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قَالَ كَلَّآ ۖ إِنَّ مَعِيَ رَبِّي سَيَهْدِينِ

"[Moses] said, "No! Indeed, with me is my Lord; He will guide me."."

SURAH ASH-SHU'ARA' 26:62

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All praise is due to Allah, who parted the sea for His believing servants, who drowned the arrogance of Pharaoh, and who accepts repentance before it is too late. Blessings and peace be upon the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, who fasted on the day of 'Ashura' in gratitude for the deliverance of Musa, and upon his family and his Companions.

This eBook is specially dedicated to my beloved wife,

ZAHARAH MOHD LATIF;

my dear children,

MUHAMMAD HAFIZ, NOOR HAZWANI, ABDUL HAKIM, NOOR HIDAYAH, NOR AQILA and **NOR ATIQAH**;

and my sons- and daughters-in-law,

FAZILAH, MALEK, HANIN, FAIRIZAL and **FIRWAN**.

To everyone who stands before a "sea" in their life, with an enemy behind and no way ahead: may Allah grant us the certainty of Musa — "Indeed, with me is my Lord; He will guide me." May this knowledge be 'ilmun yuntafa'u bih, knowledge that brings benefit.

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The cover of this eBook does not depict any human being. It shows **scenery**: **a sea parted in two**. Through its middle runs **a dry path**, flanked by **two tall walls of water like mountains**, and the light of the rising sun shines upon the path from its far end.

The parted sea and the walls of water are taken from the words of Allah: ***"and it parted, and each portion was like a great towering mountain"*** (26:63). **The dry path** is from Allah's command to Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ: ***"strike for them a dry path through the sea"*** (20:77).

The light of the rising sun reminds us that Pharaoh ***"pursued them at sunrise"*** (26:60) — and it was on that morning that Allah saved His servants. **The dark blue band** at the bottom, framed by **fine gold lines**, is where the author's name appears.

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WITH ME IS MY LORD

In Part 2 (Series 15), Pharaoh's magicians fell down in prostration and believed before all the people of Egypt. Yet Pharaoh did not change. This Part 3 tells what happened next: oppression that grew worse, signs that came one after another, a journey by night, and the most critical moment in the story of Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ — at the edge of the sea, with Pharaoh's army behind.

At that moment, the people of Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ said: "Indeed, we are to be overtaken!" And Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ answered with the words that are the title of this eBook: ***"No! Indeed, with me is my Lord; He will guide me."***

SURAH AL-ISRA' 17:101

وَلَقَدْ ءَاتَيْنَا مُوسَىٰ تِسْعَ ءَايَٰتٍۭ بَيِّنَٰتٍ ۖ فَسْـَٔلْ بَنِىٓ إِسْرَٰٓءِيلَ إِذْ جَآءَهُمْ فَقَالَ لَهُۥ فِرْعَوْنُ إِنِّى لَأَظُنُّكَ يَٰمُوسَىٰ مَسْحُورًا ﴿١٠١﴾

And We had certainly given Moses nine evident signs, so ask the Children of Israel [about] when he came to them and Pharaoh said to him, "Indeed I think, O Moses, that you are affected by magic."

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/17:101

Allah gave Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ ***"nine evident signs"***. The commentators mention that these nine signs include the staff, the shining hand, the years of famine, the deficiency in fruits, the flood, locusts, lice, frogs and blood. Some scholars list them with slight differences. Tafsir Ibn Kathir 17:101

Note: The translation of the Qur'anic verses in this eBook is Sahih International, which renders the names Musa and Harun as Moses and Aaron, and Fir'aun as Pharaoh. The grade of every Hadith is stated in the Hadith box, with a link to sunnah.com.

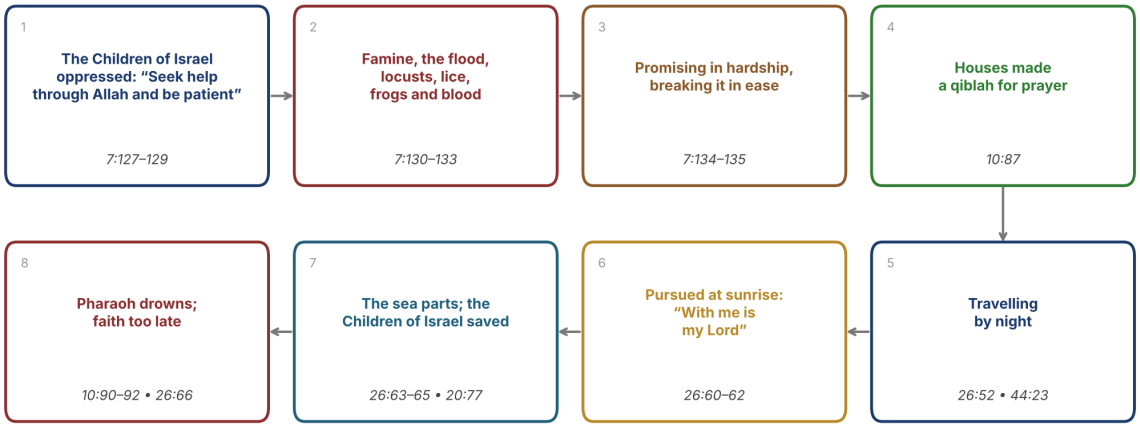


Figure 1: The flow of the story of Prophet Musa (Part 3) — from oppression until Pharaoh drowned.

Figure 1 shows the eight main events of this part. The story is gathered from Surah Al-A'raf, Yunus, Ash-Shu'ara', Taha, Ghafir and Ad-Dukhan.

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SEEK HELP THROUGH ALLAH AND BE PATIENT

SURAH AL-A'RAF 7:127–129

وَقَالَ ٱلۡمَلَأُ مِن قَوۡمِ فِرۡعَوۡنَ أَتَذَرُ مُوسَىٰ وَقَوۡمَهُۥ لِيُفۡسِدُواْ فِي ٱلۡأَرۡضِ وَيَذَرَكَ وَءَالِهَتَكَۚ قَالَ سَنُقَتِّلُ أَبۡنَآءَهُمۡ وَنَسۡتَحۡيِۦ نِسَآءَهُمۡ وَإِنَّا فَوۡقَهُمۡ قَٰهِرُونَ ١٢٧

And the eminent among the people of Pharaoh said," Will you leave Moses and his people to cause corruption in the land and abandon you and your gods?" [Pharaoh] said, "We will kill their sons and keep their women alive; and indeed, we are subjugators over them."

قَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِقَوۡمِهِ ٱسۡتَعِينُواْ بِٱللَّهِ وَٱصۡبِرُوٓاْۖ إِنَّ ٱلۡأَرۡضَ لِلَّهِ يُورِثُهَا مَن يَشَآءُ مِنۡ عِبَادِهِۦۖ وَٱلۡعَٰقِبَةُ لِلۡمُتَّقِينَ ١٢٨

Said Moses to his people, "Seek help through Allah and be patient. Indeed, the earth belongs to Allah. He causes to inherit it whom He wills of His servants. And the [best] outcome is for the righteous."

