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Stories of the Prophets – Part Three is an Islamic story book about Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) and the Children of Israel. It teaches how Allah protected Musa, how Musa called Pharaoh to worship Allah alone and how Allah saved His believing servants. We also learn about patience, thankfulness, truthfulness, obeying Allah and seeking useful knowledge. Tawheed means that Allah alone deserves our worship. These lessons are taught upon The Qur'aan & Sunnah as Understood by the Salaf (Pious Predecessors) of this Ummah.

The Opening Message

These stories help children learn Arabic and learn about the Prophets of Allah. They teach us to worship Allah alone, tell the truth, stay patient and obey Allah. The story in this part mainly follows Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) and the Children of Israel.

1. From Canaan to Egypt

Prophet Yaqub (peace be upon him) moved from Canaan to Egypt with his family. His son Yusuf (peace be upon him) had become an important and trusted leader there. The family was welcomed and could live safely. This is where the story of the Children of Israel in Egypt begins. (Surah Yusuf 12:99–100)

2. After Prophet Yusuf

After many years, Prophet Yaqub and Prophet Yusuf (peace be upon them) passed away. The people of Egypt slowly forgot the good that Yusuf had done for them. The Children of Israel were no longer treated with the same kindness. The change brought sadness and hardship to their families.

3. The Children of Israel in Egypt

The Children of Israel were the descendants of Prophet Yaqub (peace be upon him). At first, the people of Egypt respected them because of Yusuf. Later, many Egyptians began looking down on them and treating them badly. Their lives became difficult and unfair. (Surah Al-Qasas 28:4)

4. Pharaoh of Egypt

A cruel king called Pharaoh ruled Egypt. He was proud of his power and did not want to obey Allah. He treated the Children of Israel as servants and made them suffer. He even claimed that he was their highest lord. Only Allah deserves worship. (Surah An-Naziat 79:24; Surah Al-Qasas 28:4, 38)



5. The Killing of the Children

Pharaoh feared that a boy from the Children of Israel would one day bring his rule to an end. He ordered his men to kill their newborn boys and let the girls live. Families lived in great fear. Allah was already preparing a way to save them. (Surah Al-Qasas 28:4; Surah Al-Baqarah 2:49)

6. The Birth of Prophet Musa

Musa (peace be upon him) was born during this dangerous time. His mother loved him and feared that Pharaoh's men would find him. Allah guided her to feed and care for Musa, then place him safely in the river when she was afraid. Allah promised to return him to her and make him a Messenger. (Surah Al-Qasas 28:7)

7. Musa in the River

Musa's mother placed him in a small chest and put it into the Nile. She trusted Allah even though she was very worried. Musa's sister followed the chest from a distance to see what would happen. Allah protected Musa as the water carried him away. (Surah Ta-Ha 20:38-40; Surah Al-Qasas 28:7, 11)

8. Musa in Pharaoh's Palace

Pharaoh's family found the chest. Pharaoh's wife loved the baby and asked that he should not be killed. Musa was brought into the very palace of the king who had ordered the killing of the boys. Allah protected him in a surprising way. (Surah Al-Qasas 28:8-9)

9. Finding Someone to Feed Musa

Musa would not drink milk from the women brought to nurse him. His sister saw this and told the people of the palace about a family who could care for the baby. She was leading them to Musa's own mother. Allah had planned this reunion. (Surah Al-Qasas 28:11-12)

10. Musa Returns to His Mother

Musa's mother was brought to the palace and he accepted milk from her. She could hold and care for her son again. Allah had kept His promise and returned Musa to her safely. This teaches us that Allah is always able to carry out His promise. (Surah Al-Qasas 28:13)

11. Growing Up in the Palace

Musa grew up in Pharaoh's home but knew that he belonged to the Children of Israel. He saw how Pharaoh's people treated them unfairly. Allah gave Musa strength, wisdom and understanding as he grew older. (Surah Al-Qasas 28:14)



12. The Unintended Death

One day Musa saw two men fighting. One was from the Children of Israel and the other was from Pharaoh's people. Musa tried to help and struck the second man. The man died even though Musa had not meant to kill him. Musa knew he had made a serious mistake and asked Allah for forgiveness. Allah forgave him. (Surah Al-Qasas 28:15-16)

13. The Secret Becomes Known

The next day Musa saw another fight and the earlier event became known. A man came with a warning that powerful people wanted to kill Musa. Musa left Egypt in fear and asked Allah to rescue him from those who did wrong. (Surah Al-Qasas 28:17-21)

14. From Egypt to Madyan

Musa left his home and travelled towards Madyan. He had no strong army or powerful helpers. He trusted Allah to guide him. When he reached the land, he prayed for Allah to show him the right path. (Surah Al-Qasas 28:21-22)

