

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Juzz 1

Surah Al Baqarah

Class notes

Verses 49-59

Al Baqarah Ayah 49-59

In the following verses we will come to know more about the blessings, attitude, trials and punishments of Bani Israel.

Bani Israel were the children of Prophet Yaqub. Prophet Yaqub had 12 sons. His eldest son was Yahuda and Bin Yameen was his youngest son. Prophet Yusuf was also the son of Prophet Yaqub. Prophet Yaqub was from Kinaan (Palestine). He reached Egypt because of his son Prophet Yusuf. Bani Israel moved to Egypt with him. They lived a prosperous life in Egypt for many years. After many years a king of Egypt, who loved to construct buildings enslaved them. Bani Israel had become corrupted and weak, their iman had weakened and they had become disobedient to Allah (swt).

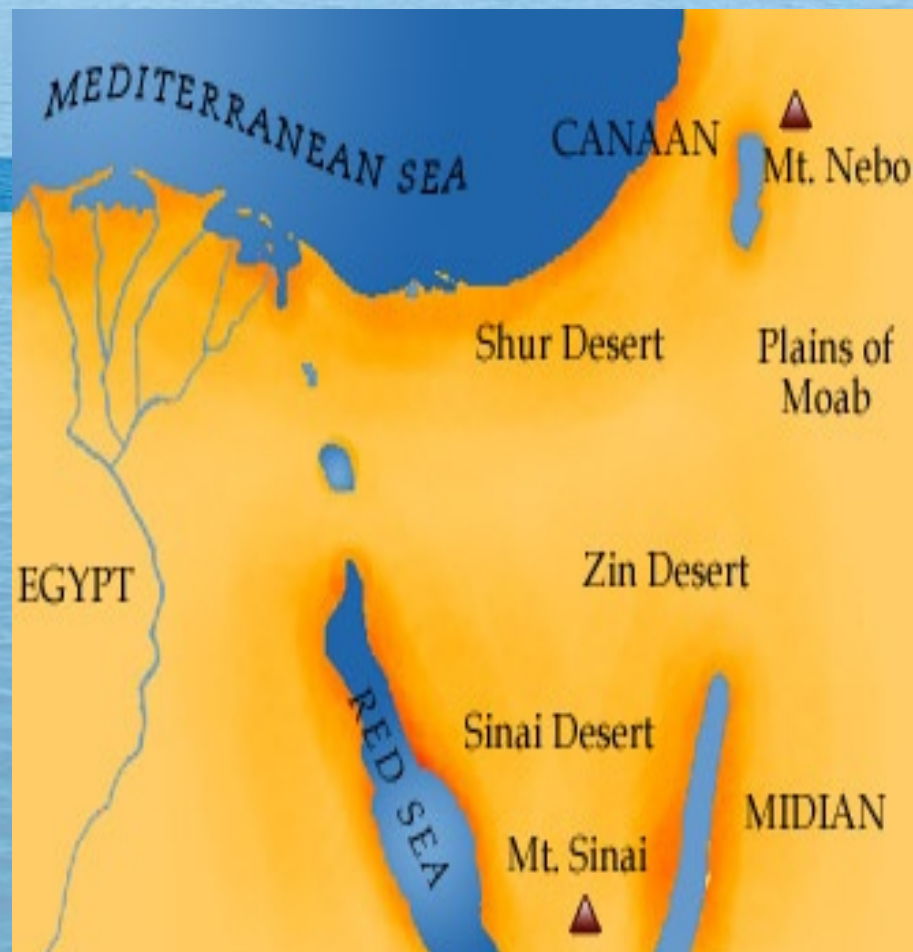
Allah (swt) sent Prophet Musa and Prophet Harun to save Bani Israel from the hardships.

Allah (swt) helped Bani Israel cross the sea from Egypt to Desert Sinai. Prophet Musa left them their for 40 days. He went to get Tawrah on the Mount. In his absence they started to worship a calf.

Allah (swt) got angry with them and they had to wander in the same desert for 40 years.

They wandered in the Plain of Teen.

Prophet Musa and Harun died in this period. A disciple of Prophet Musa, Yushay bin Nun was granted prophet hood and he took Bani Israel to Kinaan (Palestine).



