



# 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 14**  
**Review for Today**  
**Āyāt 36-37**



# 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)

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# 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 36 & 37

وَإِلَىٰ مَدْيَنَ أَخَاهُمْ شُعَيْبًا فَقَالَ يَا قَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَارْجُوا  
الْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَلَا تَعْتَوْا فِي الْأَرْضِ مُفْسِدِينَ ﴿٣٦﴾

And to the Midianites *We sent* their brother *Prophet* Shu‘ayb (*Jethro*). He, *Prophet* Shu‘ayb, said: ‘My people worship *only* Allah and hope *putting your faithful confidence in it* for the Last Day – *the Day of Resurrection* - and do not act corruptly, behaving lawlessly in the country.’ (36)



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وَإِلَىٰ مَدْيَنَ أَخَاهُمْ ...

And to the Midianites *We sent* their brother  
*Prophet Shu'ayb*...

1. Where is Madyan?
  1. In North-West Arabia – east of the Gulf of Aqaba
2. Why is he called their “brother” (أخ).



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اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَارْجُوا الْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَلَا تَعْتُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ مُفْسِدِينَ

1. Worship *only* Allah
2. Have a remembrance in the Last Day
3. Do not act corruptly on the earth



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 36 & 37

**IMPORTANT POINTS OF THE COMMUNITY  
OF PROPHET SHU‘AYB AS CONTAINED IN  
SURAH HUD [CHAPTER 11]**





# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 36 & 37

“And (to the people of) Midian (We sent as Messenger) their brother Shu‘ayb. He said (conveying the same message): “O my people! Worship God: you have no deity other than Him. **Do not give short measure and weight *in your dealings*. Surely I see you affluent *in wealth which you have gained in unlawful ways*, and I fear for you the punishment of an all-encompassing Day.” (11:84)**



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 36 & 37

“O my people! **Give full measure and weight, with perfect equity, and do not wrong deprive people by depriving them of what is rightfully theirs,** and do not go about acting wickedly in the land, causing disorder and corruption.” (11:85)



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 36 & 37

بَقِيَّتُ اللَّهِ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِن كُنتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ وَمَا أَنَا عَلَيْكُمْ بِحَفِيظٍ ﴿٨٦﴾

“What **Allah** leaves with you *as lawful profit* (*Baqiatullah*) is better for you, if you are believers. I am not a keeper and watcher over you.” (11:86)



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 36 & 37

They said: “O Shu‘ayb! **Do your prayers command you that we should forsake all that our forefathers used to worship, or that we should cease doing whatever we wish with our property?** Surely you are one mild-mannered, and the one right-minded.”  
(11:87)



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 36 & 37

He answered: "O my people! What do you think – if I stand on a clear evidence from my Lord, and out of His provision He provides for me? **I do not, *in hope of worldly gain and provoking disorder*, act in opposition to you, *myself doing* what I ask you to avoid. What I seek is only to set things right so far as I am able.** My success in my task depends on God alone. In Him have I put my trust, and to Him do I always turn with all my heart. (11:88)



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 36 & 37

“O Shu‘ayb!” they said: **“We do not understand much of what you say, and we see you indeed as a weak one among us.** And, were it not for your tribe (esteemed among us), we would most certainly have stoned you to death. Know well that we do not hold you in esteem as having power over us.” (11:91)



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He replied: "O my people! **Do you hold my tribe in greater esteem than God, that you take Him as something to cast behind you and forget?** But surely my Lord encompasses (with His Knowledge and Power) all that you do. (11:92)



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 36 & 37

- 1. Surah al-Shu‘araa (The Poets) – Chapter 26 –  
Verses 176 to 190**
- 2. Surah Hud (Prophet Hud) – Chapter 11 –  
Verses 84 to 95**





# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 36 & 37

“To a great extent, a society's happiness is dependent upon a fair system of commerce. A system that deprives producers, service providers, middlemen, or retailers of their rightful pay is not sustainable. Consequences of such social injustice include poverty, crime, social unrest, political turmoil, and a general lack of security. While Jethro’s (Shu‘ayb) two or three points of reform may seem minor and specific, he was in fact addressing the very core of his people’s problems.” – God’s Emissaries



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 36 & 37

فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَأَخَذَتْهُمُ الرَّجْفَةُ فَأَصْبَحُوا فِي دَارِهِمْ  
جَاثِمِينَ ﴿٣٧﴾

But they, *the community he was sent to*, denied him – *Prophet Shu‘ayb* - and as a consequence, a shocking catastrophe seized them, so they lay prostrate *and lifeless* in their dwellings. (37)



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 36 & 37

## The Outcome

1. A massive earthquake destroyed his community;
2. **100,000** people were killed, however:
  1. **40,000** were truly evil
  2. **60,000** were “good” people – but they were complacent and accepted the evils of society and failed to take a stand against their community.



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## Points for Reflection

1. Prophets, and as an extension religious leaders, deal with their community members as brothers – as they have care and concern for them.
2. We are not infallible, we can and will make mistakes, but what is dangerous is when people knowingly break the laws.



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 36 & 37

TOMORROW IN SESSION 15, VERSES 38 & 39 AND MULTIPLE  
PROPHETS AND ADVERSARIES

