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Stories of the Prophets – Part Four is a short Islamic book by Shaykh Abul Hasan Ali al-Nadwi. It teaches the stories of Prophets Shuayb, Dawud, Sulayman, Ayyub, Yunus, Zakariya and Isa (peace be upon them). The lessons show how the Prophets called people to worship Allah alone, told the truth, showed patience and trusted Allah. 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 Author's Introduction

The author explains that this final part continues his stories for children. These stories are taken from the teachings of Islam and help children learn about the Prophets, their good manners and the truth they taught.

The Story of Prophet Shuayb (peace be upon him)

1. Looking Back at Earlier Stories

The earlier stories show that Allah sends Prophets to call people to worship Him alone. Some people listen while others reject the truth. (Qur'an 11:84–95)

2. Truth and Falsehood

Shuayb taught his people to follow what is true and leave false worship. The truth does not change because many people reject it. (Qur'an 7:85–93)

3. To Madyan, Their Brother Shuayb

Allah sent Shuayb to the people of Madyan. He knew them and wanted what was good for them. (Qur'an 11:84)

4. The Call of Shuayb

Shuayb called his people to worship Allah alone. He told them not to cheat when buying and selling or take what belongs to others. (Qur'an 11:84–85)

5. A Caring Father and Wise Teacher

Shuayb spoke with care and gave clear advice. He warned the people because he wanted them to be safe from Allah's punishment. (Qur'an 11:86–90)

6. How His People Answered

Some of the people laughed at Shuayb and would not accept his words. They were too proud to leave their bad actions. (Qur'an 11:87)



7. Shuayb Explains His Message

Shuayb said that he wanted to make things right as much as he could. His help and success came only from Allah. (Qur'an 11:88)

8. They Said They Did Not Understand

The people said they did not understand much of what Shuayb said. They even threatened him because his family could not protect him forever. (Qur'an 11:91)

9. Shuayb Was Surprised by His People

Shuayb was surprised that his people cared more about his family than Allah. He reminded them that Allah knows everything they do. (Qur'an 11:92)

10. The Painful Warning

Shuayb told the people that they would learn what happens to those who lie and do wrong. He kept trusting Allah. (Qur'an 11:93)

11. A Clear Proof

Shuayb spoke with clear reasons. He reminded his people of the lessons from earlier nations and warned them to ask Allah for forgiveness. (Qur'an 11:89-90)

12. The Same Answer as Earlier Nations

The people rejected Shuayb as other nations had rejected their Prophets. Their pride stopped them from accepting his sincere advice. (Qur'an 7:88-90)

13. He Delivered the Message

Allah saved Shuayb and the believers. The wrongdoers were punished. Shuayb had delivered Allah's message and wished his people had listened. (Qur'an 7:91-93; 11:94-95)



The Stories of Prophets Dawud and Sulayman (peace be upon them)

1. The Qur'an Tells Us About Allah

The Qur'an teaches us that Allah is the Creator and that all power belongs to Him. The stories of the Prophets help us know Him better. (Qur'an 34:10-14)

2. Allah's Blessings to Dawud

Allah gave Dawud wisdom and strong faith. He taught him to make useful things from iron and made the mountains and birds praise Allah with him. (Qur'an 34:10-11)

3. Being Thankful for These Blessings

Dawud and his family were taught to thank Allah through good actions. Blessings are a reason to obey Allah and help others. (Qur'an 34:13)

4. Allah's Blessings to Sulayman

Allah gave Sulayman knowledge and a great kingdom. Allah placed the wind and some jinn at his service by His permission. (Qur'an 27:15-16; 34:12)

5. Careful Judgement and Deep Knowledge

Sulayman understood matters carefully and judged with wisdom. Allah gave Dawud and Sulayman knowledge and both thanked Him. (Qur'an 21:78-79; 27:15)

6. Understanding the Birds and Animals

Allah taught Sulayman the speech of birds. Sulayman saw a small ant warn other ants and he thanked Allah for His gifts. (Qur'an 27:16-19)

7. The Story of the Hoopoe

The hoopoe bird told Sulayman about the people of Saba and their queen. They were worshipping the sun instead of Allah. (Qur'an 27:20-24)

8. Sulayman Sends an Invitation

Sulayman wrote to the queen and called her and her people to submit to Allah. He did not call them to worship himself. (Qur'an 27:28-31)

9. The Queen Consults Her People

The queen asked her advisers what she should do. She spoke carefully because she did not want war to harm her people. (Qur'an 27:32-35)



10. A Peaceful Gift

The queen sent gifts to Sulayman. Sulayman explained that Allah had already given him better gifts and he would not give up the truth for money. (Qur'an 27:35–37)

11. The Queen Comes with Humility

Before the queen arrived, Sulayman arranged to bring her throne. He showed her signs of Allah's power and the queen began to understand. (Qur'an 27:38–42)

12. A Beautiful Palace of Glass

The queen entered a palace with a floor made of glass. She learned more about Sulayman's kingdom and then submitted to Allah. (Qur'an 27:43–44)