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A man called Samiri built a calf for them and encouraged them to worship it. Allah got angry with them and they had to wander in the Plains of Zin for 40 years. Prophet Musa and Harun died there and a disciple of Prophet Musa, Yushay bin Nun managed to take Bani Israel to Kanaan (Palestine).

Bani Israel were blessed with provisions and prophets. Allah (swt) sent many messengers such as Prophet Daud and Prophet Sulayman to Bani Israel.

مِنْهَا عَدْلٌ وَلَا هُمْ يُنصَرُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾ وَإِذْ نَجَّيْنَاكُمْ مِنْ									
FROM	WE	WHEN	AND	THEY	THEY	N	A	ANY	FROM
	-RESCUED			ARE		O	N	COMPEN-	IT
	-SAVED			(WILL BE)		R	D	SATION	(HER)
	YOU (ALL)			HELPED					
NO RANSOM SHALL BE TAKEN AND NO HELP SHALL BE GIVEN. ★									
REMEMBER HOW WE DELIVERED YOU FROM									

Idh means when. It can be the short for idhkuru.

It may be used to remind of something that has happened in the past or when something had happened suddenly.

In the Quran, the word *idhā* (إِذَا) is frequently used as a conditional particle and is usually translated as "when". The pseudo-syntax for this type of temporal conditional sentence is: **when** <condition> **then** <result>

In verse 49, Allah (swt) is reminding Bani Israel how He saved them from the torture of Firawn who used to slaughter their sons.

أَلِ فِرْعَوْنَ بِسَوْمِكُمْ سُوءَ الْعَذَابِ يُذَابِحُونَ						
THEY	(OF)	THE	A -BAD	THEY -AFFLICT	(OF) -FIR'AWN	PEOPLE
SLAUGHTER	-TORMENT -PUNISHMENT		-EVIL	-IMPOSE UPON YOU (ALL)	-PHARAOH	-FOLLOWERS
THE PEOPLE OF FIR'ON (PHARAOH) :						
THEY HAD SUBJECTED YOU TO SEVERE TORMENT, KILLING						

Yasoomuna comes from “soom” which means to cause pain. Literally it means to follow ones desire, to trouble or force someone.

Yudhabi una comes from “dhaba” which means to kill. To kill with planning and torture.

In this verse it's the torture Bani Israel went through when their sons were slaughtered in front of them.

Bani Israel were facing the torment from Firawn.

Nations who fail to fight for their rights and go astray suffer until they change their ways.

اَبْنَاءَكُمْ وَيَسْتَحْيُونَ نِسَاءَكُمْ وَفِي ذَلِكَ بَلَاءٌ مِّنْ							
FROM	A	THAT	(IS)	AND	YOUR	THEY	AND
	TRIAL	(FOR YOU ALL)	IN		WOMEN	(SEEK TO) KEEP ALIVE	
YOUR SONS AND SPARING YOUR DAUGHTERS;							
YOU WERE FACING A TREMENDOUS TRIAL FROM							

Yustahyouna.

When this word is from the word “haya” it means to feel ashamed.
 When this word is from the word “hayaat” it means to let live.

It is said that Firawn once dreamt that someone from Bani Israel would kill him. So he ordered the killing of the sons of Bani Israel. Another reason for this killing was that he did not want Bani Israel to increase in number. According to his commands they boys were killed one year and in the other year they were not killed. This is one reason why Prophet Harun was saved from being killed. The girls of Bani Israel were made slaves. It was a great trial for Bani Israel.

رَبِّكُمْ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٧٩﴾ وَإِذْ فَارَقْنَا بِكُمْ الْبَحْرَ فَأَنْجَيْنَاكُمْ

WE -SAVED -RESCUED	THEN	THE	-WITH -FOR	WE	-WHEN	AND	A	YOUR
YOU (ALL)		SEA	YOU (ALL)	-PARTED -SEPARATED	-RECALL		GREAT	-RABB -SUSTAINER

YOUR RABB.★

AND WE PARTED THE RED SEA FOR YOU, TAKING YOU TO SAFETY.

