Chapter (85) sūrat l-burūj (The Big Stars)
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Why is the believer being oppressed – this will give you more hope that Allah subhana wa ta’ala will support you and be with you.

85:15 Honorable Owner of the Throne,

(85:15:2)

l-’arshi

the Throne

The largest creature is the throne of Allah subhana wa ta’ala. There is a wisdom behind someone’s torture. Allah subhana wa ta’ala took them before being burnt because they understand Allah subhana wa ta’ala is the Owner of the Throne. The greatest thing is the Throne – Allah subhana wa ta’ala rules over the Throne – the closest of created objects to Him. The Throne is like a ring thrown into a barren desert. So the Arsh is huge.

85:16 Effector of what He intends.

The doer of whatever and whenever He wills and wishes – nobody can stop him. For any creature there will always be something aiding it or preventing it’s occurrence. Allah is in no need of aid and no one can oppose Him.

Sometimes you ask why is the oppressor oppressing – you know Allah subhana wa ta’ala is loving and able to do everything He wills and protect and there is a wisdom behind the seen. You see things which you don’t like but behind this is rahmah, loving, full of wisdom.

On the Day of Judgement you will the reason behind everything – when Allah subhana wa ta’ala wants to give victory to somebody He doesn’t need an army, He is self sufficient, it is people who need an army.

85:17 Has there reached you the story of the soldiers -

In the next ayah Allah subhana wa ta’ala does not need an army. In ayah 17 look at the armies – Allah subhana wa ta’ala can do everything He wills, look at those people with the armies.

85:18 [Those of] Pharaoh and Thamud?

Firwan’s army drowned in the sea – they thought they could do something and had a lot of helpers.

The people of Thamud said they believed in the message and were told do not touch she camel – next day you will have your share – they wanted proof from Allah subhana wa ta’ala - so you need to do something – but they killed Allah subhana wa ta’ala miracle – Allah subhana wa ta’ala sent a punishment upon them – destroyed everybody.

7 Al-A’raf
And to the Thamud [We sent] their brother Salih. He said, "O my people, worship Allah; you have no deity other than Him. There has come to you clear evidence from your Lord. This is the she-camel of Allah [sent] to you as a sign. So leave her to eat within Allah's land and do not touch her with harm, lest there seize you a painful punishment. (73) And remember when He made you successors after the 'Aad and settled you in the land, [and] you take for yourselves palaces from its plains and carve from the mountains, homes. Then remember the favors of Allah and do not commit abuse on the earth, spreading corruption." (74) Said the eminent ones who were arrogant among his people to those who were oppressed - to those who believed among them, "Do you [actually] know that Salih is sent from his Lord?" They said, "Indeed we, in that with which he was sent, are believers." (75) Said those who were arrogant, "Indeed we, in that which you have believed, are disbelievers." (76) So they hamstrung the she-camel and were insolent toward the command of their Lord and said, "O Salih, bring us what you promise us, if you should be of the messengers." (77) So the earthquake seized them, and they became within their home [corpses] fallen prone. (78) And he turned away from them and said, "O my people, I had certainly conveyed to you the message of my Lord and advised you, but you do not like advisors." (79)

11 Hud
And to Thamud [We sent] their brother Salih. He said, "O my people, worship Allah; you have no deity other than Him. He has produced you from the earth and settled you in it, so ask forgiveness of Him and then repent to Him. Indeed, my Lord is near and responsive." (61) They said, "O Salih, you were among us a man of promise before this. Do you forbid us to worship what our fathers worshipped? And indeed we are, about that to which you invite us, in disquieting doubt." (62) He said, "O my people, have you considered: if I should be upon clear evidence from my Lord and He has given me mercy from Himself, who would protect me from Allah if I disobeyed Him? So you would not increase me except in loss. (63) And O my people, this is the she-camel of Allah - [she is] to you a sign. So let her feed upon Allah's earth and do not touch her with harm, or you will be seized by an impending punishment." (64) But they hamstrung her, so he said, "Enjoy yourselves in your homes for three days. That is a promise not to be denied." (65) So when Our command came, We saved Salih and those who believed with him, by mercy from Us, and [saved them] from the disgrace of that day. Indeed, it is your Lord who is the Powerful, the Exalted in Might. (66) And the shriek seized those who had wronged, and they became within their homes [corpses] fallen prone (67) As if they had never prospered therein. Unquestionably, Thamud denied their Lord; then, away with Thamud. (68)

