

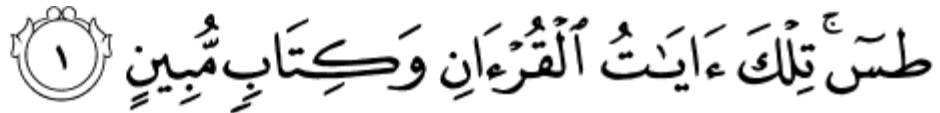
Learn the word for word meaning of the following verses, listen to the lecture, take notes and try to answer the following questions.

Surat An-Naml (The Ant) - سورة النمل

Questions:

Where was this Surah revealed?

How many verses are there in this Surah?



These are verses of the Qur'an, -a book that makes (things) clear;

Questions:

What is the meaning of “mubeen”?

What are the root words for the word Al Qur'an?

Give two meanings of the verb “qara’a”?



A guide: and glad tidings for the believers,

Questions:

What is “guidance and glad tidings” for the believers?

What do we learn from this verse?

الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ بِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ

يُوقِنُونَ ﴿٣﴾

Those who establish regular prayers and give in regular charity, and also have (full) assurance of the hereafter.

Questions:

What are the signs of those who take guidance from Qur'an?

What is the difference between Zakah and charity?

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ بِالْآخِرَةِ زَيَّنَّا لَهُمْ أَعْمَالَهُمْ فَهُمْ يَعْمَهُونَ ﴿٤﴾

As to those who believe not in the Hereafter, We have made their deeds pleasing in their eyes; and so they wander about in distraction.

Questions:

What happens to those who do not believe in the Hereafter?

Explain the word "ya'mahun"?

أُولَٰئِكَ الَّذِينَ لَهُمْ سُوءُ الْعَذَابِ وَهُمْ فِي الْآخِرَةِ هُمْ الْآخِسُونَ ﴿٥﴾

Such are they for whom a grievous Penalty is (waiting); and in the Hereafter theirs will be the greatest loss.

Questions:

What is the main difference between the two groups mentioned in the above verses (1-5)?

What is the difference in the works of those who believe in the hereafter and those who do not?

وَإِنَّكَ لَتُلْقَى الْقُرْآنَ مِنْ لَدُنْ حَكِيمٍ عَلِيمٍ ﴿٦﴾

As to thee, the Qur'an is bestowed upon thee from the presence of one who is wise and all-knowing.

Questions:

Grammar,

What part of speech is "ladun" in Arabic?

Which are the two signs of emphasis in this verse?

Who is being spoken to in this verse?

إِذْ قَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِأَهْلِهِ إِنِّي آنَسْتُ نَارًا سَاءَتِ كُفْرُكُمْ مِنْهَا بِخَبَرٍ أَوْ آتِيكُمْ بِشِهَابٍ

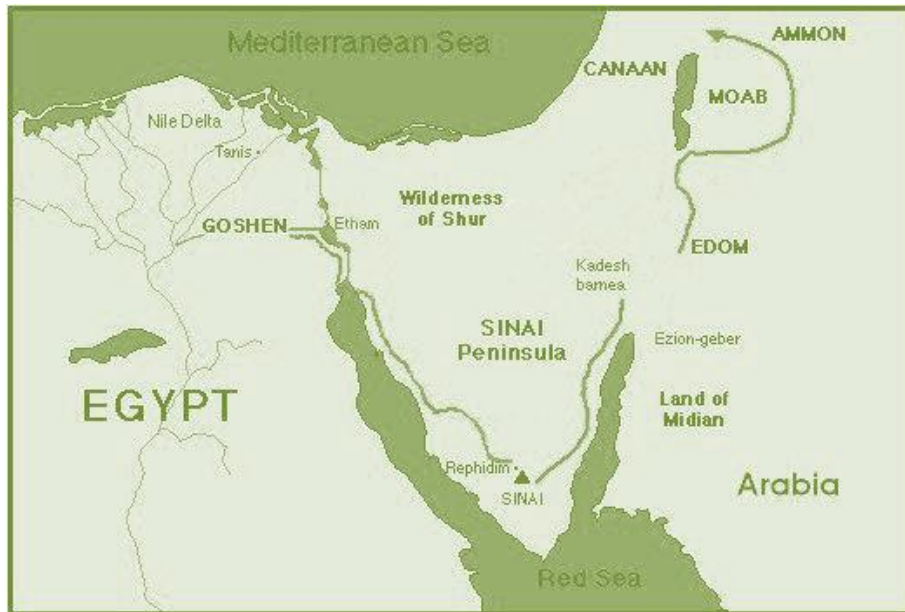
قَبَسٍ لَّعَلَّكُمْ تَصْطَلُونَ ﴿٧﴾

Behold! Moses said to his family: "I perceive a fire; soon will I bring you from there some information, or I will bring you a burning brand to light our fuel, that ye may warm yourselves.