وَأَغْرَقْنَا آلَ فِرْعَوْنَ وَأَنْتُمْ تَنْظُرُونَ ﴿٨٠﴾ وَإِذْ وَعَدْنَا

WE -PROMISED -MADE	-WHEN	A N D	YOU (ALL)	YOU (ALL)	W H I L E	(OF) -FIR'AWN	-PEOPLE	WE	A N D
APPOINTMENT	-RECALL		LOOK (ARE LOOKING)			-PHARAOH	-FOLLOW- ERS	DROWNED	

AND DROWNED FIR'ON'S PEOPLE BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES.★

REMEMBER WHEN WE COMMUNED WITH

Allah (swt) then helped Prophet Musa part the sea . Musa raised his staff and the sea opened a way for Bani Israel to escape from the army of Firawn. Red Sea is called **bahr-i kulzum**

بحر قلزم

مُوسَىٰ أَرْبَعِينَ لَيْلَةً ۖ ثُمَّ اتَّخَذْتُمُ الْعِجْلَ مِن بَعْدِهِ								
AFTER	FROM	THE	YOU (ALL)	THEN (AFTER A WHILE)	NIGHTS	FORTY	-MŪSĀ	
(OF) HIM		CALF	TOOK				-MOSES	
MUSA (MOSES) FOR FORTY NIGHTS AND IN HIS ABSENCE								
YOU TOOK THE CALF FOR WORSHIP, THUS COMMITTING A WICKED								
وَأَنْتُمْ ظَالِمُونَ ﴿٥١﴾ ثُمَّ عَفَوْنَا عَنْكُمْ مِّن بَعْدِ ذَلِكَ								
(OF)	AFTER	FROM	FROM	WE	THEN (AFTER A WHILE)	(ARE) ONES WHO -DO WRONG -TRANSGRESS	YOU (ALL)	A N D
THAT			YOU (ALL)	PARDONED				
TRANSGRESSION. ★								
EVEN THEN WE FORGAVE YOU, SO THAT								

Allah (swt) called Musa to Kuh e Tur for 40 nights. Why nights? This is because according to the Arabs night comes before the day. The day begins with the sighting of the Moon.

Allah (swt) says that Bani Israel were Zalimun as they did Shirk. They had started to worship a calf. Allah (swt) forgave them

Allah (swt) gave Musa Tawrah on Koh e Tur.

Tawrah is a group of first five books of Old Testament.

Furqan here means: The distinguisher, miracles of Musa, Tawrah.

Tawrah was sent as a guide for Bani Israel.

لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾ وَإِذْ آتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْكِتَابَ وَ						
A N D	THE	-MŪSĀ	WE	WHEN AND	YOU (ALL)	'IN ORDER THAT
	BOOK	-MOSES	GAVE		-BE GRATEFUL -GIVE THANKS	YOU (ALL)
YOU MIGHT BECOME GRATEFUL.★						
WE GAVE MUSA (MOSES) THE HOLY BOOK (TORAH) AND						
الْفُرْقَانَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾ وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَى						
-MŪSĀ	(HE)	-WHEN	A N D	(YOU, ALL)	SO THAT	THE
				-OBTAIN GUIDANCE		-FURQĀN
-MOSES	SAID	-RECALL		-BE RIGHTLY GUIDED	YOU (ALL)	-CRITERION -DISTINGUISHER
THE CRITERION OF RIGHT AND WRONG SO THAT YOU MIGHT BE RIGHTLY						
GUIDED . REMEMBER WHEN MUSA RETURNED WITH THE DIVINE BOOK, HE						

As a punishment for their “zulm” (shirk) Prophet Musa asked Bani Israel to seek pardon from Allah (swt) by killing those who did shirk. The believers were told to kill the disbelievers.

From verse 52 we learn a very important point about repentance and that is that there are many forms of repentances..

