

Sūrat Al-ʿAnkabūt: Review for Today





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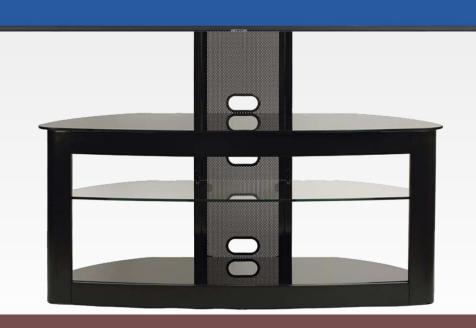
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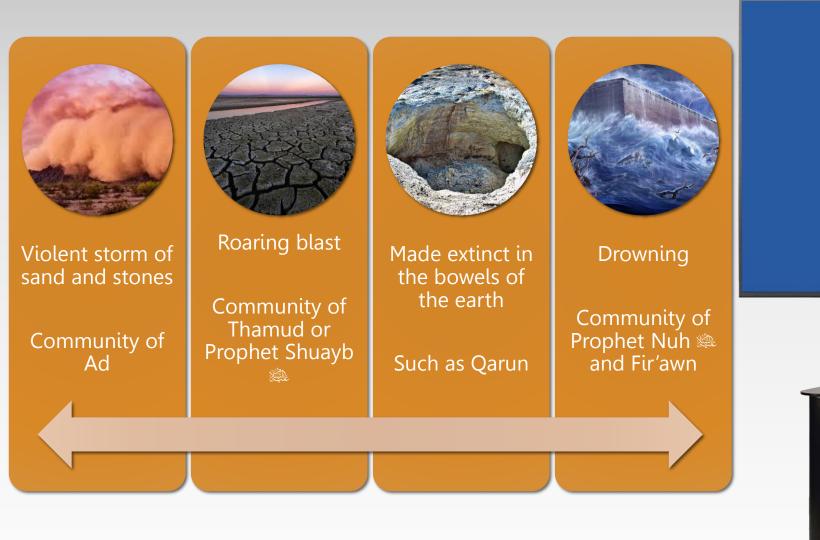
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فَكُلَّا أَخَذْنَا بِذَنْبِهِ فَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ أَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِ حَاصِبًا وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ أَخْرَقْنَا أَخَذَتُهُ الصَّيْحَةُ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ خَسَفْنَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ أَغْرَقْنَا وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيَظْلِمَهُمْ وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ ۚ

In short We took each one of them, *the past communities*, to task for their sins. Against some of them We sent a violent storm of sand and stones while others were overtaken by a roaring blast and some others We made extinct in the earth, and yet others We drowned. It was far from Allah to have done injustice to them. Rather they were doing wrong to themselves. (40)







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With all of the sins, evil and corruption happening on Earth today, **WHY** does Allah not sent down a punishment like He did to the previous nations!?



قُلْ هُوَ الْقَادِرُ عَلَى أَنْ يَبْعَثَ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابًا مِنْ فَوْقِكُمْ أَوْ مِنْ تَحْتِ أَرْجُلِكُمْ أَوْ يَلْبِسَكُمْ شِيَعًا وَيُذِيقَ بَعْضَكُمْ بَأْسَ بَعْضِ انْظُرْ كَيْفَ نُصَرِفُ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَفْقَهُونَ الْأَيَاتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَفْقَهُونَ الْأَيَاتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَفْقَهُونَ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَعْقَهُونَ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَفْقَهُونَ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَفْقَهُونَ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَغْقَهُونَ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَغْقَهُونَ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَيْكُمْ يَعْقَهُونَ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَيْكُمْ يَغْقَهُونَ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَيْكُمْ يَعْقَهُونَ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَيْكُمْ يَغْقَهُونَ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَيْكُونَ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَيْكُمْ يَعْقَلُهُ وَلَا الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَيْكُونَ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَيْكُمْ يَعْقَلُهُ وَلَا الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَيْكُمْ لَعْلَقُهُ وَلَى الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَيْكُمْ يَعْقَلُهُ وَلَعْ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَالُهُ مِنْ الْقَلْمُ لَعْلَيْكُمْ عَلَيْكُونُ لَعْلَوْلُ الْعَلَيْمُ عُلَيْكُونُ لَيْ الْعَلَيْمُ لَعْلَيْكُونَ لَعْلَقُهُ وَلَعْلَقُولُ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَيْكُمْ لَعْلَوْلَ عَلَيْكُونُ لَعْلَعُ لَعْلَهُ وَلَا لَهُ لَعْلَعُونَ لَهُ لَعْلَهُ وَلَهُ وَلَا لَا لَعْلَالِهُ عَلَيْكُونُ لَا لَعْلَالُهُ عَلَيْكُونَ لَعْلِيْكُونُ لَكُونُ لَعْلَقُولُ لَا لَا لَعْلَالُهُ عَلَيْكُونَ لَكُونُ لَا لَعْلِهُ لَا لَعْلِهُ لَا لَالْعِلْكُونُ لَا لَا لَعْلِهُ لَا لَا لَعْلَالُهُ عَلَيْكُونَ لَكُونُ لِلْكُلِكُونُ لَا لَعْلِهُ لَا لَا لَعْلَالِهُ عَلَيْكُونُ لَكُونُ لَا لَعْلِيْ لَعْلَالِهُ فَلَا لَهُ عَلَيْكُونُ لَا لَعْلَقُولُ لَهُ لَا لَعْلِهُ لَعُلُولُ لَا لَعْلَالُهُ عَلَى لَعْلَعُ لَعْلَالِهُ عَلَى لَلْكُولُ لَعْلَعُ لَلْعُلُولُ لَا لَعْلَيْكُونُ لَا لَهُ لَعْلَعْلَ لَعْلَالُهُ عَلَى لَعْلَالُهُ لَا لَعْلَالُهُ لَعْلَالُهُ لَعْلَالِهُ لَعْلِهُ لَعْلَهُ لَعْلَالُولُ لَعْلِيْكُولُ لَعْلَالُهُ لَعْلَالِهُ لَعْلَالُهُ لَعْلَالُهُ لَعْلَالِهُ لَعْلَالْمُ لَعْلَالُولُ لَا لَعْلِيْكُولُولُ لَا لَعْلِهُ لَلْلِهُ لَعْلِلْ

