

## Para 14.75 to 16

Finish Surah al-Nahl. Finish Surah Bani Israil/al-Isra (verse of *sajdah*). Begin Surah al-Kahf.

### Everything explained in the Quran

وَنَزَّلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ تَبْيِينًا لِّكُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةً وَبُشْرَىٰ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٨٩﴾

*And We have revealed such a book to you which has the clear explanation of everything in it, and for the Muslims it is guidance and mercy, and glad tidings. [Qur'an 16:89]*

### Surah Bani Israil/al-Isra (Chapter 17: The Children of Israil/The Night Journey) Makkan. 111 Verses.

#### The Children of Israil

وَعَاثَيْنَا مُوسَىٰ الْكِتَابَ وَجَعَلْنَاهُ هُدًى لِّبَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ إِلَّا تَتَّخِذُوا مِن دُونِي وَكِيَلًا ﴿٢١﴾

*“And We gave Musa the book, and made that book a source of guidance for the Children of Israil (and ordered them): “Do not take anyone besides Me as a guardian (for yourselves).” [Qur'an 17:2]*

The title of Prophet Ya'qub (Jacob) was Israil meaning the 'servant of Allah'. Hence, the Children of Prophet Ya'qub are the Children of Israil who were saved from the Pharaoh. They were granted manna and quails (*mann wa salwa*); thousands of Prophets came from them; took a firm pledge they would worship only Allah and believe in the final Prophet ﷺ. A reflection of the past is being presented for the Jews, who were later to be found in Madinah, so they can learn a lesson from the past and accept the way of Islam. There is also a warning for the people of Makkah to learn a lesson from the Israelites and believe in the Prophet ﷺ.

#### Surah al-Isra

Referring to the miraculous journey which the Prophet ﷺ was taken on, which took place one year before the migration with both body and soul. This Chapter was revealed after the ascension and mentions it in the very first verse.

*“Glory be to Him who took His (special) servant on a journey in a short span of time by night from the Sacred Mosque to the Furthest Mosque, whose surroundings We have blessed, so that We may show him (the special servant) Our signs.” [Qur'an 17:1]*

#### Respect of parents

*...and be good to the parents. If one of them or both of them reach old age with you, then do not even say uff [fie] to them, and do not tell them off, but speak to them with great respect. And lower the wing of humility in front of them out of mercy, and ask (Allah): “O my Lord! Have mercy on them in the same way that they nurtured me (with great love and mercy) when I was young.” [Qur'an 17:23-24]*

### **Do not go near fornication**

*And do not go near adultery, indeed that is indecency. And that is a very evil way. [Qur'an 17:32]*

In other words, guard yourselves from the influences and factors that become a cause leading to fornication and adultery.

### **Crying out of the fear of Allah**

The people of knowledge listen to verses of the Quran, fall into *sajdah* and cry out of the fear of their Lord. (Verse 107-109) The Prophet ﷺ said: "There are two eyes that will not be touched by the fire of Hell. An eye that cried out of the fear of Allah and an eye that spent the night guarding the cause of Allah." [Sunan al-Tirmidhi]

### **Surah al-Kahf (Chapter 18: The Cave). Makkan. 110 Verses.**

Four stories mentioned in detail.

#### **One: The people of the Cave**

أَمْ حَسِبْتَ أَنَّ أَصْحَابَ الْكَهْفِ وَالرَّقِيمِ كَانُوا مِنْ آيَاتِنَا عَجَبًا ﴿١﴾

*Do you think the people of the Cave and al-raqim are from Our wondrous signs? [Qur'an 18:9]*

Some young people to protect their faith migrated and left their city and sought refuge in a cave. Allah put them to sleep for 309 years, and then woke them up.

Lesson: If Allah can resurrect the people of the Cave after such a long period, He can also resurrect the human beings on the Day of Judgement. Also, those who migrated to Abyssinia are being consoled and those who were about to migrate to Madinah that the people of faith used to migrate to protect their faith.

#### **Two: The man with the two gardens**

Refers to a rich person who had two gardens which would produce abundant grapes, they were protected from all sides, he had a fresh water supply too. However, he became arrogant when speaking to a poor believer and his entire garden was destroyed.

#### **Three: Prophet Musa and Prophet Khidr**

Prophet Khidr did some things which seemed against wisdom and justice and was questioned. However, when he revealed the reasons behind them, it was absolute justice and full of wisdom.

Lesson: Today we may not see the wisdoms behind the planning of Allah. However, whatever Allah does is never free from wisdom, when the reality behind these occurrences is revealed on the Day of Judgement then everybody will realise it was according to true justice and wisdom.

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