

SOO-RA-TUL-FEEL

Chapter 105

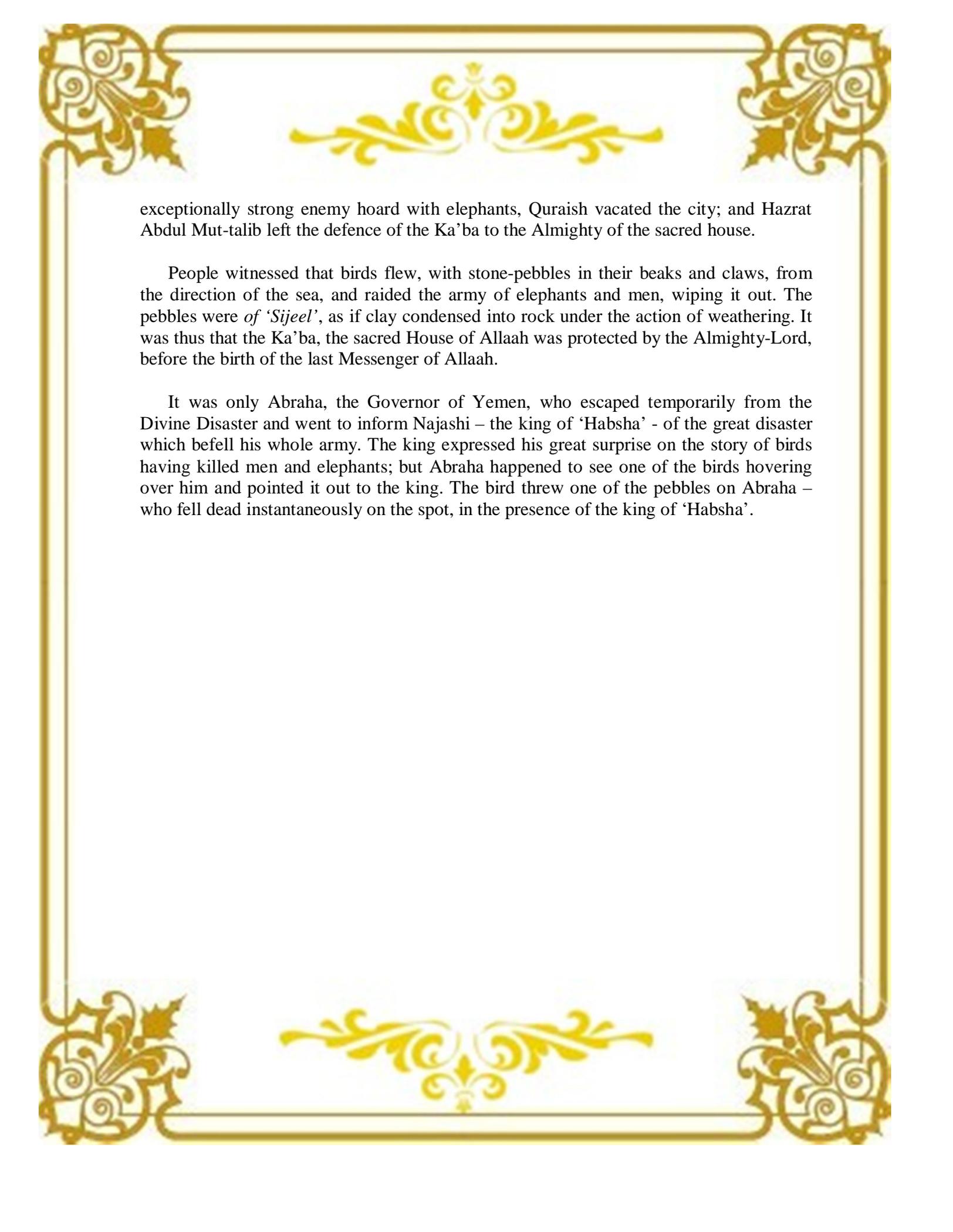
Revealed in Mak-ka, 5 Verses

In the Name of Allaah, the All-Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

1. *A-lam ta-ra-kai-fa fa-'a-la Rab-bu-ka bi-as-haa-bil-feel* – **Have you not seen (considered) how your Almighty-Lord dealt with the people of the elephants?**
2. *A-lam yaj-'al kai-da hum fee tazh-leel* – **Did He not make (carry) their plans into error (disaster),**
3. *Wa ar-sa-la 'a-lai-him-tai-ran-a-baa-beel* – **and sent down on them birds, in flocks -**
4. *Tar-mee-him bi-hi-jaa-ra-tim min sij-jeel* – **striking them with stones (pebbles) of weathered rock.**
5. *Fa-ja-'a-la-hum ka-'as-fim ma-kool* – **thus, He rendered them like consumed roughages, (left over by cattle).**

Both the birds and the pebbles were of unknown origin and came as a sign of the Almighty-Lord. The pebbles dropped by the birds used to hit the elephants and men – who were killed and their dead bodies were lying scattered.

About 55 days before the birth of the Kind Prophet, Abraha, the Governor of Yemen, under the kingdom of 'Habsha' tried to raid the sacred Ka'ba, in Mak-ka with the intention of razing it to the ground; his army also included elephants. At that time Hazrat Abdul Mut-talib, grand-father of the Kind Prophet, was the chief of Makka and the responsible servant-in-charge of the Ka'ba. Being unable to defend the Ka'ba against the



exceptionally strong enemy hoard with elephants, Quraish vacated the city; and Hazrat Abdul Mut-talib left the defence of the Ka'ba to the Almighty of the sacred house.

People witnessed that birds flew, with stone-pebbles in their beaks and claws, from the direction of the sea, and raided the army of elephants and men, wiping it out. The pebbles were of *'Sijeel'*, as if clay condensed into rock under the action of weathering. It was thus that the Ka'ba, the sacred House of Allaah was protected by the Almighty-Lord, before the birth of the last Messenger of Allaah.

It was only Abraha, the Governor of Yemen, who escaped temporarily from the Divine Disaster and went to inform Najashi – the king of 'Habsha' - of the great disaster which befell his whole army. The king expressed his great surprise on the story of birds having killed men and elephants; but Abraha happened to see one of the birds hovering over him and pointed it out to the king. The bird threw one of the pebbles on Abraha – who fell dead instantaneously on the spot, in the presence of the king of 'Habsha'.