Questions:

Why are stories mentioned in Qur'an?

Where was Musa traveling to when he saw the fire?



فَلَمَّا جَاءَهَا نُودِيَ أَنْ بُورِكَ مَنْ فِي النَّارِ وَمَنْ حَوْلَهَا وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ

الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٨﴾

But when he came to the (fire), a voice was heard: "Blessed are those in the fire and those around: and glory to Allah, the Lord of the worlds.

Questions:

What kind of "light" was it?

يَمُوسَى إِنَّهُ أَنَا اللَّهُ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿٩﴾

O Moses, indeed it is I - Allah , the Exalted in Might, the Wise."

وَأَلْقَ عَصَاكَ فَلَمَّا رَأَاهَا تَهْتَزُّ كَأَنَّهَا جَانٌّ وَلَّى مُدْبِرًا وَلَمْ يُعَقِّبْ يَمُوسَى لَا

تَخَفْ إِنِّي لَا يَخَافُ لَدَيَّ الْمُرْسَلُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

And [he was told], "Throw down your staff." But when he saw it writhing as if it were a snake, he turned in flight and did not return. [Allah said], "O Moses, fear not. Indeed, in My presence the messengers do not fear.

Questions:

What is the meaning of "walla" and "mudbara?"

Why did Musa turn away?

From which part of the verse 10 do we learn that Musa is being honored with Prophet hood?

إِلَّا مَنْ ظَلَمَ ثُمَّ بَدَّلَ حُسْنًا بَعْدَ سُوءٍ فَإِنِّي غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١١﴾

Otherwise, he who wrongs, then substitutes good after evil - indeed, I am Forgiving and Merciful.

Questions:

What does “baddala husna” mean in this verse?

What is being indicated here?

What is “tauba”?

What kind of people cannot do “shukr”?

وَأَدْخِلْ يَدَكَ فِي جَيْبِكَ تَخْرُجْ بَيْضَاءَ مِنْ غَيْرِ سُوءٍ فِي تِسْعِ آيَاتٍ إِلَى
فِرْعَوْنَ وَقَوْمِهِ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا قَوْمًا فَاسِقِينَ ﴿١٢﴾

And put your hand into the opening of your garment [at the breast]; it will come out white without disease. [These are] among the nine signs [you will take] to Pharaoh and his people. Indeed, they have been a people defiantly disobedient."

Questions:

Which other verse of Qur'an tells us that Prophet Musa was given nine miracles?

فَلَمَّا جَاءَتْهُمْ آيَاتُنَا مُبْصِرَةً قَالُوا هَذَا سِحْرٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿١٣﴾

But when there came to them Our visible signs, they said, "This is obvious magic."

وَجَحَدُوا بِهَا وَاسْتَيْقَنَتْهَا أَنْفُسُهُمْ ظُلْمًا وَعُلُوًّا فَانْظُرْ كَيْفَ كَانَ
عَاقِبَةُ الْمُفْسِدِينَ ﴿١٤﴾

And they rejected those Signs in iniquity and arrogance, though their souls were convinced thereof: so see what was the end of those who acted corruptly!

Questions:

Why did Firawn and his companions deny Musa's message

According to this verse what are the two major qualities of Al Mufsadin?

What is "Zulm"?

What is the purpose behind the knowledge that Allah (swt) sends us through messengers?

Answers

Questions:

Where was this Surah revealed?

In Mecca

How many verses in this Surah?

93 verses

Verse 1

What is the meaning of "mubeen"?

Something that is clear and something that makes things clear.

What are the root words for the word Al Qur'an? Qaaf ra hamza

What are the two meanings of the verb "qara'aa"?

To read and to gather (Qu'ran has information about different subjects in it)

Verse 2

What is "guidance and glad tidings" for the believers?

The Qur'an

What do we learn from this verse?

Allah (swt)'s guidance, glad tidings and blessings are for the believers.

Verse 3

What are the signs of those who take guidance from Qur'an?

They are regular in prayers, pay zakah and believe in hereafter.

What is the difference between Zakah and charity?

Zakah is obligatory on sahib e nisaab , charity should be done by all, rich or poor.

