



In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

The Quran Translated

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Introduction

The book you are about to read is an English translation of the Scripture that Prophet Muhammad said was revealed to him by God, word for word, in the Arabic language. This Scripture is still in existence and hundreds of thousands of Muslims the world over, including non-Arabic speakers, have it preserved in their memories, just as they have been preserving it for the past fourteen centuries. This book is the Quran.

This book is not only still with us in its original form, but the life of the man to whom it was revealed is also recorded in authentic historical records so meticulously that some of the Westerners who studied his life have described him as being "the only historical figure among founders of religions".

Muhammad was a Prophet chosen by God to be the recipient of a divine message. He was entrusted with the task of conveying this message to the people around him, and through them, to all people throughout the world. As a Prophet and Messenger of God to His servants, Muhammad was not something new; he was merely the last in a long chain of Prophets and Messengers. Many were those upon whom God bestowed the honor of being the recipients of His message, who He appointed to be examples of righteousness for the rest of humanity. The Quran mentions a number of these Prophets, including Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus.

The core message they all brought was the same: Islam, submission to God by worshipping none but Him. Every one of them was charged with conveying this message as well with showing the people of their time how to live by it. Being the last of these Prophets, Muhammad was to be God's final and therefore universal Messenger.

How do we know whether someone is an imposter or a true Prophet? This is indeed a very vital question requiring serious thought. It is clear that there is no way for us to decide this issue except by examining the character as well as the message of the person who makes such a claim. We naturally start by ascertaining the historical authenticity of the records that describe the life and teachings of the claimant. Next we must examine the character of the person who made the claim especially regarding his truthfulness. Finally we need to look carefully into the message which he claimed to have received from God:

- Does it contain any factual falsehoods or contradictions?
- How far is it comprehensive?
- To what extent is it consistent with the attributes which we know God must have?

And so forth.

One might ask "why we should take the trouble?"

The answer is clear. If we are believers in God, we will know that He is a Merciful and Wise Lord, because it is He Who has given us our lives and is providing for all of our needs. Being our Creator, He knows that we have spiritual needs as well. As believers in Him, we need to know how to lead a life that is in agreement with that belief and pleasing to Him. We need to know how to worship Him, and on what principles to establish our relationships with one another: whether political, social, economic, or otherwise. This leads us to the conclusion that the Merciful and Wise God who provided us with all of our material needs will not neglect to provide us with our spiritual needs as well. We must also conclude that such guidance from Him can

only come as a message from Him and that there must be such a message somewhere in the world, a message that must be available to all who seek it. Here is the book that Muslims claim contains that message, and the following is a sketch of the life of the Messenger who brought it.

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Prophet Muhammad

Birth

Muhammad was born in Mecca, Arabia. His mother, Aminah, was the daughter of Wahb son of Abd Manaf of the Zuhrah family. His father, Abdullah, was the son of Abdul-Muttalib. His genealogy has been traced back in roughly forty generations to the noble house of Ishmael, the son of Abraham. Muhammad's father had died before his birth, and his mother died when he was about six years old, making him an orphan. In accordance with the tradition of the noble families of Mecca, he was cared for in his infancy by a foster mother in a remote village. He lived with his foster mother, Halimah, for a few years, during which, he was taken to Mecca several times to visit his mother. After the death of his mother, he was placed under the custody of his grandfather, Abdul- Muttalib. When the grandfather died, he came under the care of his uncle, Abu Talib. During this time, he used to tend sheep around Mecca and accompany his uncle on trade journeys to Syria.

Youth

From the time of his youth, he believed firmly in the oneness of God. He lived a very simple life and hated vanity and pride. He was compassionate to the poor, widows and orphans and shared their sufferings by helping them. He avoided all immoral acts, which were commonplace among young people, such as gambling, drinking, and vulgarity. He was known as *As-Siddiq* (the truthful) and *Al-Amin* (the trust- worthy) . He was always trusted to be a mediator between conflicting parties in his homeland , Mecca .

Marriage

When he was about 25 years old, his uncle urged him to work with the caravan that belonged to a wealthy widow named Khadijah. He accepted this and undertook the journey to Syria. He conducted business with such prudence and sense of duty that he returned with a larger profit than usual. Khadijah was so impressed by the honest and attractive personality of Muhammad that she offered to marry him, an offer which Muhammad accepted. Their marriage was a happy one. They had children. Khadijah remained his only wife until she died at the age of 51.

Prophethood

Muhammad was born amidst a polytheistic society. He was saddened and sickened by the corrupt society that surrounded him. He often went to the cave of Hira in a mountain near Mecca, which would later be known as Jabal An-Nur (the Mountain of Light). There he would meditate and ponder over the prevailing darkness brought about by ignorance. There he would often remain deep in thought, in communion with the unseen yet All-Pervading God of the universe.

