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"The Opening"

Meccan

(The 1st Surah,

7 Verses)

### **Seven Perfect Verses**

ne day, Prophet Muhammad stood in Mecca while saying, "Allah is The Most Compassionate, Most Merciful." Then he continued, "All praise is for Allah, The Lord of The Universe."

These two sentences surprised a group of Quraysh. They were shaky. Then, they cursed while pointing at Prophet Muhammad's mouth, "Allah shall tear your mouth."

As the opponents of the Prophet, no wonder they hated the two opening verses of surah Alfatihah. Allah descended a special surah like Alfatihah to none other but the people of Prophet Muhammad.

Al-fatihah is also called Ummul Kitab because all the contents of the Quran are summarized in the 7 special verses. Al-fatihah is also the opening. It is on the first order, before the following surahs.

When we pray, Al-fatihah is always recited repeatedly in every rakat. The 7 verses are repeatedly mentioned. Therefore, it is also referred as the greatest and the most important surah in the Quran.

Al-Fatihah can also be a remedy for the heart. If you are nervous, just read Al-Fatihah. Inshallah, your heart will become calmer.

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"The Cow"
Medinan
(The 2<sup>nd</sup> Surah,
286 Verses)

### The Cow and the Rebellious Jews

The sun was blazing hot. A group of people were arguing over who murdered one of them.

"Why do you murder and accuse each other? Isn't there a prophet of Allah among you?" a wise man among them tried to mediate.

Then, they flocked to meet Prophet Musa a.s. By the command of Allah, Prophet Musa a.s. exclaimed to his people, "Sacrifice a female cow!"

The Bani Israil was the people of Prophet Musa a.s. They were known for being talkative and rebellious. They did not directly carry out orders.

"O Musa, ask your Lord, what kind of female cow should we sacrifice?"

"Allah commands a female cow, neither old nor young. Immediately do what is commanded to you," answered Prophet Musa a.s.

They kept asking, "What color is that cow?

How does it look like?"

"Look for a dark yellow female cow. It's pleasant to people who look at it. Its skin glows. It has never been used to plow soil. It is a healthy cow. No defects and no stripes," Prophet Musa a.s. answered patiently.

Actually, when they asked questions, they were only looking for excuses to defy. They bid clear orders. If only they didn't ask, it's enough only to sacrifice a female cow without more difficult requirements.









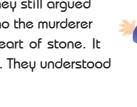




Finally, the people of Prophet Musa a.s. got the female cow. Because it was the only one, they bought it with a very expensive price.

They sacrificed the cow. Under Allah's order, they hit a part of the female cow's body with the corpse of a killed person. Praise to Allah The Almighty, the corpse revived and then showed who had killed him. Also by the power of God, the corpse lolled back to death.

Allah had shown His power. However, they still argued with each other. No one wanted to admit who the murderer was. The people of Prophet Musa had a heart of stone. It was difficult for them to get Allah's guidance. They understood but they denied.





"The Family of Imran"

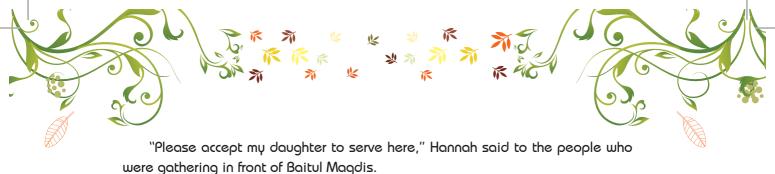
### The Chosen Family

mran and his wife, Hannah, were getting older. However, both had not been given the grace to have a son. One day, Hannah saw a mother bird feeding her children. Hannah prayed to Allah "O Allah, please give me one child. You are indeed The Most Beneficent and The Most Powerful."

Allah granted her prayer. Hannah was pregnant. When the womb grew, she vowed. "O Allah, hopefully the baby in my womb will become a pious child who will solemnly take care of Your house. Please accept my vow."

A little baby girl with a beautiful face was born. Maryam, a beautiful name was given to her.





Everyone looked at each other. They all wanted to be the caregiver of Maryam. "Let me be her caregiver!" an old man shouted.

Everyone stared at Zakaria. They were not satisfied. Then, they agreed to hold lottery. Whoever's pen could withstand the current of Jordan River, he would have the right to take care of Maryam. There was only one pen which survived. The pen belonged to Zakaria. He was Maryam's uncle.

Maryam grew up to be a smart and pious woman. When Zakaria came to see her, he always found food beside his mihrab.

"O my daughter, where did you get this food?"

"Actually this food is from Allah. He gives sustenance without calculation," answered Maryam.

In fact, even in winter, Allah provided fruits which should have grown in summer, and vice versa. Allah is The Most Powerful and The Giver, even for impossible things.

