

Sūrat Al-ʿAnkabūt: Review for Today





Sūrat Al-'Ankabūt: Introduction

God's precedence in testing humans' faith

Testing people's faith at all times. (Verses 1-4)

4 Verses

Different groups going hrough Divine Trials. (Verses 5-13)

9 Verses

Consequences of disbelieving in Prophets sent by God. (Verses 14-44)

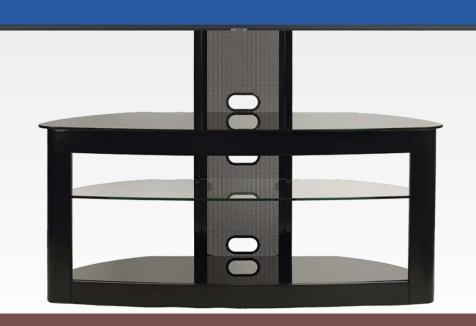
31 Verses

The trials which those who opposed the Prophets went through. Verses 45-68)

24 Verses

Achievements of those who struggle in the way of God – Divine Mercy and Guidance. (Verse 69)

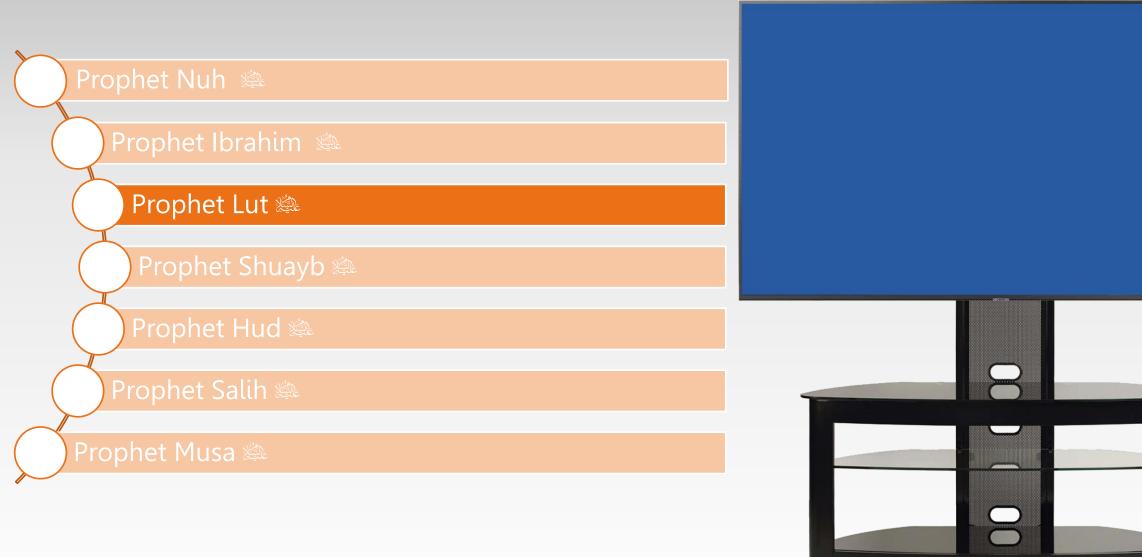
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وَلُوطًا إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ إِنَّكُمْ لَتَأْتُونَ الْفَاحِشَةَ مَا سَبَقَكُمْ بِهَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ مِنَ الْعَالَمِينَ

And *Prophet* Lut too *We sent as a messenger*. He said to his community *to which he was sent to convey a message:* "Indeed you *the men of this whole community* commit an indecency such as no people in all the world has have ever done before you." (28)



الْفَاحِشَة...

This word comes from the root word "ieed" and it relates to any act or speech which is extremely disgusting and repulsive – in the case of this historical event and the people whom Prophet Lut was sent to, it is homosexuality.



The Bible on Homosexuality:

Leviticus 18:22 You must not have sexual intercourse with a man as you would with a woman; it is a **detestable practice**.

Leviticus 20:13 If a man has sexual intercourse with a man as he would with a woman, the two of them have done something detestable. They must be executed; their blood is on their own heads.



...مَا سَبَقَكُمْ بِهَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ مِنَ الْعَالَمِينَ

...such as no people in all the world has have ever done before you.

"From this we can clearly deduce that this ugly and disgraceful act *of homosexuality* - at least in public and in the open – had never been seen before among any group or nation." – *Tafsir Nemuneh*



أَيِنَّكُمْ لَتَأْتُونَ الرِّجَالَ وَتَقْطَعُونَ السّبِيلَ وَتَأْتُونَ فِي نَادِيكُمُ النَّاتُونَ فِي نَادِيكُمُ الْمُنْكَرَ فَمَا كَانَ جَوَابَ قَوْمِهِ إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا اعْتِنَا بِعَذَابِ اللّهِ إِنْ كُنْتَ مِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ اللّهِ عَنَى الصَّادِقِينَ اللّهَ عَنَى الصَّادِقِينَ اللّهَ عَنَى الصَّادِقِينَ اللّهَ اللهِ اللهُ اللهِ اللهِلمُلا اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ

After such severe warnings of Allah will you continue to approach men with lust, detain the travelers on the road - especially male travelers - and commit shameful deeds in your gatherings?" The response of his people was only that they said mocking and challenging him: "Bring down upon us the punishment of Allah with which you threaten us, if you are truthful!" (29)



أُيِنَّكُمْ لَتَأْتُونَ الرِّجَالَ وَتَقْطَعُونَ السَّبِيلَ...

After such severe warnings of Allah will you continue to approach men with lust, and detain the travelers on the road...

- 1. Attack the travelers on the road especially male travelers?
- 2. Will you sever the ways to natural reproduction between a husband and a wife?



...وَتَأْتُونَ فِي نَادِيكُمُ الْمُنْكَرَ...

...and commit shameful deeds in your gatherings...

"The men would have gatherings in which they used to exchange obscene insults and words amongst one another; would slap their hands on each others backs; gambled; played games that children would play even though they were grown adults such as throwing small stones at each other or throwing stones at passers-by; listening to and playing musical instruments – and in addition to all of this, the men would also strip naked in front of each other and roam around freely." - Tafseer Nemuneh



فَمَا كَانَ جَوَابَ قَوْمِهِ إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا اعْتِنَا بِعَذَابِ اللَّهِ إِنْ كُنْتَ مِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ

The response of his people, that of Prophet Lut, was only that they said mocking and challenging him: "Bring down upon us the punishment of Allah with which you threaten us, if you are truthful!"



قَالَ رَبِّ انْصُرْنِي عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْمُفْسِدِينَ ﴿

Thereupon Lut said, "Help me, my Lord! against these people who work corruption." (30)



Points for Reflection

- 1. Just because corruption and sin is prevalent in society does not mean that we can't try and stop it.
- 2. Allah has given human beings the sexual desires and has also provided us means to satisfy them marriage.
- 3. Although people of faith and morals are small in number, we must always think about overcoming the corrupt people and leaders and should NEVER accept their rule and governance over us.

