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Chapter-5=Lesson-2

Prophet Hazrat Yusuf (As.)

His father was Yaqub (As.) and mother was Rahila Binte Labon. He was born in Before Christian Era 1927-1817. He was the dweller of Canaan. Yusuf was the most handsome young man ever seen. The story of Hazrat Yusuf (As.) is described in the Quran as noble story.

- 1) Write the father's name of Prophet Hazrat Yusuf (As.).
- 2) Write the mother's name of Prophet Hazrat Yusuf (As.).

Yusuf is Under Plot

Hazrat Yakub (As.) would love his son Yusuf very much. That's why except Bin Yameen, his uterine brother, all his step brothers were very jealous of him. They started plotting against him. One day with the permission of their father with a plea to play they took him to a remote playground. There they tortured him and pushed him, as if by mistake, into a dry well. After returning home they said, "0 father! we were playing games and had gone away leaving Yusuf with our goods. When we returned, we found that a wolf had eaten him. We found only his shirt and other clothes soaked with blood. Look at these bloody clothes." Yaqub (As.) did not believe them. He was very much shocked. He only said, "This is a serious matter and surely you have done some mischief, but I shall be patient." He said, "So (for me) patience is most fitting. And it is Allah (Alone) Whose help can be sought against that (lie) which you describe." (Sara Yusuf, Verse: 18).

- 3) Which brother loved Hazrat Yusuf (As.)?
- 4) By which sura we can know about Hazrat Yusuf (As.)?

Sold as a slave

There came a caravan of businessmen who were going to Egypt. By the wish of Allah, they halted there. They sent their water-drawer, and he let down his bucket (into the well). Yusuf (As.) came up with bucket. They said: "What a good news! Here is a boy." They were very pleased to see so handsome a young boy. They hid him amidst their own goods and took him away. (Sara Yusuf, Verse: 19) Later on they took him to Egypt and sold him for a few pieces of silver to an Egyptian chief, Aziz. As Aziz had no children, he was glad to have Yusuf and would love him as his own son. Aziz brought him home to his wife and said, "Now we have a young boy." Yusuf (As.) with a false blame was sent to prison during his young age. With the merit and intelligence Allah gave him, he gradually gained respect of everybody in prison. He could explain dreams very well.

- 5) Who saved Hazrat Yusuf (As.) from the well?
- 6) To whom was Hazrat Yusuf (As.) sold?
- 7) What is the name of the Egyptian chief?
- 8) What was the extra ordinary quality of Hazrat Yusuf (As.)?

Explanation of Dream

One day the King of Egypt had a strange dream. He saw in the dream that "seven fat cows being eaten up by seven lean ones. He also saw, "seven green ears of corn and seven withered ones." He called his learned men and said, 'Will you please explain the meaning?' However, he could not accept their explanations.

The King was informed that there was a young man in prison who could explain dreams well. The King wanted to know the explanation from Yusuf (As.). Yusuf (As.) explained the dream and said: "For seven years you will have very good crops. You will keep them. Then it will come seven dreadful years. There will be no crop. You will eat from what you will save. Then will come one year when there will be enough water."

The explanation was accepted by the King. The King discharged all false charges against Yusuf (As.) and freed him from prison.

- 9) How did Hazrat Yusuf (As.) explain the dream of the King of Egypt?
- 10) How did Hazrat Yusuf (As.) free himself from prison?

In Charge of Minister

Being pleased with Yusuf (As.) explanation of dream, the King gave him the charge of finance ministry. As per the explanation in the first seven years there were huge crops. In the following seven years due to shortage of crops Egypt was affected by famine. Due to famine the brothers of Yusuf (As.) came to the courtyard of Egypt three times to collect grains. Yusuf (As.) recognized them at the first encounter. But he did not express his identity. On humanitarian ground he gave them enough grains each time. At the second encounter tactfully, he detained his own brother Ben Yamin. At the third encounter he brought out his identity and invited his father's family members to be royal guests. They understood their mistakes and asked Yusuf (As.) forgiveness and requested him to pray to Allah, they said: By Allah! Indeed, Allah has preferred you above us, and we certainly have been sinners. (Sara Yusuf, Verse: 91)

Hazrat Yusuf (As.) forgave them, and said: "No reproach on you this day; may Allah forgive you, and He is the Most Merciful of those who show mercy! " (Sara Yusuf, Verse: 92)

Later on all the brothers along with their father came to Egypt. He gave them a cordial reception. Then they would live altogether in Egypt. Hazrat Yusuf (As.) died at the age 110.

<u>Qualities of Hazrat Yusuf (As.)</u>: Patience, Forgiveness, Intelligent, Dream explainer. Like Yusuf (As.) we will try to have patience in danger. With the qualities of Yusuf (As.) we will decorate our life and learn to forgive others.

11) What lessons a person can get from the life story of Hazrat Yusuf (As.)