15. At the Well in Madyan

Musa reached a well where many shepherds were giving their animals water. He saw two women waiting because they did not want to push into the crowd. He helped water their animals, then rested in the shade and asked Allah for good. (Surah Al-Qasas 28:23-24)

16. A Safe Place and Honest Work

One of the women came to Musa and invited him to meet her father. Musa told the father his story and was comforted. One daughter said that Musa was strong and trustworthy. The father offered him a safe home and work. (Surah Al-Qasas 28:25-26)

17. Marriage in Madyan

The father offered one of his daughters in marriage to Musa. Musa agreed to work for eight years or to complete ten years if he wished. Musa accepted the agreement and lived honorably with the family. He kept his word. (Surah Al-Qasas 28:27-28)

18. Returning Towards Egypt

After finishing his time in Madyan, Musa travelled with his family. During the journey he saw a fire near a mountain. He went towards it hoping to find help or a burning branch. At that place Allah spoke to him and chose him as a Messenger. (Surah Al-Qasas 28:29-30; Surah Ta-Ha 20:9-14)



19. Allah Sends Musa to Pharaoh

Allah commanded Musa to go to Pharaoh because Pharaoh had gone far in wrongdoing. Musa asked Allah to help him speak clearly and make his brother Harun (peace be upon him) a helper. Allah accepted his request. Both brothers were told to speak to Pharaoh with gentle words. (Surah Ta-Ha 20:24-36, 43-44)

20. Standing Before Pharaoh

Musa and Harun went to Pharaoh and told him they were Messengers from Allah. They asked him to stop harming the Children of Israel and let them go. Pharaoh spoke proudly and reminded Musa that he had grown up in the palace. Musa did not give up his duty. (Surah Ash-Shuara 26:16-22)

21. Calling People to Allah

Musa explained that Allah is the Lord of the heavens, the earth and everything between them. Pharaoh wanted people to follow him instead. Musa kept calling him to the truth and to worship Allah alone. (Surah Ash-Shuara 26:23-29; Surah Ta-Ha 20:47-52)

22. The Miracles of Musa

Allah gave Musa clear signs. When Musa threw down his staff, it became a moving snake. When he brought out his hand, it shone white without illness. These miracles were signs from Allah, not tricks learned from people. (Surah Al-Araf 7:106-108; Surah Ta-Ha 20:17-23)

23. The Great Gathering

Pharaoh accused Musa of using magic. He ordered the best magicians in the land to come for a public meeting. The crowd came to watch. Pharaoh thought his magicians could defeat Musa and protect his power. (Surah Ash-Shuara 26:34-41; Surah Ta-Ha 20:59)

24. Truth Defeats Falsehood

The magicians threw ropes and staffs that appeared to move. Allah told Musa not to fear. Musa threw down his staff and it swallowed their false tricks. The magicians knew this was a real sign from Allah. They fell in prostration and believed in the Lord of Musa and Harun. (Surah Ta-Ha 20:65-70; Surah Al-Araf 7:116-122)

25. Pharaoh's Threat

Pharaoh was very angry that the magicians believed. He threatened to punish them severely. They stayed firm and said they would not choose Pharaoh over the clear truth Allah had shown them. They hoped for Allah's forgiveness and reward. (Surah Ta-Ha 20:71-73; Surah Al-Araf 7:123-126)



26. The Magicians Stand Firm

The magicians had once hoped for Pharaoh's money and praise. After seeing the truth, they cared more about believing in Allah. They accepted that life in this world ends and that the Hereafter is more important. Their faith was stronger than Pharaoh's threats. (Surah Ash-Shuara 26:41-51)

27. A Believer in Pharaoh's Family

One man from Pharaoh's family believed in Allah and kept his faith hidden for some time. When Pharaoh planned to kill Musa, the man spoke up. He reminded the people that Musa had brought clear signs and that killing him would be a terrible wrong. (Surah Ghafir 40:28-29)

28. The Believer's Advice

The believing man warned his people about the punishment that came to earlier nations who rejected their Messengers. He taught that Allah calls people to safety and forgiveness. Pharaoh and his followers were calling them towards the Fire. The believer placed his trust in Allah. (Surah Ghafir 40:30-45)

29. Pharaoh's Wife

Pharaoh's wife believed in Allah even though she lived with a cruel king. She asked Allah for a home near Him in Paradise and for rescue from Pharaoh and his evil actions. Her story teaches that true faith matters more than wealth and a palace. (Surah At-Tahrim 66:11)

30. Hardship for the Children of Israel

Pharaoh became even harsher with the Children of Israel. He threatened their sons and controlled their lives. Musa told them to ask Allah for help and remain patient. Allah promised that wrongdoing would not last forever. (Surah Al-Araf 7:127-129)

