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OFTEN REPEATED RARELY UNDERSTOOD

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Al-Fil
THE ELEPHANT

Explanation

AYAHA 1

أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ فَعَلَ رَبُّكَ بِأَصْحَابِ الْفِيلِ

with the people of
the elephant

Who were the people of the elephant? Why is the elephant being highlighted? Why were they in Mecca?

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Your Master dealt

The word ترى commonly translated as "see". In this context its used as "know" or "see the results of... "

how

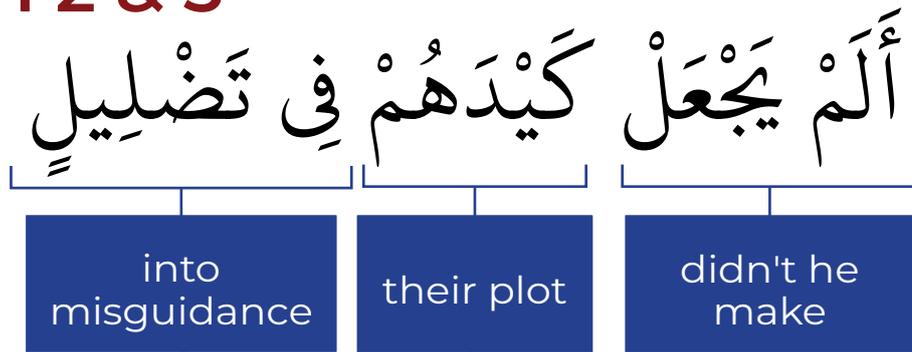
Have you
not seen

A rhetorical question is used not to ask for an answer, but to emphasize a point

This incident is a direct answer to the dua Abraham عليه السلام in which he prayed for safety and security for the blessed land of Mecca.

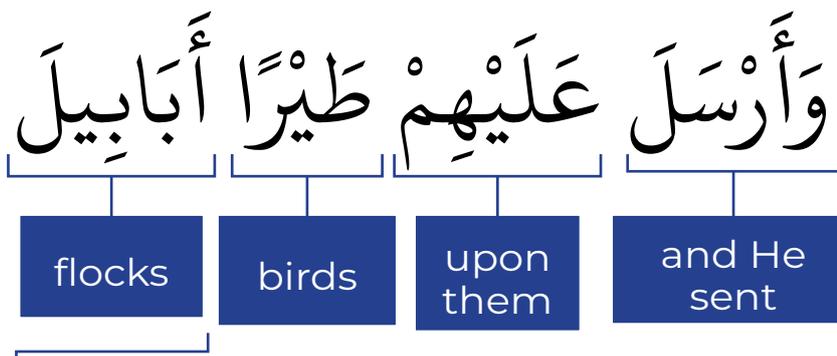
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AYAHA 2 & 3



The word ضالين can also be used to convey misguidance. The use of تضليل here is an emphasis their complete and utter state of misguidance

The word كيد is to highlight that their plan was carefully thought-out and orchestrated.



Continous succession of flocks.

Allah SWT is reminding the people of Mecca and the generations of Muslims to come that despite what seems like inevitable doom, Allah will aid from places least expected. The usage of birds as a means of destruction serves as a reminder that even the most insignificant things can bring about significant change and blessing.



Explanation

AYAHA 4 & 5

تَرْمِيهِمْ بِحِجَارَةٍ مِّن سِجِّيلٍ

(made) from
clay

rocks

they threw

The word سِجِّيل is found
in other places in the
Quran.

Birds that carried rocks
in their beaks and
claws.

The transgressing people
of Lut AS were also
destroyed with حِجَارَةٍ مِّن سِجِّيلٍ

فَجَعَلَهُمْ كَعَصْفٍ مَّأْكُولٍ

eaten

like straw

so He made
them

straw that has been
reduced down to dust

Full Lecture

An in-depth look at Surah Al-Fil

Surah Al-Fil was revealed pertaining to a very specific and historical event that took place in the year The Prophet ﷺ was born. Mufti Abdul-Wahab details the lessons that we can derive and learn from Surah Al-Fil and implement in our lives and in our daily recitals. Click to listen to the entire lecture.





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