

20. And at the earth – how it is spread out?
21. So remind, [O Muḥammad]; you are only a reminder.
22. You are not over them a controller.
23. However, he who turns away and disbelieves –
24. Then Allāh will punish him with the greatest punishment.
25. Indeed, to Us is their return.
26. Then indeed, upon Us is their account.

Sūrah al-Fajr¹⁷⁸²

Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem

1. By the dawn
2. And [by] ten nights¹⁷⁸³
3. And [by] the even [number] and the odd
4. And [by] the night when it passes,
5. Is there [not] in [all] that an oath [sufficient] for one of perception?¹⁷⁸⁴
6. Have you not considered how your Lord dealt with 'Aad –
7. [With] Iram¹⁷⁸⁵ – who had lofty pillars,¹⁷⁸⁶
8. The likes of whom had never been created in the land?
9. And [with] Thamūd, who carved out the rocks in the valley?
10. And [with] Pharaoh, owner of the stakes?¹⁷⁸⁷ –
11. [All of] whom oppressed within the lands
12. And increased therein the corruption.
13. So your Lord poured upon them a scourge of punishment.
14. Indeed, your Lord is in observation.
15. And as for man, when his Lord tries him and [thus] is generous to him and favors him, he says, "My Lord has honored me."¹⁷⁸⁸
16. But when He tries him and restricts his provision, he says, "My Lord has humiliated me."

¹⁷⁸² *Al-Fajr*: The Dawn.

¹⁷⁸³ Usually interpreted as the first ten nights of the month of Dhul-Ḥijjah.

¹⁷⁸⁴ Based upon the following verses, what has been sworn to by Allāh is that He will certainly punish the disbelievers.

¹⁷⁸⁵ Another name for the first people of 'Aad, to whom Prophet Hūd was sent.

¹⁷⁸⁶ Supporting their tents or buildings.

¹⁷⁸⁷ By which he tortured people.

¹⁷⁸⁸ He is proud rather than grateful, attributing the favor to his own merit.