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ANSWER

وَالطُّورِ

By the mount of Tūr [52:1]



COMMENTARY

The word Tūr in Hebrew means a mountain that has trees [as opposed to *jabal* a mountain that does not have trees {Trn}]. Here Tūr stands for mount Sinai which is situated in the land of Madyan where the Holy Prophet Mūsā 'alayhis salaam had the honour of Allah's speaking to him. Some reports narrate that there are four mountains of Paradise in this world, and one of them is Tūr (Qurtubī). Swearing an oath by Tūr carries a special significance and honour of the mount. It also signifies that certain injunctions have been revealed by Allah for people to follow. Compliance with them is obligatory.

TAFSĪR IBN KATHĪR

At-Tur is the mount that has trees, similar to the mount where Allah spoke to Musa, while Musa was on it, and the mount on which Allah started the prophethood of Isa. A mount that does not have trees is called Jabal, not Tur.

And Allah Ta'ālā knows best.

