

TRANSGRESSION AND EVIL CONSEQUENCES

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Transgression and evil end are inseparable. Allah, the Almighty, says, "O mankind, your injustice is only against yourselves, [being merely] the enjoyment of worldly life. Then to Us is your return, and We will inform you of what you used to do" (the Qur'ān, 10: 23). Allah also says, "As for 'Aad, they were arrogant upon the earth without right and said, Who is greater than us in strength? Did they not consider that Allah who created them was greater than them in strength? But they were rejecting Our signs. So We sent upon them a screaming wind during days of misfortune to make them taste the punishment of disgrace in the worldly life; but the punishment of the Hereafter is more disgracing, and they will not be helped" (the Qur'ān, 41: 15-16). Allah also says, "So when they were insolent about that which they had been forbidden, We said to them, Be apes, despised" (the Qur'ān, 7: 166). Scholars are in agreement that Allah supports the just nation, even if it is non-Muslim, but Allah does not support the oppressive nation even if it is a believing nation.

Transgression may be committed by individuals or by groups who are called " transgressors" or by states. Whenever a person or a group transgresses and tyrannizes over people, Allah would seize them with a seizure of the one Exalted in Might and Perfect in Ability. Allah, the Almighty, says, "And thus is the seizure of your Lord when He seizes the cities while they are committing wrong. Indeed, His seizure is painful and severe" (the Qur'ān, 11: 102).

He, the Almighty, also says about Qārūn, "Indeed, Qārūn was from the people of Moses, but he tyrannized them. And We gave him of treasures whose keys would burden a band of strong men; thereupon his people said to him, "Do not exult. Indeed, Allah does not like the exultant. But seek, through that which Allah has given you, the home of the Hereafter; and [yet], do not forget your share of the world. And do good as Allah has done good to you. And desire not corruption in the land. Indeed, Allah does not like corrupters." He said, "I was only given it because of knowledge I have." Did he not know that Allah had destroyed before him of generations those who were greater than him in

power and greater in accumulation [of wealth]? But the criminals, about their sins, will not be asked. So he came out before his people in his adornment. Those who desired the worldly life said, "Oh, would that we had like what was given to Qārūn. Indeed, he is one of great fortune." But those who had been given knowledge said, "Woe to you! The reward of Allah is better for he who believes and does righteousness. And none are granted it except the patient." And We caused the earth to swallow him and his home. And there was for him no company to aid him other than Allah, nor was he of those who [could] defend themselves" (the Qur'ān, 28: 76-81).

In the story of Salih (may Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon him) with his people, Allah, the Almighty, says, "So they hamstrung the she-camel and were insolent toward the command of their Lord and said, O Salih, bring us what you promise us, if you should be of the messengers. So the earthquake seized them, and they became within their home [corpses] fallen prone" (the Qur'ān, 7: 77-79).

In the story of Shu'ayb (may Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon him) with his people, Allah, the Almighty, says, "And when Our command came, We saved Shu'ayb and those who believed with him, by mercy from Us. And the shriek seized those who had wronged, and they became within their homes [corpses] fallen prone. As if they had never prospered therein. Then, away with Madyan as Thamūd was taken away" (the Qur'ān, 11: 94-95).

Prophet Muhammad (may Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon him) says, "Allah gives respite to the oppressor, but when He takes him over, He never releases him." Oppression will be darkness on the Day of Resurrection and the evil plot does not encompass anyone except its own people.

Therefore, I do affirm that the outcome of the oppressing states will be ruin. Hafiz Ibrahim, the Poet of the Nile, said in his magnificent poem, "Egypt Speaks about Herself":

How many countries have oppressed me, and then they are gone.

No one has attacked me and went unpunished, for long, God's care is my guard.

Oppressing and unjust states and civilizations carry the elements of their destruction and fall. This oppression precipitates their sudden and rapid fall. Groups that are based on haughtiness, exclusion, injustice, oppression and transgression, such as the groups that adopt suicide, bombing and destruction operations and legalize the slaying of man, setting him on fire and mutilating him as well as humiliating human beings, selling free women as slaves, destroying civilizations, devastating the populated areas, demolishing the buildings, burning the green and the dry and destroying the crops and the offspring carry elements of their downfall and destruction because Allah, the Almighty, does not like corruption or corrupters.

Therefore, I expect the rapid destruction of ISIS and its sister groups, such as al-Qaeda, Anṣar Bayt al-Maqdis, Boko Haram and other terrorist and extreme organizations. “And Allah is predominant over His affair, but most of the people do not know” (the Qur‘ān, 12: 21).