

19. So may he be destroyed [for] how he deliberated.
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21. Then he considered [again];
22. Then he frowned and scowled;
23. Then he turned back and was arrogant
24. And said, "This is not but magic imitated [from others].
25. This is not but the word of a human being."
26. I will drive him into Saqar.¹⁶⁶⁵
27. And what can make you know what is Saqar?
28. It lets nothing remain and leaves nothing [unburned],
29. Altering [i.e., blackening] the skins.
30. Over it are nineteen [angels].
31. And We have not made the keepers of the Fire except angels. And We have not made their number except as a trial for those who disbelieve – that those who were given the Scripture will be convinced and those who have believed will increase in faith and those who were given the Scripture and the believers will not doubt and that those in whose hearts is disease [i.e., hypocrisy] and the disbelievers will say, "What does Allāh intend by this as an example?" Thus does Allāh leave astray whom He wills and guides whom He wills. And none knows the soldiers of your Lord except Him. And it [i.e., mention of the Fire] is not but a reminder to humanity.
32. No! By the moon
33. And [by] the night when it departs
34. And [by] the morning when it brightens,
35. Indeed, it [i.e., the Fire] is of the greatest [afflictions]
36. As a warning to humanity –

¹⁶⁶⁵One of the proper names of Hell.

37. To whoever wills among you to proceed¹⁶⁶⁶ or stay behind.
38. Every soul, for what it has earned, will be retained¹⁶⁶⁷
39. Except the companions of the right,¹⁶⁶⁸
40. [Who will be] in gardens, questioning each other
41. About the criminals,
42. [And asking them], "What put you into Saqar?"
43. They will say, "We were not of those who prayed,
44. Nor did we used to feed the poor.
45. And we used to enter into vain discourse with those who engaged [in it],
46. And we used to deny the Day of Recompense
47. Until there came to us the certainty [i.e., death]."
48. So there will not benefit them the intercession of [any] intercessors.
49. Then what is [the matter] with them that they are, from the reminder, turning away
50. As if they were alarmed donkeys
51. Fleeing from a lion?
52. Rather, every person among them desires that he¹⁶⁶⁹ would be given scriptures spread about.¹⁶⁷⁰
53. No! But they do not fear the Hereafter.
54. No! Indeed, it [i.e., the Qur'ān] is a reminder
55. Then whoever wills will remember it.
56. And they will not remember except that Allāh wills. He is worthy of fear and adequate for [granting] forgiveness.

¹⁶⁶⁶To righteousness by acceptance of the warning.

¹⁶⁶⁷i.e., subject or held responsible.

¹⁶⁶⁸i.e., the righteous who receive their records in their right hands.

¹⁶⁶⁹Instead of Muḥammad (ﷺ).

¹⁶⁷⁰i.e., made public. Much of their refusal of his message was due to envy and jealousy of the Prophet (ﷺ).