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Surah An-Naml.....

The character of Prophet Suleiman – an obedient to his Lord, upright and an immaculate character (as mentioned in Quran) but such a tainted and immoral character in the Bible. (Not just him, Bani Israel did this to most of their messengers)

Shaky foundation of faith of disbelievers has been questioned – Look at the universe around you and witness the majesty of Allah. Do their idols create anything even close to it? Could there be any divine power besides Allah?

No one in the heavens and the earth has knowledge of unseen except Allah. Nothing happens in the skies or on earth except that it is preordained by Allah and He has everything in His record. He guides people in ocean and on land, He created the Man and will resurrect them again.

People who do not ponder on signs of Allah in the universe, are like dead ones, you can not make them see or hear.

Surah (28) Al-Qasas (Stories) - Revealed at Makkah

Main theme of this surah is similar to the one of surah An-Naml (Prophethood); subject of Revelation and its reception by those to whom it is sent, with emphasis on consequences of rejection of message of the messenger of Allah.

This surah relates in detail the story of the Prophet Moses, his birth, upbringing, exile, call, his struggle with Pharaoh and subsequent exodus, his ultimate triumph and destruction of the disbelievers. Allah can do whatever He wants.

Prophethood is not announced amid festivities and celebration by issuing a proclamation. Objection of Jews on Prophethood of Muhammad (s.a.w), they have been told that Moses whom you yourselves acknowledge as a Prophet had also become a Prophet unexpectedly.

Story of Moses (peace be upon him) and Pharaoh- the person from whom Allah wants to take some service comes out without any army and armor and without an apparent helper or force at his back, yet he puts to rout much stronger and better equipped opponents. (like Moses succeeded against the most powerful regime of his time)

Demanding miracle from Holy Prophet (similar to the ones given to Moses)- They were told that no nation believed after seeing the miracles, rather most of them called it magic. Remember, Allah has annihilated all those nations which did not believe after seeing the miracles. Do you want to meet the same fate?

Wilfully rejecting faith causes the capacity to accept truth taken away (as in case of Pharaoh and his nation)

Slavery has adverse effects on nations. People gradually lack assurance, conviction and will power (like Bani Israel)

An analogy - Just as Musa was driven from his land only to return, so too would Muhammad (s.a.w)

Story of Qarun- Everything Allah bestowed him, he attributed towards his genius. It is pointed, he forgot the One who gave him everything. This arrogance and pride led his demise. We achieve nothing at all out of our own accord, even a pinch of salt, a shoe lace, an eyelash is a blessing from Allah(s.w.t)

Surah (29) Al-Ankabut (The Spider) - Revealed at Makkah just before the migration to Habash (Abyssinia)

Subject matter of this surah - Faith, perseverance, the man's duty, the Divine trial, the history of some prophets, prohibition of unfair disputes, and relying on other than Allah.

Muslims are encouraged to stay strong in their faith and be patient in the face of extreme persecution from unbelievers and not to give up their faith because of hardship or family pressures.

Tests and trials are part of faith. People calling to Allah will face: wealth, health, and this worldly life in general. "Do the people think that they will be left to say, "We believe" and they will not be tested?"

Story of Prophet Noah to related to current state of persecution of believers- They have told that Noah a.s the torch bearer of very same message had preached for close to thousand year in spite of severe hostility and persecution.

Narrative complement with the stories of Ibrahim (a.s) - The people of Ibrahim even tried to burn him alive but Allah saved him and Lut (his nephew) is the only one who affirmed his belief with him

Preparing for Hijrah- Believers were told, if persecutions is unbearable, migrate to another land. And do not worry about your livelihood. Allah will take care of your sustenance like he does for all creature.