

# SURAH AL-FEEL

LEVEL: BEGINNER

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ فَعَلَ رَبُّكَ بِأَصْحَابِ الْفِيلِ (1) أَلَمْ يَجْعَلْ كَيْدَهُمْ فِي  
تَضْلِيلٍ (2) وَأَرْسَلَ عَلَيْهِمْ طَيْرًا أَبَابِيلَ (3) تَرْمِيهِمْ بِحِجَارَةٍ مِّنْ  
سِجِّيلٍ (4) فَجَعَلَهُمْ كَعَصْفٍ مَّأْكُولٍ (5)

## TRANLITRATION

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Alam tara kaifa fa'ala rabbuka bi  
ashaabil feel

Have you not seen how your Lord  
dealt with the people of the  
elephant?

Alam yaj'al kaidahum fee tadleel

Did He not make their plan go  
wrong?

Wa arsala 'alaihim tairan  
abaabeel

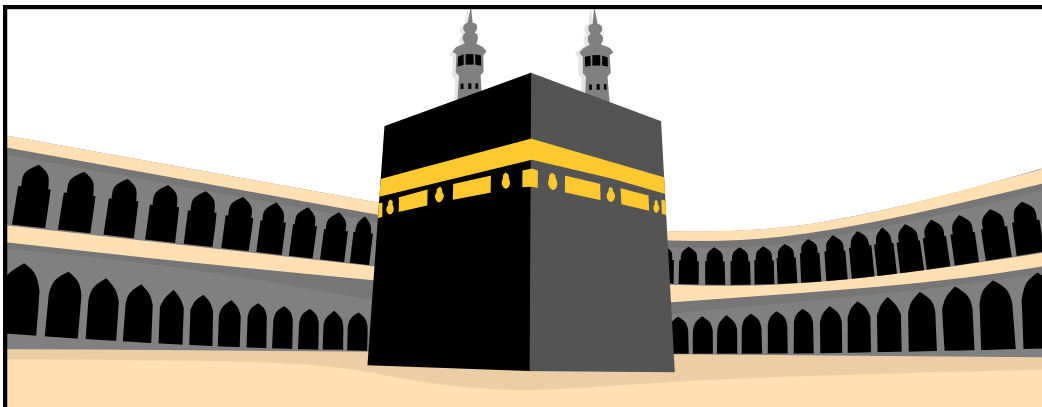
And sent against them flocks of  
birds.

Tarmeehim bihijaaratim min  
sijjeel

Striking them with stones of  
baked clay.

Faja 'alahum ka'asfim m'akool

Leaving them like chewed-up  
leaves.



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- 1- It is a Makkan surah.
- 2- The Surah consists of 5 verses.
- 3- The surah is named Al-Feel which means elephant, because it talks about the army and the elephant that tried to destroy the Ka'bah.



#### VERSE-BY-VERSE EXPLANATION

##### 1- “Have you not seen how your Lord dealt with the companions of the elephant?”

This verse is addressing the listeners, asking them to reflect on the story of how Allah handled Abrahah and his army who came with the elephants to destroy the Kaabah.

##### 2- “Did He not make their plan go astray?”

Allah is highlighting how He caused the plans of Abrahah and his army to fail completely. Despite their strong intentions and powerful force, they couldn't succeed because Allah disrupted their plans.

##### 3- “And He sent against them birds in flocks.”

Allah sent birds in groups to fight against the army. The small birds carried out Allah's will and played a major role in stopping the elephants and Abrahah's troops, showing Allah's ability to use even small creatures to bring down great armies.

##### 4- “Striking them with stones of baked clay.”

The birds carried small stones made of baked clay, which they dropped on the soldiers. These stones struck the army with such precision that they led to their downfall, showing Allah's power in using any force, no matter how small, to achieve His purpose.

##### 5- “Leaving them like chewed-up leaves.”

The army was left in ruins, like straw that has been eaten up and is now useless. It symbolizes the complete destruction of Abrahah's forces, leaving no trace of their power.

### CAUSE OF REVELATION

Surah Al-Fil was revealed in Mecca to remind the Quraysh tribe (the tribe of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ) and all who heard it about Allah's ability to protect His sacred house. This historical event, known as the "Year of the Elephant," occurred around the same time the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was born. It served as a reminder to the Quraysh of Allah's supreme power and protection.

