

Surah 89. Al-Fajr

Asad: and with Pharaoh of the [many] tent-poles?⁷

Malik: And with Fir'on (Pharaoh) the owner of stakes?

Pickthall: And with Pharaoh, firm of right,

Yusuf Ali: And with Pharaoh Lord of Stakes? ⁶¹¹⁷

Transliteration: WafirAAawna thee alawtadi

Khatab:

and the Pharaoh of mighty structures?1

Author Comments

7 - For an explanation of this epithet, see surah {38}, note [17].

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i.e., pyramids and obelisks.

6117 - For "Lord of Stakes", see xxxviii. 12, n 4160. For Pharaoh's arrogance and his fall see xx. 43, 78-79. The three examples given, the 'Ad, the Thamud, and Pharaoh, show that neither nations nor individuals, however mighty, prosperous, or firmly established they may be, can live if they transgress the Law of Allah. The Law of Allah, which is also the law of the higher nature which He has bestowed on us, made them in the first place great and glorious: when they fell from it and "heaped mischief on mischief", they were swept away.

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