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Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

Sura Al-Masad

Sura Lahab

It is revealed in the Holy Quran: Sura Al-Masad 111:1 To 5



Perish the hands of the Father of Flame! Perish he! (Sura Lahab 111:1)



No profit to him from all his wealth, and all his gains! (Sura Lahab 111:2)



Burnt soon will he be in a Fire of Blazing Flame! (Sura Lahab 111:3)



His wife shall carry the (crackling) wood - As fuel! - (Sura Lahab 111:4)



A twisted rope of palm-leaf fibre round her (own) neck! (Sura Lahab 111:5)

The reason for the revelation of this surah and the arrogance of Abu Lahab toward the messenger of Allah.

Al-Bukhari recorded from ibn Abbas that the prophet went out to the valley of Al-Batha and he ascended the mountain. Then he cried out.

يَا صَبَا حَاه

(O people, come at once) So the Quraysh gathered around him. Then he said,

أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ حَدَّثْتُكُمْ أَنَّ الْعَدُوَّ وَمُصَبِّحَكُمْ أَوْ مُمْسِيَكُمْ أَكُنْتُمْ تُصَدِّقُونِي

(If I told you all that the enemy was going to attack you in the morning or in the evening, would you all believe me) The replied "yes" then he said,

فَأِنِّي نَذِيرٌ لَّكُمْ بَيْنَ يَدَيْ عَذَابٍ شَدِيدٍ

(Verily, I am a warner (sent) to you all before the coming of a severe torment) Then Abu Lahab said, "Have you gathered us for this. May you perish" Thus Allah revealed.

تَبَّتْ يَدَا أَبِي لَهَبٍ وَتَبَّ

To the end of surah.

In another narration, it states that he stood up dusting of his hands and said, "perish you for the rest of the day. Have you gathered us for this" The Allah revealed.

The man Abu Lahab was one of uncles of the messenger of Allah. His name was Abdul Uzza bin Abdul Muttalib. His surname was Abu Utaybah and he was only called Abu Lahab because of his brightness of face.

It has been mentioned from Ibn Masud that when the messenger of Allah called his people to faith, Abu Lahab said "Even if what my nephew says is true, I will ransom myself (save myself) from the painful torment on the Day of Judgment with my wealth and my children (Kasab)

Thus, Allah revealed, His wealth and his children will not benefit him.

His wife was among the leading women of the Quraysh and she was known as Umm Jamil. Her name was Arwah bint Harb bin Umayyah and she was the sister of Abu Sufian. She was supportive of her husband in his disbelief, rejection and obstinacy. Therefore, she will be helping to administer his punishment in the fire of Hell on the Day of Judgement.

Meaning she will carry the firewood and throw it upon her husband to increase that which he is in (of torment), and she will be ready and prepared to do so.

She used to place thorns in the path of the messenger of Allah.

Asma bint Abu Bakr said when the surah revealed she came out wailing, and she had a stone in her hand. She was saying, "He criticizes our father and his religion is our scorn, and his command is to disobey us. The Messenger of Allah was sitting in the masjid (of the Ka'bah) and Abu Bakr was with him. When Abu Bakr said, "O Messenger of Allah! She is coming and I fear that she will see you. The Messenger of Allah replied **إِنَّهَا لَنْ تَرَ أُنِي**

The he recited 17:45



When you do recite the Quran, we put, between you and those who believe not in the Hereafter, a veil invisible. (Sura Al-Isra 17:45)

She then said, O Abu Bakr verily I have been informed that your friend is making defamatory poetry about me. Abu Bakr replied Nay by the Lord of this house, he is not defaming you. So, she turned away saying, indeed the Quraish know that I am the daughter of their leader.

Ameen

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