Say, "God has the power to send torment on you from above or below your feet, or to divide you into different groups quite hostile to one another, and make you suffer from each other's animosity." Consider how plainly We show them a variety of evidence (of the Truth) so that they may have understanding. (6:65)



The Prophet was ordered to tell the Muslims to be aware of three forms of punishment from Allah:

Punishments from above our heads;

- 1. Physical torments from the sky like storms;
- 2. Wars with bombs falling on our heads;
- 3. Non-physical torments from our rulers and those "above" us in society;

Punishments from below our feet;

1. Physical torments like earthquakes;

3. Punishments from within us

1. Differences and divisions in the community and society.



...أَوْ يَلْبِسَكُمْ شِيَعًا وَيُذِيقَ بَعْضَكُمْ بَأْسَ بَعْضٍ...

...or to divide you into different groups quite hostile to one another, and make you suffer from each other's animosity... (6:65)



TYPES OF PUNISHMENT FROM ALLAH



- 2. Punishment that do not lead to the death of all the people of a nation, such as wars.



- 3. Punishments related to the spiritual dimension and the human soul, such as losing the special Divine mercy, the stamp of deviation on the human heart, and losing the blessing of performing acts of worship.
- 4. Punishments which afflict the person in the Hereafter.



عَنِ الْعَبَّاسِ بْنِ هِلَالٍ الشَّامِيِّ مَوْلًى لِأَبِى الْحَسَنِ مُوسَى اللهِ قَالَ سَمِعْتُ الرِّضَا اللهُ يَعُولُ كُلَّمَا أَحْدَثَ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ مِنَ يَعُولُ كُلَّمَا أَحْدَثَ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ مِنَ النَّنُوبِ مَا لَمْ يَكُونُوا يَعْمَلُونَ أَحْدَثَ اللَّهُ لَهُمْ مِنَ الْبَلَاءِ مَا لَمْ يَكُونُوا يَعْرِفُونَ.

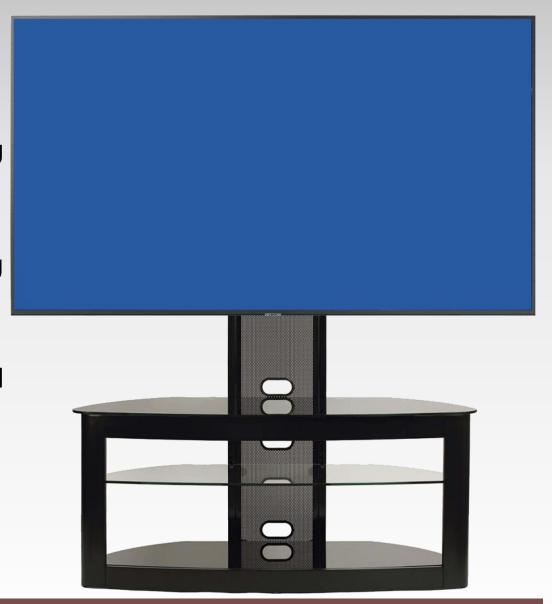
It has been narrated from Al-Abbas Bin Hilal Al-Shamy, a slave of Abu Al-Hassan Musa who said, 'I heard [Imam] Al-Reza saying: "Every time the servants innovate a sin what did not happened to be performed beforehand, Allah, innovates for them, from the afflictions, what they did not happened to recognize – a new type of affliction." Al-Kafi, Volume 2, Page 275, Hadith 29



WHAT PREVENTS THE PUNISHMENT FROM ALLAH :?



- 1. Presence and existence of the Prophet of Islam ## among the people
- 2. People asking true forgiveness for their sins and turning back to Allah ## in repentance.
- 3. Supplications and prayers to Allah ****** to remove trials and tribulations.



Points for Reflection

- 1. Those who sin and are not "immediately" punished should not think that they are free from Divine retribution.
- 2. The retributions of Allah are based on His justice not vengeance and are a part of the *Sunnatullah*.

