

Learn word for word meaning of the following verses, listen to the lecture, take notes and try to answer the following questions.

Surat An-Naml (The Ant)

سورة النمل

Verse 54-59



وَلُوطًا إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ أَتَأْتُونَ الْفَاحِشَةَ وَأَنْتُمْ

تُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٥٤﴾

And [mention] Lot, when he said to his people, "Do you commit immorality while you are seeing?"

Questions

1. What does "Al fahisha" mean, explain?
2. What does "tubsirun" mean?

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تَّجْهَلُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾

Do you indeed approach men with desire instead of women? Rather, you are a people behaving ignorantly."

Questions

1. How is "ainnakum" used here?
2. What is "Jahl"?
3. List some of the major sins committed by the Nation of Lut?

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But the answer of his people was not except that they said, "Expel the family of Lot from your city. Indeed, they are people who keep themselves pure."

Questions

1. Why is the Nation of Lut saying "Innahum unaasun yatatahharun"?

﴿٥٧﴾ فَأَنْجَيْنَاهُ وَأَهْلَهُ إِلاَّ امْرَأَتَهُ قَدَرْنَاهَا مِنَ الْغَابِرِينَ

So We saved him and his family, except for his wife; We destined her to be of those who remained behind.

Questions

1. What does "ahl" mean?
2. What is "ilmullah bissabiq" Why was the wife of Prophet Lut destined to be left behind?

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And We rained upon them a rain [of stones], and evil was the rain of those who were warned.

Questions

1. What kind of rain was the “evil rain”?
2. List the torments faced by Nation of Lut?

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Answers

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Questions

What does “Al fahisha” mean, explain?

'Al fahisha' is a filthy crime, sin etc - usually used to refer to adultery/fornication. The 'Al' just defines it (makes it specific) thus for the people of Lut, when it says *al-fahisha* it's not referring to any sin they did, but '*the filthy crime-homosexuality, they engaged in*'.

What does “tubsirun” mean here?

Root for “Tubsirun” is ba saad ra. It means to look, to see with your eyes, to understand, to comprehend. The Nation of Lut knew that the “filthy crime”

(homosexuality), was a great sin and were not bothered to correct themselves or to stop those who were involved in these acts.

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Questions

How is "ainnakum" used here?

It is not used as a question here but it is used to show amazement.

What is "Jahl"?

It means to be irrational or foolish. This is the kind of ignorance in which a person is not able to distinguish between good or bad. The word jahl here means to be overpowered by one's sexual desires or lust in such a way that one loses one's intellect. Just like when a person who is drunk loses his intellect.

List some of the major sins committed by the Nation of Lut?

They were musrif (extravagant), rebellious, fasiq, homosexuals.

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Questions

Why is the Nation of Lut saying "Innahum unaasun yatatahharun"?

They are being sarcastic and are mocking the Prophet and his followers. It is a common experience that people make fun of a person who tries to advise them.



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Questions

What does “ahl” mean?

It means family and followers.

What is “ilmullah bissabiq”? It is Allah’s knowledge of events even before they have taken place. It is taqdeer (destiny).

Why was the wife of Prophet Lut destined to be left behind?

Wife of Prophet Lut used to keep company with the corrupt people of her nation. She was the wife of a Prophet and even then she helped and supported the sinful people. Her actions were already a sign that she was heading towards destruction.



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And We rained upon them a rain [of stones], and evil was the rain of those who were warned.

Questions

What kind of rain was the “evil rain”?

It was a rain of stones. Each stone was marked by Allah.

List the torments faced by Nation of Lut?

- Rain of stones
- Drowning
- The city was turned upside down by the angel.
- Earthquake

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Questions

Why is there a “madd” before the word Allah in this verse?

This is because there is one “hamza istihfaam” before the definite “al” of Allah here.

What is the difference between the two women, Queen of Saba and wife of Prophet Lut?

Queen of Saba lived amongst the disbelievers all her life but when she received guidance she accepted it.

Wife of Prophet Lut was the wife of a prophet of Allah. She was in the company of the most righteous person of her time and she did not try to reform herself. This shows that iman enters the heart. We should take care of our hearts.

Why is the Prophet Muhammad being told to say “Alhamdulillah”?

It is to thank Allah who helps His creations by guiding them, by narrating to them what happened to the transgressing nations in the past.

Also it is the way of Arabs to say Alhamdulillah at the end of an argument in which others do not want to accept what they are saying.

What kind of a question is “Allahu khayrun amma yushrikun”?

This is a question aimed at denouncing the idolaters for their worship of other gods other than Allah.

What does a person who ponders on the stories of the perished nations eventually concludes?

He reaches the conclusion as mentioned in verse 59, "Praise be to Allah, and peace upon His servants whom He has chosen. Is Allah better or what they associate with Him?"