Maryam was a special woman. Because Allah is The All-Aware and The Best Owner of The Plan, later, under Allah's permission, Maryam would give birth to a baby. The baby was Prophet Isa a.s.







# 🦄 SURAH AN-NISA 💖

"The Women"

Medinan

(The 4<sup>th</sup> Surah,

176 Verses)

# The Story of Prophet Musa and His Defiant People

ne day, Prophet Musa a.s. left his people to pray solemnly to Allah. What happened to his people? They began to defy. They worshiped a calf statue made of gold.

Allah ordered Prophet Musa to bring a group of his people to ask for forgiveness for their sin of associating partners with Allah. Seventy people were chosen to go to Thur Sina Hill. Before leaving, they were ordered to fast to cleanse themselves. They also wore clean and holy clothing.

At the appointed time, the entourage of Prophet Musa left. Upon arrival at Thur Sina Hill, a dark cloud appeared. Prophet Musa and his people came into the cloud, then they prostrated.

At that moment, the conversation between Prophet Musa and Allah was heard. In the hearts of Prophet Musa's followers, the desire to see the substance of Allah with their own eyes arose. "O Musa, we will not believe in you until we see Allah's substance."

They had been arrogant and disobedient. In response, Allah immediately sent a thunderbolt that snatched and took lives. They were ejected. It took their lives in silence. Prophet











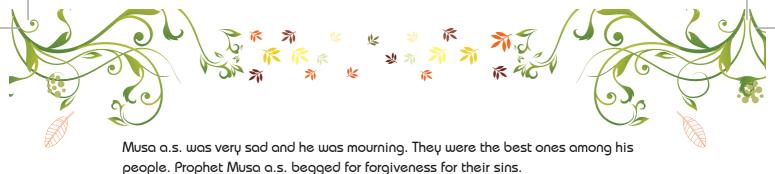












Allah granted Prophet Musa's prayer. The 70 people were revived as if they just awoke from a deep sleep. Prophet Musa a.s. asked his people to promise to uphold the Tawrah as a way of life. But, they defied again.

So, Allah raised Thur Sina Hill above their heads, forcing them to promise. Asking them to carry out His commands and avoid His prohibitions. They agreed. They prostrated while holding back the fear that the hill would fall upon them.



## 🦄 SURAH AL-MAIDAH 🎉

"The Food"
Medinan
(The 5th Surah,
120 Verses)

asulullah was on his camel. Immediately, the neck of Prophet's camel bowed. Its thighs shook; it was too hard for the camel to stand. Apparently, this Adba camel could not bear the weight of the descending contents of the revelation.

The last surah which descended completed all the rules. It perfected Islam as a religion for all. "This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favor upon you and have approved for you Islam as religion." (Q.S. Al-Maidah (5): 3)

### The Food from the Sky

The Hawariyyin was the name of Prophet Isa's followers. One day, Prophet Isa a.s. asked, "O my people, are you able to fast for 30 days because of Allah?"

They just looked at each other, and then nodded at the same time.

Thirty days had passed. They flocked to meet Prophet Isa to ask for something. "O Messenger of Allah, we have carried out your orders. Now we would like to ask





"Accept gratefully what Allah has given to you." Prophet Isa a.s. was afraid that his people would suffer the same fate as Thamudian. They perished because they kept forcing to be shown miracles from Allah.

Then, he moved from his seat. With teary eyes, Prophet Isa a.s. prayed, "O Allah, please descend food from the sky to us."

Allah answered his prayer under one condition. The Hawariyyin should not betray Allah by taking the food and kept it for them. Prophet Isa a.s. feared that his people would break their promise.

Gradually, a large tray floated. A sweet aroma wafted from the tray. An aroma which had never been smelled by anyone. The tray containing the food dived slowly. "Brak! Buum!!"

They were all fascinated and amazed. Simultaneously they prostrated as a sign of gratitude for the unexpected blessings of Allah.

They sat in a circle. In the name of Allah, Prophet Isa opened the tray cloth. On a tray laid delicious appetizing food. The food they had never seen. Nor had they ever imagined the taste.

"O Isa, is this worldly or heavenly food?" asked Shamun, the leader of the Hawariyyin.

"Don't ask too many questions! You shall be grateful." Prophet Isa a.s. was afraid that the punishment of Allah would come to his ungrateful people.

"You can eat as much as you want. But, remember, do not ever betray Allah by stealing the food. Verily the punishment of Allah is very painful," said Prophet Isa a.s. to his people.





Allah multiplied blessings on that food. They are the food one after another. But, the food on the tray never ran out. Satan could not accept that, immediately whispering temptation. Some of them were provoked. They stole and hid the food. Although they were caught red-handed, they did not necessarily want to repent. Instead, they asked Prophet Isa a.s. to show another miracle.



