Abo Reghal and The Birds In Flocks

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The story of the owners of the Elephant is considered to be one of the most famous stories in the Arabic history. This story was mentioned in The Holy Qura'n in Surat "Al-Fil" (Surah Number 105):

In the Name of Allâh, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

- 1. Have you (O Muhammad (Peace be upon him)) not seen how your Lord dealt with the Owners of the Elephant? [The elephant army which came from Yemen under the command of Abrahah Al-Ashram intending to destroy the Ka'bah at Makkah].
- 2. Did He not make their plot go astray?
- 3. And sent against them birds, in flocks,
- 4. Striking them with stones of Sijjîl.
- 5. And made them like an empty field of stalks (of which the corn has been eaten up by cattle).

The "Ababeel" is a group of birds in flocks. Those Birds were carrying small hard stones made of fire in their beaks and claws; they also kill whoever they fall upon.

Those stones were like gunpowder bombs. So Allah eradicated the Owners of the Elephant and He protected His Sanctuary.

There is another part of this story that hasn't been mentioned in the Surah, though the history keeps it very well, that is "Abo Reghal's story", which is considered to be a symbol of treason in the pre-Islamic Arabic history.

The history says that when the owners of the Elephant got lost while they were going to destroy the Ka'bah, they met an Arabian man called "Abo Reghal" and they asked him about the right way, so he guided them to the Ka'bah but he died.

His people recognized his body among the dead and they took him and buried him in a place between Makkah and Ta'ef, so that he will be stoned by those who will pass by his grave, just as the traitorous are stoned.

And this was really strange; to find that stoning was a symbol of refusing country treason in the Pre-Islamic era. And 50 years after that incident, stoning became a symbol of refusing Moral treason, like stoning a married man who committed fornication.

When the Prophet (PBUH) passed by Abo Reghal's grave in His way between Makkah and Ta'ef, he stoned his grave, so stoning his grave became a Sunnah because it reminds people of the value of honesty, and the punishment of treason.

This traitor got his punishment in his life, and may be he won't get it after life as he is one of the "period" people. He survived from Hellfire as Allah said:

"And We never punish until We have sent a Messenger (to give warning)."[HQ: 17:15]

But the likes of Abo Reghal are now spread in our countries, as spies who have to be stoned by stones of Hellfire, as a punishment for their treason.

Unfortunately these traitors are a lot, even if they are not recognized by people, because they have their means to cover their true nature. But Allah knows what they hide and what they show.

"He is the All-Knower of what is in the breasts (of men)". [HQ: 67:13]

Some of the likes of Abo Reghal are living among us today and they have also good positions, moreover some people think they serve their countries and defend their Land, Religion and Honor.

Consequently many of them fell into betraying their countries, and misusing their religion. We have read a short time ago an announcement of the CIA, they wanted agents who can speak Arabic well, and it was truly amazing to find more than seventy thousand Arabian young men asking to have that honor in serving the American and English forces, who are transgressing the sanctity of the Arabic Nation in Iraq, and Allah knows best what they are doing now in the battlefield, the same that have been done by Abo Reghal.

And it is well known that Israel was the one who began working in that field in Palestine when it was able to muster a large number of Palestinians, and it used them to resist the "Intifada", which has been raised by groups of Hamas and Jihad...etc.

And we all know Israe's role in the American and English attack on Iraq, as it has been discovered that there were Israeli agents working side by side with the American confederate, English, Spanish and Australian forces.

No doubt that every attack must have its own agents, and in that attack the Israeli forces are the agents as they know the Arabs pretty well, also they know the Arab Land map.

And as a result of Israel's expansionistic aspiration, they want to colonize Iraq, as it is part of their big Israel.

Israel doesn't hide its plan anymore; it has even printed its plan on its currency "checkel". This plan includes the surrounding Arab Lands as Iraq, Jordon, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

Also the American forces announced their aims of the war on Iraq using a misleading Zionist language, that they want to liberate Iraq and construct a democratic country after Saddam's fall.

All of these announcements are just lies which hide the real political aims behind that war.

They are trying to make fun of our minds, when they claim that using all of these aggressive weapons like air forces, rockets, ships...through land, sea and air, and thousands of soldiers, are used only to get rid of Saddam Hussein and to let the Iraqi people enjoy liberation and democracy that will be supported by invaders.

The criminal aims behind that invasion are clear for everyone. Bush declared that it's a crusade war, his priests declared it's a war against Islam and Muhammad, and his followers spoke out about their aim of destroying the Ka'bah. In other words the owners of the elephant are moving towards Ka'bah, and no doubt there will be among them the likes of Abo Reghal.

And we have nothing to do but to struggle and ask Allah to send Birds in flocks to throw them by some bombs that they won't be able to resist or repel, and then they will be like an empty field of stalks

"Marked from your Lord, and they are not ever far from the *Zâlimûn* (polytheists, evil-doers, etc.)".[HQ: 11:83]