**Dar Ul Imaan**

**Ramadan series**

**Stories of the Prophets**

**Lesson 23 Nuh(as) part 8**

Nuh(as) was sent to Iraq’s territories, between Dajla river and Foraat. Nuh(as) nation was idolators and they were ignorant. After 950 years of give Dawaah only few believed him, some say 40 some say 70 and some say 80.

Hadeeth: Companion of Muhammad(saw) were sad, there weren’t many people accepting Islam, beloved prophet Muhammad(saw) said “I’ve been presented/shown previous nations, I saw a prophet had 10 followers, some had 1 or 2 and some prophets didn’t even have 1 follower. Sahih Muslim

Some scholar say Nuh(as) lived 350 years after the big storm.

Narrated by Abullah bin Abaas; Hazrat AbuBakr Sadeeq ask Muhammad(saw) you have aged, Muhammad(saw) replied surah Hud, surah Waqiyah, surah Mursalat, surah Amma and Surah Shams aged me. Tarmizi

Surah Hud is a Makki Surah, few disagree.

People of Makkah had a lot of resemblance to people of Nuh(as). This Surah was revealed to comfort Muhammad(saw). Prophets mention in surah Hud had faith, patients and stability.

The time of the revelation of this surah, Abu Talib(uncle) died, Hazrat Khadijah(r ) died, Muhammad(saw) had journey to Miraaj. This time was one of the hardest times for Muhammad(saw)’s life. After the death of Abu Talib and Hazrat Khadija and the journey; people of Makkah openly started to make fun of Muhammad(saw) and torture him and his companion.

Seerah Ibn Is’haaq, after the death of the wife (Khadijah) and uncle (Abu Talib), prophet Muhammad’s situation was as if mountains have fallen over him because both of them were very sincere, loyal and close to the prophet(saw).

Scholar took 30 bullet point just from the Surah Hud. In Quran الفُلك(ark) word comes 23 times from which 8 times in Surah Hud. Surah Hud is a strict and intense surah.

Surely, we sent Nuh to his people. ˹He said,˺ “Indeed, I am sent to you with a clear warning. Surah Hud:25

**نَذِيرٌ** warns with love

**مُّبِينٌ** very clear warner

Scholars say Nuh(as)’s nation went too far in their cruelty, then Allah swt sent Nuh(as). His status is very great in the chain of prophethood after Adam(as). When he(as) preached, he had 3 pillars of his Dawaah, Tawheed, Akhirat, and Risalat.

that you should worship none but Allah. I truly fear for you the torment of a painful Day.” Surah Hud:26

There are 2 pillars of Tawheed, 1st to rejection (there is no God but) 2nd accept (Allah is the only God)

**يَوْمٍ أَلِيمٍ –الم** pain---a painful day

Scholars say, elite, authority/chief of the nation were rejecting

The disbelieving chiefs of his people said, “We see you only as a human being like ourselves, and we see that no one follows you except the lowliest among us, who do so ˹hastily˺ without thinking.1 We do not see anything that makes ˹all of˺ you any better than us. In fact, we think you are liars. Surah Hud:27

Their objections were; 1st you are like us(human), 2nd your followers are poor/low class, weak people,3rd you don’t have merit over us/ no worth. To sum up the whole argument, they said he are a liar.

**أَرَاذِلُنَا** witless, poor-spirited, despicable

**بَادِىَ ٱلرَّأْىِ** immature opinion/first glanced opinion

He said, “O my people! Consider if I stand on a clear proof from my Lord and He has blessed me with a mercy from Himself, which you fail to see. Should we ˹then˺ force it on you against your will? Surah Hud:28

**رَحْمَةً** some scholars say it refers to “faith” some say it refers to” prophethood.”

**أَنُلْزِمُكُمُوهَا ---** **ل ز م** stick

O my people! I do not ask you for a payment for this ˹message˺. My reward is only from Allah. And I will never dismiss the believers, for they will surely meet their Lord. But I can see that you are a people acting ignorantly. Surah Hud:29

**بِطَارِدِ -- ط ر د** to expel/to drive away

There are 3 words with the similar meaning in the Quran;

**خَرَجَ** went out

**بُرِّظَت** to clear

O my people! Who would protect me from Allah if I were to dismiss them? Will you not then be mindful? Surah Hud:30

I do not say to you that I possess Allah’s treasuries or know the unseen, nor do I claim to be an angel, nor do I say that Allah will never grant goodness to those you look down upon. Allah knows best what is ˹hidden˺ within them. ˹If I did, ˺ then I would truly be one of the wrongdoers.” Surah Hud:31

**تَزْدَرِىٓ** to look down upon

Scholars say, Nuh(as)’s argument with the whole nation shows how a **دَاي (**person giving dawah) should play his/her roll, what words/tone should be used while giving dawah.

They protested, “O Nuh! You have argued with us far too much, so bring upon us what you threaten us with, if what you say is true.” Surah Hud:32

**جَـٰدَلْتَنَا** two groups arguing

Scholars say, the people threaten Nuh(as).

He responded, “It is Allah Who can bring it upon you if He wills, and then you will have no escape! Surah Hud:33

In this verse Nuh(as) is mentioning the power, authority or Allah swt.

My advice will not benefit you—no matter how hard I try—if Allah wills ˹for˺ you to stray. He is your Lord, and to Him you will ˹all˺ be returned.” Surah Hud:34

Scholars say, to see the actions of the nation, Nuh(as) said Allah has stamped your heart (for they are sealed and nothing will entre in them), Allah has decided to leave you astray. Now Nuh(as) has threaten them.

Or do they say, “He has fabricated this ˹Quran˺!”? Say, ˹O Prophet, ˺ “If I have done so, then I bear the burden of that sin! But I am free from your sinful accusation.” Surah Hud:35

**بَرِىٓءٌ** innocent

Scholars say, Muhammad(saw)’s nation had the same reaction as Nuh(as). Allah’s reaction to this nation is anger/wrath for their accusations.

And it was revealed to Nuh, “None of your people will believe except those who already have. So do not be distressed by what they have been doing. Surah Hud:36

**تَبْتَئِس** to be sad/ distress

Some scholars say, that when the nation of Nuh(as) asked/challenged him for the punishment, that is when Nuh(as) made dua to Allah swt to vanish everyone but the believers.

And build the Ark under Our ˹watchful˺ Eyes and directions, and do not plead with Me for those who have done wrong, for they will surely be drowned.” Surah Hud:37

Allah swt says 6 things in this verse; 1st to build an ark, 2nd to build it under his supervision, 3rd with his instructions, 4th not to plead for the disbelievers, 5th these people are cruel.

Scholars say the target was to drown them.

Imam Sauri quotes, Allah swt order Nuh(as) to build 80(palm) length ark.

Hazrat Qatada quotes, the ark was 300 palms in length and 50 palm in the width and had three floors; ground floor was for the animals, middle floor was for human and the top floor was for birds. The door of the ark was wide and had a roof top. Ibn e Qasser

Allah swt guided him through Jibraeel(as).

Abdul bin Abaas say **بِأَعْيُنِنَا** I am watching

Rabeeb bin Anas **بِأَعْيُنِنَا** in my security.

Scholars say “Supervision” means securely all the times.

**وَوَحْيِنَا** inspiration.