

Sūrat Al-ʿAnkabūt: Review for Today





Sūrat Al-'Ankabūt: Introduction

God's precedence in testing humans' faith

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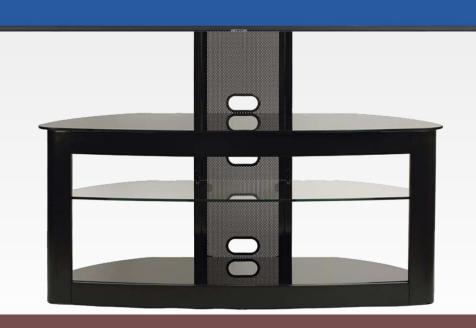
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The trials which those who opposed the Prophets went through. (Verses 45-68)

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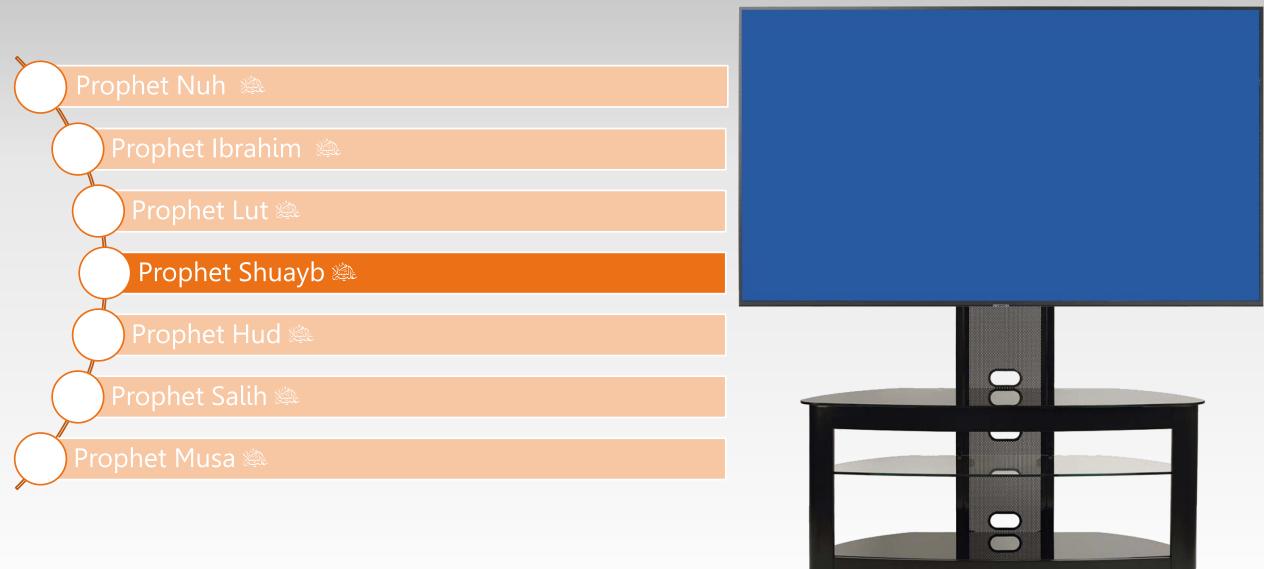
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Sūrat Al-'Ankabūt: Introduction



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

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)



وَإِلَى مَدْيَنَ أَخَاهُمْ ...

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

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



اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَارْجُوا الْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَلَا تَعْثَوْا فِي الْأَرْضِ مُفْسِدِينَ

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



OF PROPHET SHU'AYB AS CONTAINED IN SURAH HUD [CHAPTER 11]



"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 allencompassing Day." (11:84)



"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)



بَقِيَّتُ اللَّهِ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ وَمَا أَنَا عَلَيْكُمْ بِحَفِيظٍ ١

"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)



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)



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)



"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)



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)



Surah al-Shu'araa (The Poets) – Chapter 26 –
Verses 176 to 190

2. Surah Hud (Prophet Hud) – Chapter 11 – Verses 84 to 95



"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



فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَأَخَذَتْهُمُ الرَّجْفَةُ فَأَصْبَحُوا فِي دَارِهِمْ

جَاثِمِينَ ﴿٣

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)



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.



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.



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

