

# Qasasul Ambiya Lesson 2

What is the wisdom behind prophets and Messengers being sent?

Whatever knowledge came to the messengers they showed it by acting upon it. This is also our responsibility. The purpose of Qasasul ambiya is that the Quran enters into our life. Khateeb RA Said that knowledge is like a tree and actions are its fruits. Knowledge is the servant of action.

Imam Shafi RA Said the jurist is not the one who gives good talks, verdicts and writes articles. The real jurist is the one who has good actions. The leader is not the one who has people in his group, how big and respectable his tribe is. Rather the leader is the one who has good conduct

The rich person is not the one who has property money, gold and silver. The real rich person is the one who gives from what they have

The Muslim nation has the title of best of Nations

The purpose of prophets being sent was purification of the soul.

There's an example in Arabic the soul being like a nursing child. If you continue to give him milk then he will continue to drink but to wean him off milk you have to make him disciplined

Why did Allah send Messengers from humans? All the scholars are agreed upon that messengers are humans and not God. Ibn Taymiyyah RA Said it's possible for Messengers to get sick. Be hungry and be forgetful

Proofs their messenger said to them we are indeed humans like you but Allah favors whoever he chooses of his servants and is not for us to bring any proof without Allah's permission and in Allah let the believers put their trust (Ibrahim 11)

Say oh Prophet I am only a man like you but it has been revealed to me that your God is only one God. So take the straight away towards him and seek his forgiveness and woe to the polytheists (Fussilat 6)

There are three messages in one verse

The Messiah, son of Mary, was no more than a messenger. 'Many' messengers had 'come and' gone before him. His mother was a woman of truth. They both ate food.<sup>1</sup> See how We make the signs clear to them, yet see how they are deluded 'from the truth'!(Maidah 75)

Sickness of Ayub AS: And remember Our servant, Ayyūb - when he called his Lord saying, "The ShaiTān (Satan) has inflicted weariness and pain upon me."(Saad 41)

Supplication: وَأَيُّوبَ إِذْ نَادَىٰ رَبَّهُ أَنِّي مَسْنِيَ الضُّرُّ وَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّحِيمِينَ ﴿١٠٩﴾

Wives and children: We have sent messengers before you, and gave them wives and children. It is not for a messenger to bring a verse without the will of Allah. For every age there are some rules prescribed ( Al rad 38)

We did not send any messengers before you (O prophet,) but all of them used to eat food and walk in the markets. And We have made some of you a test for some others. Would you observe patience? And your Lord is Ever-seeing.(Al furqan 20)

Forgetting of Adam AS: We had given a directive to 'Ādam earlier, then he forgot, and We did not find in him a firm resolve.(Taha 115)

Forgetting of Musa AS: So, when they reached the meeting point of the two seas, they forgot their fish, and it made its way into the sea as in a tunnel.(Al kahf 61)

In which surah has the mention of the most Prophets?

25 Prophets are mentioned in the Quran, with the most being mentioned in surah Al Anam with 18 being mentioned. The rest are mentioned in different surahs.

We bestowed upon him IsHāq and Ya'qūb . Each one of them We guided to the right path. Earlier, We guided NūH and, of his progeny, (We guided) Dawūd and Sulaimān and Ayyūb and Yūsuf (Joseph) and Mūsā and Hārūn.-Thus We reward those who are good in deeds-and (We guided) Zakariyyā and YaHyā and 'Īsā and Ilyās -each one of them was of the righteous--and Ismā'īl and Yasa' and Yūnus and LūT, and all of them We made to excel over all the people of the world (in their respective times). (Anam 84-86)

The principles of action: I have to also be one that does Ihsan, righteous, play the role of the middle nation, command the good and prohibit the evil.

The difference between Prophets and Messengers: both of them are pious servants of Allah. Allah sent them to guide His servants. The Messenger is the one who is given a new set of rules or the new set of rules have already been sent but have not yet been conveyed to the people. Ibrahim AS had Abrahamic pamphlets. Ismail AS law was the law of his fathers. He was sent to the nation of Jurhum with that law. In the same way, the Prophets of the Bani Israel took the law of Musa AS to their people. Every Messenger is a Prophet but not every Prophet is a Messenger. Imam Ibn Taymiyyah says that the Messenger is the one who is sent to the disbelievers and the Prophet is the one who believes in previous Prophets laws and he teaches the religion.

