recited
- Remember Allah all the time and never neglect this
- Do not be arrogant

The Prophet is just a warner

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The Prophet is told to say: "I have no power,. I am just a warner and giver of glad tidings"



 Their idols are helpless and will be of no use

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# بلغواعنى ولوأية

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