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In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Ever Merciful

Foreword

This booklet is one of a series of stories regarding some of the Prophets mentioned in the Holy Quran. These booklets have been much anticipated and it gives me great pleasure to write this foreword.

The Holy Qur'an, a guide to all mankind, has given detailed accounts on how messengers of Allah conveyed His Divine teachings. The steadfastness demonstrated by the prophets is inspiring and I feel an important means for youngsters to strengthen their own approach to their faith. These stories remind us that even through hardships and doubt that firm faith in Allah the Almighty is the only route to salvation.

It is essential that these stories are relayed according to the teachings of the Holy Qur'an. Readers will find this booklet a source of information and a useful method of increasing religious knowledge. I would like to acknowledge and give heartfelt thanks to the Lajna Ima'illah UK Isha'at team under the leadership of Mrs. Zahida Ahmed for undertaking and supervising its completion for the benefit of our younger members.

I pray that those who read this book are truly inspired. Indeed, firm faith in Allah the Almighty is the only route to salvation. May we always be guided by Allah the Almighty, Ameen.

Nasira Rehman
Sadr Lajna Ima'illah UK
2013



Alhamdulillah, with the blessings of Khilafat, this is a great honour for Lajna Ima'illah UK to design and produce stories of Prophets of Allah, at the time when we are celebrating 100 years of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in the UK.

Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifatul-Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) established Lajna Ima'illah in 1922 for the training and education of Ahmadi Muslim women. He envisioned a broader and active role for Ahmadi women. He felt their participation was of great importance for the success of the Jama'at. Women play an important role in the moral and spiritual development of their children. They are responsible for raising the leaders of tomorrow.

Keeping this in mind, we are presenting this booklet for the younger members of our community so they can be inspired by the special people of Allah.

Zahida Ahmed
Secretary Isha'at Lajna Ima'illah UK
2013

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(peace be on him)

Somewhere in the vast deserts of Arabia, there lays buried deep in the sand the remains of a great and powerful civilisation.

No sign is to be seen today of the once elaborate and majestic palaces, solid fortresses and beautiful houses. The people who lived there enjoyed every comfort and pleasure. They had plenty of food and water filled their reservoirs (place where water is collected and stored for use). In the heat of summer they would go to their summer residences in the mountains and in the cooler months they would return to



the desert and enjoy the warmth there.

They were very cultured and civilised people who had made great advances in science and especially in architecture. They had working factories which produced all sorts of goods needed in the home, and mechanical works which produced weapons.

They built tall and grand buildings in high places. They had managed to achieve all this whilst other peoples who lived in the same time were far less advanced and uncivilised. Traces of these once tall and beautiful buildings can still be seen a few miles from Aden (Yemen). These ruins are the only sign that these once powerful people ever existed.

Who were these people whose kingdom extended practically over the whole of Arabia and who ruled over the fertile parts of Yemen, Syria and Mesopotamia? They were known as the Aad. The Aad were a mighty people; they lived just after the time of Hazrat Nuh (peace be on him). They were strong in number and they wished to rule over many lands. They tried to overpower weaker communities and destroy their cultures. If anyone stood up against them, they would crush them brutally. They were cruel rulers.

Even though the Aad had achieved so much in science, agriculture and in knowledge of all kinds, they had at the same time become very evil and dishonest. They no longer worshipped Allah. They lived as if they would live forever and never gave a thought to the after life. They spent their time eating, drinking and wasting their time doing nothing of any use. They had no care for the poor and needy and no sense of justice. Their dealings and lives were full of bad behaviour, which was disliked by Allah.

They failed to recall that it was Allah who had blessed them with everything: their knowledge, their wealth, their children and their security. They chose to worship idols which they had made by themselves from stone.



In order to guide the Aad back to the right path and give them a chance to improve themselves, Allah sent Hazrat Hud (peace be on him) as a messenger from Himself. Hazrat Hud (peace be on him) would try to make them realise that man was created to worship Allah and to warn them that if they wasted their lives in worthless ambitions, and bad acts, then they would be punished harshly.

Hazrat Hud (peace be on him) told them that their riches, their castles and everything they had would remain here on earth and only their good deeds would be taken to the next life. He told them that they would have to answer to Allah for all that they did.

