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Saleh(AS) is mentioned in the Quran in :

S. Al Aaraf - 73 - 79

S. Hud - 61 - 68

S. Ash Shuara - 141 - 159

S. An Naml - 45-53

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• After the flood of Nuh(AS) the believers were the only ones on the earth. As the years passed the people forgot the flood, the teachings of Prophet Nuh and slowly corruption started spreading in the land.

• The people of Thamud lived on a rocky tract between Hijaz & Yabuk. They were very strong people who used to hew out or carve out houses from mountains, living in them and feeling secure that nothing will destroy them. They wasted their free time by making palaces in the plains for adornment.

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• For every favour they had they thanked others besides Allah. This led them to Kufr, where they denied every favour or blessing that Allah has bestowed on them. They were following the footsteps of Aad their grandparents who started idol-worship after Nuh(AS)

• They accused Saleh(AS) of magic. They asked him to bring a miracle if he was indeed truthful. They asked that a huge she-camel should appear from a specific rock.

• Once this miracle happened many of the people believed, but a few still continued in their error.

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• Allah ordered that the camel should have its share of water and no one should touch it with harm. But some insolent people made fun of the sign of Allah and decided to kill her.

• There were in the city 9 persons who decided to kill the camel and they ambushed her, killed her and cut her to pieces. They defied the command of Allah and challenged Saleh (AS), as mentioned in S. Al Aaraf:77

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• Saleh(AS) came and warned his people, "Enjoy yourselves in your homes for 3 days this is a promise not to be belied." Allah punished them with an awful cry, that seized them and the earth began to shake under them. Thus, the criminals were punished.

• The Prophet Mohammed (Peace be upon him) passed by their area on his expedition to Tabuk, he forbade the people from entering their houses except crying. He also ordered them to throw away the dough that they had kneaded using the water of their well.

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• Allah thus, saved the believers and destroyed those who disbelieved and disobeyed Allah, Alhamdulillah.