قَالُوٓاْ أُوذِينَا مِن قَبۡلِ أَن تَأۡتِيَنَا وَمِنۢ بَعۡدِ مَا جِئۡتَنَاۚ قَالَ عَسَىٰ رَبُّكُمۡ أَن يُهۡلِكَ عَدُوَّكُمۡ وَيَسۡتَخۡلِفَكُمۡ فِي ٱلۡأَرۡضِ فَيَنظُرَ كَيۡفَ تَعۡمَلُونَ ١٢٩

They said, "We have been harmed before you came to us and after you have come to us." He said, "Perhaps your Lord will destroy your enemy and grant you succession in the land and see how you will do."

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/7:127-129

COMMENTARY ON VERSES 7:127–129 — OPPRESSION RENEWED

First: The incitement of the chiefs. After the magicians believed, Pharaoh's chiefs incited him: ***"Will you leave Moses and his people to cause corruption in the land"***? See how tyrants call the call to truth "corruption".

Second: The old tyranny repeated. Pharaoh replied: ***"We will kill their sons and keep their women alive"***. The same policy that was in force when Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ was born (28:4; Series 14) was now repeated.

Third: Musa's remedy for his people. ***"Seek help through Allah and be patient. Indeed, the earth belongs to Allah. He causes to inherit it whom He wills of His servants. And the [best] outcome is for the righteous"***. Two things — ***isti'ānah*** (seeking Allah's help) and ***ṣabr*** (patience) — and one conviction: the earth belongs to Allah.

Fourth: A human complaint. His people complained: ***"We have been harmed before you came to us and after you have come to us"***. Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ did not rebuke them, but gave them hope and a warning: ***"Perhaps your Lord will destroy your enemy and grant you succession in the land and see how you will do"***. Victory is not the end of the test; it is a new test.

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THE BELIEVING MAN FROM PHARAOH'S FAMILY

In the heart of Pharaoh's palace was a man who concealed his faith. Surah Ghafir — also called Surah Al-Mu'min ("The Believer") after this man — records his long and courageous speech.

SURAH GHAFIR 40:28

وَقَالَ رَجُلٌ مُّؤْمِنٌ مِّنْ ءَالِ فِرْعَوْنَ يَكْتُمُ إِيمَٰنَهُۥٓ أَتَقْتُلُونَ رَجُلًا أَن يَقُولَ
رَبِّيَ ٱللَّهُ وَقَدْ جَآءَكُم بِٱلْبَيِّنَٰتِ مِن رَّبِّكُمْ ۖ وَإِن يَكُ كَٰذِبًا فَعَلَيْهِ كَذِبُهُۥ ۖ
وَإِن يَكُ صَادِقًا يُصِبْكُم بَعْضُ ٱلَّذِى يَعِدُكُمْ ۖ إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِى مَنْ هُوَ
مُسْرِفٌ كَذَّابٌ ﴿٢٨﴾

And a believing man from the family of Pharaoh who concealed his faith said, "Do you kill a man [merely] because he says, 'My Lord is Allah' while he has brought you clear proofs from your Lord? And if he should be lying, then upon him is [the consequence of] his lie; but if he should be truthful, there will strike you some of what he promises you. Indeed, Allah does not guide one who is a transgressor and a liar."

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/40:28

COMMENTARY ON VERSES 40:28–45 — THE VOICE OF TRUTH FROM INSIDE THE PALACE

First: A fair argument. ***"Do you kill a man [merely] because he says, 'My Lord is Allah' while he has brought you clear proofs from your Lord"***? Then he reasoned wisely: ***"And if he should be lying, then upon him is [the consequence of] his lie; but if he should be truthful, there will strike you some of what he promises you"***.

Second: A reminder of history. He reminded his people of the people of Nuh, 'Ad and Thamud (40:30–31), and of Yusuf عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ who had once come to Egypt: ***"And Joseph had already come to you before with clear proofs"*** (40:34; Series 10 and 11).

Third: This world and the Hereafter. ***"this worldly life is only [temporary] enjoyment, and indeed, the Hereafter - that is the home of [permanent] settlement"*** (40:39). And he asked painfully: ***"how is it that I invite you to salvation while you invite me to the Fire"*** (40:41).

Fourth: Reliance and deliverance. ***"I entrust my affair to Allah"***. And Allah answered: ***"So Allah protected him from the evils they plotted, and the people of Pharaoh were enveloped by the worst of punishment"*** (40:45).

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HADITH — SAHIH AL-BUKHARI, NO. 4815

حَدَّثَنَا عَلِيُّ بْنُ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ، حَدَّثَنَا الْوَلِيدُ بْنُ مُسْلِمٍ، حَدَّثَنَا الأَوْزَاعِيُّ، قَالَ حَدَّثَنِي يَحْيَى بْنُ أَبِي كَثِيرٍ، قَالَ حَدَّثَنِي مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ التَّيْمِيُّ، قَالَ حَدَّثَنِي عُرْوَةُ بْنُ الزُّبَيْرِ، قَالَ قُلْتُ لِعَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرِو بْنِ الْعَاصِ أَخْبِرْنِي بِأَشَدِّ، مَا صَنَعَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ بِرَسُولِ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم قَالَ بَيْنَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم يُصَلِّي بِفِنَاءِ الْكَعْبَةِ، إِذْ أَقْبَلَ عُقْبَةُ بْنُ أَبِي مُعَيْطٍ، فَأَخَذَ بِمَنْكِبِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم وَلَوَى ثَوْبَهُ فِي عُنُقِهِ فَخَنَقَهُ خَنْقًا شَدِيدًا، فَأَقْبَلَ أَبُو بَكْرٍ فَأَخَذَ بِمَنْكِبِهِ، وَدَفَعَ عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم وَقَالَ {أَتَقْتُلُونَ رَجُلاً أَنْ يَقُولَ رَبِّيَ اللَّهُ وَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ}

TRANSLATION:

‘Urwah ibn az-Zubair said: I said to ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Amr ibn al-‘As رضى الله عنهما: “Tell me of the worst thing the polytheists did to the Messenger of Allah ﷺ.” He said: While the Messenger of Allah ﷺ was praying in the courtyard of the Ka‘bah, ‘Uqbah ibn Abi Mu‘ait came. He seized the shoulder of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, wound a cloth around his neck and strangled him severely. Then Abu Bakr رضى الله عنه came, took hold of ‘Uqbah’s shoulder and pushed him away from the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, reciting: **{Do you kill a man [merely] because he says, ‘My Lord is Allah’ while he has brought you clear proofs from your Lord?}** (40:28).

CHAIN OF NARRATION: Narrated by Imam al-Bukhari: from ‘Ali ibn ‘Abdillah al-Madini, from al-Walid ibn Muslim, from al-Awza‘i, from Yahya ibn Abi Kathir, from Muhammad ibn Ibrahim at-Taimi, from ‘Urwah ibn az-Zubair, from ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Amr ibn al-‘As رضى الله عنهما.

