Lesson 15

Level 4

Surah Quraysh: Part 1





In this lesson, I will:

Identify the two trade routes of the Quraysh

Explore why the Quraysh were respected

Explain how to appreciate Allah's blessings

Key Words

رِحْلَةً - Journey

شِتَآءٌ - Winter

صَنْفُ - Summer

Thinking Starter

Do you prefer summer or winter? Why?





The Quraysh & Their Two Trade Routes



	قُرَيْشِ	لإِيلَافِ			
(1)	Quraysh	for the habitual (safety)			
For the habitual (safety) of the Quraysh. (1)					

The Quraysh were one of the greatest Arab tribes in Makkah. They were the tribe of Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم and the descendants of Isma'il عليه السلام.

Our beloved Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

"Indeed, Allah chose Kinanah from the children of Isma'il; He chose the Quraysh from Kinanah; He chose Banu Hashim from the Quraysh; and He chose me from Banu Hashim." (Muslim)







(1)	وَٱلصَّيْفِ	ٱلشِّتَآءِ	رِحْلَةَ	إِۦڷڣڡۣؠ۫
(2)	and summer	winter	journey	their habitual (safety)

Their habitual (safety) during winter and summer journeys. (2)

The Quraysh had two main trade routes:



In winter, they travelled to Yemen, where the weather was warmer.



In summer, they travelled to Sham (Greater Syria), where the weather was cooler.

Back then, travelling was not very safe. Travellers would be attacked and their goods would be stolen. It was different for the Quraysh. Nobody attacked them, and even people who travelled with them were not harmed.

Allah kept the Quraysh safe at home and away from home.

Why Were the Quraysh Safe?

The Quraysh were the **caretakers of the Kaʿbah** so they were respected by the other tribes. After the famous story of the elephant, the Kaʿbah became even more important, and people respected the Quraysh even more.

Thus, they were able to travel far and wide in peace and security. This ayah tells us that the Quraysh became **accustomed to (used to)** this security and enjoyed the benefits of this security.

Another meaning of إِيلَـٰفِ is that Allah brought the Quraysh together and united them, with safety, in the city of Makkah.





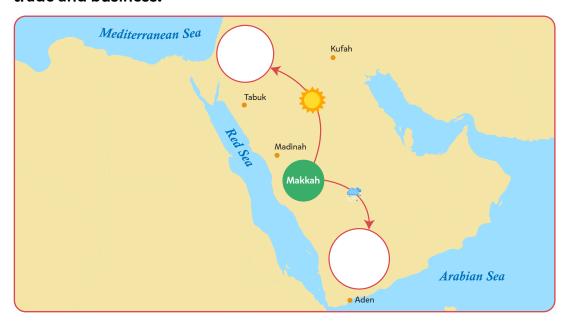


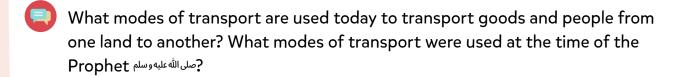
How do you think this surah connects with the previous surah (Surah al-Fil)?



Task 1

Label the names of the places where the Quraysh used to travel for trade and business.





Appreciate the Blessings of Allah



P	ٱلۡبَيۡتِ	هَاذَا	رَبَّ	فَلْيَعْبُدُواْ		
(3)	House	(of) this	the Lord	So they should worship		
So they should worship the Lord of this House. (3)						

In this third ayah, Allah سبحانه وتعالى is reminding them to be grateful to the Lord of this House.

The Quraysh were safe and respected because they lived in the 'haram': the sacred area around the Kaʿbah. The Kaʿbah was the reason they lived safely, with no tribe daring to attack them. Thus, they should not worship idols and only worship the Lord of the Kaʿbah, the One who gave them all these blessings.

Allah made the Ka'bah the source of their blessings.

