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The Inevitable Hour!

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What is the Inevitable Hour?

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And what will make you realize what the Inevitable Hour is?

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?Both? Thamûd and 'âd denied the Striking Disaster.1

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As for Thamûd, they were destroyed by an overwhelming blast.

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And as for 'âd, they were destroyed by a furious, bitter wind

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which Allah unleashed on them non-stop for seven nights and eight days, so that you would have seen its people lying dead like trunks of uprooted palm trees.

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Do you see any of them left alive?

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Also, Pharaoh and those before him, and ?the people of? the overturned cities ?of Lot? indulged in sin,

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each disobeying their Lord's messenger, so He seized them with a crushing grip.

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Indeed, when the floodwater had overflowed, We carried you¹ in the floating Ark ?with Noah?,

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so that We may make this a reminder to you, and that attentive ears may grasp it.

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At last, when the Trumpet will be blown with one blast,

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and the earth and mountains will be lifted up and crushed with one blow,

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on that Day the Inevitable Event will have come to pass.

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The sky will then be so torn that it will be frail,

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with the angels on its sides. On that Day eight ?mighty angels? will bear the Throne of your Lord above them.

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You will then be presented ?before Him for judgment?, and none of your secrets will stay hidden.

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As for those given their records in their right hand, they will cry ?happily?, “Here ?everyone?! Read my record!

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I surely knew I would face my reckoning.”

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They will be in a life of bliss,

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in an elevated Garden,

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whose fruit will hang within reach.

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?They will be told,? “Eat and drink joyfully for what you did in the days gone by.”

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And as for those given their record in their left hand, they will cry ?bitterly?, “I wish I had not been given my record,

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nor known anything of my reckoning!

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I wish death was the end!

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My wealth has not benefited me!

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My authority has been stripped from me.”

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?It will be said,? “Seize and shackle them,

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then burn them in Hell,

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then tie them up with chains seventy arms long.

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For they never had faith in Allah, the Greatest,

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nor encouraged the feeding of the poor.

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So this Day they will have no close friend here,

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nor any food except ?oozing? pus,

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which none will eat except the evildoers.”

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Now, I do swear by whatever you see,

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and whatever you cannot see!

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Indeed, this ?Quran? is the recitation of a noble Messenger.

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It is not the prose of a poet ?as you claim?, ?yet? you hardly have any faith.

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Nor is it the mumbling of a fortune-teller, ?yet? you are hardly mindful.

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?It is? a revelation from the Lord of all worlds.

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Had the Messenger made up something in Our Name,

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We would have certainly seized him by his right hand,

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then severed his aorta,

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and none of you could have shielded him ?from Us?!

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Indeed, this ?Quran? is a reminder to those mindful ?of Allah?.

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And We certainly know that some of you will persist in denial,

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and it will surely be a source of regret for the disbelievers.

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And indeed, this ?Quran? is the absolute truth.

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So glorify the Name of your Lord, the Greatest.

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