



# سورة الشعراء

## The Poets

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Allah blessed the Thamud, and enriched them, to the extent of giving them seedless fruit. There was no struggle in their lives. Everything was so smooth.

They reacted to the da'wah of the messenger by accusing and maligning him. They didn't pay attention to the message, they disregarded it. They attacked him personally, accused him of being bewitched, under the influence of magic. Someone has hypnotised you, brainwashed you, someone is making you talk in this way.

Then they contradicted themselves by saying that he was like them. Does that mean that they will also be bewitched or hypnotised? They were throwing random words. Then they challenged him. If they thought he was bewitched, why were they giving him a task? How would he find a sign if he was not in his right mind, according to them?

They specified which sign they wanted; a she camel who was 10 months pregnant. An animal in this condition is huge. They also wanted her to emerge from a particular rock face. This is so challenging, so specific. Other surahs it is mentioned exactly what they wanted. In this surah their disobedience is mentioned, but it is not elaborated upon. The negative are just mentioned. If you publicly announce all the negative points, it creates instability in society. Crime is always breaking news, and everyone wants to know all the gory details. But this can pull you down. If you want details, dwell on the positive ones. Negativity spreads fast.

قَالُوا إِنَّمَا أَنْتَ مِنَ الْمُسَحَّرِينَ  
They said : You are only of  
those affected by magic  
مَا أَنْتَ إِلَّا بَشَرٌ مِّثْلُنَا فَأْتِ بِآيَةٍ  
إِنْ كُنْتَ مِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ  
You are but a man like  
ourselves, so bring a sign,  
if you should be of the  
truthful  
26:153-154

قَالَ هَذِهِ نَاقَةٌ لَهَا شِرْبٌ وَلَكُمْ  
شِرْبٌ يَوْمَ مَعْلُومٍ

He said : This is a she-  
camel. For her is a [time of]  
drink, and for you is a [time  
of] drink, [each] on a  
known day  
وَلَا تَمْسُوْهَا بِسَوْءٍ فَيَأْخُذَكُمْ  
عَذَابٌ يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ

And do not touch her with  
harm, lest you be seized by  
the punishment of a terrible  
day

26:155-156

The she camel emerged. Now the conditions of the contract had to be stated. They wanted this sign, so here it is. No it was their responsibility to take care of it. The conditions were made clear. They choose it, now they would have to protect her and take care of her. Don't touch her in harm. You got the sign which you yourself chose. If you harm her, you will be liable to face the penalty, a severe punishment. The warning was made very heavy. Salih عليه السلام tried to create a consciousness in the people. You asked for it, now you face the responsibility.

Not only did they harm her, they killed the she camel, very professionally. They hamstrung her, and then they regretted it. But it was too late. They broke the contract. So they had to face the consequences. The punishment came to them. They have been warned, and it was not an empty threat.

They were hit by a blast that destroyed

them. Most scholars interpret this as an earthquake.

Detach your feelings when it comes to sins. All these occurrences are one ayah. But still most people will not take it as a lesson, they will not apply it in the lives. But Allah is العزيز الرحيم. He nurtures you for the best, to show His mercy to the believers. He shows His might to the disbelievers.

فَعَقَرُوهَا فَاصْبَحُوا نَادِمِينَ  
But they hamstrung her  
and so became regretful  
فَأَخَذَهُمُ الْعَذَابُ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ  
لَآيَةً وَمَا كَانَ أَكْثَرُهُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ  
And the punishment seized  
them. Indeed in that is a  
sign, but most of them  
were not to be believers  
وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ  
And indeed, your Lord - He  
is the Exalted in Might, the  
Merciful  
26:157-159