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Did you know that the sun is called 'Shams' in Arabic?



# سورة الشمس

There is a surah in the Quran called Surah Shams.

It talks about a Prophet of Allah and a very special camel.

Can you guess the name of the Prophet?



Come! Let's read the translation of  
Surah Shams.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the  
Entirely Merciful, the Especially  
Merciful.

وَالشَّمْسِ وَضُحَاهَا

Allah swears by the sun and its  
brightness,



وَأَلْقَمِرِ إِذَا تَلَنَهَا

and the moon as it  
follows the sun,

وَأَلْنَهَارِ إِذَا جَلَنَهَا

and by the day when it shows  
the sun's brightness,



وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا يَغْشَىٰهَا

And by the night when it hides  
the sun's brightness

وَالسَّمَاءِ وَمَا بَنَىٰهَا

and by the sky, and the One  
who built it,



وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا طَحَنَهَا

and by the earth, and the One  
who spread it,

وَنَفْسٍ وَمَا سَوَّاهَا

and by the soul, and the One  
who made it well,





فَأَلْهَمَهَا فُجُورَهَا وَتَقْوَاهَا

Then He showed him what is wrong for him and what is right for him.

قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا

The men who clean their souls of sins and evil are successful



وَقَدْ خَابَ مَنْ دَسَّنَهَا

and doomed are those who pollute  
their souls with sins and evil

كَذَّبَتْ ثَمُودُ بِطَغْوَنَهَا

The people of Thamud rejected the  
Truth and disbelieved in Allah because  
they were arrogant and proud.



إِذِ انْبَعَثَ أَشْقَاهَا

When the most wicked of them  
went to kill the she-camel.

فَقَالَ لَهُمْ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ  
وَسُقِيهَا

But the messenger of Allah warned  
them, “Do not disturb Allah’s camel  
and let her drink from the water at  
her turn!”



فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَعَقَرُوهَا فَدَمْدَمَ عَلَيْهِمْ  
رَبُّهُم بِذُنُوبِهِمْ فَسَوَّاهَا

Still they did not listen to him and slaughtered Allah's she-camel. So Allah crushed them for their crime, levelling all to the ground.

وَلَا يَخَافُ عُقْبَاهَا

And Allah does not fear anyone.



“O Lord, thank you for making us, the Thamud, the greatest people in the land”



“Please! Bless my wealth!  
I want money!”



“My baby is sick. Please  
cure him! Please!”



Thamud was a strong tribe. They lived long ago, in a town of rocky mountains called Hijr.





At first, the people of  
Thamud were good people  
who obeyed Allah.

But Satan played his mischievous  
tricks and whispered bad thoughts  
in their hearts.



Slowly, the people forgot Allah  
and started worshiping idols.

But there was one man who did  
not listen to Shaitan.



His name was Saleh.



**“I love Saleh!”**

**“Yeah! He’s the best in Thamud! What remarkable character he has!”**



**“Mark my words. This young man is going to make us proud one day.”**

Allah chose Saleh to be His Prophet and told him to guide the people to the truth.

صَالِحٌ  
عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ

“O people, worship Allah.” said Saleh (peace be upon him), “ you have no god other than Him.”



What nonsense! We can never leave our gods! They give us food, wealth and protect us!



“Our fathers worshiped these idols. They knew better than you!”

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“It is Allah who created you and gave you this land. Turn to Him. He is Near and always ready to answer your prayers.”

Saleh (peace be upon him) tried to make them understand, but the people refused to believe.



“Saleh has started talking nonsense. We expected better of him. What went wrong?”

“I think he has been cursed by magic.”



The people of Thamud kept on rejecting Saleh's message and Saleh kept on preaching them.

"You build palaces in the plains and carve houses out of the mountains. These are all Allah's favors."

Prophet Saleh (peace be upon him) reminded them.



“Oh please! When are you going to stop pestering us?”

“You claim to be a prophet. Why don't you show us a miracle?”

“Yeah! Do you see that mountain over there? Make a camel come out of it!”

“A mommy camel. Big and beautiful.”



Prophet Saleh prayed to Allah for the miracle, and Allah accepted his prayer.

صَالِحٌ  
عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ



Suddenly, the mountain began to shake and rumble.

It cracked open and a huge mommy camel appeared out of it.



“Oh my! How...did...that...happen”

“I told you he has been affected  
by magic!”





“I believe in Saleh! He is speaking the truth!”. Said one man from among the people.



“Pooh! You’re just a poor beggar.  
Nobody cares about what YOU  
believe.”