Verse 4

**What happens to those who do not believe in the Hereafter?
Allah (swt) makes their deeds pleasing to them and they wander blindly.**

What is “ya’mahun”? It means to be distracted from the main aim. It is actually the blindness of the heart.

Verse 5

What is the main difference between the two groups mentioned in the above verses (1-5)?

One group believes in the hereafter and the other does not.

What is the difference in the works of those who believe in the hereafter and those who do not?

Those who believe in the hereafter give priority to salaah, zakah, Qur’an over worldly works. When it is time to pray they leave their worldly occupation and pray and those who do not believe in hereafter work to gain success in this world.

Verse 6

Grammar,

What part of speech is “ladun” in Arabic?

It can be zarf zamaan or zarf makaan. In this verse it is zarf makaan.

Which are the two signs of emphasis in this verse?

The use of “inna” and “laam takid” before “tulaqqa”.

Who is being spoken to in this verse?

The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh).

Verse 7

Why are stories mentioned in Qur’an?

To teach us lessons and also to relieve Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) by telling him what had happened to the prophets and the disobedient nations in the past. This Surah was revealed at a

time in Mecca when the opposition against Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and his followers was at its peak.

Where was Musa traveling to when he saw the fire?

Prophet Musa (pbuh) was traveling to Egypt after he had stayed in Madyan for 8 or 10 years.

Verse 8

What kind of “light” was it?

It was not fire. It was a blessed night. One should not get confused about that light and think that it was Allah (swt). The light was just a sign from Allah (swt).

What does verse 30 of Al Qasas mean.

فَلَمَّا أَتَاهَا نُودِيَ مِنْ شَاطِئِ الْوَادِ الْأَيْمَنِ فِي الْبُقْعَةِ الْمُبْرَكَةِ
مِنَ الشَّجَرَةِ أَنْ يَمْوَسَىٰ إِنِّي أَنَا اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٣٠﴾

But when he came to it, he was called from the right side of the valley in a blessed spot - from the tree, "O Moses, indeed I am Allah , Lord of the worlds."

This verse has a similar meaning as verse 8 of this Surah.

What is the meaning of “walla” and “mubara”?

“Walla” means to turn ones back and “mudbara” means to turn away one’s face.

Verse 10

Why did Musa turn away?

He got scared.

From which part of the verse 10 do we come to know that Musa is being given honored with Prophet hood?

وَأَلْقِ عَصَاكَ فَلَمَّا رَآهَا تَهْتَزُّ كَأَنَّهَا جَانٌّ وَلَّى مُدْبِرًا وَلَمْ يُعَقِّبْ يَمْوَسَىٰ لَا
تَخَفْ إِنِّي لَا يَخَافُ لَدَيَّ الْمُرْسَلُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

Verse 11

What does “baddala husna” means in this verse?

It means if one has done bad deeds in the past then he can get rid of those bad deeds by doing good deeds as Allah (swt) substitutes good after evil.

What is being indicated here?

Prophet Musa (pbuh) had killed a Qibti in Egypt and had escaped. Allah (swt) is indirectly telling Musa that if one has made any mistake in his life he can always substitute it with good deeds.

What is “tauba”?

It is to repent in such a way that one replaces his bad habits or deeds with good deeds.

Who cannot do “shukr”?

Arrogant people cannot do “Shukr”.

Verse 12

Which other verse of Qur'an tells us that Prophet Musa was given nine miracles? Surah Al Israa', verse 101

وَلَقَدْ ءَاتَيْنَا مُوسَىٰ تِسْعَ ءَايَاتٍ بَيِّنَاتٍ فَسَّأَلَ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ إِذْ جَاءَهُمْ
فَقَالَ لَهُ فِرْعَوْنُ إِنِّي لَأَظُنُّكَ يَمُوسَىٰ مَسْحُورًا ﴿١٠١﴾

And We had certainly given Moses nine evident signs, so ask the Children of Israel [about] when he came to them and Pharaoh said to him, "Indeed I think, O Moses, that you are affected by magic."

Prophet Musa was given 9 miracles.

Verse 14

Why did Firawn and his companions deny Musa's message?

It was because of “zulmun” (iniquity) and “‘uluwan” (arrogance). According to this verse what are the two major qualities of Al Mufsadin?

Arrogance and iniquity.

What is “Zulm”?

It is not to give others their rights. Great Injustice.

Greed + selfishness---→ “zulm”

Rebellion + arrogance --→ “‘uluwan”

What is the purpose behind the knowledge that Allah (swt) sends us through messengers?

To tell people that Allah(swt) is the one to be worshipped and to eradicate “zulm”

(Haqooq Allah + Haqooq Bandah)