

سُورَةُ الْمَلْحَمَةِ

Sūrah al Lahab

(FLAME)

Revealed at Makkah, it has five Āyāt and only one Section.

In the Name of Allah

The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful.

1. Perish the two hands of Abū Lahab, and perish he!
2. His riches availed him not, nor what he earned.
3. Soon he shall roast in a Fire Flame.
4. And his wife also; a fuel carrier.
5. Around her neck shall be a cord of twisted palm-fibres.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

تَبَّتْ يَدَا أَبِي لَهَبٍ وَتَبَّ ۝١

مَا أَغْنَىٰ عَنْهُ مَالُهُ وَمَا كَسَبَ ۝٢

سَيَصْلَىٰ نَارًا ذَاتَ لَهَبٍ ۝٣

وَأَمْرَأَتُهُ حَمَّالَةَ الْحَطَبِ ۝٤

فِي جِيدِهَا حَبْلٌ مِّن مَّسَدٍ ۝٥

Secrets of Revelation

May Abū Lahab's hands break and may he perish! His real name was 'Abdul 'Uzzah, a son of Ḥadhrat 'Abdul Muṭlib. Since his complexion was reddish, he

came to be known as Abū Lahab. (lit: Father of Flame). He vehemently opposed the Holy Prophet^{-SAW} and so Allah proclaims him a dweller of the Hell by name.

His fortune availed him not. He developed an incurable blister, awfully stinking, and died of it in quarantine. The overwhelming stench did not allow anyone to get near his corpse so that it could be buried. Thus the house he lived in was caved down on his dead body. His wealth and his possessions did not benefit him in anyway. His wife will also enter the blazing Hell with him. She used to spread thorns on the path likely to be taken by the Holy Prophet^{-SAW} and will be yoked in Hell with a collar made of twisted palm fibres.