



The Fortress

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The nation of Lut عليه السلام committed جريمة أخلاقية, an immoral crime. Immorality is not freedom. Society is protected by rules. The time of their destruction was recorded in the Preserved Tablets.

Before Allah sent the angels to Lut عليه السلام, they went to Ibrahim عليه السلام. When Lut عليه السلام saw the behaviour of his nation towards his guests, who were actually angels in disguise, all feelings of pity for them were removed from his heart. Allah creates these kinds of situations so that it becomes easier for people to submit to the decree.

When Ibrahim عليه السلام learnt of the mission of the angels, he argued with them, specially because his nephew Lut was with them. This part of the story is mentioned in Surah Al-Ankabut. The angels replied by saying that they knew about Lut عليه السلام and would save the believers in the town.

Allah praised Ibrahim عليه السلام by describing him as forbearing.

إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ لَحَلِيمٌ أَوَّاهٌ
مُنِيبٌ

Indeed, Ibrahim was
forbearing, grieving
and [frequently]
returning [to Allah].

سورة هود
11:75

The angels didn't destroy them straight away, there was a whole string of events before that. Allah is the Most Perfect, His dealings are the best. He didn't have to inform Ibrahim عليه السلام, but He is the Most Kind. Lut was the nephew of Ibrahim, and both left the town of Haran, their ancestral home, together. Then Allah commanded Ibrahim to go to Palestine, and Lut to Jordan, and they separated. So as a gesture of respect to Ibrahim عليه السلام, Allah told the angels to inform the uncle of the impending destruction of the nation of the nephew. Allah took care of their feelings, and didn't leave them in the dark.

When Lut عليه السلام saw his guests, angels in the guise of the most handsome men, he was really concerned, and afraid, because he knew his people. His wife informed the people of the arrival of the guests, exposing the secret of her husband. This act of betrayal brought her out of her faith.

Allah told Lut عليه السلام to leave in the dark of the night, with his family, and not look back. Remove all god feelings and memories from this corrupt nation. They had to be destroyed because of the magnitude of their crime. Allah takes care of the believers, even of their feelings; this is protection.

Lut عليه السلام was out of the punishment. It's all about entering the obedience of Allah. Anyone who refuses the command of Allah is out of the equation. The obedient one is in, even if he seems out. When you are out of the evil, you are in goodness. It's about أَيْبَى and سَجَدَ.

Lut عليه السلام knew what would happen before the people thronged to his home.

Except his wife." Allah decreed that she is of those who remain behind.

إِلَّا أُمَّرَأَتَهُ، قَدَرْنَا إِنَّهَا مِنَ الْغَائِبَاتِ

Allah describes the wife of Lut عليه السلام as إمرأة, a woman, not زوجة, a wife. The زوجة is more connected to the husband, so Allah calls her the woman of Lut, not his wife. This is because of her betrayal, which separated them. The bond between the husband and wife is strengthened by faith.

Allah decreed that she would be among those upon whom the punishment was to be inflicted. Lut عليه السلام

and his daughters would be saved, and the wife would be destroyed.

She left with them, but was overtaken by the punishment. Her example is like the hypocrites. She looked like a believer, but she wasn't saved. Allah decreed this, and informed Ibrahim عليه السلام of it.

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