

# Friday Class - Third term

## Sura Saba: 34:15-19

### Beginning Activity

- 1) Read verse 15.
- 2) Make a vocabulary list for verse 15. Write down the Arabic words that you know on one side, and the English translation on the other side.

# Hadith on Quran

The Quran is wealth  
There is no wealth without it  
There can be no poverty after it.

Holy Prophet (s)



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# Story of Saba

The community of Saba was a great civilization in South Arabia during the sixth century.

The Ma'rib dam was one of the important monuments left behind by the Sabbeans.

One of their leaders mentioned in the Quran is Bilqis, Queen of Sheba.

# The People of Saba

Splendid lifestyle made possible by the fertile land.

Very rich and wealthy, lots of fruits and produce.

Ungrateful to God, did not acknowledge their blessings.

Arrogant and Miserly

# The Ma'arib Dam

The site of the great Dam of Ma'rib also called the Dam of 'Arim is south-west of the ancient city of Ma'rib, once the capital of the ancient kingdom of Saba.

The Kingdom of Saba' was a prosperous trading nation, with control of the spice routes in Arabia. The Sabeans built the dam to capture the periodic rains which falls on the nearby mountains and so irrigate the land around the city.

Recent archaeological findings suggest that simple earth dams and a canal network were constructed as far back as 2000 BC. The Great Dam of Ma'rib certainly dates back to about the eighth century BCE and is considered the oldest known dam in the world, being counted as one of the most wonderful feats of engineering in the ancient world.

# The Ma'arib Dam

History records that the height of the dam in Ma'rib was 16 metres, its width was 60 metres and its length was 620 metres.

According to the calculations, the total area that could be irrigated by the dam was 9,600 hectares, of which 5,300 hectares belonged to the southern plain. The remaining part belonged to the northern plain.

These two plains were referred to as "Ma'rib and two plains" (two gardens in the Quran).

# People of Saba in the Bible

The Sabeans or people of Saba or Sheba, are referred to as traders in gold and spices.

Saba was the name of the nation of which Marib was the usual capital.

The chief occupations of the Sabeans were raiding and trade.

The most important of all their commodities was incense. Agriculture bulked much more largely in the thoughts of the Sabeans than commerce, and was of equal importance with religion

# Meanings of the word Rabb

- 1) Lord
- 2) Master
- 3) Ruler
- 4) Nurturer
- 5) Cherisher
- 6) Sustainer
- 7) Trainer
- 8) Protector
- 9) Helper
- 10) Improver of condition

**Allah is the Khaliq + Rabb**



# Resources

- 1) [http://www.miraclesofthequran.com/historical\\_09.html](http://www.miraclesofthequran.com/historical_09.html)
- 2) [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marib\\_Dam](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marib_Dam)
- 3) Youtube video on the People of Saba  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIgnKsC4YDg>