

14. Sailing under Our observation as reward for he who had been denied.
15. And We left it as a sign, so is there any who will remember?
16. And how [severe] were My punishment and warning.¹⁴⁷²
17. And We have certainly made the Qur'ān easy for remembrance, so is there any who will remember?
18. 'Aad denied; and how [severe] were My punishment and warning.
19. Indeed, We sent upon them a screaming wind on a day of continuous misfortune,
20. Extracting the people¹⁴⁷³ as if they were trunks of palm trees uprooted.
21. And how [severe] were My punishment and warning.
22. And We have certainly made the Qur'ān easy for remembrance, so is there any who will remember?
23. Thamūd denied the warning
24. And said, "Is it one human being¹⁴⁷⁴ among us that we should follow? Indeed, we would then be in error and madness.
25. Has the message been sent down upon him from among us? Rather, he is an insolent liar."
26. They will know tomorrow who is the insolent liar.
27. Indeed, We are sending the she-camel as trial for them, so watch them and be patient.¹⁴⁷⁵
28. And inform them that the water is shared between them,¹⁴⁷⁶ each [day of] drink attended [by turn].

¹⁴⁷²To those after them, who were expected to derive a lesson from previous occurrences.

¹⁴⁷³From their hiding places.

¹⁴⁷⁴i.e., the prophet Ṣāliḥ.

¹⁴⁷⁵This and the following verse are an address to Ṣāliḥ (upon him be peace).

¹⁴⁷⁶i.e., between the tribe of Thamūd and the she-camel – a day for each to drink.

29. But they called their companion,¹⁴⁷⁷ and he dared¹⁴⁷⁸ and hamstrung [her].
30. And how [severe] were My punishment and warning.
31. Indeed, We sent upon them one shriek [i.e., blast from the sky], and they became like the dry twig fragments of an [animal] pen.
32. And We have certainly made the Qur'ān easy for remembrance, so is there any who will remember?
33. The people of Lot denied the warning.
34. Indeed, We sent upon them a storm of stones, except the family of Lot – We saved them before dawn
35. As favor from Us. Thus do We reward he who is grateful.
36. And he had already warned them of Our assault, but they disputed the warning.
37. And they had demanded from him his guests, but We obliterated their eyes, [saying], "Taste My punishment and warning."
38. And there came upon them by morning an abiding punishment.
39. So taste My punishment and warning.
40. And We have certainly made the Qur'ān easy for remembrance, so is there any who will remember?
41. And there certainly came to the people of Pharaoh warning.
42. They denied Our signs, all of them, so We seized them with a seizure of one Exalted in Might and Perfect in Ability.
43. Are your disbelievers better than those [former ones], or have you immunity in the scriptures?
44. Or do they say, "We are an assembly supporting [each other]"?
45. [Their] assembly will be defeated, and they will turn their backs [in retreat].¹⁴⁷⁹

¹⁴⁷⁷i.e., the worst and most despicable among them.

¹⁴⁷⁸Or "he took," referring to his sword or to the she-camel.

¹⁴⁷⁹This foretold event took place on the day of Badr.