13. Sulayman Submits to the Lord of the Worlds

Sulayman thanked Allah for the knowledge and rule he received. He used these gifts for good and never treated them as his own power. (Qur'an 27:40; 38:35)

14. The Qur'an Tells the Story of Sulayman

The Qur'an teaches that Sulayman was a Prophet who worshipped Allah. It also makes clear that he did not disbelieve or teach magic. (Qur'an 2:102; 38:30–40)

15. Sulayman Was Not a Disbeliever

People later made false claims about Sulayman. Allah states that Sulayman did not disbelieve. We must not believe lies about the Prophets. (Qur'an 2:102)

The Stories of Prophets Ayyub and Yunus (peace be upon them)

1. The Story of Ayyub Tests Patience

Ayyub was a servant of Allah who faced great hardship. He stayed close to Allah and called upon Him for help. (Qur'an 21:83)

2. The Patience of Ayyub

Ayyub did not stop worshipping Allah when life became difficult. Allah praised him as a patient and faithful servant. (Qur'an 38:41–44)

3. A Blessing and a Gift

Allah answered Ayyub's dua and removed his hardship. Allah returned blessings to him as a mercy and a lesson for worshippers. (Qur'an 21:84)



4. The Story of Yunus and Its Wisdom

Yunus was sent to call his people to Allah. He left his people and later faced a great test on a ship and in the sea. (Qur'an 37:139-142)

5. Yunus and His People

The people of Yunus eventually believed. Allah removed the punishment from them and allowed them to live for a time. (Qur'an 10:98)

6. Yunus Inside the Fish

A great fish swallowed Yunus. In the darkness he called upon Allah and admitted his mistake. (Qur'an 21:87; 37:142)

7. Allah Answers the Dua

Allah answered Yunus and saved him from sadness and danger. Allah teaches us that He answers sincere duas. (Qur'an 21:87-88; 37:143-148)

The Story of Prophet Zakariya (peace be upon him)

1. Zakariya Asks for a Righteous Child

Zakariya asked Allah to give him a good child who would worship Him. He called upon Allah with hope even when he was old. (Qur'an 19:2-6)

2. An Elderly Man Warns Him About His Weakness

Zakariya knew he was old and his wife had not been able to have children. He still trusted Allah's power. (Qur'an 19:4-5)

3. My Lord, My Wife Cannot Have Children

Zakariya told Allah about his weakness. His dua showed that no matter what happens, Allah can do whatever He wills. (Qur'an 3:38-40)

4. Allah Cares for His Righteous Servants

Allah heard Zakariya's dua. Allah answers whom He wills and gives blessings at the right time. (Qur'an 21:89-90)

5. A Gift from the Merciful Lord

Allah gave Zakariya good news of a son named Yahya. This was a special gift that showed Allah's mercy. (Qur'an 19:7)



6. Good News of a Child

The angels announced that Yahya would be an honourable and righteous Prophet. Zakariya was given a sign connected to his speech. (Qur'an 3:39-41)

7. Signs of Allah's Power

The story shows that Allah gives life and creates what He wills. Zakariya praised Allah and continued to worship Him. (Qur'an 19:8-11)

The Story of Prophet Isa ibn Maryam (peace be upon him)

1. An Amazing Story About a Child

Allah created Isa without a father. This is not difficult for Allah because He creates whatever He wills. (Qur'an 3:47; 19:20-21)

2. A Wonderful Matter

The birth of Isa was a sign from Allah. Allah chose Maryam for a special task and protected her. (Qur'an 3:42-47)

3. The Jews' Behaviour at That Time

The book describes how some people among the Children of Israel had moved away from Allah's guidance. Not every person was the same. (Qur'an 2:87; 5:70)

4. Looking Down on Others

Some leaders were proud and treated others badly. Allah does not love injustice or pride. (Qur'an 5:70)

5. Allah's Blessings to the Children of Israel

Allah gave the Children of Israel Prophets and many blessings. They were told to obey Allah and be thankful. (Qur'an 5:20)

6. Rejecting the Messenger

Some people refused to listen when Allah sent clear guidance. Their refusal did not make the message false. (Qur'an 5:70)

7. Strict Rules and False Ideas

Some people made religion hard by adding their own ideas. Allah's commands must not be changed to suit people's wishes. (Qur'an 3:50)



8. The Birth of Isa

Maryam gave birth to Isa by Allah's command. Isa had no human father and his birth was a sign for people. (Qur'an 19:16-22)

9. The Miracles of Isa

Allah allowed Isa to perform miracles. He healed sick people and brought the dead to life by Allah's permission. (Qur'an 3:49; 5:110)

10. Calling People to Religion

Isa called people to worship Allah and obey Him. He taught them what was lawful and told them to fear Allah. (Qur'an 3:50-51)

11. Some People Became Enemies

Some people disliked Isa's call because it challenged their false ideas. The truth made them angry. (Qur'an 3:52-54)

