


# The People of Nuh

## LESSON 1

### THOSE THAT DIFFERED

Between Adam and Nuh  there were ten generations, all of them upon the **SHAREE'AH** of the truth and upheld the belief of the Oneness of Allah -**TAWHEED**.

“BETWEEN NUH AND ADAM WERE TEN GENERATIONS, ALL OF THEM WERE UPON SHAREE’AH OF THE TRUTH, THEN THEY DIFFERED. SO ALLAH SENT PROPHETS AS BRINGERS OF GOOD NEWS AND AS WARNERS.”

[RELATED BY IBN JAREER AT-TABAREE IN HIS TAFSEER (4/275) AND AL-HAAKIM (2/546) WHO SAID: “IT IS AUTHENTIC ACCORDING TO THE CRITERION OF AL-BUKHARI.” ADH-DHAHABEE ALSO AGREED.]


MANKIND WERE ONE COMMUNITY AND ALLAH SENT PROPHETS WITH GLAD TIDINGS AND WARNINGS, AND WITH THEM HE SENT THE SCRIPTURE IN TRUTH TO JUDGE BETWEEN PEOPLE IN MATTERS WHEREIN THEY DIFFERED. AND ONLY THOSE TO WHOM (THE SCRIPTURE) WAS GIVEN DIFFERED CONCERNING IT AFTER CLEAR PROOFS HAD COME UNTO THEM THROUGH HATRED, ONE TO ANOTHER. THEN ALLAH BY HIS LEAVE GUIDED THOSE WHO BELIEVED TO THE TRUTH OF THAT WHEREIN THEY DIFFERED. AND ALLAH GUIDES WHOM HE WILLS TO A STRAIGHT PATH.

[AL-QUR’AN 2:213]

Among them were righteous individuals named: **Wadd, Suwa, Yaghuth, Ya’uq and Nasr.**



These righteous men had followers who adhered to their teaching and guidance.

After their death, their followers began to **VENERATE** them and sit at their graves. 

Upon seeing this, Shaytaan saw the **LOVE AND REVERENCE** the followers had for these righteous individuals and **CORRUPTED** their beliefs. He whispered to them to create pictures and idols in remembrance of them only, and when they had remembered them, it would increase in their desire to worship.



Eventually, this led the people to place these idols around where the individual passed away or where they spoke or sat when they were alive.

Generations passed and Shaytan adhered to his promise to Allah: to **LEAD MANKIND ASTRAY.**




When the people who had created the idols died, Shaytan approached the latter generation, **DECEIVING** them to start worshipping these idols and statues, just as their predecessors had done before them.

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Thus, the latter generation began to worship these statues, **EXAGGERATING** in reverence and forgetting the original purpose behind their creation, which was initially  for remembrance. Due to their **IGNORANCE**, they were **LED ASTRAY**.

The spread of shirk **ACCELERATED** among the people, worshipping idols alongside Allah, rather than intermediates to draw nearness to Allah.

Wadd, was noted as the first to be worshipped alongside Allah on Earth. 

**AL-BUKHARI RECORDED FROM IBN `ABBAS THAT HE SAID,**

"THE IDOLS THAT WERE AMONG THE PEOPLE OF NUH ﷺ WOUND UP AMONG THE ARABS AFTERWARDS. IN REFERENCE TO **WADD**, IT BECAME THE IDOL OF THE PEOPLE OF **KALB** IN THE AREA OF **DAWMAT AL-JANDAL**. **SUWA`** BECAME THE IDOL OF THE PEOPLE OF **HUDHAYL**. **YAGHUTH** BECAME THE IDOL OF THE PEOPLE OF **MURAD**, THEN THE PEOPLE OF **BANI GHUTAYF** AT **AL-JURUF** IN THE AREA OF **SABA'** WORSHIPPED IT AFTER THEM. **YA`UQ** BECAME THE IDOL OF THE PEOPLE OF **HAMDAN**. **NASR** BECAME THE IDOL OF THE PEOPLE OF **HIMYAR** FOR THE FAMILY OF **DHU KALA`**. THESE IDOLS WERE ALL NAMED AFTER RIGHTEOUS MEN FROM THE PEOPLE OF NUH ﷺ. THEN WHEN THESE MEN DIED, SHAYTAN INSPIRED HIS (NUH'S) PEOPLE TO ERECT STATUES IN HONOUR OF THEM AT THEIR GATHERING PLACES WHERE THEY USED TO COME AND SIT, AND TO NAME THESE STATUES AFTER THESE MEN (WITH THEIR NAMES). SO THEY DID THIS (AS SHAYTAN SUGGESTED), BUT THESE STATUES WERE NOT WORSHIPPED UNTIL AFTER THOSE PEOPLE (THE ONES WHO BUILT THEM) HAD DIED AND THE KNOWLEDGE WAS LOST. THEN, THOSE STATUES WERE LATER WORSHIPPED."

**THIS HAS ALSO BEEN SIMILARLY REPORTED FROM `IKRIMAH, AD-DAHAK, QATADAH AND IBN ISHAQ. `ALI BIN ABI TALHAH REPORTED FROM IBN `ABBAS THAT HE SAID,**

"THESE ARE STATUES THAT WERE WORSHIPPED IN THE TIME OF NUH ﷺ." IBN JARIR RECORDED FROM MUHAMMAD BIN QAYS THAT HE SAID CONCERNING **YAGHUTH, YA`UQ AND NASR**, "THEY WERE RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE BETWEEN THE TIME OF ADAM AND NUH, AND THEY HAD FOLLOWERS WHO USED TO ADHERE TO THEIR GUIDANCE. THEN, WHEN THEY DIED, THEIR COMPANIONS WHO USED TO FOLLOW THEM SAID, 'IF WE MAKE IMAGES OF THEM, IT WILL INCREASE OUR DESIRE TO PERFORM WORSHIP WHEN WE REMEMBER THEM.' SO THEY MADE IMAGES OF THEM. THEN, WHEN THOSE PEOPLE DIED AND OTHER PEOPLE CAME AFTER THEM, IBLIS APPROACHED THEM AND SAID, 'THEY (YOUR PREDECESSORS) USED TO WORSHIP THESE STATUES AND THEY WERE GRANTED RAIN BY THEIR WORSHIP OF THEM.' THUS, THEY (THE LATTER PEOPLE) WORSHIPPED THEM."

[TAFSIR IBN KATHIR PAGE ?]. [SAHIH AL-BUKHARI 4920]. [SAHIH AL-BUKHARI BOOK 65, HADITH 440]