REFERENCE: Narrated by Imam al-Bukhari in Sahih al-Bukhari, Book of Tafsir, Surah Ghafir (al-Mu’min), Hadith No. 4815. Also narrated in Nos. 3678 and 3856.

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Source: https://sunnah.com/bukhari:4815

REMARKS — ABU BAKR, THE “BELIEVER” OF THIS UMMAH

Abu Bakr as-Siddiq رضى الله عنه defended the Messenger of Allah ﷺ with the very words spoken by the believing man in Pharaoh’s palace.

DISTINCT SIGNS

SURAH AL-A'RAF 7:130–133

وَلَقَدْ أَخَذْنَآ ءَالَ فِرْعَوْنَ بِٱلسِّنِينَ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ ٱلثَّمَرَٰتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَذَّكَّرُونَ ﴿١٣٠﴾

And We certainly seized the people of Pharaoh with years of famine and a deficiency in fruits that perhaps they would be reminded.

فَإِذَا جَآءَتْهُمُ ٱلْحَسَنَةُ قَالُوا۟ لَنَا هَٰذِهِۦ ۖ وَإِن تُصِبْهُمْ سَيِّئَةٌ يَطَّيَّرُوا۟ بِمُوسَىٰ وَمَن مَّعَهُۥٓ ۗ أَلَآ إِنَّمَا طَٰٓئِرُهُمْ عِندَ ٱللَّهِ وَلَٰكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٣١﴾

But when good came to them, they said, "This is ours [by right]." And if a bad [condition] struck them, they saw an evil omen in Moses and those with him. Unquestionably, their fortune is with Allah, but most of them do not know.

وَقَالُوا۟ مَهْمَا تَأْتِنَا بِهِۦ مِنْ ءَايَةٍ لِّتَسْحَرَنَا بِهَا فَمَا نَحْنُ لَكَ بِمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٣٢﴾

And they said, "No matter what sign you bring us with which to bewitch us, we will not be believers in you."

فَأَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ ٱلطُّوفَانَ وَٱلْجَرَادَ وَٱلْقُمَّلَ وَٱلضَّفَادِعَ وَٱلدَّمَ ءَايَٰتٍ مُّفَصَّلَٰتٍ فَٱسْتَكْبَرُوا۟ وَكَانُوا۟ قَوْمًا مُّجْرِمِينَ ﴿١٣٣﴾

So We sent upon them the flood and locusts and lice and frogs and blood as distinct signs, but they were arrogant and were a criminal people.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/7:130-133

COMMENTARY ON VERSES 7:130–133 — WARNING AFTER WARNING

First: Beginning with the lighter. ***"And We certainly seized the people of Pharaoh with years of famine and a deficiency in fruits that perhaps they would be reminded"***. Allah did not destroy them at once; He gave lighter warnings first.

Second: Credit for oneself, blame for others. ***"But when good came to them, they said"***, ***"This is ours [by right]." "And if a bad [condition] struck them, they saw an evil omen in Moses and those with him"***. This is the trait of the arrogant in every age — success is due to their own efforts, failure is someone else's fault. Allah replied: ***"Unquestionably, their fortune is with Allah"***.

Third: Five distinct signs. ***"So We sent upon them the flood and locusts and lice and frogs and blood as distinct signs"***. The word ***mufaṣṣalāt*** — "distinct" — according to the commentators means

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that the signs came one by one, with an interval between them, so that they had time to reflect. Tafsir Ibn Kathir 7:133

SURAH AL-A'RAF 7:134–135

وَلَمَّا وَقَعَ عَلَيۡهِمُ ٱلرِّجۡزُ قَالُواْ يَٰمُوسَى ٱدۡعُ لَنَا رَبَّكَ بِمَا عَهِدَ عِندَكَۖ لَئِن
كَشَفۡتَ عَنَّا ٱلرِّجۡزَ لَنُؤۡمِنَنَّ لَكَ وَلَنُرۡسِلَنَّ مَعَكَ بَنِيٓ إِسۡرَٰٓءِيلَ ١٣٤

And when the punishment descended upon them, they said, "O Moses, invoke for us your Lord by what He has promised you. If you [can] remove the punishment from us, we will surely believe you, and we will send with you the Children of Israel."

فَلَمَّا كَشَفۡنَا عَنۡهُمُ ٱلرِّجۡزَ إِلَىٰٓ أَجَلٍ هُم بَٰلِغُوهُ إِذَا هُمۡ يَنكُثُونَ ١٣٥

But when We removed the punishment from them until a term which they were to reach, then at once they broke their word.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/7:134-135

COMMENTARY ON VERSES 7:134–135 — THE PROMISE OF THE DESPERATE

Every time the punishment struck, they pleaded: ***"If you [can] remove the punishment from us, we will surely believe you"***. And every time the punishment was lifted: ***"then at once they broke their word"***. Faith that is born only in desperation and vanishes in ease is not true faith.

Notice also that they said ***"invoke for us your Lord"*** — "**your** Lord", not "our Lord". Even in desperation, they still refused to acknowledge Allah as their Lord.

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HOUSES MADE A QIBLAH FOR PRAYER

SURAH YUNUS 10:83–87

فَمَآ ءَامَنَ لِمُوسَىٰٓ إِلَّا ذُرِّيَّةٌ مِّن قَوْمِهِۦ عَلَىٰ خَوْفٍ مِّن فِرْعَوْنَ وَمَلَإِيْهِمْ أَن
يَفْتِنَهُمْۚ وَإِنَّ فِرْعَوْنَ لَعَالٍ فِى ٱلْأَرْضِ وَإِنَّهُۥ لَمِنَ ٱلْمُسْرِفِينَ ﴿٨٣﴾

But no one believed Moses, except [some] youths among his people, for fear of Pharaoh and his establishment that they would persecute them. And indeed, Pharaoh was haughty within the land, and indeed, he was of the transgressors.

وَقَالَ مُوسَىٰ يَٰقَوْمِ إِن كُنتُمْ ءَامَنتُم بِٱللَّهِ فَعَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلُوٓاْ إِن كُنتُم مُّسْلِمِينَ ﴿٨٤﴾

And Moses said, "O my people, if you have believed in Allah, then rely upon Him, if you should be Muslims."

فَقَالُواْ عَلَى ٱللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْنَا رَبَّنَا لَا تَجْعَلْنَا فِتْنَةً لِّلْقَوْمِ ٱلظَّٰلِمِينَ ﴿٨٥﴾

So they said, "Upon Allah do we rely. Our Lord, make us not [objects of] trial for the wrongdoing people."

وَنَجِّنَا بِرَحْمَتِكَ مِنَ ٱلْقَوْمِ ٱلْكَٰفِرِينَ ﴿٨٦﴾

And save us by Your mercy from the disbelieving people.

وَأَوْحَيْنَآ إِلَىٰ مُوسَىٰ وَأَخِيهِ أَن تَبَوَّءَا لِقَوْمِكُمَا بِمِصْرَ بُيُوتًا وَٱجْعَلُواْ بُيُوتَكُمْ
قِبْلَةً وَأَقِيمُواْ ٱلصَّلَوٰةَۗ وَبَشِّرِ ٱلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٨٧﴾

And We inspired to Moses and his brother, "Settle your people in Egypt in houses and make your houses [facing the] qiblah and establish prayer and give good tidings to the believers."

