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Summary of Holy Quran for Children –Juzz/Paara 9

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Preamble: All praise is for Allah Taala, my Creator and Sustainer – whose favors are endless – who is incomparable - who is the only one who deserves worship. All salutations on dear Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and on his Sahaba رضى الله عنهم

This document presents a bullet-point summary of the primary contents of Paara 9 of the Holy Quran. The content has been derived and adapted from the book “Khulaasat-ul-Quran” by Hazrat Molana Muhammad Aslam Shaikhupoori شہید علیہ رحمۃ. The motivation and content of this work have been verified by respected teachers (علماء).

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Summary of Juzz (Paara) 9

- 9th Paara contains Surah Al-A'araaf (88-206) and Surah Al-Anfaal (1-40).
- **The story of Prophet Shoaib علیہ السلام**
 - The end of Juzz 8 informed about the story of Prophet Shoaib علیہ السلام
 - The start of Juzz 9 continues this story.
 - When Shoaib علیہ السلام stopped his people from their sins and anarchy, they threatened him: “We will drive you and your people from our locality”



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- They also said: “You can be spared if you accept our religion”
- Shoaib عليه السلام responded: “It is impossible that we accept your religion – so do what you can do – we trust in Allah ﷻ”
- This is a reassurance for Muhammad ﷺ that if the infidels of Makkah are rejecting the Quran, then the answer is not to worry about it and trust Allah ﷻ.
- **Allah’s ﷻ has informed of His method (sunnah) and His practice regarding disbelievers – which is as follows:**
 - We try to explain to them gently in every possible way
 - We indulge them in pain and difficulties so they may pay turn towards Us
 - But when they reject every gentle word and painful situation, and refuse to listen and show stubbornness, then we suddenly bring on them a severe punishment while they are unaware of it.
- **Reassuring Muhammad ﷺ:**
 - After telling the stories of all the disbelieving nations, the Quran reassures Muhammad ﷺ not to be sorrowful or worry about the disbelievers of Makkah
 - The reason is that the previous Prophets عليهم السلام were also bothered and troubled in the same way.
 - The Quran tells the Prophet ﷺ that due to their disbelief, Allah ﷻ stamped the hearts of the disbelieving nations so they could never be guided again till their deaths.
- **The Story of Prophet Moosa عليه السلام:**
 - Prophet Musa عليه السلام is one of the Prophets mentioned in Surah Al-A'araaf.



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- His story has been mentioned in detail because his people (ummah) were more stubborn and disbelieving than other nations.
- For instance, Firoun had claimed himself to be a god (العياذ بالله) and he was also in Hazrat Moosa's ummah.
- For this reason, the miracles assigned to Prophet Musa عليه السلام were also more significant and apparent compared to the miracles of the previous Prophets عليهم السلام
- **The arrival of Bani Israil in Egypt:**
 - Bani Israil refers to the 12 sons of Prophet Yaqub عليه السلام and their descendants
 - They were initially living in Kanaan (كنان), which is modern-day Israel/Palestine
 - When Kanaan was hit with famine, they moved to Egypt
 - Slowly, their numbers increased until they became second-largest nation
 - They were initially ruled by Prophet Yusuf عليه السلام
 - "Firoun" was the name given to Egypt's ruler after Yusuf عليه السلام. Multiple Firoun oppressed Bani Israil
 - But the Firoun in the time of Prophet Musa عليه السلام was the worst tyrant and oppressed them the most.
- **The Miracles of Musa عليه السلام:**
 - Musa عليه السلام demanded Firoun to release Bani Israil so that they could return to their homeland
 - Musa عليه السلام presented himself as Allah's Prophet
 - Firoun mocked this (العياذ بالله) and demanded miracles.



