

41. Sura Fussilat
(Clearly Spelled Out/Expounded)
Mecca Period 61 [54 ayats]

The Quranic Text & Ali's Version:

وَأَمَّا ثَمُودُ فَهَدَيْنَاهُمْ فَاسْتَحَبُّوا الْعَمَىٰ عَلَى الْهُدَىٰ... ^{up}

41: 17. As to the Thamud, We gave them guidance, but they preferred blindness (of heart) to Guidance;

C4484. The story of the Thamud usually goes with that of the '-Ad.

Cf. 26:141-158; also 7:73-79, and n. 1043.

...فَأَخَذْتَهُمْ صَاعِقَةً الْعَذَابِ الْهُونِ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿١٧﴾

so the stunning Punishment of humiliation seized them, because of what they had earned.

C4485. "The stunning Punishment" i.e., deafening noises like those of thunder and lightning; or the rumbling of a terrible earthquake.

In [7:78](#), an earthquake is suggested: see [n. 1047](#) to that verse.

Cf. also [above. 41:13](#).

Asad's Version:

41:17

And as for [the tribe of] Thamud, We offered them guidance, but they chose blindness in preference to guidance: and so the thunderbolt of shameful suffering fell upon them as an outcome of all [the evil] that they had wrought; (41:18) and **We saved [only] those who had attained to faith and were conscious of Us.**