

### Para 23 to 24

Finish Surah Yasin, Surah al-Saaffaat & Surah Saad (verse of *sajdah*). Begin Surah al-Zumar.

#### Surah Yasin (Chapter 36: Yasin). Makkan. 83 Verses.

وَجَعَلْنَا مِنْ بَيْنِ أَيْدِيهِمْ سَدًّا وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ سَدًّا فَأَغْشَيْنَاهُمْ فَهُمْ لَا يُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٣١﴾

*And We have set a barrier in front of them and a barrier behind them, and We have placed a veil over their eyes, so they cannot see anything. [Qur'an 36:9]*

On the night of the migration (*hijrah*), the Prophet ﷺ left his home, recited the opening nine verses of Surah Yasin and blew dust towards the seven men who wanted to assassinate him.

#### Pollination

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْأَزْوَاجَ كُلَّهَا مِمَّا تُثْبِتُ الْأَرْضُ وَمِنْ أَنْفُسِهِمْ وَمِمَّا لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾

*Glory to Him who created everything in pairs (male and female) from what the earth produces, and from their own selves, and from other things too which they do not yet know. [Qur'an 36:36]*

[Further detail in Sublime Word Vol 2, *Qur'an* 13:3]

#### Lips sealed

الْيَوْمَ نَخْتِمُ عَلَىٰ أَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَتُكَلِّمُنَا أَيْدِيهِمْ وَتَشْهَدُ أَرْجُلُهُمْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾

*Today, We will seal their mouths, and their hands will speak to Us and their feet will testify to what they used to do. [Qur'an 36:65]*

On the Day of Judgement, the polytheists will see their outcome and try to lie and say they were not polytheists, but their lips will be sealed and their limbs will testify against them.

#### Surah al-Saaffaat (Chapter 37: The Angels Stood in Rows). Makkan. 182 Verses.

#### Worship of the angels (Verses 1-5)

وَالصَّفِّتِ صَفًّا ﴿١﴾ فَالزَّجْرَاتِ زَجْرًا ﴿٢﴾ فَالْتَلِيَّتِ ذِكْرًا ﴿٣﴾ إِنَّ إِلَهَكُمْ لَوَاحِدٌ ﴿٤﴾ رَبُّ  
السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا وَرَبُّ الْمَشْرِقِ ﴿٥﴾

Allah takes an oath by the angels who form the rows in prayer (*salah*), by the angels who rebuke and then dismiss the Satans and by the angels that recite the Quran. Then Allah says: "There is only one worthy of worship for you. He is the Lord of everything in the heavens and the earth." Some unbelievers used to worship the angels. These verses clarify that they themselves worship Allah and act upon his command, so how can they be worthy of worship?

### Sacrifice of Prophet Isma'il

فَلَمَّا بَلَغَ مَعَهُ السَّعْيَ قَالَ يَبْنَئِي إِيَّيَّيْ أَرَى فِي الْمَنَامِ أَنِّي أَذْبَحُكَ فَانظُرْ مَاذَا تَرَى قَالَ  
يَأْتِي أَفْعَلُ مَا تُؤْمَرُ سَتَجِدُنِي إِن شَاءَ اللَّهُ مِنَ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٣٦﴾

*Then when (Isma'il) reached the age of working with him, Ibrahim said: "O my son! Indeed, I have seen in a dream that I am sacrificing you. Now ponder, what is your opinion?" Isma'il said: "O my father! Do what you are commanded. If Allah wills you will find me from the patient ones." [Qur'an 37:102]*

The sacrifice of Prophet Isma'il is mentioned in detail. The Muslims of Makkah are consoled that struggling for the pleasure of Allah is so important that it is worth everything, even if it means separating from your own son and family members for Him.

### Surah Saad (Chapter 38: Saad). Makkan. 88 Verses.

ص وَالْقُرْآنِ ذِي الذِّكْرِ ﴿١﴾

*Saad. By the advising Quran. [Qur'an 38:1]*

The Quran is guidance for all humans but the unbelievers of Makkah simply out of arrogance opposed the Quran. However, this is not new for the previous people opposed the heavenly books which led to their destruction and punishment. We are to act upon the teachings of the Quran and keep it as our Imam and guide at all times, and not to throw it behind our backs.

### The cursed Shaytan (From verse 73)

*Thus, all the angels prostrated together. Except Iblis, who was arrogant and from the unbelievers. [Qur'an 38:73]* The story of Shaytan is mentioned in detail about how he became cursed and that whoever follows Shaytan will be following him into the fire of Hell.

### Surah al-Zumar (Chapter 39: The Groups). Makkan. 75 Verses.

وَسِيقَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِلَىٰ جَهَنَّمَ زُمَرًا ﴿٧١﴾

*And the unbelievers will be driven towards Hell in groups. [Qur'an 39:71]*

Zumar refers to many groups. This word is only used in two places in the Quran. In Verse 71 & 73 of this Surah.

### Revelation of this Chapter

Revealed around the time of migration of some Muslims to Abyssinia as for some their own family members would torture them. The first group had 16 members, including Sayyidah Ruqayyah who was only 17/18, who left behind her family and went to a completely new and foreign land, not even knowing whether she would return, all for the sake of protecting her Islam with her husband, Sayyiduna 'Uthman.