### KEY LESSONS FROM THE SURAH

- **Divine Protection:**

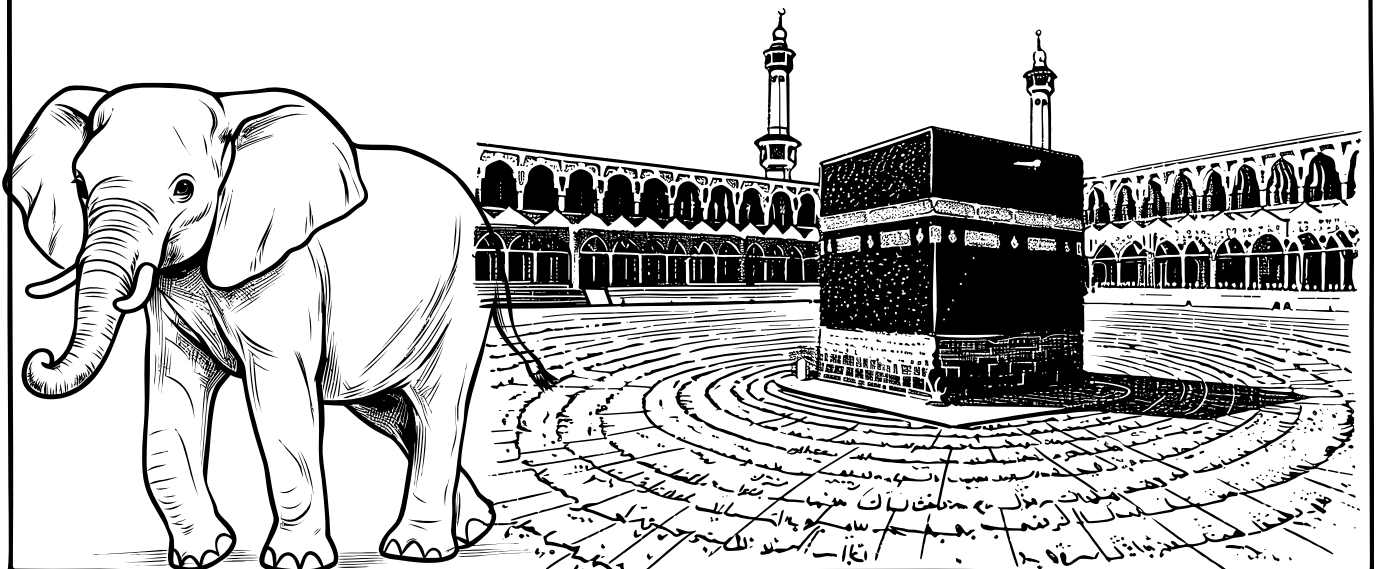
Allah's ability to protect His sacred house from powerful enemies is highlighted.

- **Allah's Power Over All Creation:**

Even a large army with mighty elephants was no match for the forces Allah chose to use – in this case, small birds.

- **A Reminder to Quraysh:**

This story was a powerful reminder to the Quraysh and all people to respect Allah's house and acknowledge His supreme power.



## ACTIVITIES

### CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER

1- What did Allah send to destroy Abrahah's army?

- A) A storm
- B) Angels
- C) Birds with stones
- D) Fire

2- The army in Surah Al-Fil came with which animal?

- A) Camels
- B) Horses
- C) Elephants
- D) Lions

3- Who was the leader of the army that tried to attack the Kaaba?

- A) Nimrod
- B) Pharaoh
- C) Abrahah
- D) Abu Lahab

4- What happened to the soldiers after the birds dropped stones on them?

- A) They were unharmed
- B) They became stronger
- C) They were destroyed
- D) They fled back to Yemen

### TRUE OR FALSE

1- Allah allowed Abrahah's army to destroy the Kaabah.

2- The birds carried water to the army.

3- Surah Al-Fil emphasizes Allah's power to protect sacred places.

4- The birds that attacked Abrahah's army were sent as a punishment from Allah.

### ANSWER THE FOLLOWING

1- Why did Abrahah bring an army of elephants to Mecca?

2- What was the outcome of Abrahah's plan to attack the Kaabah?

3- What can we learn from Allah's protection of the Kaabah in this Surah?