

سُورَةُ الْعَنْكَبُوتِ  
Surat al-‘Ankabūt (29)

# The Spider

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COMMENTARY OF THE QUR'AN

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# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Review for Today



**Session 13**  
**Review for Today**  
**Āyāt 34-35**



# 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 through 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)

1 Verse



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Introduction

- Prophet Nuh ﷺ
- Prophet Ibrahim ﷺ
- Prophet Lut ﷺ
- Prophet Shuayb ﷺ
- Prophet Hud ﷺ
- Prophet Salih ﷺ
- Prophet Musa ﷺ



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 34 & 35

**The Angels said to Prophet Lut** ﷺ: “We have been sent to these criminal people to send upon them shards of sandstone, earmarked by God for those who are excessive. We sought to remove those in the city who were believers, but we found therein but one house of believers, and that is yours. So flee with your family sometime this night, and bring up the rear, and let no one among you look back, and proceed wherever you are commanded to go...”



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 34 & 35

“As for your people, their appointed time of destruction is this morning. Every last one of them shall be destroyed by morning. Is morning not so very near? As for your wife, what befalls them shall befall her, for God has deemed her to be among those who must remain.” – *God’s Emissaries*



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 34 & 35

إِنَّا مُنْزِلُونَ عَلَىٰ أَهْلِ هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةِ رِجْزًا مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ بِمَا كَانُوا  
يَفْسُقُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾

*The Angels went on to say to Prophet Lut: "We are going to bring down on the people of this township a scourge from the sky because they have persistently been transgressing all bounds of decency and equity." (34)*

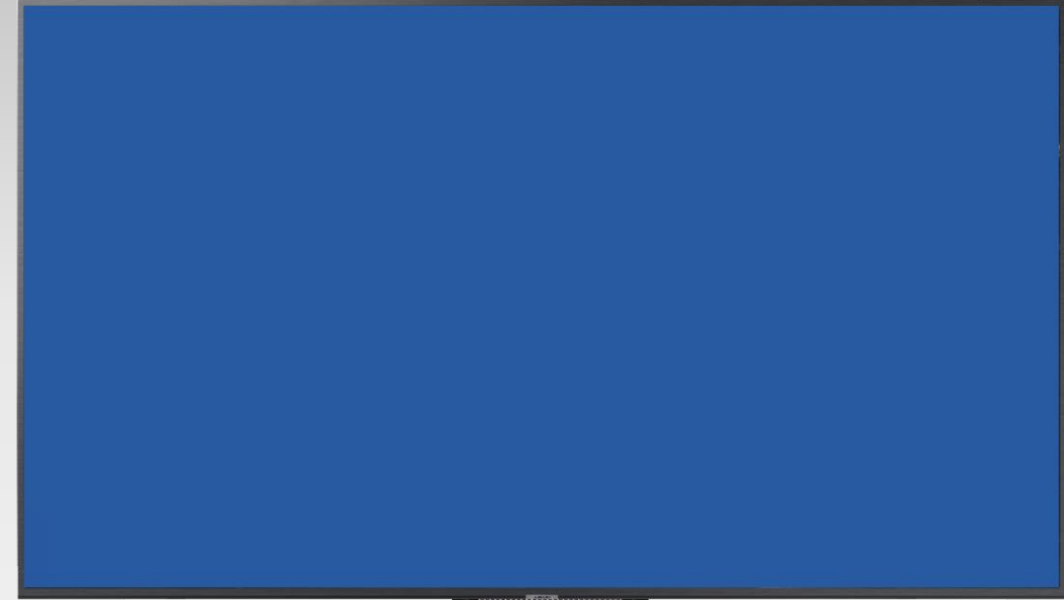




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...أَهْلِ هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةِ...

...the people of this township...



1. The cities which Prophet Lut ﷺ was sent to – Sadum and the other outlying cities.
2. Reports state that the population of people totaled 700,000.



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 34 & 35

## Deliverance For the Righteous

“Early Wednesday morning, before the sun rose, Lot and his daughters moved furtively through the streets of Sodom for the last time. All around, they heard the drunken revelry of orgiastic parties, thankful that they would soon have to hear them no more. When the sun rose, they were well on their way south to Hebron. Then they felt the faint tremors beneath their feet, and Lot knew that it had started. He reminded his daughters not to look back, and so they marched on to freedom and deliverance.” – *God’s Emissaries*



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 34 & 35

وَلَقَدْ تَرَكْنَا مِنْهَا آيَةً بَيِّنَةً لِقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾

Behold! We have left there *in the ruins of this township* a clear sign for a people who would care to understand. (35)



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 34 & 35



WHAT WAS THE FORM OF PUNISHMENT AND  
HOW DID IT PLAY OUT?