Let us first remember the three conditions for repentance (tawbah)

1. To be ashamed of what one has done in the past.
2. To leave the bad deed.
3. To promise not to repeat the sin again.

الْفُرْقَانَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾ وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَىٰ									
-MUSA	(HE)	-WHEN	A N D	(YOU,ALL) -OBTAIN GUIDANCE	SO THAT	-FURQĀN	THE		
-MOSES	SAID	-RECALL		-BE RIGHTLY GUIDED	YOU (ALL)	-CRITERION	-DISTINGUISHER		
THE CRITERION OF RIGHT AND WRONG SO THAT YOU MIGHT BE RIGHTLY									
GUIDED . REMEMBER WHEN MOSA RETURNED WITH THE DIVINE BOOK, HE									
لِقَوْمِهِ يَقُومُوا بِأَنْفُسِكُمْ بِإِخْذِكُمُ الْعِجْلِ									
THE	-BECAUSE OF YOUR	-BY YOUR -TAKING -ADOPTING	YOUR	YOU (ALL)	IN- DEED	MY	O	-TO -FOR	
CALF			-SOULS -SELVES	-WRONGED -TRANSGRESSED	YOU (ALL)	PEOPLE	HIS	PEOPLE	
SAID TO HIS PEOPLE: "O MY PEOPLE! YOU HAVE INDEED									
GRIEVOUSLY WRONGED YOURSELVES BY TAKING THE CALF FOR WORSHIP,									
فَتُوبُوا إِلَىٰ بَارِئِكُمْ فَاقْتُلُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ									
(IS)	THAT	YOUR		SO	YOUR	-BĀRĪ	TO	(YOU ALL)	SO
BEST	(FOR YOU ALL)	-SELVES -SOULS	(YOU ALL)	KILL!	-EVOLVER -CREATOR			-DO TAWBAH! -TURN IN REPENTANCE!	
SO TURN IN REPENTANCE TO YOUR CREATOR									
AND SLAY THE CULPRITS AMONG YOU; THAT WILL BE BEST									
لَكُمْ عِنْدَ بَارِئِكُمْ فَتَابَ عَلَيْكُمْ إِنَّهُ هُوَ التَّوَّابُ									
(IS)	THE	HE	IN- DEED	UPON	(HE)	SO	(OF)	-NEAR	FOR
ONE WHO IS -MOST RELENTING -BIGGEST ACCEPTOR OF REPENTANCE	(ALONE)	HE	YOU (ALL)	(HE) -RELENTED -TURNED (IN MERCY)	-EVOLVER -CREATOR	-NEAR -WITH	YOU (ALL)		
FOR YOU IN HIS SIGHT."									
HE ACCEPTED YOUR REPENTANCE; SURELY HE IS THE FORGIVING,									
الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٥٤﴾ وَإِذْ قُلْتُمْ يَا مُوسَىٰ لَنْ نُؤْمِنَ لَكَ حَتَّىٰ نَرَا									

We learn from different verses of Qur'an that there are different forms of repentances.

1. There are some deeds that wash away one's sins. Such as when one prays, does wudhu or does ahsaan. This is like the washing away of dust from the atmosphere when it rains. In the same way little sins are washed away by good deeds.
2. Then there are sins for which one has to seek Allah (swt) forgiveness.
3. There are sins for which one has to pay a penalty (kafaarah). Such sins are usually because of ones irresponsible attitude towards fellow human beings (haqooq ul ibaad). As Allah (swt) has said that He may forgive some sins done against Him but will never forgive if one has harmed his fellow beings until they forgive him.
4. There are sins for which one has to face punishment. Such as adultery, stealing. The sin committed by Bani Israel when they worshipped the calf was shirk and for that they were punished. The believers had to kill the disbelievers. It was only after the punishment was executed that Allah (swt) forgave Bani Israel.

Hadith on Shirk

Abu Bakr (radiyallahu anh) related that Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wa sallam) said: “Shirk amongst you is more hidden than the crawling of an ant, and I shall tell you of something which, if you do it, will remove from you both the minor and the major Shirk. Say: **Allahumma inni a’udhu bika an ushrika bika wa ana a’lamu wa astagh-firuka limma laa a’lam** (O Allah, surely I seek refuge in you from knowingly worshiping others besides you and I seek your forgiveness for what I don’t know).” (Sahih al-Jaami)

- To be safe from shirk one must know what shirk is and that can only be achieved through knowledge.