One night, while he was meditating in the cave, the angel Gabriel came to him. The angel aroused him and his mighty voice reverberated in his ears. Muhammad was perplexed and did not know what to do. He was asked to read. He replied: .I cannot read!" The angel repeated his command three times, demanding Muhammad to read, but each time he replied that he could not read. Finally the angel said:

"Read: In the name of your Lord Who creates, creates man from a clot. Read: And your Lord is the Most Bounteous, Who teaches by means of the pen, teaches man that which he knew not." (Quran 96:1-5)

This was the first revelation received by Muhammad. He was 40 years old at that time. The revelations continued to come to him from time to time over a period of 23 years. This series of revelations was arranged according to the divine guidance given to Prophet

Muhammad, and later collected in the form of a book. This book is the Quran (the Recitation). Most of its verses have clear meanings. Some verses are interpreted in conjunction with other verses and some others were interpreted by the Prophet himself through his words, actions, and tacit approvals which together are known as his *Sunnah* (Tradition).

The Quran and the *Sunnah* together constitute the guidance and way of life for those who submit their lives to God. People who follow this guidance and way of life are guaranteed by God to be saved in this world and the Hereafter.

Challenges

When the Prophet called the people to the way of God, few heeded his call. Most of those who did were either members of his family or from the lowest ranks of society. Among them were Khadijah, Ali, Zaid and Bilal. When he intensified his mission by publicly announcing the religion he preached, he won more followers, but at the same time had to face many challenges from the nobles and leaders who found their position being threatened and jeopardized. They stood together - under the pretext of defending the religion of their ancestors - to fight the new religion.

The morale of the few people who embraced Islam was heightened when some prominent members of Meccan society joined the religion. Most notable among them were Uthman bin Affan, Zubair bin Al- Awwam, Abdur-Rahman bin Awf, Talhah bin Ubaidullah, Sad bin Abi Waqqas, Arqam bin Abi Arqam, Ubaidullah, Saeed bin Zaid, Amr bin Nufail, Fatimah (the wife of Nufail), Asma bint Abu Bakr, Abdullah bin Masud, Jafar bin Abi Talib and many others.

Before this group accepted Islam, there had been Abu Bakr, the first among his earliest followers who impressed the Prophet considerably. The Prophet said about him: "I never invited anyone to the faith who did not display some hesitation in embracing it, except Abu Bakr. When I had offered him Islam, he showed no hesitation at all in accepting it."

As the result of the opposition of the Meccan disbelievers, Muslims were subjected to severe torture, persecution, isolation and boycotts. The Prophet had to be patient and had to look for a means to protect the Muslims. He asked Negus, the King of Ethiopia, to allow the Muslims to emigrate to his country. Negus welcomed the Muslim emigrants in his territory and refused to hand them over to the disbelieving rulers of Mecca.

Emmigration (Hijra)

Near the end of the time known to historians as the Meccan period, the Prophet lost two people who were very dear to him. They were his beloved uncle, Abu Talib, and his faithful and loving wife, Khadijah. After their deaths, the Meccans felt free to impose what they wanted on the Prophet and his followers. To most, Makkah was the Kabah (the Sacred Mosque), which was built by Prophet Abraham centuries before as a place of worship. But in the course of time, the place had been converted by the disbelievers into a place of idolatry. People added many traditions of their own. They used to visit this place for a few months during the year for pilgrimage.

They came from all parts of Arabia, representing various prominent tribes. The pilgrimage, in spite of its religious bearing, constituted for the Arabs a yearly festival where people would meet and indulge in their cultural activities. The Prophet took this opportunity to spread Islam.

Among those interested in his call, were some delegations from the town of Yathrib (later to be known as Madinah) in the north of Arabia. They met secretly with the Prophet and a few Muslims from Makkah in a village called Aqabah. After becoming Muslims, they took an oath of allegiance to protect

Islam, the Prophet, and the Meccan Muslims. The following year, the group of Muslims from Yathrib came again to Makkah. They met with the Prophet at the same place where they previously met. This time, Abbas bin Abdul-Muttalib, the Prophet's uncle who was himself not a Muslim yet, was present at the meeting. They invited the Prophet and the Muslims from Mecca to emigrate to Yathrib.

