



## ***SOO-RA-TUL-LAHAB***

Chapter 111

***Revealed in Mak-ka; 8 Verses***

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

1. **Tab-bat-ya-daa a-bee la-ha-bin wwa tab** – Perish both hands of Abu Lahab and perish he,

In Arabic, perishing of ‘both hands’ means perishing of the person, and Abu Lahab did perish.

2. **Maa agh-naa ‘an-hu maa-lu-hoo wa-maa ka-sab** – will not avail him, his wealth and what he earned (either in this life or for the Hereafter).

In pursuance of Divine order to preach Islam first to the ‘nearby’ tribesmen, the Kind Prophet called them on the ‘Safa’ mount. He addressed them all and said: “*If I tell you that an enemy army is lying behind this hillock to ambush you, would you believe it?*” They all replied: “*Yes, we admit you are the trusted.*” The Kind Prophet then explained to them to obey the One Almighty-Lord in order to save themselves from the Fire and to have Salvation and success in both lives. Abu Lahab who was one of the wealthy chiefs of Mak-ka, and an uncle of the Kind Prophet, called out: “*What! For this purpose alone did you assemble us all here; perish both hands.*”

The above chapter gave a prophecy that Abu Lahab would soon perish in agony and anxiety. Actually he fell a victim to plague and his family deserted him to escape the danger of contagion, till on their return he was found dead. Nobody touched him and Negro hire-workers were employed, who pushed his dead body using sticks into a grave-pit and threw stones to cover him. Thus all his possessions and wealth could not avail him and he ruined his both lives.



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3. *Sa-yas-laa naa-ran zaa-la la-hab*– Soon shall he enter a Fire, flaming,
  4. *Wam-ra-a-tuh ham-maa la-tal-ha-tab* – and his wife who brought fire-wood, loaded,

The wife of Abu Lahab used to go to collect thorns and wood and spread them in the ‘route’ of the Kind Prophet at night to stop him from going to the early morning prayers and to injure him.

5. *Fee jee-di-haahab-lum-mim-ma-sad*– round her neck, a rope of palm-fibre.

She also died of this ‘rope’, getting tight on her night to hang her.

