

(105) *Al-Feel: The Elephant*

In the Name of Allah The All Merciful, The Most Merciful.

1. Have you not seen how your Lord did with The Companions of The Elephant?
2. Did He not make their guile in deviation?
3. And He sent upon them birds (in) squadrons...
4. ...throwing (upon) them with stones of Sijeel*.
5. Thus, He made them like eaten hulls.

* The definition of "sijeel" in the Arabic dictionary is dried, hardened clay or claystone such as argillite etc. This definition, however, is primarily derived from its usage in this surah. In some interpretations it is said that each stone thrown carried the name of the individual it was to strike and that the word could be a derivative of "sijil" which is a registry. Yet another interpretation is that the stones came from a valley in Hell named Sijeel.