

Imagine with me....
Surah Feel

Introduction:

Year of the Elephant: when the prophet (saw) was born.

Abraha wanted the people to come and worship the Ka'ba he built in Yemen. He noticed that people weren't praying there but going to Makkah. So he prepared the biggest army and put the elephant at the front- the Arabs wouldn't have seen them before. He marched his army all the way to Makkah and managed to take over the tribes on the outskirts. He took their sheep.

Abdul Muttalib sat down with him and asked him to return the sheep. So Abraha said I'm coming to destroy the sheeps and you are asking only for the sheep. So Abdul Muttalib replied "I am the lord of these sheep and Allah is the Lord of the Ka'ba and he will protect it".

When he built his palace he wanted people to revere it but Allah puts in our hearts love for the Ka'ba.

Ayah (1)

"Alam tara" visual language - didn't you see: when this Surah was revealed the people around the prophet knew that this event had happened yet they still denied Islam.

Ayah (2)

Abraha wasn't satisfied with his evil - the kuffaar wont be happy doing evil by themselves. They want you to get involved. So why don't we muslims be like them but not be satisfied until we make the people around us involved in doing good deeds.

Plot went wrong: the elephant wouldn't move forward.

Ayah (3)

Sijeel: baked clay

Allah sent down his army.

Ababeel: flocks - group after group - usuallu birds won't hurt you but together they can.

These pebbles wouldn't just hurt them but tear them to pieces.

Ayah (4)

It's not an issue of whether Can Allah destroy people or not because this Surah proved that it has already happened. The whole of Makkah had witnessed this so when this Surah was revealed no one argued.

Who was the army? Of Abraha - everyone thought he couldn't be stopped. Sop after this event - the status of Quraish rose because the other tribes knew that not only were they incharge of the Ka'ba but that Allah had protected them.

Ayah (5)

"kasf" plant leaves after the harvest

These dead plants go through 3 stages:

1. Dead plant
2. Eaten by cow
3. Excreted

These people were left like this with the stones

These people had seen this event - so it was so wrong of them to worship some thing else after Allah had helped them.

Lesson:

Stern warning: power of Allah