

لَقَدْ كَانَ فِي قَصَصِهِمْ عِبْرَةً لِّأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ - (12:111)

Stories, lessons, wisdoms, to be read understood pondered and applied.

Ibrah – Abraha - to cross - from ignorance to knowledge - darkness to light - disobedience to obedience of Allah ﷻ for people of intelligence.

وَمَا تِلْكَ بِيَمِينِكَ يَا مُوسَى - (20:17) What is that in your right hand Musa?

Does Allah ﷻ not know? He created Musa ﷺ, his hand & staff!

Musa ﷺ didn't say it's just a staff, he said it's **MY** staff!

I lean/use it, guide my flock, hit trees, leaves, fruits & other things.

A chair, just a chair, your phone, **MY** phone. Important - Necessity!

**Special Pen From Grandfather** - All Life Documents - **Throw it away? Crazy**

**Throw it away NOW** - فَأَلْقَاهَا - look at the obedience. Threw it without thinking, he needed it, was necessary & Halal, threw it for Allah ﷻ sake!

What does the staff represent in your life? How many staffs do you carry?

**Riba, Alcohol, Porn, Drugs, Cigarettes, Music, Relationships, Gambling, Lying?**

Whatever it is throw it away for the sake of Allah ﷻ - Don't hesitate!

When we do something, we expect appreciation & reward. Did Musa عليه السلام staff turn into gold? **NO** - Did Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَجَلَالُهُ say well done - **NO**.

You put on Hijab, people start making fun of you/get fired.

You stopped selling Alcohol, Cigarettes, your business went down.

Ya Allah is this fair, I left this thing for you and I'm struggling & suffering!

### **WISDOM OF TESTS IS OBEDIENCE, MORE TESTS & TRANSFORMATION**

Staff became a scary moving snake - **وَلَّى مُدْبِرًا وَلَمْ يُعَقِّبْ**, Musa عليه السلام ran so fast and did not even turn around, **1<sup>st</sup> reaction of Musa عليه السلام**

Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَجَلَالُهُ said **TAKE IT** - Musa عليه السلام took the staff, did the snake bite him? It went back to being a staff! Musa عليه السلام knew that the promise of Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَجَلَالُهُ is true. Musa عليه السلام passed the 1<sup>st</sup> test, **BUT THE NEXT TEST WAS HARDER.**

Thousands of people, hundreds of magicians & Firawn – Allah سُبْحَانَهُ وَجَلَالُهُ said **وَجَاءُوا بِسِحْرِ عَظِيمٍ** – Great Magnificent Magic. **O Musa Throw your staff, it will swallow all their magic and expose them all. (7:117)**

1<sup>st</sup> test he ran – external fear, 2<sup>nd</sup> test didn't run - internal fear - **فَأَوْجَسَ فِي نَفْسِهِ خِيفَةً**

1<sup>st</sup> test only 1 snake, 2<sup>nd</sup> test hundreds of snakes, but **GETTING STRONGER**

Which situation is tougher? 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>? But Allah ﷻ said **إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْأَعْلَىٰ**  
**You will be victorious and superior.** Now the test is going to get tougher  
and tougher. Musa ﷺ is running away from Firawns army & weapons.

فَلَمَّا تَرَاءَى الْجَمْعَانِ قَالَ أَصْحَابُ مُوسَىٰ إِنَّا لَمُدْرَكُونَ

**When both groups saw each other , indeed we will be destroyed.** Enemy  
behind, ocean in front. Very tough situation what did Musa ﷺ do?  
Did he Run? Fear Inside? **NO - Allah is with me and will guide me.**

Look at the transformation - more tests - stronger Heart, Mind & Imaan  
فَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ مُوسَىٰ أَنْ اضْرِبْ بِعَصَاكَ الْبَحْرَ فَانفَلَقَ فَكَانَ كُلُّ فِرْقٍ كَالطَّوْدِ الْعَظِيمِ  
**Strike the sea with your staff, it parted, like a great mountain. (26:63)**

When we obey Allah ﷻ, He turns everything in our favour. When we drop  
of staffs, Allah strengthens and transforms us inwardly & outwardly. Lack  
of faith/trust in Allah & His promise will keep us weak & make us fail.

If you realise it was **ALWAYS** the staff.

**SNAKE, Staff, MAGICIAN, Staff, OCEAN Staff, 12 SPRINGS, Staff**

Allah ﷻ is reminding Musa ﷺ that you left and dropped the staff for me,  
now watch what I do for you! **WHAT WILL YOU DROP FOR ALLAH ﷻ?**