

## Surah Saad (سورة ص) – Ayat 11 to 16

### أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا هَذَا نَذِيرٌ لِّكُم مِّمَّنْ خَلَقْنَا لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

(As they denied Allah's Message) they will be a defeated host like the confederates of the old times (who were defeated).

- (الْأَحْزَابِ) means different groups for example hypocrites are one group, idol worshippers are one group, nasarah are another group, though they're all gathered together to give victory to falsehood. Even though they have different 'beliefs', 'ways' and 'curriculums', what's common between them is to defeat the truth, subhan Allah.
- (الْأَحْزَابِ) is in this ayah is referring to the previous nations and what's common between all of them is belying the truth and reminders which came to them. As a result, they tasted the punishment in the duniya.

Ayah 12 – كَذَّبَتْ قَوْمُ نُوحٍ وَعَادٌ وَفِرْعَوْنُ ذُو الْأَوْتَادِ Before them (were many who) belied Messengers, the people of Nuh (Noah); and 'Ad; and Fir'aun (Pharaoh) the man of stakes (with which he used to punish the people),

- The people of Nuh lived for a long period of time and Nuh (عليه السلام) called them for 950 years. Though every time he would remind them, the more stubborn and deeply rooted they would become in their disbelief. They isolated themselves from salvation by belying the messenger, thus drowning in the end.
- The people of 'Aad were proud of their physical strength, they too belied the truth, and were destroyed by wind.
- Firaoun was a tyrant, and he's described as (ذُو الْأَوْتَادِ) – 'owner of pegs' – it said one meaning is his kingdom is strongly rooted like pegs, and the other meaning is he used to punish those who wouldn't listen to him by nailing their hands and feet to the ground or to wood, astaghfar Allah. Allah (ﷻ) sent him Musa (عليه السلام), many ayat, and he even saw the parting of the sea, but he still belied, and this resulted in him drowning.

Ayah 13 – وَثَمُودُ وَقَوْمُ لُوطٍ وَأَصْحَابُ الْأَيْكَةِ أُولَئِكَ الْأَحْزَابُ And Thamud, and the people of Lout (Lot), and the dwellers of the wood; such were the confederates.

- Thamud was known for their intelligence though they belied Salih (عليه السلام) and requested for an ayah – the she-camel. They saw it with their own eyes but still didn't believe, as result an awful cry destroyed them all.
- The people of Lut were taking their desires as an idol. They belied their messenger Lut (عليه السلام) and even exceeded their boundaries by desiring the guests of Lut (عليه السلام), subhan Allah.
- The companions of the aykah (many trees) refers to the people of Shuaib (عليه السلام). Their crime is cheating the people of their wealth. They belied their messenger and their punishment was extreme heat, then a shade came over them which they thought was a relief for them. But from that cloud, a fire burned them. They felt secure when they saw the cloud, but it was punishment for them.

### إِنْ كُلٌّ إِلَّا كَذَّبَ الرُّسُلَ فَحَقَّ عِقَابِي

Not one of them but belied the Messengers, therefore My Torment was justified,

- All of these previous nations are (الْأَحْزَابِ), 'different groups', but they all belied their messenger. To belie one messenger is to belie all messengers. Their punishment is a right upon them.

وَمَا يَنْظُرُ هُوَ إِلَّا صَيْحَةً وَاحِدَةً مَّا لَهَا مِنْ فَوَاقٍ – Ayah 15

And these only wait for a single Saihah [shout (i.e. the blowing of the Trumpet by the angel Israfil)] there will be no pause or ending thereto [till everything will perish except Allah (the only God full of Majesty, Bounty and Honour)].

- If the current people are not getting the message and admonition from what happened to the previous nations (الأخزاب), then let them wait for a single shout from Israfeel (عليه السلام), subhan Allah. There will be no return or respite for them after the single shout.

وَقَالُوا رَبَّنَا عَجِّلْ لَنَا قِطْنَآ قَبْلَ يَوْمِ الْحِسَابِ – Ayah 16

They say: "Our Lord! Hasten to us Qittana (i.e. our Record of good and bad deeds so that we see it) before the Day of Reckoning!"

- Here is the top of their disbelief, they will invoke Allah (ﷻ) by 'Our Lord', and this shows they knew Allah (ﷻ) is Ar Rabb, but they weren't worshipping Him alone. They will say, 'Our Rabb, hasten for us a share of our punishment before the Day of Accounts', subhan Allah. This shows they're underestimating Allah's punishment. (قِطْنَا) comes from (قسطننا) which is a share of punishment.
- They're challenging the Prophet (ﷺ) to bring the punishment. Anyone who believes surely doesn't not want any kind of punishment, but they're asking for punishment in the duniya, subhan Allah. This shows their false pride and rejection of the truth.

*May Allah (ﷻ) make us among those who believe and submit to Him. Ameen.*