

Throughout the Qur'an there are stories between truth and falsehood. A battle between Bani Adam & Shaytan. Power & Weakness. Surat al-Kahf, between belief & disbelief, the camp of evil and the camp of goodness.

When the youths took shelter in the cave...These people, our people, have taken to themselves gods other than Him...If they discover you, they will stone you, or force you back into their religion; then you will never be saved."

Russia, Ukraine – Dictatorships East/West. If you are not with us, you are against us. Blinded by power & fear. The people of the cave, were threatened that they would be stoned to death, if they were caught.

TYRANNY IN THE PAST

قَالُوا يَا شُعَيْبُ مَا نَفَقَهُ كَثِيرًا مِّمَّا تَقُولُ وَإِنَّا لَنَرَاكَ فِيْنَا ضَعِيفًا وَلَوْلَا رَهْطُكَ لَرَجَمْنَاكَ وَمَا أَنْتَ عَلَيْنَا بِعَزِيزٍ
يَا إِبْرَاهِيمُ لئن لَّمْ تَنْتَه لَأَرْجَمَنَّكَ وَاهْجُرْنِي مَلِيًّا - لئن لَّمْ تَنْتَه يَا نُوحُ لَتَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْمَرْجُومِينَ

Nuh & Shuaib عليه السلام enemies threatened to stone them if they did not listen to them. Ibrahim whose own father threatened to stone him. Musa, Eesa عليه السلام was also threatened to death and so was the Prophet صلوات الله وسلامه عليه plotted against and attempted to assassinate.

**TYRANTS HAVE NO RELIGION, AND THEIR RELIGION IS THEIR OWN
OPINION: DICTATORSHIP AND CONTROL.**

Sadly this story keeps repeating itself not only in the Qur'an, but also in our time. Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Yemen, Palestine, Uyghurs now Ukraine. Both Russia & the West are to blame.

World leaders wear the cloak of a dictator, king or democracy, they exploit their positions for personal gains, and national supremacy

THE REASON FOR TYRANNY IS UNBRIDLED POWER

The human being is always liable to transgress and overstep all limits, when he thinks that he is self-sufficient, or does not need anyone.

Indeed Man transgresses Because he sees himself self sufficient But to your Lord is the return. (96:6-9)

I have nuclear power; I have China on my side; I have the gas pipes. We have the banking system, we have assets, technology, sanctions.. Pharaoh himself admitted, saying the he reason he transgressed was because no one stopped him. *وَاسْتَكْبَرَ هُوَ وَجُنُودُهُ فِي الْأَرْضِ بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ وَظَنُّوا أَنَّهُمْ إِلَيْنَا لَا يُرْجَعُونَ*

He and his troops acted arrogantly in the land, with no justification. They thought they would not be returned to Us. (28:39)

(Hadith Qudsi – Bukhari) يَا عِبَادِي: إِنِّي حَرَمْتُ الظُّلْمَ عَلَى نَفْسِي، وَجَعَلْتَهُ بَيْنَكُمْ مُحَرَّمًا؛ فَلَا تَظَالَمُوا.

TYRANNY (TUGHYAAN) IS BORN OF ARROGANCE AND IGNORANCE

What prevented you from prostrating when I commanded you? I am better than him. You created me from fire and created him from clay

Power is a test from Allah ﷻ in various forms, do not fail this like dictators.

Pharaoh exalted himself in the land, and divided its people into factions. He persecuted a group of them, slaughtering their sons, while sparing their daughters. He was truly a corrupter. (28:4)

TYRANNY BACKFIRES AND WILL BE PUNISHED

إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ يُمْلِي لِلظَّالِمِ فَإِذَا أَخَذَهُ لَمْ يُفْلِتْهُ } وَكَذَلِكَ أَخَذُ رَبِّكَ إِذَا أَخَذَ الْقَرْيَ وَهِيَ ظَالِمَةٌ إِنَّ أَخَذَهُ أَلِيمٌ شَدِيدٌ{.

WHERE IS JUSTICE? Maybe in Dunya, but we are promised **Divine Justice**

So be patient. The promise of God is true. Whether We show you some of what We have promised them, or take you to Us. (40:77)

THE PUNISHMENT FOR TYRANNY IS SEVERE

All This. But the transgressors will have a miserable return. (38:55) Hell; in which they will roast; what a miserable abode! (38:56)

We may not be able to stop dictatorship, but we have to condemn it. We also must protect the weak, the vulnerable, and the oppressed.