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/10:83-87

COMMENTARY ON VERSES 10:83–87 — FAITH AMID FEAR

First: A small group who believed. ***"But no one believed Moses, except [some] youths among his people, for fear of Pharaoh and his establishment that they would persecute them"***. True faith often begins with the few — and here, with the young. Tafsir Ibn Kathir 10:83

Second: Reliance as proof of faith. ***"if you have believed in Allah, then rely upon Him"***. They answered with a beautiful supplication: ***"Upon Allah do we rely. Our Lord, make us not [objects of] trial for the wrongdoing people"***. ***"And save us by Your mercy from the disbelieving people"***.

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Third: Prayer at home when places of worship are unsafe. ***"Settle your people in Egypt in houses and make your houses [facing the] qiblah and establish prayer"***. When open worship was unsafe, the home became a mosque. Prayer is a source of strength amid oppression.

SURAH YUNUS 10:88–89

وَقَالَ مُوسَىٰ رَبَّنَآ إِنَّكَ ءَاتَيْتَ فِرْعَوْنَ وَمَلَأَهُۥ زِينَةً وَأَمْوَٰلًا فِى ٱلْحَيَوٰةِ ٱلدُّنْيَا رَبَّنَا لِيُضِلُّوا۟ عَن سَبِيلِكَ ۖ رَبَّنَا ٱطْمِسْ عَلَىٰٓ أَمْوَٰلِهِمْ وَٱشْدُدْ عَلَىٰ قُلُوبِهِمْ فَلَا يُؤْمِنُوا۟ حَتَّىٰ يَرَوُا۟ ٱلْعَذَابَ ٱلْأَلِيمَ ﴿٨٨﴾

And Moses said, "Our Lord, indeed You have given Pharaoh and his establishment splendor and wealth in the worldly life, our Lord, that they may lead [men] astray from Your way. Our Lord, obliterate their wealth and harden their hearts so that they will not believe until they see the painful punishment."

قَالَ قَدْ أُجِيبَت دَّعْوَتُكُمَا فَٱسْتَقِيمَا وَلَا تَتَّبِعَآنِّ سَبِيلَ ٱلَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

﴿٨٩﴾

[Allah] said, "Your supplication has been answered." So remain on a right course and follow not the way of those who do not know.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/10:88-89

COMMENTARY ON VERSES 10:88–89 — A MESSENGER'S SUPPLICATION AFTER LONG DA'WAH

After years of calling and witnessing persistent arrogance, Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ prayed: ***"Our Lord, obliterate their wealth and harden their hearts"***. The scholars explain that this supplication was made after Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ was certain, through revelation, that they would not believe — it was not a hasty prayer. Allah answered: ***"Your supplication has been answered"***, and added: ***"So remain on a right course"***. Tafsir Ibn Kathir 10:89

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TRAVELLING BY NIGHT

SURAH ASH-SHU'ARA' 26:52–56

۞وَأَوۡحَيۡنَآ إِلَىٰ مُوسَىٰٓ أَنۡ أَسۡرِ بِعِبَادِيٓ إِنَّكُم مُّتَّبَعُونَ ٥٢

And We inspired to Moses, "Travel by night with My servants; indeed, you will be pursued."

فَأَرۡسَلَ فِرۡعَوۡنُ فِي ٱلۡمَدَآئِنِ حَٰشِرِينَ ٥٣

Then Pharaoh sent among the cities gatherers.

إِنَّ هَٰٓؤُلَآءِ لَشِرۡذِمَةٞ قَلِيلُونَ ٥٤

[And said], "Indeed, those are but a small band."

وَإِنَّهُمۡ لَنَا لَغَآئِظُونَ ٥٥

And indeed, they are enraging us.

وَإِنَّا لَجَمِيعٌ حَٰذِرُونَ ٥٦

And indeed, we are a cautious society.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/26:52-56

COMMENTARY ON VERSES 26:52–56 — COMMAND AND PROPAGANDA

First: The command to leave. ***"Travel by night with My servants; indeed, you will be pursued"***. Allah told them from the outset that they would be pursued — so that they would not be taken by surprise, and so that they would know that everything was within His plan.

Second: Pharaoh's propaganda. Pharaoh sent gatherers to all the cities, saying: ***"Indeed, those are but a small band"***. ***"And indeed, they are enraging us"***. Tyrants belittle their enemies before the people, yet gather their entire army to chase "a small band".

SURAH AD-DUKHAN 44:25–28

كَمۡ تَرَكُواْ مِن جَنَّٰتٖ وَعُيُونٖ ٢٥

How much they left behind of gardens and springs?

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وَزُرُوعٍ وَمَقَامٍ كَرِيمٍ ﴿٢٦﴾

And crops and noble sites.

وَنَعْمَةٍ كَانُوا۟ فِيهَا فَٰكِهِينَ ﴿٢٧﴾

And comfort wherein they were amused.

كَذَٰلِكَ ۖ وَأَوْرَثْنَٰهَا قَوْمًا ءَاخَرِينَ ﴿٢٨﴾

Thus. And We caused to inherit it another people.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/44:25-28

And the outcome: ***"How much they left behind of gardens and springs"***? ***"And comfort wherein they were amused"***. Surah Ad-Dukhan adds an awe-inspiring image: ***"And the heaven and earth wept not for them"*** (44:29). Ibn Kathir relates that when a believer dies, his place of prayer on earth and the place where his deeds ascend in the heaven weep for him; but Pharaoh and his people had no righteous deeds to weep for them. Tafsir Ibn Kathir 44:29

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"WITH ME IS MY LORD"

SURAH ASH-SHU'ARA' 26:60–62

فَأَتۡبَعُوهُم مُّشۡرِقِينَ ٦٠

So they pursued them at sunrise.

فَلَمَّا تَرَٰٓءَا ٱلۡجَمۡعَانِ قَالَ أَصۡحَٰبُ مُوسَىٰٓ إِنَّا لَمُدۡرَكُونَ ٦١

And when the two companies saw one another, the companions of Moses said, "Indeed, we are to be overtaken."

قَالَ كَلَّآۖ إِنَّ مَعِيَ رَبِّي سَيَهۡدِينِ ٦٢

[Moses] said, "No! Indeed, with me is my Lord; He will guide me."

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/26:60-62

COMMENTARY ON VERSES 26:60–62 — THE MOST CRITICAL MOMENT

First: Pursued at sunrise. ***"So they pursued them at sunrise"***. Before them, the sea. Behind them, the most powerful army on earth.

Second: A logical fear. ***"And when the two companies saw one another, the companions of Moses said"***: ***"Indeed, we are to be overtaken."*** By human reckoning, they were right. There was no way out.

Third: Certainty that rises above logic. ***"No! Indeed, with me is my Lord; He will guide me."*** — ***kallā, inna ma'iya Rabbī sayahdīn***. Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ did not yet know how they would be saved. He had not yet been commanded to strike the sea. But he was certain of his Lord. This is the title of this eBook.

