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#### A REVIEW ON THE HISTORY OF AD TRIBE

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#### ABSTRACT

By a glimpse on the history of Ad and the prophecy of Hud, we observe the realization of divine traditions about this rebellious, arrogant, and cruel tribe and also watching the relationship between injustice and destruction and declination which has been widely discussed in the verses and stories of Quran. The story of the Adid and their painful fate due to the injustice and oppression frequently mentioned in different Surah of hoy Quran.

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#### INTRODUCTION

They have been mentioned as one of the cruel and rebel tribes of the history:

Holy Quran explains the features, characteristics, thinking dimensions, social performance and their reaction toward the verses of God and advices of their Prophet Hud in several Suras such as Aaraf, Hud, Momenoon, Ahqaf, Najm, and Fajr. Other than the mentioned Suras, this prophet and his tribe has been mentioned in other Suras including Ibrahim, Tuba, Ankaboot, Forqan, Sad, and Qaf. Before explaining the story, features, thoughts, and social performance of the Adid, since the basis of movement is inner content of human and every social ultrastructure change is the result of inner change, and this unchangeable divine tradition has been stated clearly in holy Quran that "...", so any change and evolution in the prosperity or adversity of nations and human traced back to themselves. At first, we provide a definition of injustice and its types and also the verses that consider the adversity of tribes as a result of their injustice, so that it will be clear that a society whose inter-social and intra-social relations are not based on justice and equity will be declined by divine tradition. Injustice, in Quran, includes any deviation of right and violating the rules governing the evolution process of existences or doing any action inconsistent with appropriate state and evolutionary movement of phenomena.

#### Research Main Body

According to the above definition, types of injustice are different and diversified. However, Raqibsfahani has divided them into 3 general groups:

- 1- The injustice between mankind and the God, its greatest type is disbelief and polytheism and hypocrisy. For this reason, the God states in Quran that: "...". Beware! The scourge of God will fall on the unjust, who obstruct others from the way of God

and seek obliquity in it, and do not believe in the life to come.

- 2- The injustice between mankind and others, which has been pointed out in the following verse: "...". Blame lies on those who oppress, and terrorise the land unjustly. For them there is painful punishment.
- 3- The injustice between mankind and his ego. And this meaning is the purpose of the following verses. "...". "O Lord," she said, "I have wronged myself. And also "...". but some of these exceed themselves. And all three cases are about the reality of injustice to the ego. Several verses such as 57 of Baqara confirms this meaning: "...". No harm was done to Us, they only harmed themselves.

#### The categorization of injustice by Imam Ali

Imam Ali also divided injustice from another point of view into 3 groups:

"Know that injustice is of three kinds - one, the injustice that will not be forgiven, another, that will not be left unquestioned, and another that will be forgiven without being questioned. The injustice that will not be forgiven is duality of Allah. Allah has said: Verily Allah forgiveth not that (anything) be associated with Him ... (Qur'an, 4:48,116). The injustice that will be forgiven is the injustice a man does to himself by committing small sins; and the injustice that will not be left unquestioned is the injustice of men against other men. The retribution in such a case is severe. It is not wounding with knives, nor striking with whips, but it is so severe that all these things are small against it."

But what is our purpose about this story is social injustice, if it prevail in any society, inevitably causes collapse and declination of them. Holy Quran also warns about this burning fire and destructive pest in many verses, and makes this divine tradition clear by providing real examples in Quran stories, as well introduced injustice as the cause of their declination and collapse.

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The verses that consider injustice as the cause of declination in the past nations and tribes are as follows:

How many habitations that were sinful have we demolished utterly, and raised other people after them.

How many generations did we lay low before you when they became wilfully unjust. Their apostles had brought clear proofs to them, yet they never believed. So we punished the sinful people.

We would never have destroyed cities if their inhabitants were not given to wickedness.

We sent Noah to his people, and he lived with them a thousand years minus fifty. Then they were caught by the deluge for they were evil.

In this regard, other verses such as Hud/102, Anaam/45, Haj/45, and Naam/52 could be included that all of them introduce injustice and cruelty as the cause of punishment and destruction of societies. As Ayatollah Sadr says: "based on the injustice occurs in each society, the relations of human and nature are failed and their injustice will not allow the innovation and creativity forces to be flourished for using the nature in favor of human. The inverse is also true; based on the justice and combat against ruling injustice in every society, the will be bloom in human and nature relations, their justice will employ the innovation and creativity forces for using nature. Pharaonic society is also segregated and sprawl. Its talents have been lost and its forces and facilities are wasted. Thus, the sky deprived its raindrops and the earths withhold its blessing. Conversely, the talents are together in the justice society. A society comes out under the light of Imam Mahdi is so. The comprehensiveness of sky and earth blessing in that society is mentioned in Islamic testimonies. So the relationship between human and nature depends on the relationship between human and human."