The Aad had become proud. They thought that they

themselves were the creators of their power and riches. They thought they could never be defeated and that nothing could take their power away. Hazrat Hud (peace be on him) told them that nations get real strength from high and good morals and not from material things. If they followed him, then Allah would continue to bless them, but if they turned away from Allah, then He could take away everything from them, because it is Allah who is the ultimate source of all power.¹

Hazrat Hud (peace be on him) said to his people,

.....” يَقَوْمِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَهٍ غَيْرُهُ ط“

Yaa Qaumi'budullaaha maa Lakum min Ilaahin ghairuhoo

“....O My people Worship Allah alone. You have no God besides Him...” (Sura Hud verse 51)

The people of Hazrat Hud (peace be on him) laughed at him. “Who are you?” they said. They looked down on him and made fun of him. They said, “You haven’t given us any clear proof of the existence of God; we will not give up worshipping our gods just because you say so!”² The Aad had began to think that Hazrat Hud (peace be on him) was tricking them to try and gain power for himself, but he answered them by telling them that he did not want any

power or wealth.

He said: *..... إِنَّ أَجْرِي إِلَّا عَلَى رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ .*

In Ajriya illaa alaa Rabbil- Aalameena

*“...my reward is only with the Lord of the worlds”
(Al-Shu’ara’ verse 128)*

The simple life led by Hazrat Hud (peace be on him) was proof that he did not care for wealth and fortune. Because the Aad had bad intentions themselves, they could not see how Hazrat Hud (peace be on him) could have sincere intentions and speak the truth.

Hazrat Hud (peace be on him) tried time and time again to make them realise that it was Allah alone who had blessed them with all that they had and they should be thankful to Him, worship Him and mend their ways. But they still refused to listen.

The Aad no longer wished to talk to Hazrat Hud (peace be on him), they told him that their gods had caused his mind to become unstable and that it made little difference to them whether he warned them or not.

Hazrat Hud (peace be on him) continued to advise his people but despite his efforts his people did not change their ways. Hazrat Hud (peace be on him) spoke to them for the last time. He warned his people that if they did not turn to Allah it was only they who would be the losers. Hazrat Hud (peace be on him) said,

..... ” إِنِّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابَ يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ .

Inni Akhaafu Alaikum Azaaba Yaumin Azeem

*“Indeed, I fear for you the punishment of an awful day.”
(Al-Shu’ara’ verse 136)*

The people of Aad simply made fun of him and replied,

إِنْ هَذَا إِلَّا خُلُقُ الْأَوَّلِينَ . وَ مَا نَحْنُ بِمُعَذَّبِينَ .