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 34 & 35

فَلَمَّا جَاءَ أَمْرُنَا جَعَلْنَا عَالِيَهَا سَافِلَهَا وَأَمْطَرْنَا عَلَيْهَا  
حِجَارَةً مِّنْ سِجِّيلٍ مَّنْضُودٍ ﴿١٢﴾

So when Our command *about the punishment* came to pass, We turned those *townships* upside down and We rained upon them, layer upon layer, with many stones of petrified clay. (11:82)



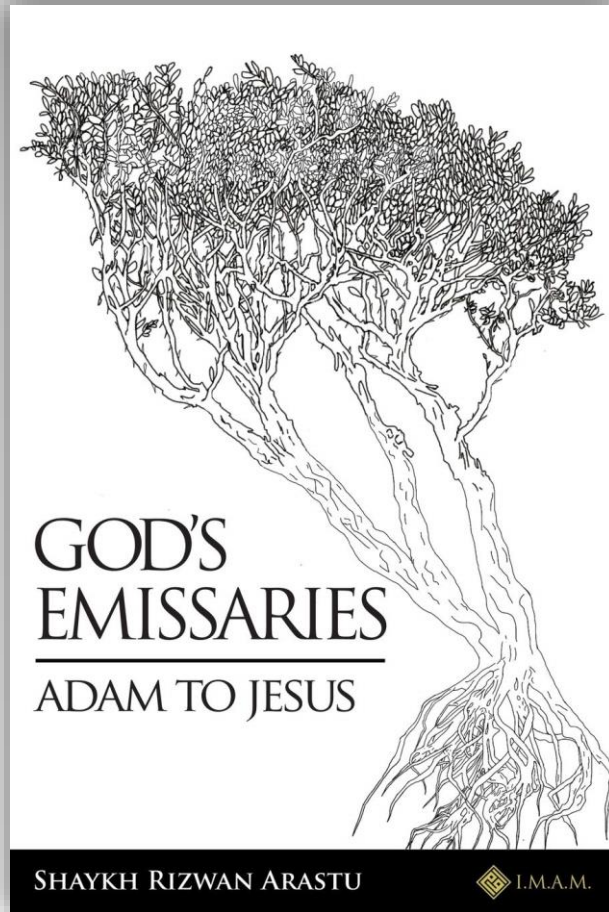
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وَأَمْطَرْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ مَطَرًا  
فَانظُرْ كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ  
الْمُجْرِمِينَ ﴿٨٤﴾

And We rained a destructive rain *of stones* upon them *those who stayed behind*. Then, look, how was the outcome for the criminals committed to accumulating sins. (7:84)



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## The Destruction of Sodom

“There was an explosion near Sodom at sunrise. The earth began heaving and trembling as a gale rained down sandstone shards upon them, each earmarked for its target in God's plan. The calamitous explosion, the gale, and the rain of shards overwhelmed the people of Sodom. Those who were caught out in the open were gruesomely pelted, their bodies beaten and cut by the projectiles...”



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“Those who found sanctuary within their homes and buildings were, a moment later, subjected to an even more harrowing experience. The four angels, Gabriel, Michael, Raphael, and Carobiel, having doffed their human forms for their angelic ones, spread their massive wings. Each one sank his wings into the ground on one side of the city. Their wingtips reached the furthest depths of the earth. Then they lifted in unison and raised the entire city into the air so that the denizens of heaven could hear the barking of its dogs and the crowing of its roosters.”



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“There they held it until God gave the word. Then they hurtled it down into the sea to the west, and they buried it decisively. The “Overturned City” formed a small island before it crumbled into the sea. The giant hole that had been Sodom, along with some ruins that the angels purposely left standing, would serve as a sign to all who passed along that trade route for generations to come.” – *God’s Emissaries*





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## Return to Hebron

“Lot and his daughters returned to Hebron where they spent the rest of their days by Abraham's side helping him to preach God's message to all who happened their way. On Abraham's suggestion, Lot married his daughters to three of the clansmen who had emigrated with them to Hebron from Kutha. From the descendants of these three virtuous couples would arise Prophet Job, Prophet Shu'ayb, and Balaam, son of Beor.” – *God's Emissaries*



# Sūrat Al-ʿAnkabūt: Verses 34 & 35



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## Points for Reflection

1. The skies provide both blessings – in the form of water which rains down upon us – and also punishments – in the form of stones which also rain down upon us.
2. Sometimes, it is required to preserve historical artifacts and findings to permit people to learn a lesson from the past.
3. Extracting messages from what we see around us requires patience, a keen eye and reflection.