#### Who were the Adid?

The Ad tribe were Arab people from prehistory mankind who lived in Al-Arab Island. They were extinct such that there are no news and trace of them, the history also has no record of them except some unreliable stories; there is no name of this tribe in Torah as well. What mentioned in Quran about the history of this tribe is a few words:

First, the Ad (who were called the pristine Ad, and it can be found that there were a secondary Ad too) were the people lived in Ahqaf; Ahqaf, which is the plural form of Haqf (means rugged sabulous) and has been named in Holy Quran, was a desert located between Aman and Mohreh (in Yemen). Some have said that: Haqf was a coastal sabulous desert between Aman and Hazarmoot adjacent to Shajar coastal lands. Zahak has said that: Ahqaf is the name of a mountain in Sham. This name is mentioned in AhqafSura, verse 21, it can also be found from verse 69 of Aaraf and 46 of al-Zaryat that this tribe had been after Noah tribe. It can be inferred from verse 20 of Qamar and 7 of Alhaqa that they were people as tall as palm tree. It can also be found from verse 69 of Aaraf that they were fat and big people. From verse 16 of Sajdeh and 130 of Shoara it can be concluded that they were strong and hero people. It can be inferred from verses of Shoara and other Suras that this tribe had had civilization and their

people were developed nation, they had had green cities, fertile land, covered with gardens and groves and farming, and they had outstanding place in that era.

Have you not seen what your Lord did to the 'Ad (6) Of Eram with lofty pillars (erected as signposts in the desert), (7) the like of whom were never created in the realm.

#### A description of the Adid in FajrSura

God introduces the Ad as a propertied and rebel tribe in these verses. They had been unique and outstanding in terms of financial benefits and having glorified palaces. The innovation of architects and engineers had not created similar palaces accumulated of columns. These verses describing the Adid indicate the power and strength of their government.

The great monuments and buildings remained from civilizations indicate their power. IbnKhaldun considered relationship between the great historical monuments and the power of societies and governments, and also said: "among the great buildings and monuments, every government is assessed by its power and strength at the start and inception; because such monuments were built under the shade of additive workers, collection of abundant forces and cooperation of large communities. So as whenever a government is great and extensive and influence on the nations and people, it will have numerous and unlimited workers, and whenever such great force is motivated from the borders and extremes of the government and take step into action, they will be able to found and establish the greatest temples. You construct monuments on every hill in vain, (128) Erect palaces (thinking) that you will live for ever. And TaqKasra must be seen and find the power and strength applied by Iranian to build it."

#### Evolution and Tendency to Idolatry

The Adid were benefited from divine blessing by special physical power and strength and also advanced construction and agriculture technology, until they changed their state and idolatry was rooted among them. They built an idol for themselves at each stage and constructed water reservoirs under the ground hoping that they will be immortal.

#### Bacchic shouts of power and defiance

Wealth, welfare, dominance on the nature and physical power have made them proud to emit bacchic shouts of power. It has been stated in FossilatSura that: "...". But the Ad unreasonably prided and said that who is stronger than us? This pride made them to deny and disparage the verses, as it is mentioned at the end of this verse "...", and the prevalence and spread of immoralities and social corruptions and injustice among those who are pointed out in ShoaraSura and also declination to the lowest stage of thought declination, i.e. polytheism and idolatry is exactly the thing that holy Quran has accounted as the great injustice. Because the polytheism is a devil tree of which pride, injustice, declination, corruption, violence, invasion, cruelty, monopolization, and anti-human movements are rooted. The basis of all constructive and anagogic activities is monotheism. As the basis of all the righteous and constructive movements and exiting from darkness to

the light, anagoge, accomplishment, and flourishing is monotheism. It is only loving God and obeying its commands that is proposed in Quran as the main and highest principle and tradition of prosperity and anagoge or adversity and declination of human and society. If the society is disconnected from God, it will be convicted to destruction and adversity. The holy Quran explains the reason of goodness in HashrSurah.

#### **Forgetting the God in the verse 19 of HashrSurah**

What is stipulated in this verse is that, forgetting God leads to forgetting self, and self-forgetting means to forget the aim of creation, the position of Calipha and divine fideism and human responsibility toward it. The result is losing the top ideal and turning toward abject ideals, including: idolatry, lust, sinking into the bestial desires, so that there will be no goal except sleeping, eating and lust. This forgetting and replacing abject ideals by God will lead the human and society into the vice.

#### **The Adid as an instance for this verse**

This is a rule by itself that is mentioned in this verse: God forgetting causes self-forgetting, and self-forgetting causes the vice. The actual sample of this principle is the Adid who are implied as cruel, rebel, and corrupted tribe in Quran. Forgetting God and its attributes such as wisdom and opulence caused them to consider themselves independent, opulent, and rich and eventually emit bacchic shouts.

#### **The answer of Quran to the claim of the Adid's power**

But Quran immediately continues this proud statement that: didn't they know that the God who has created them is stronger than them?

However, by the declination of the Adid to the polytheism and idolatry and falling down to the extravagance, rebellious, and injustice, God sent them Hud prophet based on the old tradition of sending prophets to guide the polytheists societies.

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