

2 groups of people mentioned in this Surah:

1. Disbelievers:
  - a) The people of the Ditch
  - b) People of 'Aad and Thamud
2. Believers

**Disbelievers**

## The People of the Ditch

أصحاب الأخدود

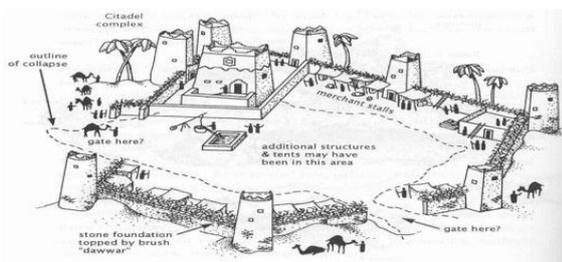
*The ones who were throwing the believers into a pit of fire and burning them alive because of their Faith.*

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ فَتَنُوا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَتُوبُوا فَلَهُمْ عَذَابُ جَهَنَّمَ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابُ الْحَرِيقِ (١٠)

*Indeed, those who persecuted the believing men and women and then they did not repent.*

People of 'Aad  
(Prophet Hud)

People of Thamud  
(Prophet Saleh)



City of Iram

They showed off their wealth by building tall pillars.

They were idol worshippers.



They were known for carving stone houses from mountains.

They killed the she-camel which Allah had ordered them to leave alone.

## Believers

وَمَا نَقَمُوا مِنْهُمْ إِلَّا أَنْ يُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَمِيدِ (٨)

*And they had no fault except that they believed in Allah, the all-Mighty, the Praiseworthy.*

The people sat around the pit of fire watching the believers getting burnt alive. The only reason the believers were thrown into the fire was because they believed in Allah as the verse above explains.

But the believers were patient when they faced such a big test from Allah.

*They passed the test! Allah promises them amazing things in Jannah as a reward.*



Today, if we face a situation where a group of people or an individual are harassing the Muslims for their belief. Then we must display the beautiful quality of patience.

We should also try to explain our beliefs in a beautiful and positive way.

**ISLAMOPHOBIA**

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ ذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْكَبِيرُ (١١)

*Indeed, those who believe and do good deeds, for them will be gardens, water flowing under it. That is the great success.*