

AL-KAHF - THE CAVE



NARRATIVES DRAWING ATTENTION TO DIVINE TESTS OF FAITH, WEALTH, OBEDIENCE, KNOWLEDGE AND AUTHORITY WOVEN TOGETHER WITH ACCOUNTABILITY
INEXHAUSTIBILITY OF DIVINE WORDS

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Ayaat 109-110

QIYAMA - JANNA & JAHANNAM



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Ayaat 99-108

TEST OF AUTHORITY (POWER)
DHULQARNAYN
HE WAS GRANTED MIRACULOUS MEANS
FOR ESTABLISHING RELIGIOUS SOVEREIGNTY



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Ayaat 83-98

TEST OF KNOWLEDGE
PROPHET MUSA & PROPHET KHIDR ON A JOURNEY OF ESTOERIC KNOWLEDGE
PROPHET KHIDR KEPT ALIVE BY ALLAH BEYOND THE RANGE OF NORMAL HUMAN LIFE

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Ayaat 60-82

GUIDANCE OF THE QUR'AN



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Ayaat 54-59

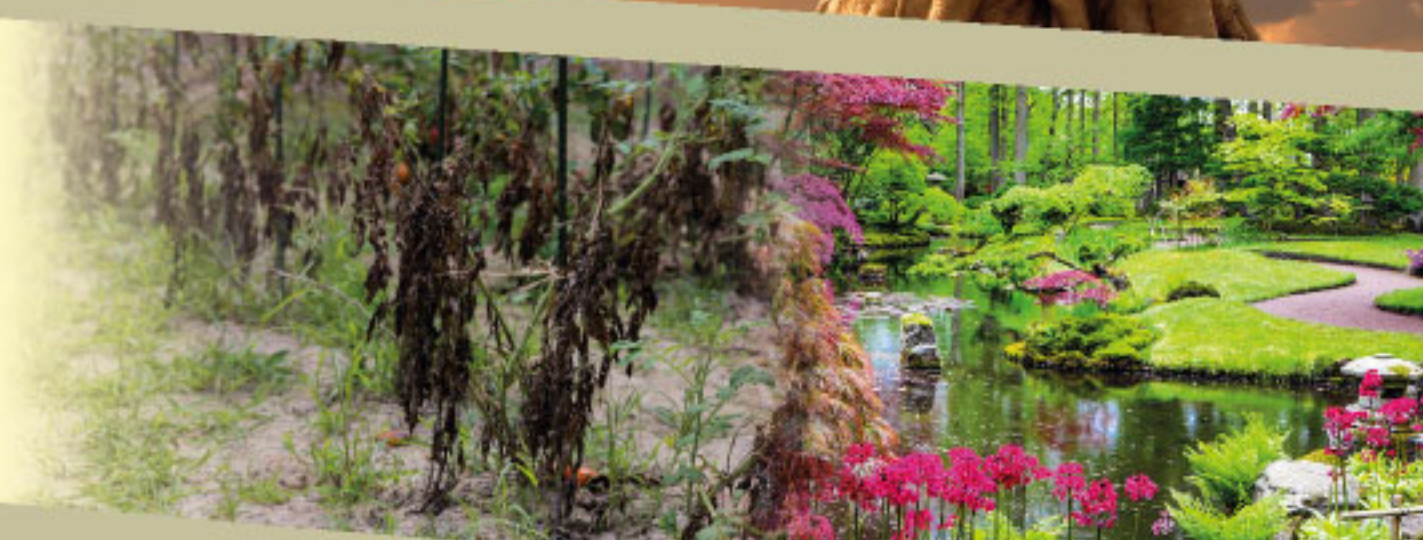
TEST OF OBEDIENCE
PROPHET ADAM AND SHAYTAAN



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Ayaat 50-53

TEST OF WEALTH
THE OWNERS OF THE TWO GARDENS



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Ayaat 32-49

TEST OF FAITH - NARRATIVE OF AS HAABUL KAHF
(INHABITANTS OF THE CAVE)
YOUTHS WHO LEFT THE COMFORT OF THEIR HOMES
TO ESCAPE RELIGIOUS
PERSECUTION AND GIVEN DIVINE PROTECTION
THROUGH A MIRACULOUS SLEEP.



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Ayaat 9-31

NO DEVIATION IN THE QUR'AN
Strongest standing timeless miracle that will not sway.



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Ayaat 1-8

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110 Ayaat (Makki)

FOCUS

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DID YOU KNOW?

THE CHAPTER FOCUSES ON BARZAKH WHICH IS THE TEMPORAL STATE BETWEEN DEATH AND UNIVERSAL JUDGEMENT. IN THE STORY OF THE YOUTHS OF THE CAVE, THEIR SLEEP REPRESENTS THE INTERMEDIATE REALM BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH. WITH REGARD TO PROPHET MUSA AND KHIDR IT IS THE JUNCTURE OF THE TWO SEAS AND IN THE STORY OF DHULQARNAYN IS THE OPENING BETWEEN THE TWO MOUNTAIN BARRIERS WHICH HE SEALED AND WILL BE DESTROYED BEFORE THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT

SELECTED AYAAT

- 18:9 People of the cave
- 18:23 Do not say tomorrow
- 18:46 Wealth and children - adornment of the world
- 18:60 Prophet Musa (pbuh) and Prophet Khidr (pbuh)
- 18:83 Zhilqarnayn
- 18:94 Yajuj (Gog) and Majuj (Magog)
- 18:103 Greatest losers
- 18:109 Words of Allah inexhaustible

NARRATIVE

THE CHAPTER BEGINS WITH THE ASSERTION THAT THE QUR'AN IS THE STRONGEST STANDING MIRACLE THAT WIL NOT SWAY. IT CONTINUES WITH THE NARRATIVE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE CAVE FROM WHICH THE CHAPTER TAKES ITS NAME. THEY LEFT THEIR HOMES TO ESCAPE RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION AND WERE GIVEN DIVINE PROTECTION THROUGH A MIRACULOUS SLEEP. THIS IS FOLLOWED BY A STORY OF THE OWNERS OF TWO GARDENS WHERE ONE IS AFFLICTED BECAUSE HE IS ARROGANT AND DOES NOT EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR BLESSINGS.

THE CHAPTER THEN MENTIONS THE DISOBEDIENCE OF SHAYTAAN WHEN IT CAME TO OBEDIENCE TO DIVINITY.

THE QUR'AN AS THAT WHICH CONTAINS EVERY KIND OF PARABLE FOR HUMAN BEINGS FOLLOWS AFTER WHICH IS MENTIONED THE NARRATION OF PROPHET MUSA AND HIS ENCOUNTER WITH PROPHET KHIDR WHO IS KEPT ALIVE BY ALLAH BEYOND THE RANGE OF NORMAL HUMAN LIFE.

THE CHAPTER THEN NARRATES THE STORY OF DHULQARNAYN WHO JOURNEYS FROM EAST TO WEST TO ESTABLISH RELIGIOUS SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE LAND. IT CLOSES WITH THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT, JANNA AND JAHANNAM AND FINALLY THE INEXHAUSTIBILITY OF DIVINE WORDS FOLLOWED BY A REMINDER THAT THE PROPHET IS A HUMAN BEING TO WHOM DIVINE REVELATION WAS SENT.