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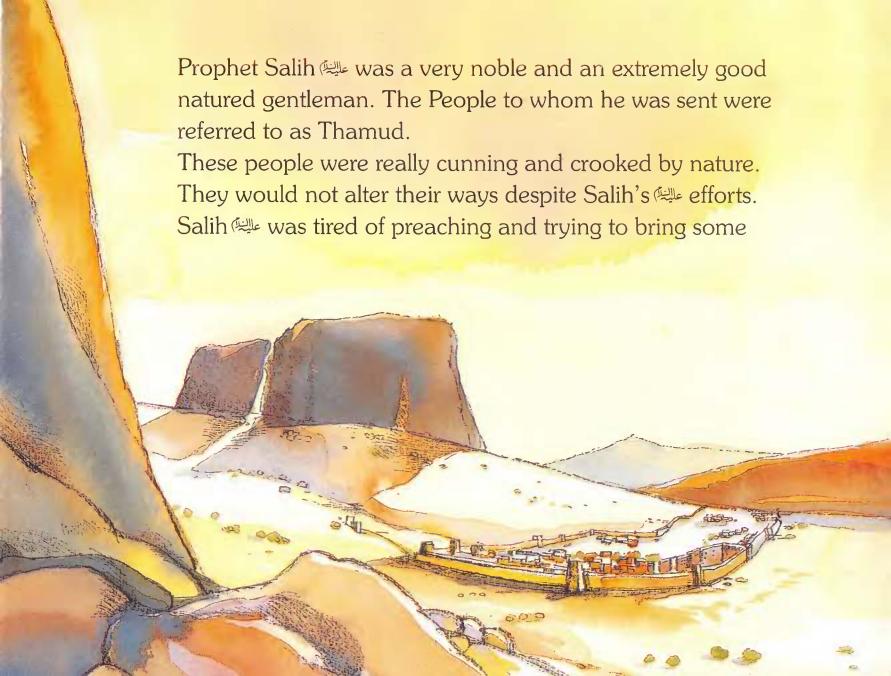
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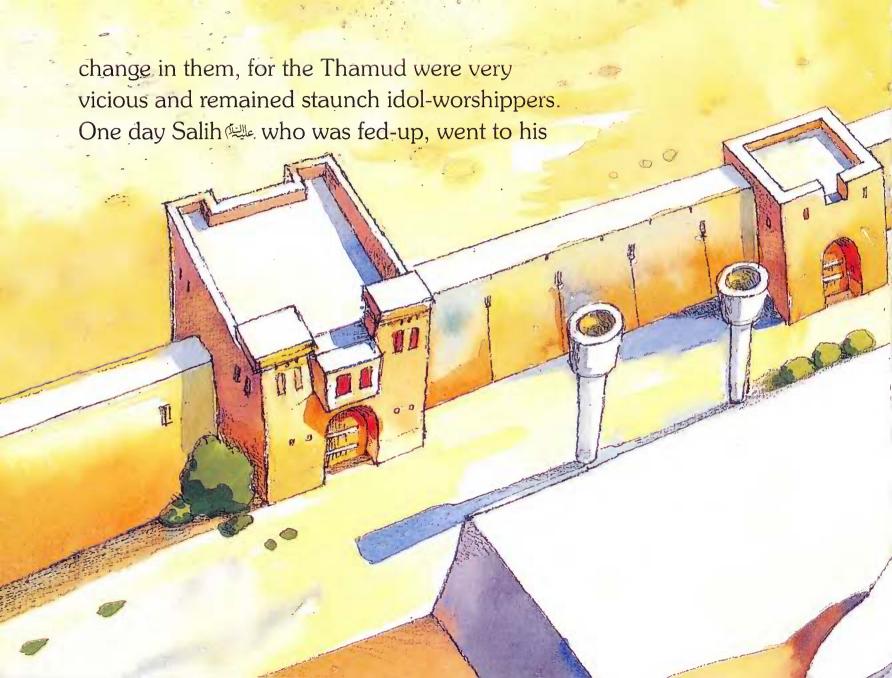
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MIRACLE OF THE SHE-CAMEL