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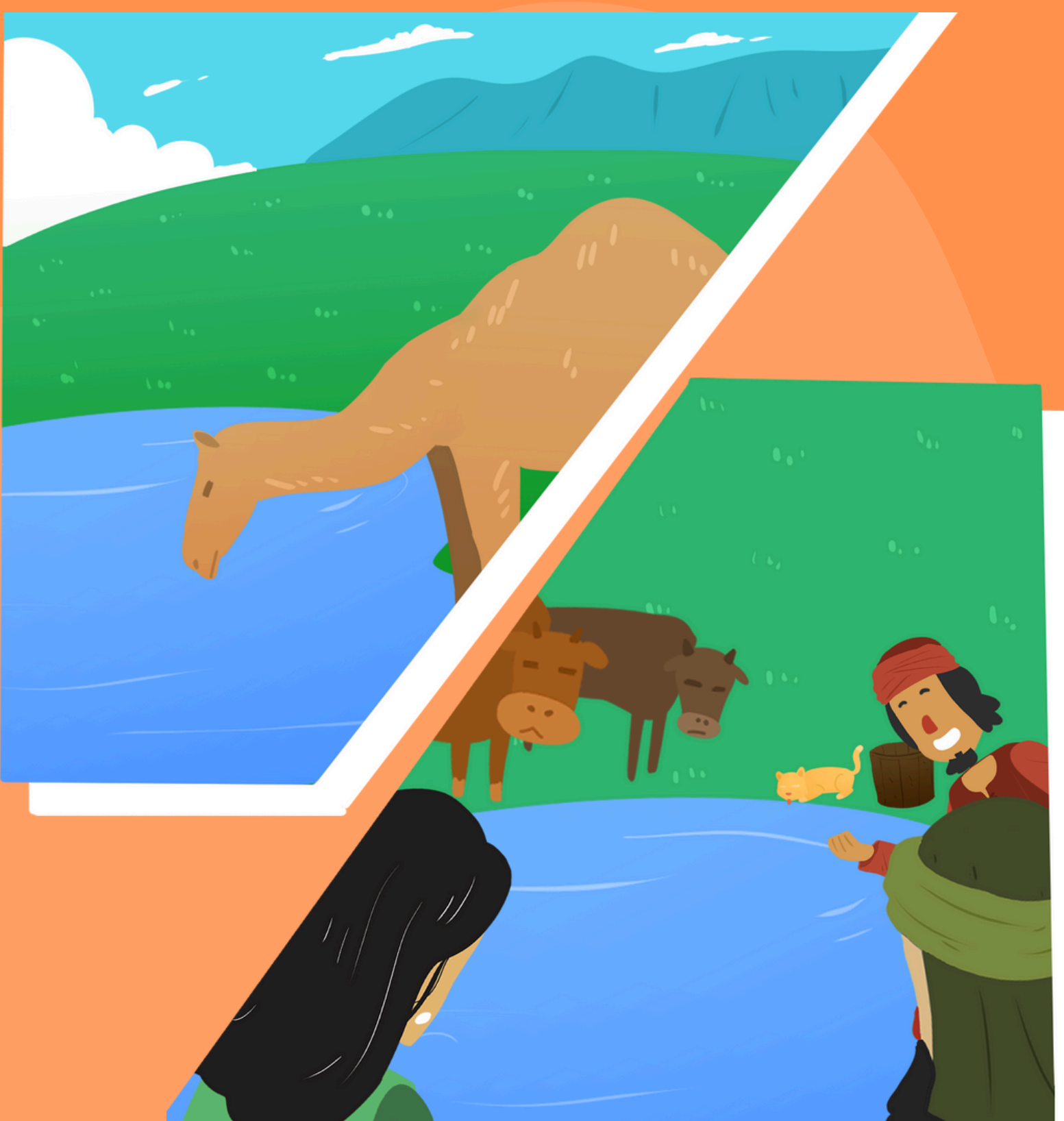


Allah's miracle camel was humongous and drank lots of water.

Prophet Saleh (peace be upon him) told the people that they had to share their water with the camel.



One day it would be the camel's turn to drink from the water hole...



...and on the next day it would be the turn of the people and their animals.

“This camel is such a nuisance!”

“How long are we going to tolerate this?”

“Why don’t you get rid of it? It’s just a camel.”

“We must!... Let’s do it tonight.”



And so nine evil men from  
Thamud got together and killed  
Allah's camel.

The rest of the people agreed  
with their plan and nobody  
stopped them.





“Gone! See! Nothing special  
about her”

The murderers sneered without  
a drop of guilt.



Allah is extremely kind and loving but the people of Thamud were too evil.

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Prophet Saleh told them that they were going to be punished by Allah in 3 days time.



“Huh! No one can punish us!  
We’re the strongest people in  
Arabia”

“Bring it on! We’ll see.”



“Let’s get rid of Saleh and his family now.”

“And if his people ask who killed him we’ll just say we don’t know”



Thamud wanted to kill Prophet Saleh (peace be upon him) as well but Allah had a better plan.

He told Prophet Saleh to leave the town along with the believers.



The people of Thamud became more arrogant as three days passed.

“Three days are over. Where’s the punishment? I’m ready... Don’t keep us waiting!”





“Oh no!”

“Lord! Save us!”

“Run!”



An ear splitting sound shook the ground and destroyed all the evil people of Thamud.

Thamud thought they were smart and powerful. But no one is more powerful than Allah.



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