17. Has the story reached you, of the forces-
18. Of Pharaoh and the Thamud?
19. And yet the Unbelievers (persist) in rejecting (the Truth!)
20. But Allah encompasses them from behind!
21. Nay, this is a Glorious Qur'ān,
22. (Inscribed) in a Tablet Preserved.

(Al-Tariq, Or The Night-Visitant)
In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

1. By the Sky and the Night-Visitant (therein);
2. And what will explain to you what the Night-Visitant is?
3. (It is) the Star of piercing brightness;
4. There is no soul but has a protector over it.
5. Now let man but think from what he is created!
6. He is created from a drop emitted-
7. Proceeding from between the backbone and the ribs:
8. Surely (Allah) is able to bring him back (to life)!
9. The Day that (all) hidden things shall be made manifest.
10. (Man) will have no power, and no helper.
11. By the Firmament which gives the recurring rain,
12. And by the Earth which opens out (for the gushing of springs or the sprouting of vegetation)—
13. Lo! This (Qur'ān) is a conclusive word,
14. It is not a thing for amusement.
15. As for them, they are but plotting a scheme,
16. And I am planning a scheme.
17. Therefore grant a delay to the Unbelievers: give respite to them gently (for awhile).