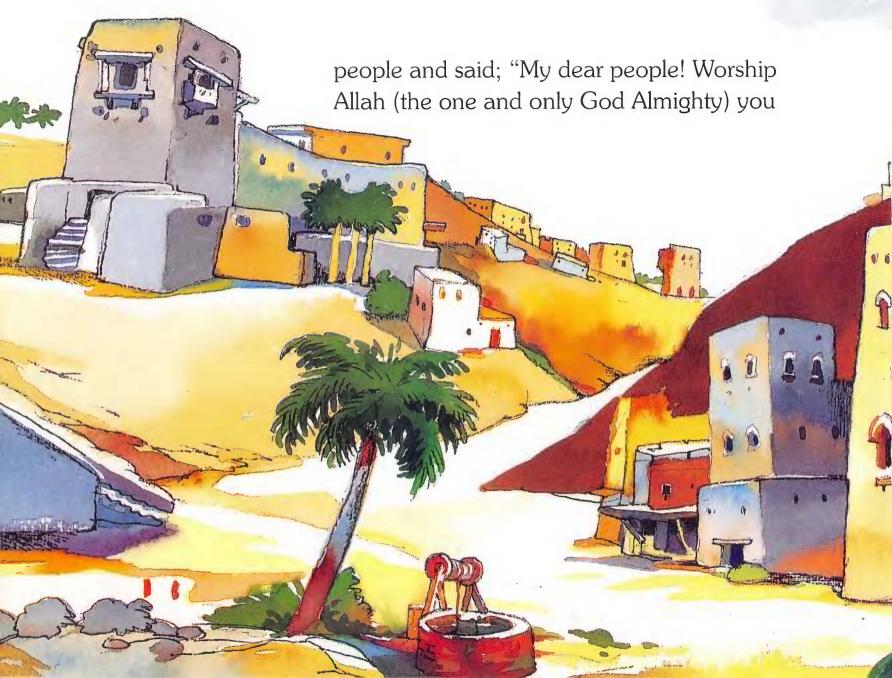


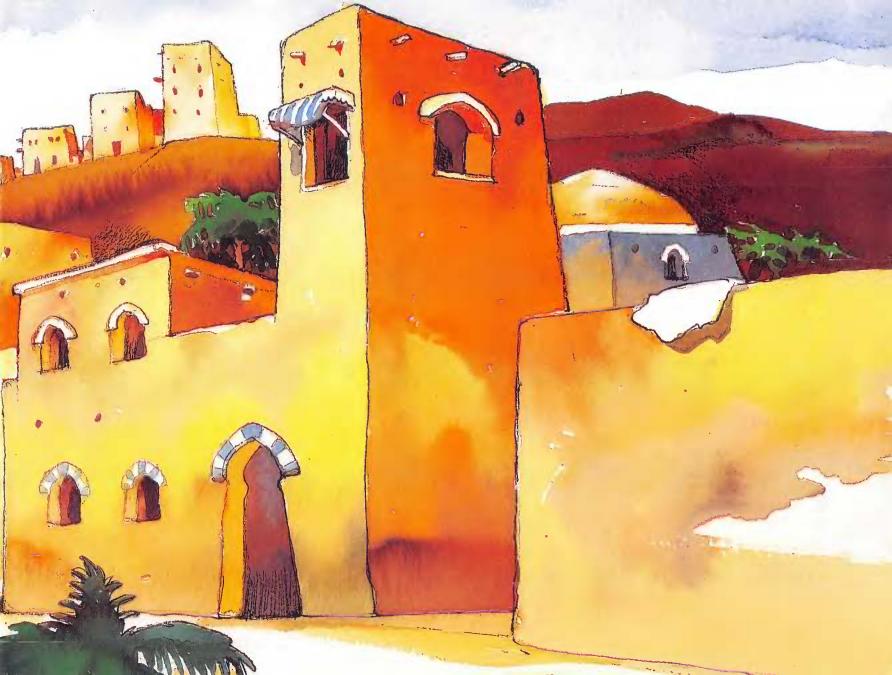














have no other god but Him. He gave you respect on earth; ask forgiveness of Him and turn to Him in repentance. Certainly, my lord is responsive."