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- **Miracle 1:** Musa عليه السلام put his stick on the ground and it turned into a terrifying snake. According to some traditions, firoun was scared, jumped from his throne and ran away.
- **Miracle 2:** Musa عليه السلام put his hands in his armpit. When he took them out, they were shining brightly.
- **Hazrat Musa عليه السلام and the magicians:**
 - After seeing the miracles, Firoun became worried that his people (called Qibti - قبطى) would start following Musa عليه السلام
 - So, he falsely portrayed Musa عليه السلام as a magician (العياذ بالله)
 - He also consulted his ministers – they recommended that all famous magicians in Egypt should compete against Musa عليه السلام
 - The ministers thought that magicians would easily beat Prophet Musa.
 - Firoun followed this advice – on a fixed day, the best magicians competed against Musa عليه السلام
 - The magicians deceived people by showing their ropes as snakes
 - Musa عليه السلام threw his staff – it turned into a serpent which swallowed the ropes
 - All magicians realized that this was a miracle – they accepted Islam
 - Firoun got angry on the magicians and threatened them with all his power – but the magicians (Muslims) stuck to their faith.
- **The continuous punishments (عذابات) on the people of Firoun:** Due to their continuous stubbornness, oppression, and injustice, Allah ﷻ sent several punishments on Firoun and his Qibti people:
 - 1st punishment: A storm destroyed all the crops of Qibti people
 - 2nd punishment: Swarms after swarms of locusts (ثَّيَّابٍ) came, which attacked even the leaves on the trees.



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- 3rd punishment: Ticks (چڙڙياں) attacked their grains and crops and left them useless.
 - 4th punishment: There was an abundance of frogs – if the Qibti people started to talk, frogs leaped towards their mouths.
 - 5th punishment: The waters of their rivers, wells and pots converted to blood.
 - Whenever a punishment came, they pleaded to Musa عليه السلام to remove the punishment. They also promised they would become Muslims
 - So, Musa عليه السلام prayed and the punishment was removed. But Firoun and his Qibti people always broke their promise and remained disbelievers.
- **Allah ﷻ frees Bani Israil from Firoun:**
 - Allah ﷻ ordered Musa عليه السلام to leave Egypt with Bani Israil at night
 - The Prophet complied. Firoun and his army pursued.
 - Then, Bani Israil reached Red Sea. They thought Firoun would capture them now. Musa عليه السلام relied on Allah ﷻ
 - Allah ﷻ ordered Prophet Musa to hit the sea with his staff (عصا)
 - The Red Sea parted. Bani Israil crossed it.
 - Firoun also entered the parted sea in pursuit. But Allah ﷻ re-joined the parted sea. So, Firoun and his army drowned.
 - Hence, Allah ﷻ delivered Bani Israil from Firoun
 - Later, Bani Israil requested Musa عليه السلام to give them a formal religion to lead lives.
 - The Prophet prayed to Allah ﷻ.
 - Then, Allah ﷻ asked him to go to Mount Tur and fast for 40 days.
 - On Mount Tur, Allah ﷻ conversed with Musa عليه السلام and gave him Torah, which was the divine book requested by Bani Israil.



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- **Bani Israil start worshipping a calf:**

- When Musa عليه السلام was on Mount Tur, the magician Samri convinced Bani Israil to manufacture a calf from their jewelry with their own hands
- So, Bani Israil made this calf
- While crossing Red Sea, Samri had taken some sand. This was “miraculous” type of sand because the parted Red Sea was a miracle of Allah ﷻ.
- So Samri put this sand inside the calf. The calf started to make a loud noise
- Samri did not give life to the calf – calf’s noise was only due to the sand.
- Then, Samri ordered Bani Israil to do shirk (شرك) and worship the calf as a god (العياذ بالله، نستغفر الله)
- Some Bani Israil started doing this worship.
- When Musa عليه السلام returned, he was deeply hurt by this shirk.

