

This is a research-based effort, an attempt to illuminate heart with the light of Qur'anic knowledge and to enable human mind to have a clearer vision of the matter in this divine light. Worthwhile research already exists on this topic but I ventured to write with the faith that those who have quest for knowledge can get satisfactory answer for all the questions emerging in their minds. The writer explored the word "Nation" and explained the meanings of "rise and fall" after that the ummahs of all the prophets termed as nations with ages when human society got organized have been discussed.

The nations whose rise and fall have been discussed in Holy Quran either in detail or briefly become main stay of this thesis. It begins with the rise and fall of Hazrat Idrees's (A.S) nation as his period is regarded as the beginning of organized human society. This nation started its march in the sagacious leadership of Hazrat Idrees (A.S). this nation never suffered degradation as it remained obedient to the prophet and his commandments: Besides Holy Qur'an, Hadith has also been consulted as saying of the Holy Prophet an explanatory to Holy Qur'an. In this way all the prophets down to Hazrat Ismail (A.S) have been discussed. From Hazrat Ishaq's (A.S) prophethood, leadership and kingship were vested in his posterity. Their separate accounts make the work bulky. So after Hazrat Yaqoob (A.S) all the nations have been combined under the name of Israelites to study the causes of their rise and fall. Hazrat Ishaq (A.S) has been blended as father of Israelites. All the prophets till Hazrat Isa (A.S) belong to Israelites so they have been combined for the sake of discussion. After that the most remarkable nation belongs to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H). So the causes of rise and fall of Mulsim nation have been combined.

If we study carefully, the mention of rise and fall of others is only as a warning to the ummah of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H) so that they may continue their upward journey. In the last chapter, comparative study of causes of rise and fall between western thinkers and those given by Holy Qur'an is given: this comparative study includes three thinkers:

- The book of Dr. Micheal The rise and fall of nations; how Christians interpret History.
- Edward Gibbon's book Decline and fall of Roman Empire.
- A Study of History by Toynbee.

The crux of these three books is compared with the Qur'anic perspective of this topic. A lot of stuff is available on this topic.