The Thamud resisted, replying, "You have been among us as a figure of good hope and we wished you to be our chief till you came up with this new thing, that we leave our gods and worship your God alone! Do you now forbid us to worship what our forefathers have worshipped before us? We are in grave doubt of what you invite us to do!"

The Thamud made a plan amongst themselves, one day they went to him and made a demand that seemed impossible.

They said, "Salih ! We have decided to give in, but we will listen to you only if you bring about a miracle and have a She-camel appear in front of us out of the Rocky





Mountains, plus, we want it to deliver a baby as well, so we know that it is real." As soon as they had finished, a beautiful red she-camel swayed through the boulders, and she gave birth to a beautiful calf as well. Now, instead of giving up their resentment and resistance, the Thamud started hatching plots to kill Salih as well as the she-camel.

Salih warned: "I am a trustworthy messenger to you, so fear Allah, keep your duty to Him, and obey me. I don't seek

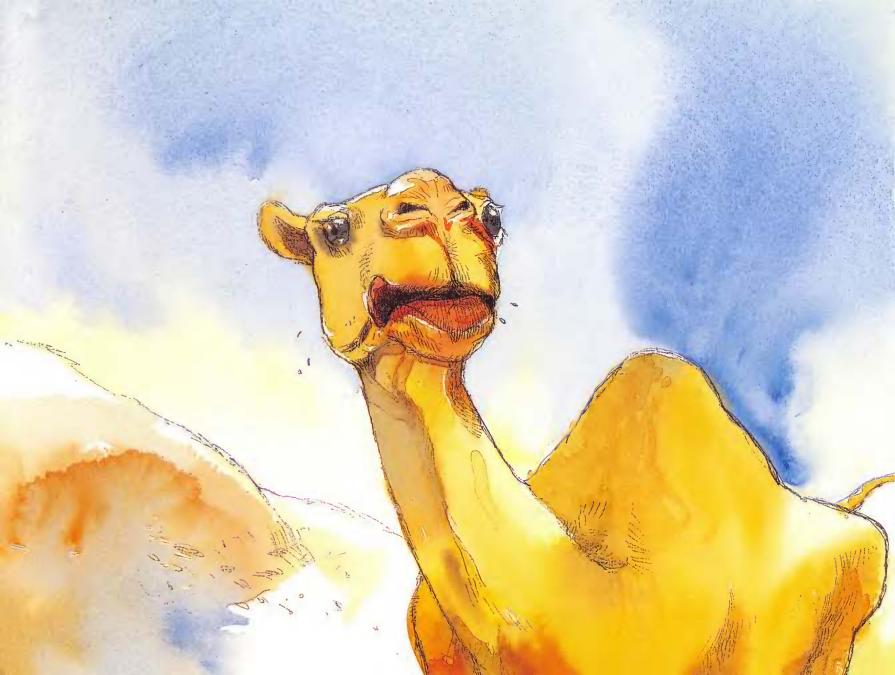


any reward from you, my reward is only from the Lord of this universe. This, here, is a she-camel. It has a right to this land and all of you have a right to use her milk free of cost. But do not do anything to harm her, because if you do you will be punished severely."

Instead of feeling obliged for the plentiful milk they got, those shameless people killed the innocent She-camel in the most brutal manner.

The calf fled to the mountains in horror on witnessing its mother's terrible fate. After committing this crime they divided the camel's meat among themselves and felt extremely happy over their





misconduct. They celebrated the kill with great fun. Salih conveyed his message to all the people once again, "Enjoy yourselves in your homes for three whole days. This is a promise, a threat that will definitely come to pass." Thamud did not budge an inch from their evil plan of assassinating Salih in his sleep. After three full days, suddenly the earth started to quake terribly and deafening shrieks began to thunder from the skies. It was a horrifying scene.

Within a few moments the entire nation of crooks lay dead and doomed. Only a handful of followers, who had accepted the message

