

The Saheeh International Quran Translation

فَلَوْلَا كَانَ مِنَ الْقُرُونِ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ أُولُو بَقِيَّةٍ يَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْفَسَادِ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا مِمَّنْ
أَنْجَيْنَا مِنْهُمْ ^{فَلَمَّا} وَاتَّبَعَ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مَا أُتْرِفُوا فِيهِ وَكَانُوا مُجْرِمِينَ

So why were there not among the generations before you those of
enduring discrimination forbidding corruption on earth - except a few
of those We saved from among them? But those who wronged pursued
what luxury they were given therein, and they were criminals.