When Prophet Musa came with Tawrah, Bani Israel said that they would only believe him if they saw Allah (swt) with their own eyes. Seventy men from amongst them went to Koh e Tur and as a punishment lightning struck them and they died. Musa supplicated to Allah (swt) to give them life again and they were given life.

الرَّحِيمِ ﴿٥٧﴾ وَإِذْ قُلْتُمْ يَا مُوسَىٰ لَنْ نُؤْمِنَ بِكَ حَتَّىٰ نَرَىٰ

WE	UNTIL	FOR	WE (WILL)	WILL	O	YOU (ALL)	W H E N	A N D	(IS)	THE
SEE		YOU	BELIEVE	NEVER	-MUSĀ -MOSES	SAID				ALWAYS ALL MERCIFUL

THE MERCIFUL. ★ REMEMBER WHEN YOU SAID:

"O MUSĀ! WE SHALL NEVER BELIEVE YOU UNTIL WE SEE

اللَّهُ جَهْرَةً فَأَخَذَتْكُمْ الصِّعْقَةُ وَأَنْتُمْ تَنْظُرُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾

YOU (ALL)	YOU	W H I L E	THE	THEN (IT / SHE)	-OPENLY	ALLĀH
LOOK (ARE LOOKING)	(ALL)		-LIGHTNING -THUNDER BOLT	-TOOK FIRMLY -SEIZED YOU (ALL)	-CLEARLY -MANIFESTLY	

ALLĀH WITH OUR OWN EYES," A THUNDERBOLT STRUCK YOU

WHILE YOU WERE LOOKING ON AND YOU FELL DEAD. ★

نَّمَّ بَعَثْنَاكُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَوْتِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾ وَ

AND	YOU (ALL)	SO THAT	(OF) YOUR	AFTER	FROM	WE -RAISED	THEN (AFTER A WHILE)
	-GIVE THANKS -ARE GRATEFUL	YOU (ALL)	DEATH			-RESURRECTED YOU (ALL)	

THEN WE RAISED YOU UP AFTER YOUR DEATH;

SO THAT YOU MIGHT BE GRATEFUL. ★ AND

The shade of clouds was another blessing on Bani Israel. They were made to wander in a plain for 40 years. It is said that this area is between Egypt and Syria and it is only 10 miles long. Bani Israel used to travel in the day in search of their homeland and would find themselves at the place they had started from.

They were also provided with Manna and Salwa. Bani Israel were told to eat from the good things and not to store the food. But they disobeyed.

What is **tayyab**? Tayyab means clean, pure and halaal.

ظَلَّلْنَا عَلَيْكُمُ الْغَمَامَ وَأَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكُمُ الْمَنَّاءَ وَالسَّلْوَىٰ									
THE	AND	THE	UPON	WE	AND	THE	UPON	WE	
-SALWA -(QUAILS)		(HONEY LIKE DEW)	YOU (ALL)	SENT DOWN		CLOUDS	YOU (ALL)	SHADED	
WE EVEN PROVIDED YOU THE SHADE OF CLOUDS									
AND SENT DOWN TO YOU MANNA (SWEET DISH) AND SALWA (QUAIL MEAT)									
كُلُوا مِنْ طَيِّبَاتِ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ وَمَا ظَلَمُونَا وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا									
THEY	BUT	THEY WRONGED WERE UNJUST (TO)	NOT	AND	WE PROVIDED -RIZO -SUSTENANCE YOU (ALL)	(OF) WHAT	(THINGS) -GOOD -PURE	FROM	(YOU ALL) EAT!
WERE		US							
SAYING: " EAT OF THE GOOD THINGS WE HAVE PROVIDED FOR YOU;"									
INSPITE OF THESE FAVORS YOUR FOREFATHERS VIOLATED OUR COMMANDMENTS.									
أَنْفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ ۝ وَإِذْ قُلْنَا ادْخُلُوا هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةَ									

Bani Israel rebelled, disbelieved and committed injustice against themselves, even though they saw the clear signs, tremendous miracles and extraordinary events.

Bani Israel were commanded to submit to Allah in tongue and deed and, to admit to their sins and seek forgiveness for them, to be grateful to Allah for the blessings He gave them.

انْفُسُهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾ وَاذْقُنَا اَدْخُلُوا هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةَ

THE	THIS	(YOU ALL)	WE	W	A	THEY	THEM
TOWN		ENTER!	SAID	H	N	DO	
				E	D	-WRONG	
						-INJUSTICE	SELVES

HOWEVER, BY VIOLATING OUR COMMANDMENTS THEY DID NOT HARM US, BUT THEY HARMED THEIR OWN SOULS. ★
REMEMBER WHEN WE SAID : " ENTER THIS TOWN

فَكُلُوا مِنْهَا حَيْثُ شِئْتُمْ رَغَدًا وَاَدْخُلُوا الْبَابَ سُجَّدًا

(AS) -DOING SAJDAH -BOWING PROSTRATING	THE	(YOU ALL)	A	(AS)	YOU	WHERE	FROM	THEN
	DOOR	ENTER!	N	-FREELY	(ALL)	(EVER)	IT	(YOU ALL
				-ABUNDANTLY	-WISHED -WILLED		(HER)	EAT!

AND EAT WHATEVER YOU WISH TO YOUR HEARTS' CONTENT;
MAKE YOUR WAY THROUGH THE GATES, WITH HUMILITY

وَقُولُوا حِطَّةٌ نَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ خَطَايَاكُمْ وَسَنَزِيدُ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٥٩﴾

THOSE WHO DO -IHSAN	WILL (SOON)	A	YOUR (SINS)	FOR	WE (WILL)	-HITTATH FORGIVENESS	(YOU ALL)	A
UTMOST GOOD BENEVOLENCE	WE INCREASE	N	-FAULTS -MISTAKES	YOU	FORGIVE	-REPENTANCE	SAY!	N

SAYING; 'WE REPENT.' WE SHALL FORGIVE YOU YOUR SINS AND
WE SHALL INCREASE THE PROVISIONS FOR THE RIGHTEOUS AMONG YOU. ★

The summary of what the scholars have said about this subject is that the Children of Israel distorted Allah's command to them to submit to Him in tongue and deed. They were commanded to enter the city while bowing down, but they entered while sliding on their rear ends and raising their heads! They were commanded to say, 'Hittah' meaning, "Relieve us from our errors and sins." However, they mocked this command and said, "Hintah (grain seed) in Sha`irah (barley)." This demonstrates the worst type of rebellion and disobedience, and it is why Allah released His anger and punishment upon them, all because of their sinning and defying His Commands.

What is rijz?

It has many meanings. It can mean to cause worry, doubts created by Shaytan, plague.

Allah (swt) punished them by sending punishment from the sky. It is said that it was a form of plague.

The Messenger of Allah said,

الطَّاعُونَ رَجْزٌ عَذَابٌ عُدْبٌ بِهِ مَنْ كَانَ قَبْلَكُمْ

The plague is a Rijz, a punishment with which Allah (swt) punished those before you.

فَبَدَّلَ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا قَوْلًا غَيْرَ الَّذِي قِيلَ لَهُمْ فَأَنْزَلْنَا									
WE	SO	-TO -FOR	(IT)	(OF)	OTHER	A	THEY DID	THOSE	THEN (HE)
SENT DOWN		THEM	WAS SAID	WHICH	THAN	SAYING	-WRONG -INJUSTICE	WHO	CHANGED (COMPLETELY)
عَلَى الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا رَجْزًا مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ بِمَا كَانُوا									
THEY	BECAUSE OF	-SKY	THE	FROM	A SEVERE FILTHY	THEY DID	THOSE	UPON	
-WERE (USED TO)	WHAT	-HEAVEN -HEIGHT			PUNISH- MENT	-WRONG -INJUSTICE	WHO		
SCOURGE FROM HEAVEN AS A PUNISHMENT FOR									
٤ يَفْسُقُونَ ﴿٥٩﴾									
						THEY -CROSS LIMITS			
						-DISOBEY -SIN			
THEIR TRANSGRESSION.★									

رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ
الْعَلِيمُ
[البقرة: 127]

*May Allah forgive me if I have made any mistakes or have given
any false information.*