

Surah Al-Fil | The Elephant

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Revelation: makkah

Have not. you seen. how. dealt. your Lord. with (the) Companions. (of the) Elephant. (1).

1. Have you not considered, [O Muḥammad], how your Lord dealt with the companions of the elephant?¹

Footnote 1: - i.e., the army under the command of Abrahah al-Ashram which was accompanied by a huge elephant and came with the intention of destroying the Ka'bah at Makkah.

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اَلَمْ يَجْعَلُ كَيْدَهُمْ فِي تَضْلِيْلٍ ۞

Did not. He make. their plan. go. astray. (2).

2. Did He not make their plan into misguidance?¹

Footnote 1: - Causing them to perish.

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وَّارْسَلُ عَلَيْهِمْ طَيْرًا اَبَابِيْلُ صَ

And He sent. against them. birds. (in) flocks. (3).

3. And He sent against them birds in flocks,

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تَرُمِيُهِمْ بِحِجَارَةٍ مِّنْ سِجِّيْلٍ صَ

Striking them. with stones. of. baked clay. (4).

4. Striking them with stones of hard clay,

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فَجَعَلَهُمْ كَعَصْفٍ مَّأْكُولٍ ٥

Then He made them. like straw. eaten up. (5).

5. And He made them like eaten straw.¹

Footnote 1: - i.e., husks which have been chewed by cattle. This event took place in the year of the Prophet's birth.