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Unit 2: Surah Al-A'raf

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Surah Al-A'raf is the 7th surah of the Holy Quran. It is a Makki surah with 206 ayaat, and its name means **the heights**: it describes the people of the A'raf, a high place between Jannah and Jahannam. The surah begins with the story of Hazrat Adam (AS) and the pride of Iblis, then tells how Hazrat Nuh, Hazrat Hud, Hazrat Salih, Hazrat Lut and Hazrat Shuaib (AS) called their people to Allah, and closes with a long account of Hazrat Musa (AS), Firaun and Bani Israel. Its message is clear: obey Allah, follow His messengers and remember the Day of Judgement. Your class studies selected ayaat from the textbook: the notes PDF on this page gives their word meanings and translation, so check the exact portion with your teacher.



Topics at a glance

- **2.1 Introduction to the surah** Surah 7, Makki, 206 ayaat
  Number, classification, ayaat and meaning of the name.
- **2.2 Key words to know** Terms used in this surah
  The key Arabic terms in the unit and their simple meanings.
- **2.3 Main themes** Adam (AS), Iblis and the prophets
  Risalat, the stories of earlier prophets and the Day of Judgement.
- **2.4 Lessons for life** Pride ruins, obedience saves
  Practical lessons for a student today.

- **2.5 Questions students ask** Short answers for revision
  Common questions about the surah, with short answers.

Key terms

- **اعراف (A'raf)** means the heights; in this surah it is the high place between Jannah and Jahannam.
- **رسالت (Risalat)** means prophethood: Allah sending messengers to guide people to the right path.
- **ابلیس (Iblis)** is the name of Shaitan, who refused out of pride to bow to Hazrat Adam (AS).
- **قوم (Qaum)** means a nation or people, such as the people to whom a prophet was sent.
- **توبہ (Tauba)** means turning back to Allah in sincere regret for a sin and asking His forgiveness.
- **تکبر (Takabbur)** means pride or arrogance: thinking oneself better than others.

Questions students ask

Q. What does Al-A'raf mean?

Al-A'raf means the heights. The surah describes the people of the A'raf, who stand on a high place between Jannah and Jahannam.

Q. How many ayaat are in Surah Al-A'raf?

It has 206 ayaat. It is the 7th surah of the Holy Quran and is a Makki surah.

Q. Which prophets are mentioned in Surah Al-A'raf?

It tells the story of Hazrat Adam (AS) and describes the calls of Hazrat Nuh, Hud, Salih, Lut, Shuaib and Musa (AS) to their people.

Q. Do we study the whole of Surah Al-A'raf in Class 10?

No. The class studies the selected ayaat given in the Punjab Board textbook. Ask your teacher which ayaat are included.

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