

سورة المؤمنون



Those who believe will be saved, and those who disbelieve in them will become legends of the past, lessons for those who come after them.

No nation will appear or perish before its appointed time. Everyone has there أجل, their expiry date. No one will perish before their time, nor can they delay this moment, whether its an individual death, or a large group who die together, such as in a natural calamity, like an earthquake, or a volcanic eruption, a tsunami, etc. We see this happening in life. Allah has decreed this in the Preserved Tablets.

Allah then sent messengers one after the other, so that they would guide the people out of the darkness of disbelief, into the light of belief. They came with signs to support them, to make people believe that they really were messengers. But the disbelievers still belied them. Allah made the nations of disbelievers follow each other in denial and disbelief, until they were destroyed, one after the other. This was their time to perish. Imagine whole nations, powerful and strong, wiped out all at once, with a single cry, a flood, a wind, a volcanic eruption, an earthquake, leaving behind their artifacts and buildings. All these tragedies are recorded in history books, in legends of the past, as lessons to be learnt.

The believer must remember these stories to increase his faith. As long as he takes care of his capital, his faith, he will reach Al-Firdaus. But whoever denies the truth and disbelieves in it, will become part of the history books. The achievements of all these advanced disbelieving nations have faded from memory, although they achieved so much; all that we remember is their destruction, and the evil consequences of their disbelief.

Allah mentioned Musa عليه السلام with Firawn and his ministers. Musa عليه السلام was sent to save the Bani Israeel from the oppression and slavery of Firawn, and make da'wah to Firawn as well. Allah supported Musa عليه السلام with his brother Harun عليه السلام.

Allah sent Musa عليه السلام with signs and authority, and clear evidence. Musa عليه السلام brought many small ayaat, which indicated the truth, and one overpowering ayah, which went to the heart, and dominated it. The heart must submit to this ayah, but Firawn being Firawn, he rejected it. Firawn was so powerful, so the ayah sent to convince him was as powerful, it couldn't be denied. They saw it and believed in it, but on the outside, they still rejected it. Allah sends ayaat according to the people they are sent to. Many ayaat for a person who still doesn't believe is evidence against him. For a believer, even a small ayah is enough.

Al-Firdaus is the highest point in jannah. To get to that level, you must benefit from all the ayaat. The Qura'an is the greatest ayah. On the Day of Judgement, the reciter of the Qura'an will be told to recite and rise in levels. Imagine what elevation you will achieve when you are encapsulated with the Qura'an, reading and observing the situations, learning without having to experience anything. The Qura'an is like an incubator, or a

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The disbeliever wants others to be misled too. So the chiefs wanted the people to disbelieve. They were well equipped to convince them, with their authority and the influence they had over them.

It is سنة الله, the way of Allah, that He will send nations and messengers.

ثُمَّ أَنْشَأْنَا مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ قَرُونًا آخَرِينَ
Then We produced after them other generations
مَا تَسْبِقُ مِنْ أُمَّةٍ أَجْلُهَا وَمَا يَسْتَأْخِرُونَ
No nation will precede its time [of termination], nor will they remain [thereafter]

ثُمَّ أَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلَنَا تَتْرَىٰ كُلَّ مَا جَاءَ أُمَّةً
رَسُولُهَا كَذَّبُوهُ فَاتَّبَعْنَا بَعْضَهُمْ بَعْضًا
وَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ أَحَادِيثَ فَبَعْدًا لِقَوْمٍ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ

Then We sent Our messengers in succession. Every time there came to a nation its messenger, they denied him, so We made them follow one another [to destruction], and We made them narrations. So away with

a people who do not believe
ثُمَّ أَرْسَلْنَا مُوسَىٰ وَأَخَاهُ هَارُونَ بِآيَاتِنَا
وَسُلْطَانٍ مُّبِينٍ

Then We sent Moses and his brother Aaron with Our signs and a clear authority

إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ وَمَلَئِهِ فَاسْتَكْبَرُوا وَكَانُوا قَوْمًا
عَالِينَ

To Pharaoh and his establishment, but they were arrogant and were a haughty people

فَقَالُوا أَنُؤْمِنُ لِبَشَرَيْنِ مِثْلِنَا وَقَوْمُهُمَا لَنَا
عَابِدُونَ

They said : Should we believe two men like ourselves while their people are for us in servitude?

فَكَذَّبُوهُمَا فَكَانُوا مِنَ الْمُهْلَكِينَ
So they denied them and were of those destroyed

وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْكِتَابَ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَهْتَدُونَ
And We certainly gave Moses the Scripture that perhaps they would be guided

23:42-49

The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said :

يقال لصاحب القرآن: اقرأ وارتق
ورتل كما كنت ترتل في الدنيا، فإن
منزلتك عند آخر آية تقرأها.

The one who was devoted to the Qur'an will be told on the Day of Resurrection: 'Recite and ascend (in ranks) as you used to recite when you were in the world. Your rank will be at the last Ayah you recite.

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womb, protecting you while you develop. Don't ever underestimate the path of knowledge. It will change you, motivate you, taking you higher. The believer will not leave any opportunity to increase belief, by anything he sees, hear and experiences.

So Allah sent the clear and powerful signs to Firawn, the tyrant, and his ministers. His chiefs were the ones who made him into a tyrant; no one told him he was wrong, so they had a role in his wrong doing. They showed their arrogance by rejecting the great sign that Allah sent, because they thought of themselves as higher than it.

An atom of arrogance will dent the person entry into jannah. What made them behave in this way? They thought of themselves as higher than the sign, so that when the truth came, they reacted negatively. Pride and arrogance is a destroyer. Look at your origin and your end; what are you arrogant about? Their statements make you understand their arrogance, which is unseen, but you can observe and feel it. Sometimes arrogance can be detected by words, festering under the surface. What is in the heart is manifest with the tongue.

The Bani Israeel were the servants and slaves of Firawn and his people, and were looked down upon. Musa عليه السلام was from the Bani Israeel; and they saw him as below the Egyptians. They considered it weak to obey Musa عليه السلام. So they denied the message, and disbelieved in it, and were destroyed. This was already recorded in the Preserved Tablets. This was the last nation to face total destruction and annihilation.

After the disbelief was cut, Allah gave Musa عليه السلام the Tawrah; it was a new beginning. The Divine books are a mercy for mankind; however evil the people are, they will not be wiped away. The Tawrah was sent to guide the Bani Israeel. This shows the richness of Allah, that He sent them guidance even though they were so rebellious. The Bani Israeel needed to be established, but they roamed the desert for 40 years, as a consequence of their own actions. Their book was a mercy and guidance in their time.

The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said :

لا يدخل الجنة من كان في قلبه مثقال ذرة من
كبر

He who has, in his heart, an ant's weight of arrogance will not enter Jannah.

Someone said : A man likes to wear beautiful clothes and shoes?

The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم said :

إن الله جميل يحب الجمال الكبر بطر الحق
وغمط الناس

Allah is Beautiful, He loves beauty. Arrogance means ridiculing and rejecting the Truth and despising people.

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