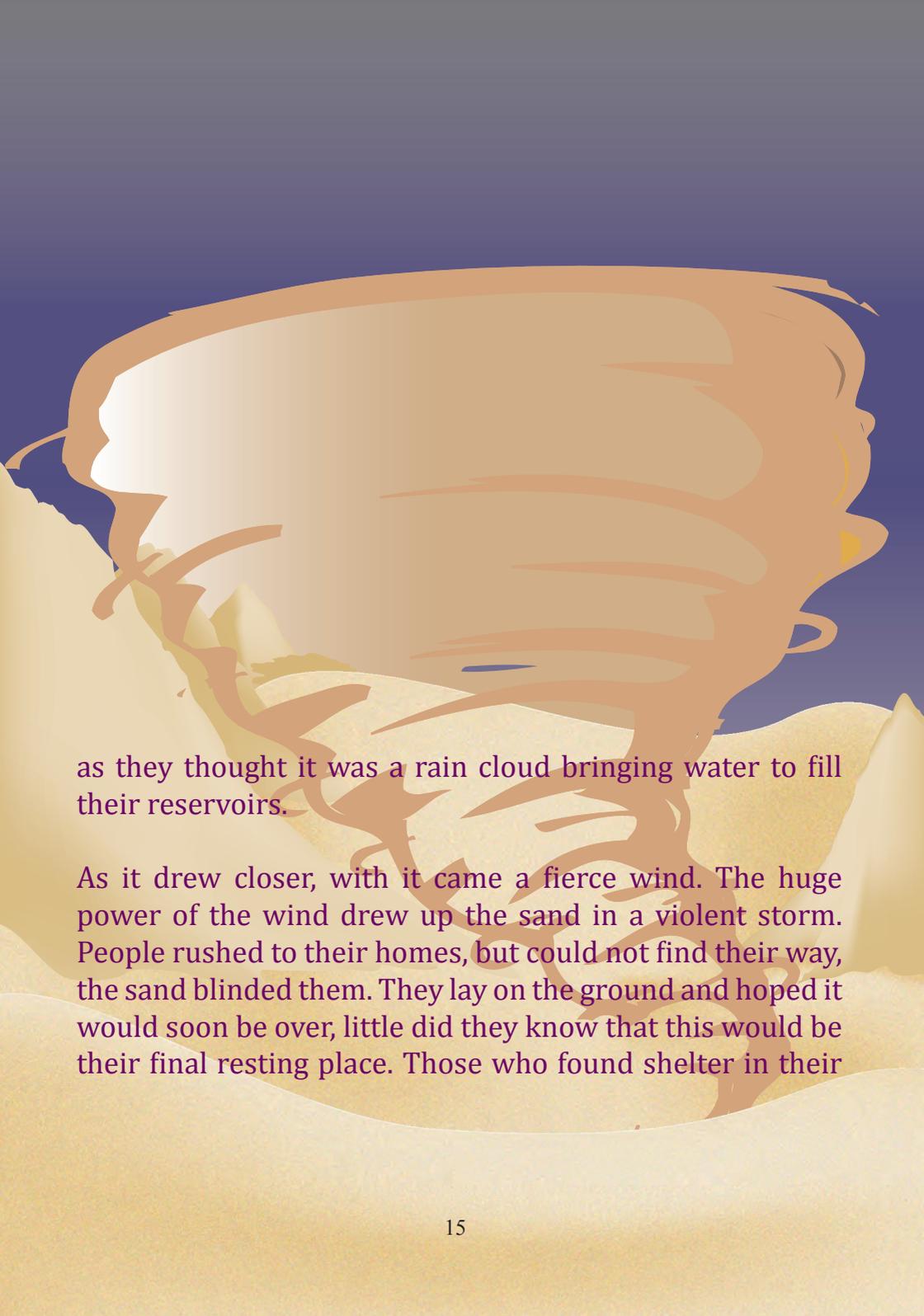
In Haaza Iilla Khuluqul-Awwaleena- Wa maa Nahnu bi muazzabeen

“This is nothing but a habit of the ancients. And we shall not be punished.” (Al-Shu’ara’ verses 138-139)



What the Aad meant by this was that they had heard tales of prophets that had come before Hazrat Hud (peace be on him) who had preached a message from God, and who gave warnings of terrible punishment, but the punishment never came. They dismissed all that he said as ‘stories of the ancients’.

How foolish the people of Aad were, for the day of the punishment came. One bright sunny day, as they continued with their daily business, the people of Aad noticed a dark cloud approaching way in the distance. They were delighted



as they thought it was a rain cloud bringing water to fill their reservoirs.

As it drew closer, with it came a fierce wind. The huge power of the wind drew up the sand in a violent storm. People rushed to their homes, but could not find their way, the sand blinded them. They lay on the ground and hoped it would soon be over, little did they know that this would be their final resting place. Those who found shelter in their

homes, waited for the storm to end. But there was no shelter that day from God's punishment. The storm remained for eight days and seven nights, burying everything under huge heaps of sand. No trace of the Aad remained!

Hazrat Hud (peace be on him) and his small group of followers were saved by the special mercy of Allah and they went on to preach His message.

Somewhere deep in the deserts of Arabia waiting to be found lie the remains of those once great cities, a sign for mankind.

وَأَمَّا عَادٌ فَأُهْلِكُوا بِرِيحٍ صَرْصَرٍ عَاتِيَةٍ . سَخَّرَهَا عَلَيْهِمْ سَبْعَ لَيَالٍ وَثَمَنِيَةَ
أَيَّامٍ لَا حُسُومًا لَا فَتَرَى الْقَوْمَ فِيهَا صَرْعَى لَا كَانَ لَهُمْ آعْجَازٌ نَخْلٍ خَاوِيَةٍ .

***Wa Amma Aadun Fa Uhliku bireehin Sarsarin Aatiyatin -
Sakhkharahaa Alaihim Sab'a Layaalin wa Samaaniyata
Ayyaamin Husuman -Fa Taral- Qauma feehaa sar'aa ka
Annahum a'ajazoo Nakhlin Khaawiyah.***

'And as for the Aad, they were destroyed by a fierce roaring wind, which He caused to blow against them for seven nights and eight days consecutively, so that thou mightest have seen the people therein lying prostrate, as though they were trunks of palm-trees fallen down' (Al-Haqqah verses 7-8)

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