

105. Surah Al Fil (The Elephant)

In the name of **ALLAH**, The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ فَعَلَ رَبُّكَ بِأَصْحَابِ الْفِيلِ ﴿١﴾ أَلَمْ يَجْعَلْ كَيْدَهُمْ فِي تَضْلِيلٍ ﴿٢﴾ وَأَرْسَلَ عَلَيْهِمْ طَيْرًا أَبَابِيلَ ﴿٣﴾ تَرْمِيهِمْ بِحِجَارَةٍ مِّن سِجِّيلٍ ﴿٤﴾ فَجَعَلَهُمْ كَعَصْفٍ مَّأْكُولٍ ﴿٥﴾

In this Surah, '**Almighty GOD**' is reminding the people of Makkah about the incident when the army of Abraha consisting of 'Elephants' attacked Makkah around 570 AD. Abraha was the King of Yemen which was under Ethiopia. When this Surah was revealed there were very few eyewitnesses still alive in Makkah. The reason of Abraha's attack was to destroy Makkah, spread Christianity and make the large Church in Yemen the center of worship and commercial hub instead of Makkah. With the help of '**Almighty GOD**,' the huge army of 'Elephants' that was brought through the 'Red Sea' to Yemen and then onwards to Makkah was destroyed by a flock of birds (Ababil) throwing stones on the army of 'Elephants' who became like cattle feed upon being hit by the stone.

أَلَمْ يَجْعَلْ كَيْدَهُمْ فِي تَضْلِيلٍ ﴿٢﴾
وَأَرْسَلَ عَلَيْهِمْ طَيْرًا أَبَابِيلَ ﴿٣﴾
تَرْمِيهِمْ بِحِجَارَةٍ مِّن سِجِّيلٍ ﴿٤﴾
فَجَعَلَهُمْ كَعَصْفٍ مَّأْكُولٍ ﴿٥﴾

2 to 5: Did HE (Almighty God) not cause their plan to end in loss? and send down on them (the people of the Elephant) a flock of birds, which pelted them with stones of baked clay the He (Almighty God) rendered them like straw eaten by cattle.

أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ فَعَلَ رَبُّكَ بِأَصْحَابِ الْفِيلِ ﴿١﴾

1: Have you not seen how your Lord dealt with the people of the Elephant.

'Fil' means Elephants

105. Sura Al Fil

