Surah 105 Surah Feel

THE ELEPHANT

THE LINK AND SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

Punishment for the Kuffaar in the Aakhirah were outlined in the previous Surahs. Surah Feel proceeds to warn people about the worldly consequences of kufr. Allaah depicts the destruction of people who, because of their intoxication with the material profits of this world, attempted to destroy the centre of Imaan and Touheed, viz. the Kabah. The only method of securing salvation in both the worlds is to inculcate the attributes described in Surah Asr.

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

المَرْتَفِعَ فَعَلَ رَبُّكَ بَأَصْحَبِ الْقَيْلِ

1. (Abraha the governor of Yemen built a temple to which he wanted the Arabs to pay homage. When they ignored his temple because they refused to abandon the Kabah in Makkah, Abraha marched with an army of elephants to destroy the Kabah. However, when they reached the Kabah, many flights of little birds approached them, each bird carrying three little pebbles, one pebble in its beak and one in each claw. As the birds flew over Abrahah's army, they dropped their pebbles which went straight through anything they struck and settled deep in the ground, thereby destroying Abraha's army. It is in reference to this incident that Allaah says,) Have you not seen how your Rabb dealt with the people of the elephants? (This event took place a few days before the birth of Rasulullaah ﷺ in Makkah.)

الَّذِيِّ يُقَبِّلُ نَذَاكِرَاهُ مُحَمَّدٍ ﷺ

2. Did He not lay their plans to waste...

وَأَرَسَلَ عَلَيْهِمَا طَيْرَانِ أَبَا يَسَلٍ

3. ...and send (unleashed) against them flights of birds...

تُوْيِهِمُ مِاَجَارُ وَمِمْسَاَقُ يَمِينِيٍّ

4. ...who pelted them with clay pebbles...

فَمَا هُمْ مَعَنِيَّ مَصْفَأً أَلْلَهَ

5. ...making them look (destroyed) like eaten fodder? (devoured chaff)