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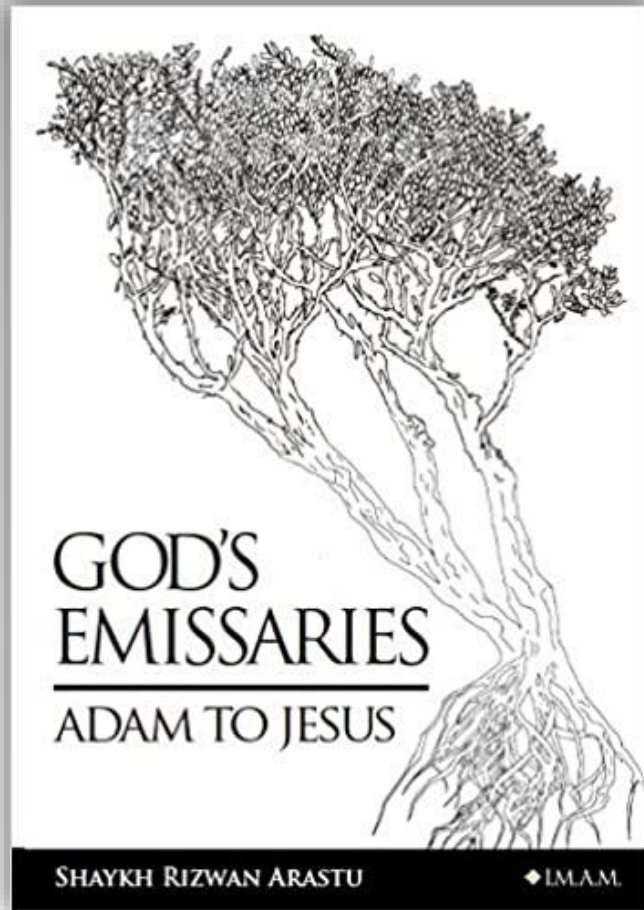
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## Review for Today

### Āyāt 16 - 18



# Response to a Viewer's Question

**QUESTION:** "In Part 2, he mentioned that we need to go ask the person we talked negatively about to forgive us. My question is can we send them a general text message saying please forgive us for what we may have said about you or anything negative that we did to you, etc. Would that count?"



# 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 16 to 18

## Prophet Ibrahim ﷺ and his Nation

- **Region:** Iraq - however as he was an *Ulu al-‘Azm* prophet, his message was universal for all on earth at that time
- **Meaning:** Various opinions including ‘The Father of a Large Nation’
- **Quranic Usage:** Mentioned 69 times
- **Chapter of the Quran:** Chapter 14 – Surah Ibrahim





# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 16 to 18

وَإِبْرَاهِيمَ إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَاتَّقُوهُ ذَلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ  
تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٦﴾

And Ibrahim, too, *We sent as a Messenger* and he said to his people *in conveying the message*: "You must worship Allah alone and maintain your *taqwa* of Him. Doing so is the best for you, if you would know *the truth of the matter*". (16)





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وَإِنَّمَا تَعْبُدُونَ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ أَوْثَانًا وَتَخْلُقُونَ إِفْكًا إِنَّ الَّذِينَ تَعْبُدُونَ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ لَا يَمْلِكُونَ لَكُمْ رِزْقًا فَابْتَغُوا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الرِّزْقَ وَاعْبُدُوهُ  
وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ إِلَيْهِ تُرْجَعُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

*Ibrahim continued to speak to his community and told them: "You worship only idols instead of Allah the real God, and thus you invent a mere falsehood by deifying these life-less objects. Surely those beings whom you deify and make statutes of that you worship instead of Allah do not have power to provide for you; so seek all your provision from Allah, and worship Him and be thankful to Him for all that He has given to you. And know that to Him you are being brought back." (17)*