- **The mischievous and rebellious behavior of the Bani Israil (Jews):**

- They disobeyed Allah and His Prophets عليهم السلام repeatedly.
- They habitually broke their promises
- They made fun of Allah’s ﷻ orders (العياذ بالله)
- They changed the meaning and words of the Torah (العياذ بالله)
- They were ordered to enter Bait-ul-Maqdas (in Palestine) with heads bowed down – but they entered with heads raised and dragging themselves
- They were ordered by Allah ﷻ not to do any fishing on Saturday, but they disobeyed.
- They refused to follow Torah



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- Allah ﷻ raised Mount Tur over their heads to convince them to follow Torah (since they had asked for Torah). They agreed initially but disobeyed later.
- **The Oath in the World of Spirits (عالم ارواح – Aalam-e-Arwah):**
 - Allah ﷻ tells us about the oath that He took from the spirits (ارواح – which is plural of روح) of all human beings
 - This oath is called Ahd-e-Alastoo (عهد الست)
 - This happened in the field of Mahshar (محشر) where humanity will be gathered in Hereafter. Or it occurred in field of Arafaah (Allah knows best)
 - Allah ﷻ asked all spirits: “Am I your Sustainer?”
 - All replied: “Yes – there is no doubt it”
 - Later, when humans were born, many humans forgot about this promise and disobeyed Allah ﷻ.
- **The terrible and instructive story of Bal’am bin Baa’oura (بلعم بن باعورا):**
 - Bal’am was a very knowledgeable and pious person
 - He knew the Ism-e-Azam – the name of Allah ﷻ which leads to acceptance of all دعا
 - His people asked him to use Ism-e-Azam against Musa عليه السلام (العياذ بالله) and his army of Bani Israil
 - He refused. He knew that Musa عليه السلام was a Prophet and Allah’s help is always with His Prophets.
 - Bal’am’s people tempted him with gifts and money. He turned greedy and agreed.
 - But his tongue refused to make دعا against Musa عليه السلام – instead, his tongue prayed against his own people



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- He lost his spirituality and knowledge – his tongue became long and hung on his chest (نستغفر الله)
- Moral: Pure religious knowledge (علم) has no worth unless it is accompanied by action (عمل) and sincerity of action (اخلاص)
- **The non-believers (كفار) are like animals:**
 - The non-believers are like animals because they don't use their heart, mind, eyes, ears, tongue and other organs as ordered by Allah ﷻ
 - Instead, they only follow their desires. Hence, Allah ﷻ does not bless them with guidance (hidayah) and faith.
 - Those who do not use their mind and wisdom for religion are like mad people
 - Those who do not listen to Quranic verses are like deaf people
 - Those who do not “see” the wisdom and meaning of Quranic verses are like blind people.
- **Grace period (مهلة) for the non-believers:**
 - Allah ﷻ has given a respite or grace period to the non-believers in this world
 - This is why we see non-believers doing whatever they want to do – openly acting against Allah ﷻ and His messenger Prophet ﷺ.
 - However, this grace period ends and then, Allah ﷻ catches the non-believers suddenly with His punishment.
 - **Reminder: If we see Muslims openly sinning, and still living happily in the luxuries of the world, then note the following:**
 - Their bad deeds are being written by angels and will be presented in the Hereafter for accounting (حساب كتاب)
 - A sinner can never be satisfied, happy and content from his heart, even though it seems he is happy outwardly



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- Being in luxury and having more money is not a sign of success
 - Why should we wonder and feel subdued on the luxuries of someone who is sinning? We should make دعا for these criminals of religion.
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- **The time of Al-Qiyamah:**
 - No human knows the exact time of Al-Qiyaamah (Hereafter). Only Allah ﷻ knows about it.
 - Our job is to prepare for it – and not be inquisitive about its timing.
 - **Muhammad ﷺ had the best behavior:**
 - Quran orders Prophet ﷺ to forgive others, tell others to do good, and to keep away from those who do not have knowledge (جاهل)
 - These orders summarize the best behavior (بهترین اخلاق) of Prophet ﷺ.
 - It is easy to fight or argue but it is remarkable to forgive others
 - It is easy to sin, but remarkable to do good and tell others to do good.
 - And it is indeed wise not to converse with جاهل people – because arguing with them will only increase the argument and not solve it.
 - **Interesting fact about Surah A'araaf:**
 - The beginning of A'araaf talked about greatness (عظمت) of Quran
 - The end of A'araaf also talked about the greatness and respect of Quran
 - **Important:** When we hear the Holy Quran, then we must listen carefully to the Quran and be silent so that Allah ﷻ may bless us with His mercy.
 - **Important:** It is a great disrespect to keep on talking when the sound of Quran falls in our ears – we must be careful.



