

## Read! In the Name of your Lord...

Continuing with al-Furqan to its end, Allah addresses the accusations levelled against the Qur'an and the Messenger and refutes them. In identifying this rejection and persecution as nothing new, Allah relates incidents from the lives of other Prophets who suffered similar problems. As a warning to the disbelievers, it highlights what their end will be if they persist in disbelief and closes by outlining the role of the Prophet, and describing the true believer. In the following chapter, al-Shu'ara (Poets), the fundamentals of faith are discussed: Allah's Oneness, revelation and the Last Day as well as giving examples of Allah's power and grace in nature. The main body of the chapter is devoted to historical accounts that consolidate these areas, and an air of warning pervades the whole chapter. The final chapter in the Juz is al-Naml (Ants) - it opens and closes by describing the Qur'an as being joyful news for the believers and a warning for others.



### What can we learn from this Juz?

- Examples of Allah's destruction of previous nations which serve as a warning to mankind;
- That Allah's Oneness is evidenced by His Signs in creation;
- The qualities of the Al-Rahman's servants – consider them carefully;
- A number of stories about previous prophets all aimed at consoling the Prophet;
- The sound heart is the successful heart on the Last Day;
- Hud reminded his people about the many blessings Allah had granted them and explained the way to show gratitude was through Taqwa (God Consciousness);
- The story of Shu'ayb exemplifying the prophetic guidance to worship Allah as if you see Him, and if you cannot see Him know that He sees you.
- The Qur'an is a guidance and good news for the believers;
- No matter how much the disbeliever may plot and plan, Allah is the best of planners.

### Surahs & Ayaat

- 25. Al-Furqan (21-end)
- 26. Al-Shu'ara
- 27. Al-Naml (1-55)