

13. And 'Aad and Pharaoh and the brothers [i.e., people] of Lot
14. And the companions of the thicket and the people of Tubba'. All denied the messengers, so My threat was justly fulfilled.
15. Did We fail in the first creation? But they are in confusion over a new creation.
16. And We have already created man and know what his soul whispers to him, and We are closer<sup>1424</sup> to him than [his] jugular vein
17. When the two receivers [i.e., recording angels] receive,<sup>1425</sup> seated on the right and on the left.
18. He [i.e., man] does not utter any word except that with him is an observer prepared [to record].
19. And the intoxication of death will bring the truth; that is what you were trying to avoid.
20. And the Horn will be blown. That is the Day of [carrying out] the threat.
21. And every soul will come, with it a driver and a witness.<sup>1426</sup>
22. [It will be said], "You were certainly in unmindfulness of this, and We have removed from you your cover,<sup>1427</sup> so your sight, this Day, is sharp."
23. And his companion, [the angel], will say, "This [record] is what is with me, prepared."
24. [Allāh will say], "Throw into Hell every obstinate disbeliever,
25. Preventer of good, aggressor, and doubter,
26. Who made [as equal] with Allāh another deity; then throw him into the severe punishment."

<sup>1424</sup>In absolute knowledge of everything about him. "We" has also been interpreted to mean the angels who are mentioned in the following verse.

<sup>1425</sup>And record each word and deed.

<sup>1426</sup>i.e., one angel driving the soul to the Judgement and one to testify as to its deeds.

<sup>1427</sup>Of heedlessness, or that which had sealed your hearing, your vision and your heart from guidance.

27. His [devil] companion will say, "Our Lord, I did not make him transgress, but he [himself] was in extreme error."
28. [Allāh] will say, "Do not dispute before Me, while I had already presented to you the threat [i.e., warning]."
29. The word [i.e., decree] will not be changed with Me, and never will I be unjust to the servants."
30. On the Day We will say to Hell, "Have you been filled?" and it will say, "Are there some more,"
31. And Paradise will be brought near to the righteous, not far,
32. [It will be said], "This is what you were promised – for every returner [to Allāh] and keeper [of His covenant]"
33. Who feared the Most Merciful unseen and came with a heart returning [in repentance].
34. Enter it in peace. This is the Day of Eternity."
35. They will have whatever they wish therein, and with Us is more.
36. And how many a generation before them did We destroy who were greater than them in [striking] power and had explored throughout the lands. Is there any place of escape?
37. Indeed in that is a reminder for whoever has a heart or who listens while he is present [in mind].
38. And We did certainly create the heavens and earth and what is between them in six days, and there touched Us no weariness.
39. So be patient, [O Muḥammad], over what they say and exalt [Allāh] with praise of your Lord before the rising of the sun and before its setting,
40. And [in part] of the night exalt Him and after prostration [i.e., prayer].
41. And listen on the Day when the Caller<sup>1428</sup> will call out from a place that is near –

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<sup>1428</sup>An angel who will call out Allāh's command for the Resurrection.