

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ فَعَلَ رَبُّكَ بِأَصْحَابِ الْفِيلِ

1. Have you not seen how your Lord did with The Companions of The Elephant?

أَلَمْ يَجْعَلْ كَيْدَهُمْ فِي تَضَلُّيلٍ

2. Did He not make their guile in deviation?

وَأَرْسَلَ عَلَيْهِمْ طَيْرًا أَبَابِيلَ

3. And He sent upon them birds (in) squadrons...

تَرْمِيهِمْ بِحِجَارَةٍ مِّن سِجِّيلٍ

4. ...throwing (upon) them with stones of Sijeel*.

فَجَعَلَهُمْ كَعَصْفٍ مَّأْكُولٍ

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.