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- **Important:** And whoever will listen silently, the Quran will strongly affect his heart – he will feel Allah’s power - his tears will start to flow
- *O Allah! Kindly make us love, recite, understand and follow your Quran as much as possible – along with Sunnah of your Prophet ﷺ.*
- **Surah Al-Anfaal (الأنفال) is a Madni Surah, i.e., it was revealed after Hijrah.**
 - Anfaal refers to the spoils of war, or war booty (مال غنيمت)
 - This Surah mentions orders regarding war booty – hence, its name.
- **Holy War in the path of Allah Taala (جهاد في سبيل الله):**
 - The topic of waging the holy war is mentioned especially in Al-Anfaal
 - This Surah was revealed after Battle of Badr (غزوة بدر)
 - Badr laid the foundation of Jihaad for the whole ummah till Qiyaamah
 - Prophet ﷺ and Sahaba رضی اللہ عنہم witnessed the help (نصره) of Allah ﷻ with their own eyes.
 - Many angels came to help the Muslims
 - So, a small Muslims army (313) defeated three times as many non-believers (1000) – Allah-o-Akbar!
- **The Orders for the War Booty:**
 - Initially, the opinions of the Muslims had differed regarding the war booty
 - So, the Quran revealed orders regarding it.
- **The 5 qualities of the true believers (Momineen):**
 1. They fear Allah’s ﷻ punishment
 2. When they recite the Quran, their belief (ایمان) increases.
 3. They rely (do توکل) on Allah ﷻ
 4. They safeguard the 5 obligatory salah



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5. They bestow favors (احسان) on the people of Allah ﷻ

- After this, some details of Battle of Badr are mentioned
- **Addressing Muslims with “O you who believe!” (يا أيها الذين امنوا)**
 - Surah Al-Anfaal addresses Muslims 6 times through “O you who believe” to give advice regarding the holy war
 - This is a great respect given by Quran to the Sahaba (and Muslims)
- **Advice 1:** “O you who believe, when you face the disbelievers in a battle, do not turn your backs to them.” [Verse 15]
- **Advice 2:** “O you who believe, obey Allah and His Messenger, and do not turn away from Him when you listen (to him).” [Verse 20]
- **Advice 3:** “O you who believe, respond to Allah and the Messenger when He calls you to what gives you life” [Verse 24]
- **Advice 4:** “O you who believe, do not betray the trust of Allah and the Messenger-, and do not betray your mutual trusts, while you know.” [Verse 27]
- **Advice 5:** “O you who believe, if you fear Allah, He will provide you with a criterion (to distinguish between right and wrong) and will write off your evil deeds and will forgive you. Allah is the Lord of great bounty.” [Verse 29]
- **Advice 6:** “O you who believe, when you face a group (in battle), stand firm and remember Allah abundantly, so that you may be successful. Obey Allah and His Messenger, and do not quarrel with each other, lest you should lose



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courage, and your prowess should evaporate; and be patient. Surely, Allah is with the patient.” [Verse 45-46s]

- **If Muslims follow these advices, they will always be successful. So, the lessons from the above advices are as follows:**
 - That group of Muslims can never be defeated who remain steadfast and brave while facing the enemy
 - Who are always ready to obey Allah ﷻ and the Messenger ﷺ
 - Who are ready to accept the message which enlivens the hearts and brings respect, status and honor.
 - Who fulfill their religious commitments or their worldly commitments
 - Whose hearts are filled with fear of Allah’s punishment and taqwa (fear of sinning)
 - Who remember Allah even when they are fighting in war
 - Whose Kalima is one (كلمة شهادتين)
 - Who form perfectly united and aligned rows to fight the war
 - Who do not indulge in sectarian conflicts, and personal brawls and arguments.

والله اعلم بالصواب