



ANSWER

فَالْحَمِلَاتِ وَقُرًا

then by those (clouds) that bear loads [51:2]



COMMENTARY

The subject-matter of Sūrah Adh-Dhāriyāt, like its predecessor Sūrah Qāf, is mainly the Hereafter, Resurrection, Reckoning, Judgement, and Allah's reward and punishment. The first few verses contain an oath from Allah that the promise of Resurrection is true, and shall come to pass. In these verses Allah swears an oath by four phenomena [...]

There is a Hadīth whose attribution to the Holy Prophet ﷺ has been held by Ibn Kathīr as da'if [weak], but it is also reported as a saying of Sayyidnā 'Umar *radi'allāhu 'anhu* and 'Alī *radi'allāhu 'anhu*. It explains these four things as follows: The expression Dhāriyāt [scatterers] refers to the wind that blows up dust; **the expression hāmīlāt-i-wiqrān literally denotes burden-bearers and contextually refers to the clouds that carry the burden of water or rain [...].**

TAFSĪR IBN KATHĪR

Affirming the News of the Resurrection The Commander of the faithful,

'Alī bin Abi Talib (may Allah be pleased with him) ascended the Minbar in Kufah and declared, "Any Ayah in the Book of Allah the Exalted and any Sunnah from Allah's Messenger you ask me about today, I will explain them." Ibn Al-Kawwa stood up and said, "O Leader of the faithful! What is the meaning of Allah's statement, (By the scattering Dhariyat)," and 'Alī said, "The wind." **The man asked, "(And the laden Hamilat)" 'Alī said, "The clouds." [...]**

And Allah Ta'ālā knows best.

