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# AL-LAHAB - THE FLAME

EXAMPLE OF ONE WHO DEEMED HIMSELF INDEPENDENT AS A RESULT OF HIS WEALTH AND POWER

CONSEQUENCES OF ARROGANCE

Abu Lahab and his wife Umm Jameela were the politically powerful couple of Makka.

They were the strongest enemies of the Prophet and persecutors of Muslims. Both tormented the Prophet inciting hatred towards him.

Those who start a fire of harassing others will find themselves in a blazing one.

Ayaat 1-5



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5 Ayaat (Makki)

### FOCUS

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### DID YOU KNOW?

THE SURAH IS ALSO CALLED AL MASAD (A ROPE OF PALM FIBRE). IT REFERS TO THE WIFE OF ABU LAHAB (UMM JAMEELA) WHO USED TO WEAR A PRECIOUS RED NECKLACE. SHE WOULD SAY SHE WOULD GLADLY GIVE IT TO DESTROY THE PROPHET.

### SELECTED AYAAT

- 111:1 The power in the hands of Abu Lahab will perish as will he
- 111:2 His wealth nor what he has earned will avail him
- 111:3 Soon he will enter a blazing fire
- 111:4 And his wife, the wood carrier
- 111:5 Around her neck is a rope of palm fibre

### NARRATIVE

ABU LAHAB, THE FATHER OF FLAMES, AND HIS WIFE ARE USED AS AN EXAMPLE OF PEOPLE WHO BELIEVED THAT THEY WERE INDEPENDENT OF GOD, HE HAD WEALTH, POWER, ARROGANCE AND A TONGUE AS HOT AND SHARP AS FLAMES.

THEY USED THIS TO TORMENT THE PROPHET AND DESTROYED THEMSELVES IN THE PROCESS, TEACHING THAT BY STARTING A FIRE HARASSING OTHERS, ONE CAN FIND ONESELF IN ONE'S OWN FIRE AND NEITHER WEALTH NOR POWER WILL ASSIST.