

007. Al-A'raaf ~ The Heights

206 Ayaat (Makki)

FOCUS

CONSEQUENCE OF REJECTING DIVINE GUIDANCE INMATES OF JAHANNAM, JANNA AND THE HEIGHTS (A'RAAF) ACCOUNTS OF PREVIOUS NATIONS WHO REJECTED THEIR PROPHETS FOCUS ON PROPHET MUSA

DID YOU KNOW?

THE SURA TEACHES THROUGH THE LESSONS FROM PREVIOUS NATIONS WITH A FOCUS ON PROPHET MUSA (THE MOST MENTIONED PROPHET IN THE QURAN) "AND ON THE MOST ELEVATED PLACES (A'RAAF) THERE SHALL BE MEN WHO

KNOW ALL THE MARKS..." 46

A'RAAF COMES FROM 'URF WHICH DENOTES A HIGH LAND. THIS REFERS TO A

HIGH PLACE BETWEEN JANNA AND JAHANNAM.

SELECTED AYAAT

- 7:23 7:26 1st Dua - recited by Prophet Adam (pbuh)
- Clothing
- 7:48 A'raaf
- 7:106-108 Prophet Musa's miracles
- Conversion of magicians of Pharaoh 7:121
- 7:126 Our Lord! pour upon us patience and make us to die in submission to You 7:142 Prophet Musa (pbuh) and 40 nights with God Acknowledge our good deeds in this world and hereafter 7:163-166 The Sabbath breakers

- Etiquette of listening to the Qur'an 7:204
- Mustahab Sajda 7:206

NARRATIVE

IT BEGINS WITH A REMINDER TO FOLLOW DIVINE GUIDANCE AND A GENERAL WARNING ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF FAILING TO DO SO. THEN FOLLOWS THE STORY OF PROPHET ADAM'S CREATION, INTERACTION WITH SHAYTAN IN JANNA AND BEING SENT TO THE EARTH.
FOUR ADMONITIONS TO THE CHILDREN OF ADAM FOLLOW FROM THE STORY:

A WARNING ABOUT JAHANNAM FOR THOSE WHO REJECT DIVINE GUIDANCE, GOOD NEWS FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE AND DO GOOD,

FOLLOWED BY A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF JANNA AND JAHANNAM WITH A REFERENCE TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE HEIGHTS (A'RAAF)

THE CHAPTER THEN TRANSITIONS TO THE AWESOMENESS OF ALLAH AND INTRODUCES THE DESTRUCTION OF EARLIER COMMUNITIES WHO REJECTED THEIR PROPHETS (NUH, HUD, SALIH, LUT & SHUAYB)

THIS IS FOLLOWED BY A LENGTHY NARRATIVE ABOUT PROPHET MUSA FROM HIS CONFRONTATION WITH THE MAGICIANS THROUGH TO DELIVERANCE OF THE BANI ISRAAIL, RECEIVING OF THE TAWRAAT AND THE MENTION OF MUHAMMAD IN THE TAWRAAT AND INJEEL.

THE CHAPTER CONCLUDES WITH THE UNIVERSAL COVENANT BETWEEN DIVINITY AND HUMAN BEINGS RECOGNISING AS THEIR MASTER AND DEVOTIONAL PRACTICES INCLUDING INVOKING ALLAH THROUGH HIS ATTRIBUTES (NAMES), LISTENING TO THE RECITATION OF QUR'AN AND REMEMBERING HIM MORNING AND EVENING.