12. Isa's Story in the Qur'an

The Qur'an teaches that Isa is Allah's Messenger and the son of Maryam. Allah created him by His command. (Qur'an 19:30-36)

13. His Life and Message in the Qur'an

Isa taught people to obey Allah and live rightly. He spoke about worship and good actions. (Qur'an 5:110-114)

14. A Clear Disagreement

The truth about Isa was opposed by people who refused the signs of Allah. Allah knows the truth about His Messengers. (Qur'an 3:54-55)

15. Belief of Ordinary People and Scholars

The book describes how different groups argued about Isa. In Islam we follow what Allah tells us in the Qur'an. (Qur'an 4:171)

16. We Are Helpers of Allah

The disciples of Isa said that they believed in Allah and would support His religion. (Qur'an 3:52; 61:14)

17. His Travels and His Call

Isa continued calling people to Allah and teaching them to do good. He did not ask them to worship him. (Qur'an 5:116-117)



18. The Disciples Ask for Food from Heaven

The disciples asked Isa to call upon Allah for a table of food from heaven. They wanted peace in their hearts and a sign. (Qur'an 5:112-113)

19. Their Words Were Not Respectful

Isa taught his followers to fear Allah when they asked for a sign. People should ask Allah with respect. (Qur'an 5:112)

20. Isa Warns His People

Isa taught that signs from Allah are serious. He warned people not to reject the truth after receiving clear proof. (Qur'an 5:114-115)

21. Asking Again and Again

The disciples continued to speak about the table. Isa made dua and asked Allah for a special blessing. (Qur'an 5:113-114)

22. The Qur'an Explains the Table

Allah tells us about the request for food from heaven and the warning that followed. (Qur'an 5:112-115)

23. A Plan Against Isa

Some enemies planned to harm Isa. Allah knew their plan and had a better plan. (Qur'an 3:54)

24. The Ways of Deceitful People

The book explains how those who wanted to hurt Isa used tricks and false accusations. We must not follow lies. (Qur'an 3:54)

25. Their Tricks and Plans

People thought they could defeat Allah's Messenger through secret plans. Allah's plan cannot be stopped. (Qur'an 3:54)

26. A Difficult Problem for Them

Those who opposed Isa tried to find a way to remove him. Allah did not allow them to defeat His plan. (Qur'an 4:157-158)

27. Isa Faces a Court

The book describes the unfair treatment Isa faced from his enemies. Islam teaches that he was not killed by them. (Qur'an 4:157)



28. The Law and Court of That Time

People used the laws and leaders of that time while trying to punish Isa. Their judgement could not overcome Allah's protection. (Qur'an 4:157-158)

29. Isa Endures Harm

Isa faced insults and difficulty while carrying Allah's message. Allah protected him from the final plan against him. (Qur'an 3:54-55)

30. Allah's Plan

Allah saved Isa from his enemies. The Qur'an tells us that Allah raised him to Himself. (Qur'an 4:157-158)

31. It Was Made to Appear So

The Qur'an says that Isa was not killed or crucified by his enemies. It was made to appear so to them. (Qur'an 4:157)

32. The Sentence Was Carried Out

The book describes what people believed happened at the time. The Qur'an makes clear that they did not kill Isa. (Qur'an 4:157)

33. Isa Is Raised to Heaven

Allah raised Isa to Himself. This is what Muslims believe because Allah tells us so. (Qur'an 4:158)

34. The Qur'an Tells the Story

The Qur'an corrects wrong claims about Isa. Allah knows what happened and He is the best witness. (Qur'an 4:157-159)

35. Isa Will Return Near the Last Day

The book teaches that Isa will return before the Last Day by Allah's will. The Prophet Muhammad taught about his return. (Sahih al-Bukhari 3448; Sahih Muslim 155)

36. The Good News of Prophet Muhammad

Isa gave good news of a Messenger who would come after him named Ahmad. Ahmad is a name of Prophet Muhammad. (Qur'an 61:6)

37. How People Changed the Original Message

Some later people changed the belief taught by Isa. They began saying things about him that he did not teach. (Qur'an 5:72-75)



38. Isa Calls to Worship Allah Alone

Isa called people to worship Allah alone. He never told people to worship him or his mother. (Qur'an 5:116-117)

39. The Qur'an Makes His Message Clear

The Qur'an explains that Allah is One. Isa was a Messenger who called people to obey Allah. (Qur'an 4:171; 5:72)

40. Tawheed in His Call

The most important part of Isa's message was Tawheed. Tawheed means worshipping Allah alone without partners. (Qur'an 3:51; 5:117)

41. Isa Will Be a Witness on the Last Day

On the Last Day, Isa will speak truthfully about what he taught his people. Allah knows everything that happened. (Qur'an 5:116-119)

42. From an Unclear Belief to Open False Worship

The book ends by warning against leaving the clear worship of Allah alone. Muslims follow Tawheed as taught by all the Prophets. (Qur'an 4:171; 5:72-75)