

Animals in the Qur'an – The Ant

Introduction

Once, Prophet Sulaiman (A) was marching with his large army when they entered a valley where thousands of ants lived. Prophet Sulaiman (A) could understand the language of the animals, so when he heard the queen of the ants warning them to run into their homes, he ordered his army to halt until the ants were safe.

ANT

النَّمْلُ

Text and Translation

The Holy Qur'an says:

حَتَّىٰ إِذَا أَتَوْا عَلَىٰ وَادِ النَّمْلِ

Till they came to the valley of the Ants,

قَالَتْ نَمْلَةٌ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّمْلُ ادْخُلُوا مَسَاكِنَكُمْ

An ant said (addressing the other ants of the valley): "O you ants! Enter your homes,

لَا يَحْطَمَنَّكُمْ سُلَيْمَانُ وَجُنُودُهُ وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿18﴾

So that Sulaymān and his companions may not crush you while they are not aware of it. (an-Naml, 27:18)

