

Surah Al-A'raf

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Questions

1. What does the title of this surah (Al-A'raf) mean? Why does it have this name?
2. The surah begins by addressing the Prophet. What does it address him regarding?
3. What does the surah say is the response of people when punishment comes upon them?
4. The Surah reviews the experience of many prior Prophets and the ultimate fate of the people who did not follow them. Who are three of these Prophets and what happened to their people?
5. When does the Surah say the punishment will come upon the people? By day or night?
6. How long was Prophet Musa away from his people? What did he receive from Allah while he was away? What did his people do while he was away?
7. When people ask the Prophet about when the Hour will come – what does he say?

Questions for younger kids:

1. How many verses are in this surah?
2. This surah mentions multiple different prophets and their stories. How many prophets do we believe Allah had sent to guide people?
3. Find the words in the word search below:

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- Heights
- Adam
- Iblis
- Musa
- Nuh
- Lut
- Thamud

Answers

- 1. What does the title of this surah (Al-A'raf) mean? Why does it have this name?**

The title of the Surah Al-A'raf means 'The Heights' named after the heights of the barrier which will divide the righteous from the damned on the Day of Judgement

- 2. The surah begins by addressing the Prophet. What does it address him regarding?**

The verse addresses the Prophet that he should feel no doubt (ٓ) or anxiety over proclaiming the Quran, as the Book was sent down so that the Prophet might warn the people.

- 3. What does the surah say is the response of people when punishment comes upon them?**

When punishment came upon the people they admitted their mistakes in the hope to avert the punishment.

- 4. The Surah reviews the experience of many prior Prophets and the ultimate fate of the people who did not follow them. Who are three of these Prophets and what happened to their people?**

The surah mentions that Prophets Noah, Hud and Salih tried to convey the message that God is One and that they should serve no one but Him. Noah's people were drowned, Hud's people (the people of Ad) were destroyed and Salih's people (the people of Thamud) suffered an earthquake as they did not pay heed to the Prophets and challenged them.

- 5. When does the Surah say the punishment will come upon the people? By day or night?**

God's punishment may descend by night, while people are asleep, and so unconscious and unaware, or in broad daylight, while they were playing, that is, distracted by their engagement with affairs of this world.

6. How long was Prophet Musa away from his people? What did he receive from Allah while he was away? What did his people do while he was away?

Prophet Musa was away from his people for 40 nights (initially 30 nights were appointed, and then 10 more were added). Allah gave him tablets with the commandments inscribed on them. When Prophet Musa was away, the people went back to their old ways of worshipping idols (calf made from jewellery).

7. When people ask the Prophet about when the Hour will come – what does he say?

The Prophet told the people that Allah alone has knowledge of when the Hour will come and that time will be momentous.

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2. This surah mentions multiple different prophets and their stories. How many prophets do we believe Allah had sent to guide people?

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