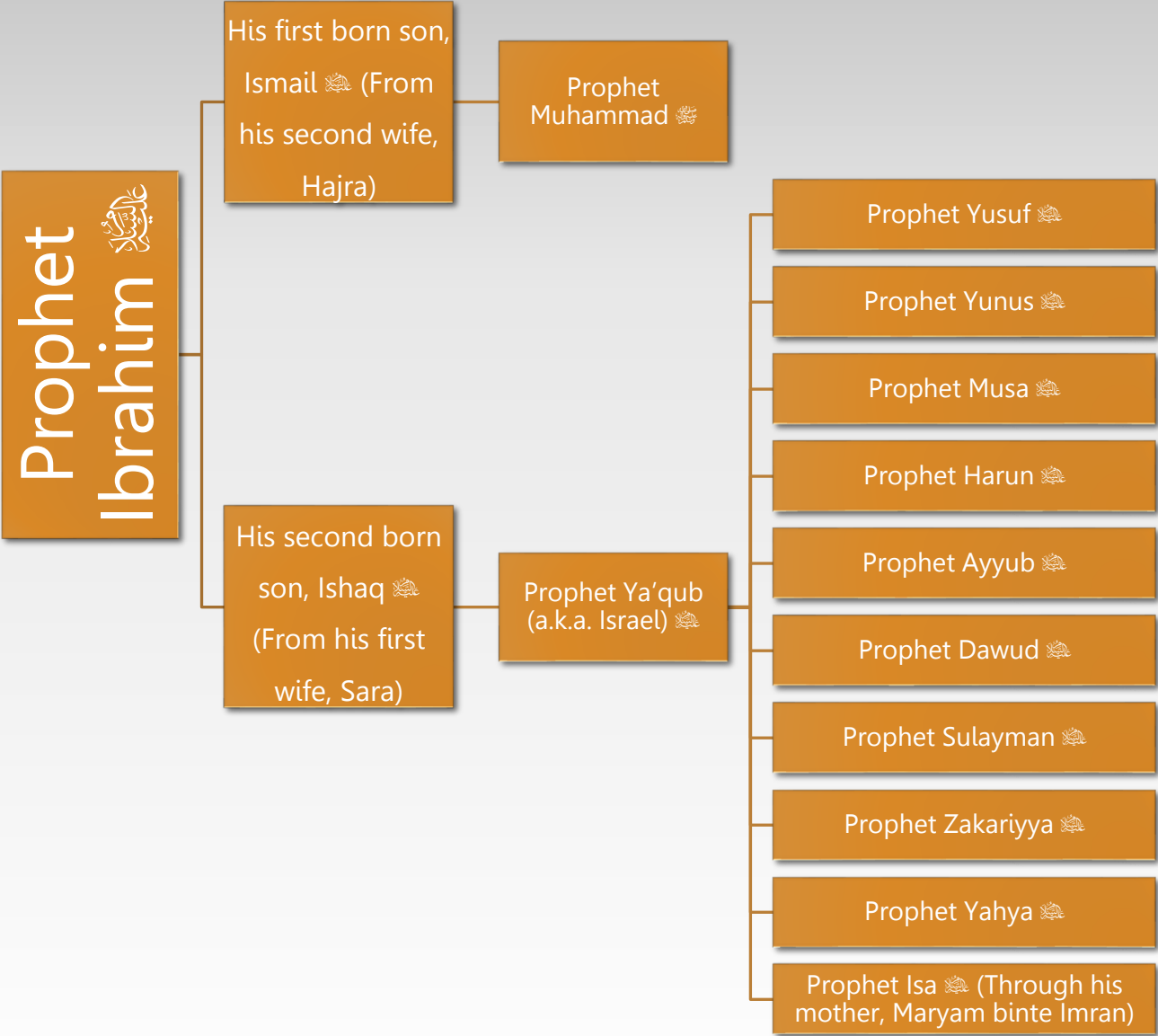
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وَإِنْ تُكَذِّبُوا فَقَدْ كَذَّبَ أُمَمٌ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ وَمَا عَلَى الرَّسُولِ إِلَّا الْبَلَاغُ  
الْمُبِينُ ﴿١٨﴾

