

## Fast 16

### Holy Prophet's message is for all nations:

*No other scripture laid the claim in specific words that its message was for entire humanity.*

“And this Quran has been revealed to me that with it I may warn you and whomsoever it reaches.” — 6:19

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*Notes:* The Holy Prophet was thus a warner, not for the Arabs only, but for *all people whom the Quran may reach*, i.e. for the whole world. It is therefore our duty to take the Quran to the entire world.

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“Say: O mankind, surely I am the Messenger of Allah to you all, of Him Whose is the kingdom of the heavens and the earth.” — 7:158

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*Notes:* As against the various prophets spoken of in chapter 7, every one of whom was sent to *his people*, the Prophet Muhammad is here spoken of as having been sent to *all people*, to the whole of mankind. Thus the appearance of the Prophet Muhammad was a turning point in the history of humanity. The day of the national prophet was over and a new era had dawned in which the whole of humanity was ultimately to be united under one spiritual head.

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“And those who disbelieve say: Why has not a sign been sent down to him from his Lord? You are only a warner and for every people a guide.” — 13:7

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*Notes:* The words *for every people a guide* refer to the Holy Prophet. He was a warner, and was ultimately to be a guide for every people.

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“Blessed is He Who sent down the Criterion upon His servant that he might be a warner to the nations...” — 25:1

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*Notes:* This is the opening of chapter 25, which is named from the word *Furqan* in this verse. *Furqan* means criterion and is applied to the Quran as meaning the criterion for distinguishing or discriminating between truth and falsehood. The chapter deals with the mighty transformation which the Quran had brought about in the lives of the people. The words “he might be a warner to the nations” show that the transformation which was being brought about in Arabia would ultimately extend over the whole world and all nations would benefit.

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“And We have not sent you but as a bearer of good news and as a warner to all mankind, but most people do not know.” — 34:28

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*Notes:* The word for “all” here is *kaffah*, which means “all without an exception”.

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“And We have not sent you but as a mercy to the nations.” — 21:107

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*Notes:* The Prophet’s being a mercy to the nations of the world, is to show that ultimately all nations will be received into the Divine mercy which was manifested through him. Already the teachings of the Quran have not only benefited its followers, but even those who still reject its message, for, despite their rejection of it, they have accepted many of its principles.

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