



AL-BURUJ - THE FORTS OF STARS



EVERY CREATION IS WITNESSED
RETRIBUTION FOR INJUSTICE AND REWARD FOR BELIEF AND RIGHTEOUS DEEDS IN
THE HEREAFTER

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MAJESTIC PROTECTED QUR'AN



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Ayaat 21-22

STORY OF PHARAOH AND THAMUD

Their arrogance ultimately destroyed



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Ayaat 17-20

ATTRIBUTES OF DIVINITY

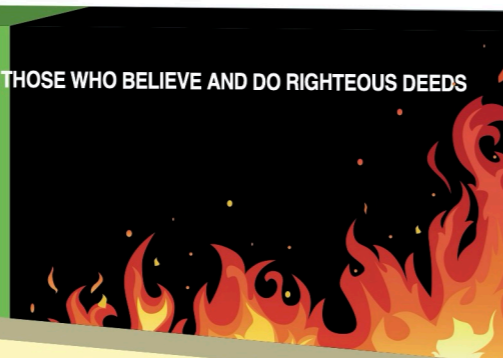
He Originates & Creates
The Oft Forgiving & The Merciful
Lord of the Glorious Throne
He does what He wills
He encompasses everything & everyone



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Ayaat 13-16

CONTRAST OF FATE OF UNJUST TO REWARD OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE AND DO RIGHTEOUS DEEDS



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Ayaat 9-12

THE COMPANIONS OF THE DITCH

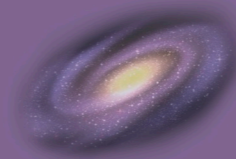
Historical account of the kings who were enraged that believers regarded Allah as a Lord above them. So, they ordered digging ditches with fire and cast those who did not obey them as Gods. Several examples have been cited such as Dhu Nawaas Al Yamani who persecuted the Christians...

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Ayaat 4-8

3 OATHS

The forts of stars in the heavens
The Promised Day (The day of Qiyama)
The Witness and the Witnessed



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Ayaat 1-3

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22 Ayaat (Makki)

FOCUS

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DID YOU KNOW?

BUROOJ IS THE PLURAL OF BURJ - A TOWERING STRUCTURE WHICH IF YOU LOOKED UP WOULD MAKE YOUR HEADGEAR FALL OFF. IT ALSO REFERS TO SOMETHING OF BEAUTY THAT STANDS OUT. REFERS TO THE BEAUTY OF THE SKY AND THE FORTS (CONSTELLATIONS) OF FORTS IN THE SKY FILLED WITH ANGELS.

SELECTED AYAAT

- 85:1 Burooj (The Milky Way or Mansion of Stars)
- 85:22 Lawhe Mahfuzh (The protected tablet)

NARRATIVE

THE CHAPTER BEGINS WITH A SHORT SERIES OF OATHS ON THE TALL FORTS OF ANGELS IN THE SKIES WHO WILL COME OUT ROW AFTER ROW ON THE DAY OF QIYAMA.

THE AXIS OF THE CHAPTER IS VERSE 3 "I SWEAR BY THE WITNESS AND THE WITNESSED" WHICH EMPHASISES THAT EVERYTHING IS WITNESSED. IT SUMMARISES THE CORE BELIEFS IN ALLAH, ANGELS, THE MESSENGERS, THE QUR'AN AND THE DAY OF QIYAMA. ALL ARE WITNESSES AND ARE WITNESSED AT DIFFERENT TIMES.

IT IS FOLLOWED BY THE STORY OF THE COMPANIONS OF THE PIT WHO WERE FROM YEMEN WHO PERSECUTED THOSE WHO BELIEVED BY THROWING THEM INTO A PIT OF FIRE. THEIR CRIME WAS WITNESSED AND WILL BE DEALT WITH JUSTLY.

THE CONSEQUENCE OF JAHANNAM AS A RESULT OF THOSE WHO ARE UNJUST AND DO NOT REPENT IS CONTRASTED TO THE RECOMPENSE OF JANNA FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE AND MANIFEST THEIR BELIEF WITH RIGHTEOUS DEEDS.

THE AWESOME ATTRIBUTES OF DIVINITY FOLLOW - THE ORIGINATOR, THE OFT FORGIVING, THE LOVING, THE MASTER OF THE THRONE WHO DOES WHAT HE WILL. THEN THE STORY OF PHARAOH AND THAMUD WHOSE ARROGANCE WAS ULTIMATELY DESTROYED.

FINALLY, THE GLORIOUSNESS OF THE QUR'AN PRESERVED FOR ETERNITY.