26 Ash-Shu'ara
Thamud denied the messengers (141) When their brother Salih said to them, "Will you not fear Allah? (142) Indeed, I am to you a trustworthy messenger. (143) So fear Allah and obey me. (144) And I do not ask you for it any payment. My payment is only from the Lord of the worlds. (145) Will you be left in what is here, secure [from death], (146) Within gardens and springs (147) And fields of crops and palm trees with softened fruit? (148) And you carve out of the mountains, homes, with skill. (149) So fear Allah and obey me. (150) And do not obey the order of the transgressors, (151) Who cause corruption in the land and do not amend." (152) They said, "You are only of those affected by magic. (153) You are but a man like ourselves, so bring a sign, if you should be of the truthful." (154) He said, "This is a she-camel. For her is a [time of] drink, and for you is a [time of] drink, [each] on a known day. (155) And do not touch her with harm, lest you be seized by the punishment of a terrible day." (156) But they hamstrung her and so became regretful. (157) And the punishment seized them. Indeed in that is a sign, but most of them were not to be believers. (158) And indeed, your Lord - He is the Exalted in Might, the Merciful. (159)

54 Al Qamar
Thamud denied the warning (23) And said, "Is it one human being among us that we should follow? Indeed, we would then be in error and madness. (24) Has the message been sent down upon him from among us? Rather, he is an insolent liar." (25) They will know tomorrow who is the insolent liar. (26) Indeed, We are sending the she-camel as trial for them, so watch them and be patient. (27) And inform them that the water is shared between them, each [day of] drink attended [by turn]. (28) But they called their companion, and he dared and hamstrung [her]. (29) And how [severe] were My punishment and warning. (30) Indeed, We sent upon them one blast from the sky, and they became like the dry twig fragments of an [animal] pen. (31) And We have certainly made the Qur'an easy for remembrance, so is there any who will remember? (32)

91 Ash Shams
Thamud denied [their prophet] by reason of their transgression, (11) When the most wretched of them was sent forth. (12) And the messenger of Allah [Salih] said to them, "[Do not harm] the she-camel of Allah or [prevent her from] her drink." (13) But they denied him and hamstrung her. So their Lord brought down upon them destruction for their sin and made it equal [upon all of them]. (14) And He does not fear the consequence thereof. (15)

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85:19 But they who disbelieve are in [persistent] denial,

Ayah 19 - drowning in their denial
A disbeliever is anyone who disbelieves in the 5 pillars of Islam, if they disbelieve in Prophet Muhammad (SAW), if they don't believe in the Qur'an etc.
A Believer needs to be firm in their belief.

85:20 While Allah encompasses them from behind.

As a believer you believe in everything Allah subhana wa ta’ala sends – Allah subhana wa ta’ala encompasses them with their actions – we can escape from people but not from Allah subhana wa ta’ala – no way can you escape to anybody – you can only flee to Allah subhana wa ta’ala. Allah subhana wa ta’ala has power over them.

They burnt the believers – you think they escaped – Allah subhana wa ta’ala encompasses and seized them from their punishment – we do not know right now but we will definitely know on the Day of Judgement.

85:21 But this is an honored Qur'an

(85:21:4)
majjudun
Glorious,

The Qur'an is majid – it has deep deep meaning – one letter, one word has a meaning. You can't find in other books. You will find stories, lessons, commands, details – by itself it is a miracle – the Qur'an is never boring – the more you read the Qur'an the more you will discover it’s miracle
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– with the Qur’an Allah subhana wa ta’ala opens doors – believe in the Qur’an – the Qur’an is deep in meaning and benefits – a special mercy is the Glorious Qur’an.

85:21 [Inscribed] in a Preserved Slate.

lawḥin
a Tablet,

(85:22:3)
mahfūzin
Guarded.

What will really make you believe in a preserved tablet (lawh mahfuz – unique description of the Qur’an only to be found in this one instance) - no one can change it – even the jinn and devils can never touch it – when you read it, it is correct and a hidaayat. Ask Allah subhana wa ta’ala to help you to read the Qur’an and understand it. We believe Allah subhana wa ta’ala will protect the Qur’an.

May Allah subhana wa ta’ala protect us from harm and protect our religion.