31. Drought and Hunger

Allah tested Pharaoh's people with years of drought and fewer crops. Instead of accepting the warning, many blamed Musa. They would ask for help when they suffered but return to their wrongdoing when life became easier. (Surah Al-Araf 7:130-132)

32. Five Clear Signs

Allah sent more signs to Pharaoh's people: a flood, locusts, lice, frogs and blood. Each sign showed Allah's power. They asked Musa to pray for the trouble to go away and promised to believe but again broke their word. (Surah Al-Araf 7:133-135)



33. Leaving Egypt

Allah told Musa to lead the Children of Israel away from Egypt during the night. They left the land where they had suffered. Pharaoh gathered his army and followed them. The Children of Israel reached the sea and feared they would be caught. (Surah Ash-Shuara 26:52-61; Surah Ta-Ha 20:77)

34. Pharaoh Drowns

Allah commanded Musa to strike the sea with his staff. The sea opened into safe paths and Musa's people crossed. Pharaoh and his army followed but the water closed over them. Pharaoh declared belief when he was drowning but it was too late. Allah saved the believers. (Surah Ash-Shuara 26:63-66; Surah Yunus 10:90-92)

35. Life in the Wilderness

After leaving Egypt, the Children of Israel travelled through a dry land. Allah gave them safety, shade and special food called manna and quails. These were blessings from Allah. They were told to be thankful and to obey Him. (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:57; Surah Ta-Ha 20:80-81)

36. Asking for False Gods

The Children of Israel passed people who worshipped idols. Some asked Musa to give them an idol too. Musa told them that worshipping anything besides Allah was wrong. Allah had just saved them from Pharaoh, so they had every reason to thank and worship Him alone. (Surah Al-Araf 7:138-141)

37. The People Become Stubborn

Some of the Children of Israel grew unhappy with the special food Allah had given them. They asked for vegetables, lentils, onions and other foods. They did not show enough thanks for Allah's blessings. Musa warned them about choosing less valuable things over what Allah had provided. (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:61)

38. The Cow

Allah commanded the Children of Israel to slaughter a cow. Instead of obeying quickly, they kept asking Musa about its age, colour and other details. The order became harder for them because they kept delaying. At last they followed the command. This story teaches us to obey Allah without making excuses. (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:67-73)



39. Allah's Law

Allah gave Musa guidance and rules for his people to follow. His people needed to worship Allah alone, stay away from Shirk and treat others fairly. Allah's laws teach people what is right and wrong. We do not make up our own acts of worship. (Surah Al-Araf 7:142-145)

40. The Tawrah

Allah spoke to Musa and gave him the Tawrah as guidance. Musa went to the mountain at the time Allah appointed and left Harun in charge of his people. Musa asked Allah to let him see Him but the mountain could not bear the sign of Allah's greatness. Musa turned to Allah with repentance. (Surah Al-Araf 7:142-145)

41. Worshipping the Calf

While Musa was away, a man called As-Samiri led some people to worship a golden calf. Harun told them this was wrong and that Allah alone deserved their worship. When Musa came back, he was sad and angry to find his people had disobeyed Allah. (Surah Ta-Ha 20:83-97; Surah Al-Araf 7:148-150)

42. Repentance After the Calf

Musa told his people to turn back to Allah. Worshipping the calf was a very serious sin. The wrongdoers were told to repent in the way Allah commanded at that time. Allah is Merciful and accepts sincere repentance. (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:54; Surah Al-Araf 7:152-153)

43. Fear of Entering the Holy Land

Musa told the Children of Israel to enter the holy land Allah had given them. They were frightened of the strong people living there and refused to go forward. Two faithful men encouraged them to trust Allah. Because they disobeyed, they had to wander in the land for forty years. (Surah Al-Maidah 5:20-26)

44. Learning from Others

Musa travelled to meet a servant of Allah who had been given special knowledge. His name is commonly given as Al-Khidr. Musa wanted to learn from him. The man told Musa to be patient and not interrupt him until he explained what was happening. (Surah Al-Kahf 18:60-70)



45. Lessons from Al-Khidr

Al-Khidr made a hole in a boat, caused the death of a boy and repaired a wall for people who had not welcomed them. Musa could not understand these events at first. Al-Khidr later explained that Allah knew things Musa did not know: the boat would be protected from a cruel king, the boy's believing parents would be given something better and the wall was protecting treasure for two orphans. (Surah Al-Kahf 18:71-82)

46. The Children of Israel After Musa

The Children of Israel received many blessings from Allah, including rescue from Pharaoh, food and guidance. Some obeyed Allah but others kept breaking promises and following wrong ways. The story ends by showing why we must thank Allah, follow His guidance and stay away from Shirk and disobedience. (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:40-61; Surah Al-Maidah 5:20-26)