

Surah Masad:

Introduction:

When the Prophet (saw) received the revelation he was told to go to call people to Islam at a major gathering.

So the prophet went to a mountain and called them all the tribes by their names. When they had all gathered there and the prophet asked the people if he warned them that they would be attacked soon would they believe him? They said yes because you are Ameen (truthful). They said he never lied. So the prophet told them of the message of Islam and warned them about a great punishment.

Abu Lahab (uncle) who was very wealthy and well known in Makkah said "May you be lost - is this all you called us for?"

So Allah revealed Surah Masad and the children would sing this Surah to tease him and his wife.

Ayah (1)

This is Allah cursing Abu Lahab because he said this to the Prophet so Allah is cursing in the same way. This shows how much Allah loves the prophet (saw).

Ayah (2)

Abu Lahab would always say "don't worry my wealth/children/people I know will help me" so Allah is saying that whatever he thinks he has will never benefit him.

Ayah (4)

The wife of Abu Lahab would:

1. Put thorny woods in the path of the prophet to hurt him
2. Spread rumours, so she would go to one house and tell the woman what the other said about her and then go to another house and tell her what she said. So she would spread fitnah (mischief)

Ayah (5)

It is said that she had a necklace which was very beautiful/expensive and she sold it so that she could use the money to harm the prophet (saw). So Allah is replacing that necklace with the necklace of palm fibre in Hellfire.