These words remind us of what the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said to Abu Bakr رضى الله عنه in the cave during the Hijrah: ***"Do not grieve; indeed Allah is with us."*** (9:40). Two messengers, two critical moments, one certainty: Allah is with His servant who relies on Him.

Notice also a subtle difference: Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ said "with **me** is my Lord", because his people were wavering; the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said "Allah is with **us**", because his companion stood firm with him.

Some scholars mention this difference as one of the signs of the honour of Abu Bakr رضى الله عنه.

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THE SEA THAT PARTED

SURAH ASH-SHU'ARA' 26:63–66

فَأَوْحَيْنَآ إِلَىٰ مُوسَىٰٓ أَنِ ٱضْرِب بِّعَصَاكَ ٱلْبَحْرَ ۖ فَٱنفَلَقَ فَكَانَ كُلُّ فِرْقٍ كَٱلطَّوْدِ ٱلْعَظِيمِ ﴿٦٣﴾

Then We inspired to Moses, "Strike with your staff the sea," and it parted, and each portion was like a great towering mountain.

وَأَزْلَفْنَا ثَمَّ ٱلْـَٔاخَرِينَ ﴿٦٤﴾

And We advanced thereto the pursuers.

وَأَنجَيْنَا مُوسَىٰ وَمَن مَّعَهُۥٓ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٦٥﴾

And We saved Moses and those with him, all together.

ثُمَّ أَغْرَقْنَا ٱلْـَٔاخَرِينَ ﴿٦٦﴾

Then We drowned the others.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/26:63-66

COMMENTARY ON VERSES 26:63–66 — A PATH THROUGH THE SEA

First: A brief command. ***"Strike with your staff the sea,"*** The same staff that swallowed the magic (Series 15) now parted the sea. Allah could part the sea without a staff, but He commanded Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ to do something — like Hajar who ran (Series 7) and Ayyub عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ who struck the ground with his foot (Series 12).

Second: Walls of water like mountains. ***"and it parted, and each portion was like a great towering mountain"***. Liquid water stood upright like a mountain — a miracle that broke the norms of nature by the permission of its Creator.

Third: A dry path. Surah Taha adds: ***"strike for them a dry path through the sea; you will not fear being overtaken [by Pharaoh] nor be afraid [of drowning]"***. Not only did the sea part, but the seabed became dry enough to cross.

Fourth: Two outcomes. ***"And We saved Moses and those with him, all together"***. ***"Then We drowned the others"***. The same sea, on the same morning, became a path of deliverance for one group and a grave for the other.

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SURAH AD-DUKHAN 44:24

وَٱتۡرُكِ ٱلۡبَحۡرَ رَهۡوًاۖ إِنَّهُمۡ جُندٞ مُّغۡرَقُونَ ٢٤

And leave the sea in stillness. Indeed, they are an army to be drowned.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/44:24

Surah Ad-Dukhan mentions a striking command: ***"And leave the sea in stillness. Indeed, they are an army to be drowned"***. The commentators mention that Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ wanted to strike the sea again so that it would close, but Allah commanded him to leave it open — because that very path would trap Pharaoh. Tafsir Ibn Kathir 44:24

SURAH ASH-SHU'ARA' 26:67–68

إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَةٗۖ وَمَا كَانَ أَكۡثَرُهُم مُّؤۡمِنِينَ ٦٧

Indeed in that is a sign, but most of them were not to be believers.

وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَهُوَ ٱلۡعَزِيزُ ٱلرَّحِيمُ ٦٨

And indeed, your Lord - He is the Exalted in Might, the Merciful.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/26:67-68

"Indeed in that is a sign" — yet ***"most of them were not to be believers"***. And the verse that closes this story is repeated eight times in Surah Ash-Shu'ara': ***"And indeed, your Lord - He is the Exalted in Might, the Merciful" — al-'Azīz***, the Exalted in Might over Pharaoh; ***ar-Raḥīm***, the Merciful towards Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ and his people.

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FAITH TOO LATE

SURAH YUNUS 10:90–92

وَجَٰوَزۡنَا بِبَنِيٓ إِسۡرَٰٓءِيلَ ٱلۡبَحۡرَ فَأَتۡبَعَهُمۡ فِرۡعَوۡنُ وَجُنُودُهُۥ بَغۡيًا وَعَدۡوًاۖ حَتَّىٰٓ إِذَآ أَدۡرَكَهُ ٱلۡغَرَقُ قَالَ ءَامَنتُ أَنَّهُۥ لَآ إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا ٱلَّذِيٓ ءَامَنَتۡ بِهِۦ بَنُوٓاْ إِسۡرَٰٓءِيلَ وَأَنَا۠ مِنَ ٱلۡمُسۡلِمِينَ ٩٠

And We took the Children of Israel across the sea, and Pharaoh and his soldiers pursued them in tyranny and enmity until, when drowning overtook him, he said, "I believe that there is no deity except that in whom the Children of Israel believe, and I am of the Muslims."

ءَآلۡـَٰٔنَ وَقَدۡ عَصَيۡتَ قَبۡلُ وَكُنتَ مِنَ ٱلۡمُفۡسِدِينَ ٩١

Now? And you had disobeyed [Him] before and were of the corrupters.

فَٱلۡيَوۡمَ نُنَجِّيكَ بِبَدَنِكَ لِتَكُونَ لِمَنۡ خَلۡفَكَ ءَايَةٗۚ وَإِنَّ كَثِيرٗا مِّنَ ٱلنَّاسِ عَنۡ ءَايَٰتِنَا لَغَٰفِلُونَ ٩٢

So today We will save you in body that you may be to those who succeed you a sign. And indeed, many among the people, of Our signs, are heedless.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/10:90-92

COMMENTARY ON VERSES 10:90–92 — "NOW?"

First: A confession while drowning. ***"until, when drowning overtook him, he said"***, ***"I believe that there is no deity except that in whom the Children of Israel believe, and I am of the Muslims."*** The man who once said ***"I have not known you to have a god other than me"*** (28:38) now confessed in three phrases. Yet he still said "that in whom the Children of Israel believe", not "Allah".

Second: A firm reply. ***"Now? And you had disobeyed [Him] before and were of the corrupters"***. The door of repentance had closed for him, because he believed only when he saw the punishment with his own eyes.

Third: A body as a sign. ***"So today We will save you in body that you may be to those who succeed you a sign"***. Ibn Kathir mentions that some of the Children of Israel doubted whether Pharaoh had truly died, so Allah cast his body ashore so that they could see with their own eyes that their former "god" was only a man who had died. Tafsir Ibn Kathir 10:92

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Who	When they believed	The outcome	Verse
Pharaoh's magicians	As soon as they saw the truth	**Accepted — they asked to die as Muslims**	*7:120–126 • Series 15*
The believing man from Pharaoh's family	While Pharaoh was in power, wisely and bravely	**Accepted — Allah protected him**	*40:28–45*
The people of Yunus	Before the punishment actually fell	**Accepted — the punishment removed**	*10:98 • Series 13*
The people of Pharaoh	Only promised while the punishment struck	**Rejected — broke their word once it was lifted**	*7:134–135*
Pharaoh	When drowning had already overtaken him	**Rejected — "Now?"**	*10:90–91*

Figure 2: Faith at the right time and faith too late — a comparison in the stories of the Qur'an.

