

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُ الْصَّلَاةِ وَالسَّلَامِ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْعَبْدِ وَرَبِّ الْأَدَمِ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرْضِي إِنَّمَا يُصْلِلُ عَلَيْهِ

Allah *azza wajal*, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,

The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah *azza wajal*, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon

His Beloved Messenger *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*

Village Destroyed by Killing a Prophet

It is reported that “Husur” that there was a village in Yemen. Before the arrival of Nabi Moosa bin Imran *Alayhis Salaam*, Allah *azza wajal* had sent a Prophet to this village. His name was Nabi Moosa bin Meshaa. He was also the grandson of Nabi Yaqub *Alayhis Salaam*.

However, the people in the village insulted him continuously and eventually killed him. Allah *azza wajal* then sent his Divine Punishment on this village. They suddenly found themselves in immense difficulty and experienced calamity on a daily basis.

One of the greatest calamity which came to them was in the form of the tyrant Bakht Nasr. He killed most of the men in this village and took the females as captives. He also made sure that he destroyed the village brick by brick. When he started to slaughter the men folk some of them began to leave the village and run. At that moment, people could

hear voices coming from the Heavens, “O villagers! Do not run. Take your wealth and possessions and go back to your houses. Where are you running to? This is the punishment for behaving so badly with a Prophet of Allah *azza wajal*.”

While these Voices were heard from the Heavens, the tyrant Bakht Nasr was busy slaughtering the men folk in this village. When the people in the village realised what they had done to a Prophet, they began to regret their actions. But, it was too late. The Qur'an has also described the punishment of such people over the years.

In Surah Ambiyah (21), verses 11-13 the Qur'an declares:

وَكَمْ قَصَمْنَا مِنْ قَوْيَةٍ كَانَتْ ظَالِمَةً وَأَشْلَانَا بَعْدَهَا قَوْمًا أَخْرَيْنَ ﴿١١﴾
فَلَمَّا أَحْسَوْا بِهِ سُلْطَانًا إِذَا هُمْ مِنْهَا يَوْكُضُونَ ﴿١٢﴾
لَا تَوْكُضُوا وَأَوْجِعُوا إِلَى مَا أَتَرْفَتُمْ فِيهِ وَمَسِكِنَكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ نُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٣﴾

“And how many towns that were oppressing, We utterly destroyed and raised up another people after them. Then when they got Our torment, therefore they began to flee from it.

Flee not, and return to those comforts, which were given to you and to your homes, haply you are to be questioned.”

The scholars of Qur'an have also explained that these verses also indicate to the many cities and villages which have been destroyed in the past such as during the time Nabi Nuh *Alayhis Salaam*, Nabi Lut *Alayhis Salaam*, Nabi Saleh *Alayhis Salaam* and Nabi Shu'aib *Alayhis Salaam*, etc. (Tafseer Saawi. 2/60)

The killing of the Prophets *Alayhimus Salaam*, insulting them, and disrespecting them is considered as one of the greatest sin which a person or community can commit. There is no doubt that when a person or community is guilty of this, then without doubt, the

Divine Punishment of the Allah *azza wajal* certainly descends upon that person or community.