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Chapter 17. Hud (A): Struggle to Guide Mankind

- Hud (A) belonged to the civilization known as **Ad**. He lived in the southern region of present day Yemen. The Quransays he lived in the city of **Iram**.
- The people of Ad were great craftsmen. They built beautiful houses and tall structures on the mountains. The people of Ad became proud and began to ignore the need to worship Allah swt. They built new gods to worship.
- Allah swt sent Hud (A) as a messenger to guide people too worship One Allah but they remained stubborn.
- Ultimately, when the people of Ad did not listen to Hud (A) ,Allah punished them. They were destroyed by a **huge hurricane**. In the Quran, their destruction is described as uprooted date trees.

Chapter 18. Salih (A): Struggle to Guide the Misguided

- After the tribe of Ad was destroyed **Thamud** tribe can into prominence. The Thamud lived in the present-day Sudi Arabia, near the **Madyan** region.
- Ad and Thamud tribes had many similarities. Both tribes were very successful and prosperous and new how to build tall buildings on the plains and how to carve out beautiful homes in the mountains.
- After they achieved their best days, they both started to worship idols and made images of god from their own imagination.
- Allah swt sent nabi Salih (A to the Thamud tribe from their own community. They did not believe him and demanded that if Salih (A) was a true messenger, he should give them a sign.
- As a sign a rock in the mountain split open and **a female camel** came out of the rock. The people hated the camel and were cruel to her. Even though Salih (A) warned the people not to hurt the camel they still did not listen. One day they injured the camel by cutting the hamstring of her leg. The camel could not search for food and water and died of starvation and dehydration.
- Salih (A) told the people of Thamud that their punishment will come within **3 days**. The people didn't believe Salih (A) and plotted to kill him, but Allah swt saved him from being killed.
- Allah swt sent a severe punishment in the form of a severe **earthquake**. It caused a huge thunder and the people died and their homes were levelled to dust.

Chapter 19. Musa (A): His Life and Achievements

- Musa (A) was one of the most important messengers in Islam. The holy book **Tawrat** was revealed to him. He was the messenger for “The people of Israel”, popularly known as Jews.
- When Musa (A) was born in the time of a very cruel ruler, Firaun, who ordered all the newborn Israelite male children to be killed. Musa(A)’s mother wanted to save her son so she placed him in a basket in the river. Firaun’s wife picked up the basket and adopted the child as their son. Musa (A)’s mother was reunited with him and she was able to feed him at the palace.
- Musa(A) mistakenly killed an Egyptian man while trying to end a street fight. For this accident, Firaun wanted to kill Musa(A) so he fled Egypt and after traveling in the desert for many days he reached **Madyan**.
- In Madyan Musa (A) started a family and one day while traveling with his family he noticed a fire on a mountain. There Allah swt gave him instructions to go back to Egypt and rescue the Israelites from the corrupt rule of Firaun.
- Allah swt gave Musa (A) **two signs**
 - 1) When Musa (A) threw his rod it changed into a snake,
 - 2) When he drew his hand from his chest, it would turn white.
- In Egypt Musa(A) gave the message of One Allah but Firaun arranged a festival to defeat Musa(A). At the festival he invited all the magicians from different parts of the country.
- The magicians realized that Musa(A) was telling the truth and they believed in message of One god.
- Firaun didn’t listen to the teachings of Musa (A) and finally Allah swt instructed him to rescue the Israelites.
- Musa (A) successfully took them **across the sea** and before Firaun could catch them the water came from all sides and drowned him.
- The Israelites did many rebellious activities and challenged Musa(A) multiple times during the journey to the Promised Land, they remained lost in the wilderness for 40 years. During this time Musa(A) died.

Chapter 20. Sulaiman (A): A King and a Servant of Allah swt

- Messenger Sulaiman (A) lived in **Palestine** and he was the **richest messenger and King**.
- Sulaiman (A) had a large army which consisted of horses, camels, birds, and jinn. He had **many extraordinary powers** like the power of wind and ability to understand the language of animals. Sulaiman (A) was an excellent judge and there were many incidents of his wisdom and fairness.
- He impressed the rich queen of Sheba with his extraordinary powers and she realized the invisible God is real, even though people cannot see him. She stopped worshipping idols and accepted Islam.
- When Sulaiman (A) died, no one realized it except a creature of earth that ate his staff. When it fell, the jinn realized he had passed away.