Figure 2 compares five groups in the stories of this series. The lesson is clear: what matters is not only ***what*** one believes, but also ***when***.

SURAH AN-NISA' 4:18

وَلَيْسَتِ ٱلتَّوْبَةُ لِلَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ ٱلسَّيِّـَٔاتِ حَتَّىٰٓ إِذَا حَضَرَ أَحَدَهُمُ ٱلْمَوْتُ قَالَ
إِنِّى تُبْتُ ٱلْـَٰٔنَ وَلَا ٱلَّذِينَ يَمُوتُونَ وَهُمْ كُفَّارٌ ۚ أُو۟لَٰٓئِكَ أَعْتَدْنَا لَهُمْ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا

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But repentance is not [accepted] of those who [continue to] do evil deeds up until, when death comes to one of them, he says, "Indeed, I have repented now," or of those who die while they are disbelievers. For them We have prepared a painful punishment.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/4:18

The Qur'an lays down a general principle: ***"But repentance is not [accepted] of those who [continue to] do evil deeds up until, when death comes to one of them, he says"***, ***"Indeed, I have repented now,"*** (4:18).

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حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو بَكْرِ بْنُ أَبِي شَيْبَةَ، حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو خَالِدٍ يَعْنِي سُلَيْمَانَ بْنَ حَيَّانَ، ح وَحَدَّثَنَا ابْنُ نُمَيْرٍ، حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو مُعَاوِيَةَ، ح وَحَدَّثَنِي أَبُو سَعِيدٍ الأَشَجُّ، حَدَّثَنَا حَفْصٌ، - يَعْنِي ابْنَ غِيَاثٍ - كُلُّهُمْ عَنْ هِشَامٍ، ح وَحَدَّثَنِي أَبُو خَيْثَمَةَ، زُهَيْرُ بْنُ حَرْبٍ - وَاللَّفْظُ لَهُ - حَدَّثَنَا إِسْمَاعِيلُ، بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ هِشَامِ بْنِ حَسَّانَ، عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ سِيرِينَ، عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم « مَنْ تَابَ قَبْلَ أَنْ تَطْلُعَ الشَّمْسُ مِنْ مَغْرِبِهَا تَابَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ ».

TRANSLATION:

Abu Hurayrah رضى الله عنه said: The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: **"Whoever repents before the sun rises from the west, Allah will accept his repentance."**

CHAIN OF NARRATION: Narrated by Imam Muslim through several chains: from Abu Bakr ibn Abi Shaibah, from Abu Khalid Sulaiman ibn Hayyan; from Ibn Numair, from Abu Mu'awiyah; from Abu Sa'id al-Ashajj, from Hafs ibn Ghiyath — all from Hisham; and from Abu Khaithamah Zuhair ibn Harb, from Isma'il ibn Ibrahim (Ibn 'Ulayyah), from Hisham ibn Hassan, from Muhammad ibn Sirin, from Abu Hurairah رضى الله عنه.

REFERENCE: Narrated by Imam Muslim in Sahih Muslim, Book of Remembrance, Supplication, Repentance and Seeking Forgiveness, Hadith No. 2703.

GRADE: SAHIH — contained in Sahih Muslim, the second most authentic book of Hadith after Sahih al-Bukhari.

Source: https://sunnah.com/muslim:2703

The door of repentance is wide open — for each individual until the soul reaches the throat, and for all mankind until the sun rises from the west. Do not delay repentance like Pharaoh, until "now" becomes too late.

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THE DAY OF 'ASHURA'

The deliverance of Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ and the Children of Israel is not merely a historical event. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ made it a day of worship for this ummah.

SURAH AL-BAQARAH 2:50

وَإِذْ فَرَقْنَا بِكُمُ ٱلْبَحْرَ فَأَنجَيْنَٰكُمْ وَأَغْرَقْنَآ ءَالَ فِرْعَوْنَ وَأَنتُمْ تَنظُرُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾

And [recall] when We parted the sea for you and saved you and drowned the people of Pharaoh while you were looking on.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/2:50

Allah reminds the Children of Israel: ***"And [recall] when We parted the sea for you and saved you and drowned the people of Pharaoh while you were looking on"***.

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HADITH — SAHIH AL-BUKHARI, NO. 2004

حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو مَعْمَرٍ، حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ الْوَارِثِ، حَدَّثَنَا أَيُّوبُ، حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ بْنُ سَعِيدِ بْنِ جُبَيْرٍ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، عَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ ـ رضى الله عنهما ـ قَالَ قَدِمَ النَّبِيُّ صلى الله عليه وسلم الْمَدِينَةَ، فَرَأَى الْيَهُودَ تَصُومُ يَوْمَ عَاشُورَاءَ، فَقَالَ « مَا هَذَا ». قَالُوا هَذَا يَوْمٌ صَالِحٌ، هَذَا يَوْمٌ نَجَّى اللَّهُ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ مِنْ عَدُوِّهِمْ، فَصَامَهُ مُوسَى. قَالَ « فَأَنَا أَحَقُّ بِمُوسَى مِنْكُمْ ». فَصَامَهُ وَأَمَرَ بِصِيَامِهِ.

TRANSLATION:

Ibn ‘Abbas رضى الله عنهما said: The Prophet ﷺ came to Madinah and saw the Jews fasting on the day of ‘Ashura’. He asked: **“What is this?”** They said: “This is a good day. This is the day Allah saved the Children of Israel from their enemy, so Musa fasted on it.” He said: **“Then I am more entitled to Musa than you.”** So he fasted on that day and commanded (the people) to fast.

CHAIN OF NARRATION: Narrated by Imam al-Bukhari: from Abu Ma‘mar ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Amr, from ‘Abd al-Warith ibn Sa‘id, from Ayyub as-Sakhtiyani, from ‘Abdullah ibn Sa‘id ibn Jubair, from his father, Sa‘id ibn Jubair, from ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Abbas رضى الله عنهما.

REFERENCE: Narrated by Imam al-Bukhari in Sahih al-Bukhari, Book of Fasting, chapter on fasting the day of ‘Ashura’, Hadith No. 2004. Also narrated by Muslim (No. 1130).

GRADE: SAHIH — contained in Sahih al-Bukhari, the most authentic book of Hadith after the Qur'an by consensus of the Hadith scholars.

Source: https://sunnah.com/bukhari:2004

REMARKS — “I AM MORE ENTITLED TO MUSA”

First: Gratitude through fasting. Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ fasted on the day of ‘Ashura’ (10 Muharram) in gratitude for his deliverance. True gratitude is shown through worship.

Second: The ummah that inherits the prophets. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said ***“I am more entitled to Musa than you”***. Muslims believe in all the prophets, so they are the true heirs of the struggle of Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ.

