

## Sūrah Şād<sup>1231</sup>

### Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem

1. Şād.<sup>1232</sup> By the Qur'ān containing reminder...<sup>1233</sup>
2. But those who disbelieve are in pride and dissension.
3. How many a generation have We destroyed before them, and they [then] called out; but it was not a time for escape.
4. And they wonder that there has come to them a warner [i.e., Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ)] from among themselves. And the disbelievers say, "This is a magician and a liar.
5. Has he made the gods [only] one God? Indeed, this is a curious thing."
6. And the eminent among them went forth, [saying], "Continue, and be patient over [the defense of] your gods. Indeed, this is a thing intended."<sup>1234</sup>
7. We have not heard of this in the latest religion.<sup>1235</sup> This is not but a fabrication.
8. Has the message been revealed to him out of [all of] us?" Rather, they are in doubt about My message. Rather, they have not yet tasted My punishment.
9. Or do they have the depositories of the mercy of your Lord, the Exalted in Might, the Bestower?
10. Or is theirs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and what is between them? Then let them ascend through [any] ways of access.<sup>1236</sup>

<sup>1231</sup>Şād: (the letter) şād.

<sup>1232</sup>See footnote to 2:1.

<sup>1233</sup>The completion of the oath is understood to be that the Qur'ān is inimitable and thus a miracle from Allāh.

<sup>1234</sup>Planned by Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ) in order to gain influence and prestige for himself.

<sup>1235</sup>Referring to Christianity or possibly the pagan religion of the Quraysh.

<sup>1236</sup>To oversee the affairs of their dominion.

11. [They are but] soldiers [who will be] defeated there among the companies [of disbelievers].
12. The people of Noah denied before them, and [the tribe of] 'Aad and Pharaoh, the owner of stakes,<sup>1237</sup>
13. And [the tribe of] Thamūd and the people of Lot and the companions of the thicket [i.e., people of Madyan]. Those are the companies.<sup>1238</sup>
14. Each of them denied the messengers, so My penalty was justified.
15. And these [disbelievers] await not but one blast [of the Horn]; for it there will be no delay.<sup>1239</sup>
16. And they say, "Our Lord, hasten for us our share [of the punishment] before the Day of Account."
17. Be patient over what they say and remember Our servant, David, the possessor of strength; indeed, he was one who repeatedly turned back [to Allāh].
18. Indeed, We subjected the mountains [to praise] with him, exalting [Allāh] in the [late] afternoon and [after] sunrise.
19. And the birds were assembled, all with him repeating [praises].
20. And We strengthened his kingdom and gave him wisdom and discernment in speech.
21. And has there come to you the news of the adversaries, when they climbed over the wall of [his] prayer chamber –
22. When they entered upon David and he was alarmed by them? They said, "Fear not. [We are] two adversaries, one of whom has wronged the other, so judge between us with truth and do not exceed [it] and guide us to the sound path.

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<sup>1237</sup>By which he tortured people.

<sup>1238</sup>That were defeated, among whom will be the disbelievers of Quraysh and others.

<sup>1239</sup>Or "respite." More literally, "a period between two milkings of a she-camel," which also alludes to the meanings of "return" or "repetition."