

Surah (26) Al-Furqan ((The Criterion)-

it was also revealed during the third stage of Prophethood at Makkah. The Surah deals with the doubts and objections that were being raised against the Qur'an, the Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w) and his teachings by the disbelievers of Makkah. Appropriate answers to each and every objection have been given and the people have been warned of the consequences of rejecting the Truth.

The Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w) will complain to Allah that his nation abandoned the Qur'an. There are many forms of going away from the Quran. We must reflect on our relationship with the Quran.

Qur'an was revealed in intervals and stages to strengthen the resolve of the believers.

The creation is a witness to Allah's intelligent design. Things like shadow, sun, day, night, winds, rain and water occur because Allah created them and put them in this order.

The stories of messengers and their nations are meant to provide encouragement and support to the believers and they are reminded to be strong, as history has shown that truth will always triumph over evil.

Biggest source of misguidance - being a slave of one's own lust and desires. "Have you seen the person, who has taken his carnal desire for his god"? Prophet (s.a.w) said, "Of all the false gods being worshipped and served instead of Allah, the worst in the sight of Allah is one's own lust" (Tabarani)

Allah has joined the two seas: one sweet and palatable and the other salty and bitter and He has set a barrier and an insurmountable obstruction between the two that keeps them apart. Only Allah Almighty alone is a capable of doing this.

13 Qualities of servants of the Most Merciful Allah (عباد الرحمن), They have humble and courteous, they are diligent and consistent in their night prayer (Tahajjud), they constantly seek refuge from Hellfire, they are neither a spendthrift nor stingy, they do not commit Shirk, Murder, and Fornication, they do not attend Immoral Gatherings, they respond to the verses of Allah s.w.t., They pray to Allah for righteous family (wife and children).

The reward for these obedient servants of Allah is eternal abode of paradise and welcome and honor from the angels.

Surah (26) Ash-Shu`araa ((The Poets) -

it was revealed at Makkah. Surah contains the stories of Prophet Musa and Prophet Ibrahim as well as mention of the destruction of the Ad, the Thamud and the nation of Prophet Noah.

Dedication of Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w) for the guidance of mankind. Extreme anguish, anxiety and grief of the Prophet (s.a.w) mentioned over disbelief of Makkah, moral degradation, obduracy and opposition to his message of reform.

This universe is full of signs of Allah which can guide a seeker of truth to Reality, but the stubborn and misguided people have never believed whether these were the signs of the natural phenomena or the miracles of the Prophets.

The mentality of the disbeliever has been the same throughout the ages; their arguments and their objections, and their excuses and ploys for not believing have been similar and ultimately the fates that they met have also been the same.

Story of Moses, Pharaoh and the Magicians- has been mentioned in detail for different lessons. When magicians realized, it is not magic what Moses is presenting, they immediately believed in and stood up firm and persevered against all the odds and serious threats from the Pharaoh. Allah helps true believers even when there is no ostensible escape.

Mention of Ibrahim a.s, as he introduced his Lord in best possible manner: 1- My Lord is Who created me, 2- and Who guides me, 3- Who gives me food and drink, 4- and Who, when I am ill, heals me, 5- Who will cause me to die and then will again resurrect me to life, 6- Who, I hope, will forgive me my sins on the Day of Judgement.

Nothing will avail on the Day- neither wealth nor offspring, but only he that brings to Allah a sound heart. (قلب سليم)

Surah (27) An-Naml ((The Ant) -

it was revealed at Makkah. **The theme of Surah** 1-only those people can benefit from the guidance of the Quran who accept the realities which this Book presents as the basic realities of the universe, and then follow up their belief with obedience and submission in their practical lives 2- some of the most glaring and visible realities of the universe mentioned so that the people can ponder.

Story of Prophet Musa's selection as a messenger and nine signs were shown to Pharaoh but he still disbelieved in arrogance and incurred Allah's punishment.

Story of chiefs of Thamud, and the rebels of the people Lut, 1- They were heedless of the accountability of the Hereafter and had consequently become the slaves of the world. 2- They turned against their messengers, 3- They were all overtaken by the scourge of Allah and been destroyed for ever.

A message to Quraysh that you are on the same track of denial and refute, if you continue, you will meet the same fate.

Story of Suleiman (a.s) in detail- Allah blessed him Prophethood, wealth, magnificent kingdom and an unmatched grandeur but yet he regarded himself as answerable before Allah. All the blessing and bounties, he had, he attributed towards Allah and adopted the attitude of obedience before Him and there was no tinge of vanity in his character. An indirect address to Quraysh that upon wealth and power, nothing compared to the one Suleiman (a.s) had, you are arrogant and refuting this message. Ponder on the character of the Prophet Solomon (a.s).