And if you deny *Our messenger Prophet Ibrahim*, then *you must* know that many communities before you denied *the messengers sent to them*, but *their denial was of no avail to them*. What rests with the messenger is no more than to convey the message *fully and* clearly. (18)



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## Major Events in the Life of Prophet Ibrahim ﷺ

- Thrown into the fire for questioning and destroying the idols of his community;
- Leaving Iraq and moving to Palestine;
- Birth of Ismail through his second wife Hajra and settling them in Mecca;
- Birth of Ishaq through his first wife, Sara;
- His temporary move back to Mecca and order to sacrifice his son, Ismail;
- Rebuilding of the Ka’bah with his son, Ismail;
- Death of Prophet Ibrahim at the age of 175.



# Sūrat Al-‘Ankabūt: Verses 16 to 18

**THE FOUR MAJOR DEBATES OF  
PROPHET IBRAHIM ﷺ TO CONVINC  
PEOPLE ABOUT THE ONE GOD**



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- His uncle, Azar (19:41-48):

إِذْ قَالَ لِأَبِيهِ يَا أَبَتِ لِمَ تَعْبُدُ مَا لَا يَسْمَعُ وَلَا يُبْصِرُ وَلَا يُغْنِي عَنْكَ شَيْئًا

When he said to his father: "O my father! Why do you worship that which neither hears nor sees, nor can in anything avail you? (19:42)





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- The Idol Worshippers (21:52-67):

قَالُوا أَأَنْتَ فَعَلْتَ هَذَا بِآلِهَتِنَا يَا إِبْرَاهِيمُ ﴿٥٢﴾

“Abraham,” they asked, “is it you who has done this to our deities?”



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- The Star Worshippers (6:75-79):

إِذْ قَالَ لِأَبِيهِ يَا أَبَتِ لِمَ تَعْبُدُ مَا لَا يَسْمَعُ وَلَا يُبْصِرُ وَلَا يُغْنِي عَنْكَ شَيْئًا

When the night overspread over him, *Ibrahim*, he saw a star; and he exclaimed: "This is my Lord, *is it?*" But when it set *sank from sight*, he said: "I love not the things that set."

(6:76)



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- The Leader of the time, Nimrud **(2:258)**:

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِي حَاجَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ فِي رَبِّهِ أَنْ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ الْمُلْكَ إِذْ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ رَبِّيَ الَّذِي يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ قَالَ أَنَا أُحْيِي وَأُمِيتُ ۗ قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْتِي بِالشَّمْسِ مِنَ الْمَشْرِقِ فَأْتِ بِهَا مِنَ الْمَغْرِبِ فَبُهِتَ الَّذِي كَفَرَ ۗ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ

Do you not consider the one who disputed with Ibrahim about his Lord *in defiance of Him* because of the kingdom Allah had granted him? When Ibrahim said, “My Lord is He Who gives life and causes to die,” he, *Nimrud*, retorted: “I give life and make to die.” Ibrahim replied: “Surely Allah causes the sun to rise in the east, now you cause it to rise in the west *if your claim that you are God is true!*” Thus was the unbeliever *that was Nimrud* utterly confounded. Indeed Allah does not guide *such* wrongdoing people. (2:258)





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## THE THREE MAJOR TESTS OF PROPHET

IBRAHIM 



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- **TEST 1:** Being thrown into the fire after destroying the idols. (21:58)
- **TEST 2:** Leaving his wife and son in the barren land of Mecca. (14:37)
- **TEST 3:** Having to sacrifice his son by the order of Allah. (37:102)



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## Points for Reflection

1. Worship of Allah and Taqwa go hand in hand – otherwise it is merely “empty worship”.
2. True worship of Allah must be built upon knowledge and from there, our worship will have meaning and purpose and our taqwa will develop, but the pursuit of knowledge must always be in our lives.
3. When educating others about Islam, we must be clear and concise and present the true picture of the faith.

