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Study 16:

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

His message is for all nations

- The Holy Quran has laid the claim, in specific and direct words, that its message is for the entire humanity. No other scripture makes such a claim. The Holy Prophet declared:

وَأَوْحَىٰ إِلَيَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنُ لِأُنذِرَكُمْ بِهِ وَمَنْ بَلَغَ^ط

“And this Quran has been revealed to me that with it I may warn you and whomsoever it reaches.” — 6:19

- The Holy Prophet was thus a warner, not for the Arabs only, but for all people whom the Quran may reach, i.e., for the whole world. It is therefore the duty of his followers to take the Quran to the entire world.

- He addressed the whole of humanity as follows:

قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا الَّذِي لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ^ع

“Say: O mankind, surely I am the Messenger of Allah **to you all,**
of Him Whose is the kingdom of the heavens and the earth.” — 7:158

- This same chapter 7 had mentioned other prophets, but about every one of them it says that he was sent to his own people.
 - About Noah it is said: “Certainly We sent Noah to his people” (7:59).

- The prophet Hūd is said to have been sent to his tribe of Ād (7:65), the prophet Salih to his tribe of Thamud (7:73), and the prophet Lot to his people (7:80).
- Moses was sent with following message to Pharaoh: “let the Children of Israel go with me” (7:105).
- When Moses was given the law by God, written on tablets of stone, God said to him: “So take hold of these (teachings) with firmness and command your people to take hold of the best of these” (7:145).

- Moses' mission of reform was thus limited to his people, the Israelites.
- In another chapter of the Quran, Jesus is described as “a messenger to the Israelites” (3:49).
- But after mentioning in chapter 7 that various prophets were sent to their people, the verse quoted above (7:158), says that the Prophet Muhammad has been sent to *all people*, to the whole of mankind.

- It is also stated in the Quran that the Prophet Muhammad was sent as “a bearer of good news” and as “a warner” to all humanity:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَافَّةً لِّلنَّاسِ بَشِيرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾

“And We have not sent you but as a bearer of good news and as a warner to all humanity, but most people do not know.” — 34:28

- The word translated as “all” in this verse is *kāffah*, which means “all without an exception”. Thus the words *kāffat-an lin-nās* in this verse mean “all humanity”.

- The Holy Prophet is called a guide to every people:

إِنَّمَا أَنْتَ مُنذِرٌ وَبِكُلِّ قَوْمٍ هَادٍ ﴿١٣﴾

“You are only a warner and for every people a guide.” — 13:7

- The Prophet Muhammad was given the Quran so that he may be a warner to all nations:

تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ الْفُرْقَانَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ لِيَكُونَ لِلْعَالَمِينَ نَذِيرًا ﴿٢٥﴾

“Blessed is He Who sent down the Criterion upon His servant that he might be a warner to the nations...” — 25:1

- This verse is the first verse of chapter 25, called *Furqān*. The name of this chapter comes from the word *Furqān* in this verse. *Furqān* means criterion and it is applied to the Quran to mean that it is the criterion for distinguishing or discriminating between truth and falsehood.
- The chapter deals with the enormous change which the Quran had brought about in the lives of the people. The words “he might be a warner to the nations” show that the transformation which was being brought about in Arabia would ultimately extend over the whole world and all nations would benefit.

- He is not only a warner to all nations, warning that doing evil leads to destruction, but the Quran also calls him as a mercy to all nations:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٠٧﴾

“And We have not sent you except as a mercy to the nations.” — 21:107

- His being called a mercy to the nations of the world (*raḥmat-an li-l-‘ālamīn*) is to show that ultimately all nations will be received into the Divine mercy which was manifested through him.
- Already the teachings of the Quran have not only benefited its followers, but even those who still reject its message. Despite their rejection of it, they have accepted many of its principles.

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