

12. Indeed, the assault [i.e., vengeance] of your Lord is severe.
13. Indeed, it is He who originates [creation] and repeats.
14. And He is the Forgiving, the Affectionate,
15. Honorable Owner of the Throne,
16. Effector of what He intends.
17. Has there reached you the story of the soldiers –
18. [Those of] Pharaoh and Thamūd?
19. But they who disbelieve are in [persistent] denial,
20. While Allāh encompasses them from behind.¹⁷⁷⁰
21. But this is an honored Qur'ān
22. [Inscribed] in a Preserved Slate.

¹⁷⁷⁰See footnote to 2:19.

Sūrah at-Ṭāriq¹⁷⁷¹**Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem**

1. By the sky and the night comer –
2. And what can make you know what is the night comer?
3. It is the piercing star¹⁷⁷² –
4. There is no soul but that it has over it a protector.
5. So let man observe from what he was created.
6. He was created from a fluid, ejected,
7. Emerging from between the backbone and the ribs.
8. Indeed, He [i.e., Allāh], to return him [to life], is Able.
9. The Day when secrets will be put on trial,¹⁷⁷³
10. Then he [i.e., man] will have no power or any helper.
11. By the sky which returns [rain]
12. And [by] the earth which cracks open,¹⁷⁷⁴
13. Indeed, it [i.e., the Qur'ān] is a decisive statement,
14. And it is not amusement.
15. Indeed, they are planning a plan,
16. But I am planning a plan.
17. So allow time for the disbelievers. Leave them awhile.¹⁷⁷⁵

¹⁷⁷¹ *At-Ṭāriq*: That Which Comes at Night.

¹⁷⁷² Whose light pierces through the darkness.

¹⁷⁷³ i.e., exposed, examined and judged.

¹⁷⁷⁴ With the growth of plants.

¹⁷⁷⁵ i.e., Do not be in haste for revenge, for you will see what will become of them.