

## *Sūrah al-Ḥāqqah*<sup>1610</sup>

### *Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem*

1. The Inevitable Reality –
2. What is the Inevitable Reality?
3. And what can make you know what is the Inevitable Reality?
4. Thamūd and 'Aad denied the Striking Calamity [i.e., the Resurrection].
5. So as for Thamūd, they were destroyed by the overpowering [blast].
6. And as for 'Aad, they were destroyed by a screaming,<sup>1611</sup> violent wind
7. Which He [i.e., Allāh] imposed upon them for seven nights and eight days in succession, so you would see the people therein fallen as if they were hollow trunks of palm trees.
8. Then do you see of them any remains?
9. And there came Pharaoh and those before him and the overturned cities<sup>1612</sup> with sin.
10. And they disobeyed the messenger of their Lord, so He seized them with a seizure exceeding [in severity].
11. Indeed, when the water overflowed, We carried you [i.e., your ancestors] in the sailing ship<sup>1613</sup>
12. That We might make it for you a reminder and [that] a conscious ear would be conscious of it.
13. Then when the Horn is blown with one blast

<sup>1610</sup> *Al-Ḥāqqah*: The Inevitable Reality or That Which Manifests Realities – another name for the Resurrection.

<sup>1611</sup> Or "cold."

<sup>1612</sup> Those to which Lot was sent (see 11:82-83) or generally, all cities which were destroyed due to their denial of a messenger from Allāh.

<sup>1613</sup> Which was constructed by Noah.

14. And the earth and the mountains are lifted and leveled with one blow [i.e., stroke] –
15. Then on that Day, the Occurrence [i.e., Resurrection] will occur,
16. And the heaven will split [open], for that Day it is infirm.<sup>1614</sup>
17. And the angels are at its edges. And there will bear the Throne of your Lord above them, that Day, eight [of them].
18. That Day, you will be exhibited [for judgement]; not hidden among you is anything concealed.<sup>1615</sup>
19. So as for he who is given his record in his right hand, he will say, "Here, read my record!
20. Indeed, I was certain that I would be meeting my account."
21. So he will be in a pleasant life –
22. In an elevated garden,
23. Its [fruit] to be picked hanging near.
24. [They will be told], "Eat and drink in satisfaction for what you put forth<sup>1616</sup> in the days past."
25. But as for he who is given his record in his left hand, he will say, "Oh, I wish I had not been given my record
26. And had not known what is my account.
27. I wish it [i.e., my death] had been the decisive one.<sup>1617</sup>
28. My wealth has not availed me.
29. Gone from me is my authority."
30. [Allāh will say], "Seize him and shackle him.
31. Then into Hellfire drive him.
32. Then into a chain whose length is seventy cubits insert him."

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1614. i.e., weak, enfeebled and unstable.

1615. i.e., any person or any secret you might attempt to conceal.

1616. Literally, "advanced" in anticipation of reward in the Hereafter.

1617. i.e., ending life rather than being the gateway to eternal life.