

Story of the prophet Yusuf continues through 13th juz. **Some important highpoints and lessons** of this story:

- **One should distance** oneself as much as possible from situations that can lead to an evil outcome (Yakub's a.s. advice)
- A strong and persistent **belief in Allah** makes a person's troubles easier to bear. (Yusuf a.s. kept his strong faith)
- Respect your parents and obey them
- **Patience** in the face of hardship is the best of qualities and results in reward from Allah in this life and the hereafter
- **Jealousy** is one of the most destructive emotions known to man, and drives a person insane (it led to the downfall of Satan)
- **Hardship and adversities** elevate man's status if one remains steadfast, and perseveres while trusting Allah
- **When iman** enters the heart and one makes his whole affair sincerely for Allah sake, Allah will indeed repel and defend one from all types of evil and vulgarity
- **People who have knowledge** influence others in any circumstance. Do dawah no matter in which position you are
- **Never lose hope** in Allah. The true believer should believe whatever happens will happen for the best
- A believer should be willing to pay any cost for righteousness (just as Yusuf a.s. accepted jail)
- **People must always think long term.** Always be prepared for disasters. (As Yusuf a.s. planned for the state)
- Act in such a manner as to preserve your honour and dignity, and these qualities must always be safeguarded
- **Evils of gossip, slander, and backbiting** - believers refrain from talk about issues that are of no concern to them
- Free mixing of men and women may cause ' fitnah ' (also confirmed by Hadith of Al-Tirmizi)
- **Character and credibility** Every Muslim in general and a **da'i**, in particular, should take care of these things. Yusuf a.s. refused to come out of jail until his innocence was not declared.
- **All is well that end's well** - what really counts in the life of a servant is the successful ending and not the deficient beginning
- **Forgive and forget** -Above all, this story teaches us that we should not dwell on past mistakes of people. Forgive and forget the past and move on to brighter future. (Prophet (s.a.w) forgave most heinous crimes on the day of conquest of Makkah)
- **To forgive** when in power is the height of excellence
- A true believer always wishes and prays to Allah that he dies a Muslim. (du'a of Yusuf a.s)
- **Greatest lesson** of the story - if the Believer possesses true Islamic character and is endowed with wisdom, he can conquer a whole country with the strength of his character alone
- **Allah has all the powers** – If He can take Yusuf out of a well (in a jungle) to make him the king of most civilized country, definitely He can make the mission of this Prophet (s.a.w) successful and His Deen dominant and prevailing

Surah Ar -Ra'ad (Thunder) - Revealed in the last stage of the Mission of the Holy Prophet at Makkah

Main Theme of the Surah - Surah was revealed at a time when the Muslim community was tired and anxious, having been persecuted mercilessly at the hands of the pagan leaders of Makkah. This Surah emphasizes that the unbelievers are the ones on the wrong path, and they should not lose heart.

Signs of Allah's power of creation – This earth, heaven, celestial bodies, the day and night, mountains, life and death and this wonderful system of the universe did not happen by chance. These are all creations of Allah the Almighty.

Everything in the universe is submitting to Allah by virtue of obeying physical laws set by Allah, the Creator. A demand to submit Allah by your own will, can save you only from ultimate retribution.

8 Traits of God-fearing and heedful people, **1**- fulfil their covenant with Allah, **2**- do not break their contracts after firmly confirming it, **3**- join together the ties which Allah has bidden to be joined, **4** - fear their Lord and severe reckoning, **5** – are steadfast in seeking the pleasure of their Lord, **6** - establish Prayer, **7** - spend both secretly and openly out of their wealth, **8** - ward off evil with good. These people will have real success and eternal abode (in the hereafter).

3 Traits of miserable and wretched people, **1**-break the covenant of Allah after firmly confirming it, **2** - cut the ties that Allah has commanded to be joined, **3** - create corruption in the land. These people are doomed to fail with wretched abode.

A subtle warning to the rejecter of faith (Quraysh),Do they not see that We are advancing in the land, diminishing it by its borders on all sides? Islam is spreading and their options are reducing day by day. Still it is not too late to accept

Surah Ibrahim - This surah also revealed in the last stage of the Mission of the Holy Prophet at Makkah

Central theme- Basic beliefs of Islam, Tawhid, Prophethood, and Hereafter. There is a reminder and a warning to the disbelievers who were rejecting the Message of the Holy Prophet and devising cunning schemes to defeat his Mission. But in spite of this their obduracy, enmity, antagonism, mischief and persecution, this Mission will prevail.