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HADITH — SAHIH MUSLIM, NO. 1134

وَحَدَّثَنَا الْحَسَنُ بْنُ عَلِيٍّ الْحُلْوَانِيُّ، حَدَّثَنَا ابْنُ أَبِي مَرْيَمَ، حَدَّثَنَا يَحْيَى بْنُ أَيُّوبَ، حَدَّثَنِي إِسْمَاعِيلُ بْنُ أُمَيَّةَ، أَنَّهُ سَمِعَ أَبَا غَطَفَانَ بْنَ طَرِيفٍ الْمُرِّيَّ، يَقُولُ سَمِعْتُ عَبْدَ اللَّهِ، بْنَ عَبَّاسٍ - رضى الله عنهما - يَقُولُ حِينَ صَامَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم يَوْمَ عَاشُورَاءَ وَأَمَرَ بِصِيَامِهِ قَالُوا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ إِنَّهُ يَوْمٌ تُعَظِّمُهُ الْيَهُودُ وَالنَّصَارَى. فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم « فَإِذَا كَانَ الْعَامُ الْمُقْبِلُ - إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ - صُمْنَا الْيَوْمَ التَّاسِعَ ». قَالَ فَلَمْ يَأْتِ الْعَامُ الْمُقْبِلُ حَتَّى تُوُفِّيَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم

TRANSLATION:

'Abdullah ibn 'Abbas رضى الله عنهما said: When the Messenger of Allah ﷺ fasted on the day of 'Ashura' and commanded that it be fasted, they said: "O Messenger of Allah, it is a day that the Jews and Christians venerate." So the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: **"When next year comes — in sha Allah — we will fast on the ninth day."** Ibn 'Abbas said: But the next year did not come before the Messenger of Allah ﷺ passed away.

CHAIN OF NARRATION: Narrated by Imam Muslim: from al-Hasan ibn 'Ali al-Hulwani, from Sa'id ibn Abi Maryam, from Yahya ibn Ayyub, from Isma'il ibn Umayyah, from Abu Ghatafan ibn Tarif al-Murri, from 'Abdullah ibn 'Abbas رضى الله عنهما.

REFERENCE: Narrated by Imam Muslim in Sahih Muslim, Book of Fasting, chapter on which day is to be fasted for 'Ashura', Hadith No. 1134.

GRADE: SAHIH — contained in Sahih Muslim, the second most authentic book of Hadith after Sahih al-Bukhari.

Source: https://sunnah.com/muslim:1134a

Third: Fasting the ninth day. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ resolved to fast the ninth day as well (Tasu'a'), to differ from the practice of the People of the Book. Therefore, the scholars recommend fasting on the 9th and 10th of Muharram.

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WHAT THE QUR'AN DOES NOT TELL

The story of the Children of Israel leaving Egypt is also found in the Book of Exodus, and it is among the most debated stories in the world of archaeology. Guided by the Hadith of Sahih al-Bukhari 4485 (Series 1), we do not make outside details part of the story we believe in.

POPULAR STORIES AND WHAT REVELATION SAYS

THE POPULAR STORY	WHAT THE QUR'AN AND AUTHENTIC HADITH SAY
The sea parted into twelve paths, one path for each tribe of the Children of Israel.	The Qur'an says the sea parted and "each portion" stood like a mountain (26:63). The number of twelve paths comes from exegetical reports, not an authentic marfu' text.
The number of the Children of Israel who left was 600,000, and Pharaoh's army numbered in the millions.	The Qur'an does not mention any number. Pharaoh himself called them "a small band" (26:54) as propaganda.
Jibril came riding a mare so that Pharaoh's horse would follow it into the sea.	Not mentioned in the Qur'an or authentic Hadith.
The sea parted because a strong east wind blew all night (Book of Exodus 14:21).	The Qur'an states the sea parted when Musa struck it with his staff by Allah's command (26:63). It was a miracle, not a wind phenomenon.
The Pharaoh of Musa's time was Ramesses II or Merneptah, and his mummy proves verse 10:92.	The Qur'an does not name that Pharaoh. Since his identity cannot be established, claims about a particular mummy are not included.
The crossing was at the Gulf of Aqaba (Nuweiba), with chariot wheels on the seabed.	NOT INCLUDED. The Qur'an does not mention the location, and the chariot-wheel claim has never been verified (see Archaeological Note).

ARCHAEOLOGICAL NOTES

ARCHAEOLOGICAL NOTE: THE MERNEPTAH STELE — THE NAME "ISRAEL" IN AN EGYPTIAN INSCRIPTION

An ancient Egyptian inscribed stone, the ***Merneptah Stele***, is now kept in the **Egyptian Museum, Cairo** (catalogue number JE 31408). It was carved around **1208 BCE** in the fifth year of the reign of Pharaoh Merneptah, and was discovered at Thebes by Flinders Petrie in 1896.

On line 27, the stele mentions the name **"Israel"** — with a hieroglyphic sign denoting a **people**, not a city. Most scholars accept this reading, making it **the earliest mention of the name Israel outside scripture**. It shows that the Children of Israel already existed as a people in the region of Canaan by the late 13th century BCE.

What is not proven. The stele **does not mention Musa, the exodus of the Children of Israel from Egypt, or the parting of the sea**. Nor does it prove that Merneptah was the Pharaoh of the time of Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ.

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It is included only as evidence of the existence of the Children of Israel as a people — in line with ***"And We caused the people who had been oppressed to inherit"*** (7:137).

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL NOTE: THE CLAIM OF "PHARAOH'S CHARIOT WHEELS ON THE SEABED" — NOT INCLUDED

A story often shared on social media says that chariot wheels of Pharaoh's army, along with human and horse bones, have been found on the floor of the Gulf of Aqaba. The story originates from **Ron Wyatt**, an untrained archaeology enthusiast, around the 1990s.

Investigations found **no artefact that can be examined** — the wheel said to have been retrieved cannot be located, the find was **never published in a scholarly journal**, and most of the images shared show **coral formations** that happen to look like wheels. Therefore, **this claim is not included** in this eBook.

The deliverance of Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ and the drowning of Pharaoh are truths confirmed by revelation: ***"We parted the sea for you and saved you and drowned the people of Pharaoh"*** (2:50). They do not need weak evidence.

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THE BEST OUTCOME IS FOR THE RIGHTEOUS

This story began with the words of Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ to his oppressed people: ***"Seek help through Allah and be patient… And the [best] outcome is for the righteous."*** And it ends with a promise fulfilled: ***"And the good word of your Lord was fulfilled for the Children of Israel because of what they had patiently endured"*** (7:137).

A BRIEF COMPARISON

PARTY	ATTITUDE AND OUTCOME
Musa	Patient, reliant, supplicating, and certain "with me is my Lord" — saved (26:62–65)
The believing Children of Israel	Afraid yet steadfast in faith; made their houses places of prayer — made to inherit the land (10:83–87; 7:137)
The believing man in the palace	Brave enough to speak the truth and relied on Allah — protected by Allah (40:28–45)
The people of Pharaoh	Promised in hardship, broke their word in ease — drowned (7:134–136)
Pharaoh	Arrogant until the last moment; believed when it was too late — his body became a sign (10:90–92)

LESSONS FROM THIS STORY

First: Seek help through Allah and be patient. (7:128).

