

Al-'Adiyat [The Chargers] **Makkan Period**

In the name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

[1] By (the horses) that charge snorting,

[2] then raise sparks of fire (by their hoofs),

[3] then raid by the dawn,

[4] and blaze a trail of dust,

[5] and penetrate deep into a host.

[6] Verily man is most ungrateful to his Lord;¹

[7] and he himself is a witness to that,²

[8] and surely he loves riches with a passionate loving.

[9] Is he not aware that when whatever lies (buried) in the graves is overthrown;

[10] and the secrets of the hearts are laid bare (and examined)?³

[11] Surely on that Day will their Lord be fully informed about them.⁴

1. That is, man uses the powers that God had bestowed on him to perpetrate injustices and oppress others.

2. Man's conscience as well as his deeds bear witness that he tends to be ungrateful to God. Many unbelievers act in ways that betray their ungratefulness to God; moreover, they even verbally express their ingratitude.

3. On the judgement Day even the intentions and motives underlying people's actions, which had thus far remained hidden, will be laid bare.

4. That is, on the Judgement Day God will be well aware of each person's standing and know fully the reward and punishment that each deserves.