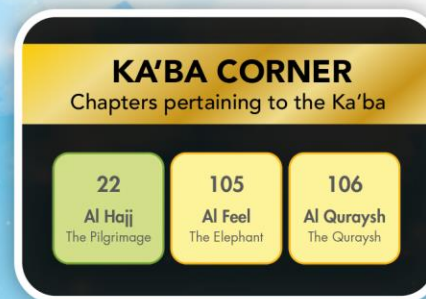


SURA AL FEEL

5 AYAAT - MAKKI



FOCUS



- DIVINE PROTECTION OF THE KA'BA
- PORTRAIT OF ONE WHOSE GOD IS WEALTH AND POWER AND THUS DOESN'T SEE THE SACREDNESS OF DIVINE SYMBOLS



DID YOU KNOW?



MAKKA WAS AN ECONOMIC HUB UNIFYING THE ARABS. ABRAHA WAS BENT ON DESTROYING THE KA'BA TO ERADICATE ITS STATUS AND COLONISE THE REGION.

THIS EVENT GAVE MAKKA ITS INDEPENDENCE AND STATUS AND THE YEAR WAS CALLED 'THE YEAR OF THE ELEPHANT'. THE PROPHET WAS BORN IN THIS YEAR.



BENEFITS OF RECITATION



- Safety from enemies
- Problem solver



BACKGROUND

- SABAA' (YEMEN) controlled trade between the Arab world and Syria, Iraq & Al Jazeera.
- A flood destroyed everything in 450 CE (Sura Sabaa -34) Yemenis migrated
- Tribes of Aws & Khazraj settled in Yathrib (Madina) – Others in Makka
- Hashim and his brothers took advantage of vacuum in Yemen making Makka a trade hub – made trade agreements with nearby nations (thus called Ashaabul Ilaaf – the companions of the United Agreement)



BACKGROUND

- With the help of the Ethiopians - Abraha –an army general took over much later and promised to make Yemen great again
- He built a large church in Sanaa' known as Al Qullays hoping to attract people towards it and away from the Ka'ba.
- When the Arabs found out they were angry and a few of them disrespected the building
- An angered Abraha decided to destroy the Ka'ba with 12000 soldiers and an elephant reaching its outskirts in the month of Muharram
- The whole of the city of Makka was evacuated



SECTION 1 AYAAT 1 - 5



DIVINE PROTECTION OF THE KA'BA FROM DESTRUCTION BY ABRAHA AND HIS ARMY

A confrontation between strength and power of great magnitude and its direct opposite.

The destruction of the army sent to destroy the Ka'ba by flocks of tiny creatures with stones of baked clay annihilating them as dried stubble.

Divinity gives protection from any plot to destroy the axis of faith and reinforces the status of Makka for the year of the elephant heralded the birth of the Prophet.



SECTION 1

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate.



SECTION 1 AYA 1

أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ فَعَلَ رَبُّكَ بِأَصْحَابِ الْفِيلِ

Have you not considered how your Lord dealt with the troops of the elephant?



SECTION 1 AYA 2

أَلَمْ يَجْعَلْ كَيْدَهُمْ فِي تَضْلِيلٍ

Did He not cause their strategy to end in confusion?



SECTION 1 AYA 3

وَأَرْسَلْ عَلَيْهِمْ طَيْرًا أَبَابِيلَ

And send down flocks of flying creatures onto them



SECTION 1 AYA 4

تَرْمِيهِمْ بِحِجَارَةٍ مِّنْ سِجِّيلٍ

Raining on them stones of baked clay



SECTION 1 AYA 5

فَجَعَلَهُمْ كَعَصْفٍ مَّأْكُولٍ

Making them like consumed stubbles of grain



NARRATIVE



The chapter takes its title from the discussion of the companions of the elephant whose destruction it relates.

The general who ruled Yemen named Abraha, had built an opulent church in Sana'a in order to divert pilgrims from the Ka'ba in Makka. A narration states that a few members of the Quraysh had gone to Yemen and defiled the church.



NARRATIVE



When the the visitations to the Ka'ba were not abandoned, he sent an army with an elephant to destroy the Ka'ba. Divinity protected the Ka'ba by sending a swarm of birds that pelted the army destroying them.

This chapter and the next (Al Quraysh 106) are a pair which together are a warning to the Quraysh that they were protected not because of their status but because Allah wished to protect the Ka'ba and to make way for the coming of His final messenger.



SELECTED AYAAT



- 105:1** Have you not considered how your Lord dealt with the troops of the elephant?
- 105:2** Did He not cause their strategy to end in confusion?
- 105:3** And send down flocks of flying creatures onto them.
- 105:4** Raining on them stones of baked clay.
- 105:5** Making them like consumed stubbles of grain.