Second: Victory is a new test. "And see how you will do" (7:129).

Third: Speaking the truth before a tyrant is praiseworthy courage. (40:28; Sahih al-Bukhari 4815).

Fourth: Do not credit success to yourself and blame failure on others. (7:131).

Fifth: Faith born only in desperation does not last. (7:134–135).

Sixth: Make your home a place of prayer. (10:87).

Seventh: When every road is closed, Allah is still with His servant. "With me is my Lord" (26:62).

Eighth: Do not delay repentance until it is too late. (10:91; 4:18; Sahih Muslim 2703).

Ninth: Gratitude for blessings is shown through worship. The fast of 'Ashura' (Sahih al-Bukhari 2004).

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CONCLUSION

Everyone has stood at the edge of a "sea" in their life — a problem ahead that seems impossible to cross, and pressure behind that cannot be escaped. At that moment, there are two voices: the voice that says ***"we are to be overtaken"***, and the voice that says ***"with me is my Lord; He will guide me"***.

May Allah grant us the certainty of Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ, the patience of his believing people, the courage of the man in Pharaoh's palace, and repentance before it is too late. ***Kallā, inna ma'iya Rabbī sayahdīn.*** Amin.

In sha Allah, the series **Stories from the Qur'an** will continue with the story of Prophet Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ Part 4: the Children of Israel after the sea — the golden calf and the story of the cow — with the same method: the Qur'an, authentic Hadith, and only solid archaeological findings.

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SURAH AL-BAQARAH 2:261

مَّثَلُ ٱلَّذِينَ يُنفِقُونَ أَمۡوَٰلَهُمۡ فِي سَبِيلِ ٱللَّهِ كَمَثَلِ حَبَّةٍ أَنۢبَتَتۡ سَبۡعَ سَنَابِلَ فِي كُلِّ سُنۢبُلَةٖ مِّاْئَةُ حَبَّةٖۗ وَٱللَّهُ يُضَٰعِفُ لِمَن يَشَآءُۚ وَٱللَّهُ وَٰسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ ٢٦١

The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like a seed [of grain] which grows seven spikes; in each spike is a hundred grains. And Allah multiplies [His reward] for whom He wills. And Allah is all-Encompassing and Knowing.

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/2:261

SURAH SABA' 34:39

قُلۡ إِنَّ رَبِّي يَبۡسُطُ ٱلرِّزۡقَ لِمَن يَشَآءُ مِنۡ عِبَادِهِۦ وَيَقۡدِرُ لَهُۥۚ وَمَآ أَنفَقۡتُم مِّن شَيۡءٖ فَهُوَ يُخۡلِفُهُۥۖ وَهُوَ خَيۡرُ ٱلرَّٰزِقِينَ ٣٩

Say, "Indeed, my Lord extends provision for whom He wills of His servants and restricts [it] for him. But whatever thing you spend [in His cause] - He will compensate it; and He is the best of providers."

Translation: Sahih International — quran.com/34:39

HADITH — SAHIH MUSLIM, NO. 2588

حَدَّثَنَا يَحْيَى بْنُ أَيُّوبَ، وَقُتَيْبَةُ، وَابْنُ، حُجْرٍ قَالُوا حَدَّثَنَا إِسْمَاعِيلُ، - وَهُوَ ابْنُ جَعْفَرٍ - عَنِ الْعَلاَءِ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم قَالَ « مَا نَقَصَتْ صَدَقَةٌ مِنْ مَالٍ وَمَا زَادَ اللَّهُ عَبْدًا بِعَفْوٍ إِلاَّ عِزًّا وَمَا تَوَاضَعَ أَحَدٌ لِلَّهِ إِلاَّ رَفَعَهُ اللَّهُ ».

TRANSLATION:

Abu Hurayrah رضى الله عنه narrated that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "Charity does not decrease wealth.

Allah does not increase a servant who forgives except in honour. And no one humbles himself for the sake of Allah except that Allah raises him in rank."

CHAIN OF NARRATION: Narrated by Imam Muslim: from Yahya bin Ayyub, Qutaibah bin Sa'id and 'Ali bin Hujr, from Isma'il bin Ja'far, from al-'Ala' bin 'Abd al-Rahman, from his father 'Abd al-Rahman bin Ya'qub, from Abu Hurayrah رضى الله عنه .

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GRADE: SAHIH — contained in Sahih Muslim.

Source: https://sunnah.com/muslim:2588

HADITH — SAHIH MUSLIM, NO. 1631

حَدَّثَنَا يَحْيَى بْنُ أَيُّوبَ، وَقُتَيْبَةُ - يَعْنِي ابْنَ سَعِيدٍ - وَابْنُ حُجْرٍ قَالُوا حَدَّثَنَا إِسْمَاعِيلُ، - هُوَ ابْنُ جَعْفَرٍ - عَنِ الْعَلاَءِ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صلى الله عليه وسلم قَالَ « إِذَا مَاتَ الإِنْسَانُ انْقَطَعَ عَنْهُ عَمَلُهُ إِلاَّ مِنْ ثَلاَثَةٍ إِلاَّ مِنْ صَدَقَةٍ جَارِيَةٍ أَوْ عِلْمٍ يُنْتَفَعُ بِهِ أَوْ وَلَدٍ صَالِحٍ يَدْعُو لَهُ ».

TRANSLATION:

Abu Hurayrah رضى الله عنه narrated that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "When a person dies, his deeds come to an end except for three: an ongoing charity, knowledge that is benefited from, or a righteous child who prays for him."

CHAIN OF NARRATION: Narrated by Imam Muslim: from Yahya bin Ayyub, Qutaibah bin Sa'id and 'Ali bin Hujr, from Isma'il bin Ja'far, from al-'Ala' bin 'Abd al-Rahman, from his father 'Abd al-Rahman bin Ya'qub, from Abu Hurayrah رضى الله عنه .

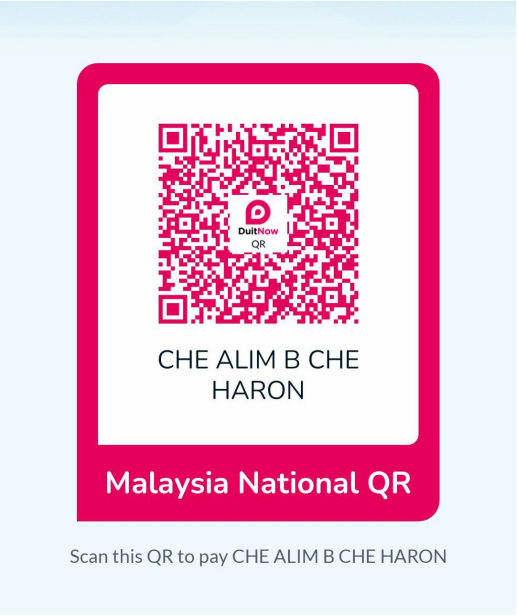
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