Surely We have sent down the Torah, in which there was guidance and light by which the prophets, who submitted themselves to Allah, used to judge for the Jews, and (so did) the Men of Allah and the Men of knowledge, because they were ordained to protect the Book of Allah, and they stood guard over it. So, (O Jews of today,) do not fear people. Fear Me, and do not take a paltry price for My verses. Those who do not judge according to what Allah has sent down are the disbelievers. (Maidah 44)

The hadith of Abu Dhar RA in which 124,000 Prophets being sent is weak. 25 are mentioned in the Quran. There are 313 Messengers and the rest are Prophets. From the narrators of this hadith is one narrator who is well known to lie, which is why this hadith should not be quoted.

How many Prophets and Messengers are mentioned in the Quran? 25 Prophets and Messengers are mentioned. Some of their stories are mentioned without their name being mentioned. The wisdom behind that is only known by Allah.

Was there any female Prophets?

From the beautiful names of Allah is al-Hakim, which the believers have to believe in. Because of this, there is no room for questioning.

And We did not send before you messengers except men whom We inspired with revelation. So, ask the people (having the knowledge) of the Message, if you do not know. (Surah anbiya ayah 7)

Hasan Al basri RA said that there is no Prophet from the women or Jinn

We did not send before you (messengers) other than men from the people of the towns whom We inspired with revelation. Have they not traveled in the land where they could have seen how was the fate of those before them? And surely the abode of the Hereafter is much better for those who fear Allah. Would you, then, still not understand?(Surah Yusuf 109)  
All scholars say that the position of Messengerhood was only given to me, not anyone else.

In the Quran, 3 women are mentioned: the mother of Isa AS, the mother of Musa AS, and the wife of Ibrahim AS, Sarah. The angels talked to them and they received wahy but that does not mean that they were Prophets or Messengers. Their virtue is established by this.

The word wahy is very expansive. It is used in the meaning of inspiring, with the heart being firm on the topic. Allah gave a honey bee wahy as well. In the same way, Khadija, Ayesha, and Asiya RA have very high ranks. Maryam AS was called Siddiqa, she was selected from the women of this world.

The word wahy and it's derivatives come 88 times in the Quran. The linguistic meaning is to give information in a discrete way, to point and indicate.

Zamakhshari: I did wahy in his direction and he did wahy in my direction means that you do it secretly without others finding out. It's other meanings are indicating, beliefs, a written thing, to do quickly, a voice, inspiration, to place a thought in the heart quickly and swiftly so that it's impact remains in the heart

It's technical meaning: Allah azza wa Jal giving his selected prophets information and commands.

There are 2 types of wahy: general and specific. General wahy is used in 7 meanings in the Quran.

Those are the ones Allah knows what is in their hearts. So, ignore them, and give them good counsel, and speak to them about themselves in appealing words.(Nissa 63)

Say, "Whose testimony is the greatest?" Say, "Allah is the witness between me and you, and this Qur'ān has been revealed to me so that I should thereby warn you, and whomsoever it may reach. Do you really bear witness that there are other gods along with Allah?" Say, "I bear no such witness." Say, "In fact, He is one God. I disown what you associate (with Him)." (Al Anam 19)

Wahy means indicating.

Then he came out to his people from the place of prayer, and directed them by gestures to proclaim the purity of Allah at morning and evening.(Maryam 11)

Wahy for inspiration

Your Lord revealed to the honeybee: "Make homes in the mountains, in the trees and in the structures they raise.(Nahl 68)

We inspired the mother of Mūsā saying, "Suckle him (Mūsā). Then once you fear about him, cast him in the river, and do not fear, and do not grieve. Surely We are going to bring him back to you and appoint him one of (Our) messengers."(Al QASAS 7)

Wahy for command

That day it will describe all its happenings,because its Lord will have so commanded it(Al zilzaal 4-5)

Wahy for speech

Thus He (Allah) revealed to His slave what He revealed.(Najm 10)

Wahy for signs

It is not (possible) for a human being that Allah speaks to him, except by way of revelation, or from behind a curtain, or that He sends a messenger, and he reveals, with His permission, what He wills. Surely, He is All-High,All-Wise(Shura 51)

Wahy for whispers

So it is that, for every prophet, We have set up enemies,-the devils of mankind and jinn-who seduce one another with alluring rhetoric in order to deceive-Had Allah willed, they would have not done it. So, leave them alone with what they forge-(Al Anam 112)

Specific Wahy: there are 3 types: for Allah to speak, for a voice to come behind a curtain, It is not (possible) for a human being that Allah speaks to him, except by way of revelation, or from behind a curtain, or that He sends a messenger, and he reveals, with His permission, what He wills. Surely, He is All-High,All-Wise(Shura 51)