They promised to treat them as true brothers and sisters. A long discussion ensued between the Muslims of Yathrib and the Prophet's uncle to make sure that they really wanted to welcome the Meccan Muslims into their own homes. The Prophet agreed, in the end, to emigrate to this new land. Upon coming to know that the Muslims had planned to leave Mecca, the Meccan disbelievers tried to stop the emigration; however, the first group had already migrated to Yathrib. The Meccans feared that the movement to Yathrib would give the Muslims a new base from which to spread the message. Within two months, nearly all Muslims from Mecca, except the Prophet, Abu Bakr, Ali and a few helpless people, had emigrated. The Meccans then decided to kill the Prophet. They made a plan for this purpose, but God – as He says in the Quran – had made another plan over theirs. With various tactics and good planning, the Prophet finally arrived peacefully in Yathrib, which was later known as *Madinatur-Rasul* (The City of the Prophet)

A New Era

In Madinah, the Prophet was able to work freely for the spread of Islam. The followers of Islam increased day after day. But the threat from Mecca continued relentlessly. A few physical confrontations with the Meccans ensued. Sometimes the battles were won by the Muslims and sometimes by the Meccans. The Prophet also engaged in battles with the Byzantine and Persian powers that were jeopardizing the existence of Islam from the north and the east. Confrontation with the Meccans stopped for a while after the treaty of Hudaibiyah had been signed between the Muslims and the Meccans. During the Madinian period, the Muslims also established treaties with the Jews of Madinah and the tribes around the city. The Jews broke the treaty, which led to their expulsion from the Arabian Peninsula.

In Madinah, the Prophet succeeded in establishing Islam as a way of life in the fullest sense. He was not only giving guidance on purely religious matters such as prayers, almsgiving, fasting and pilgrimage, but was also providing the Muslims with guidance and legislation concerning their social, economic and political lives.

Emissaries entertained in Madinah

It was in Madinah that the Prophet received envoys and emissaries from different tribes and nations. They came to ask him about various matters, to engage in dialogue, to negotiate, and for a number of other reasons. Among the emissaries was an envoy representing the Christian community in Najran (South Arabia). The Prophet welcomed them, entertained them as honoured guests, and even allowed them to conduct their religious service in his city. It was a good occasion to share each other's views on matters of religion. Some members of the envoy were deeply impressed by the treatment they received from the Muslims, thus leading them to embrace Islam.

Liberation of Makkah

The treaty of Hudaibiyah gave the Muslims a good opportunity to exemplify Islam to the

fullest in their personal conduct and in their relations with other peoples and communities. But the peace did not endure for long, on account of the attitude of the Meccan tribal chiefs who soon broke the treaty. The Prophet marched very quietly to Mecca in the 8th year after his emigration to Madinah. The Meccans gave no resistance and the whole city surrendered to the Prophet. He announced a general amnesty for all his enemies and treated the citizens of the city with generosity. A verse of the Quran was revealed on the occasion:

“When God’s succor and the triumph comes. And you see people entering the religion of God in troops. Then hymn the praises of your Lord, and seek forgiveness of Him. Lo! He is ever ready to show mercy.”
(Quran 110:1-3)

After the liberation of Mecca, all the remaining hostile tribes in Arabia began to realize the reality of the Islamic faith. People had seen the noble teachings of Islam in action, a living example of forgiveness, tolerance, justice, fairness, steadfastness, and other noble qualities, all exemplified by the Prophet and his Companions. This had left an impression upon the hearts of hundreds of thousands of people who became Muslims.

Farewell Pilgrimage

In time, the whole of Arabia had become the land of Islam. The Prophet intended to perform the pilgrimage. He announced his intention to the Muslims in Madinah and the surrounding areas and asked them to join him. This was in fact the only pilgrimage performed by the Prophet during his lifetime. On this occasion, he taught those who were present with him and the whole world about the pilgrimage and the divine message that God had entrusted him to convey to all mankind.

At this last gathering with the people during the pilgrimage season, what would come to be known as his farewell pilgrimage, the Prophet Muhammad delivered a sermon at the valley of Arafat. This was about 81 or 82 days before his death. It contained the very fundamentals of Islam. Seated on his camel, he spoke with a clear tone and asked all those who heard his speech to convey it to those who were not present. Among what he said was the following:

“O people, lend me an attentive ear, for I know not whether, after this year, I shall ever be amongst you again. Therefore listen to what I am saying to you carefully and take these words to those who could not be present here today.”

“O people, just as you regard this month, this day, this city as sacred, so regard the life and property of every Muslim as a sacred trust. Return the goods entrusted to you to their rightful owners. Hurt no one so that no one may hurt you. Remember that you will indeed meet your Lord, and that He will indeed reckon your deeds. God has forbidden you to take usury; therefore all interest obligations shall henceforth be waived. Beware of Satan for the safety of your religion. He has lost all hopes that he will be able to lead you astray in big things, so beware of following him in small things.”

“O people, it is true that you have certain rights with regard to your women, but they also have rights over you. If they abide by your right then to them belongs the right to be fed and clothed in kindness. Do treat your women well and be kind to them for they are your partners and committed helpers. And it is your right that they do not make friends with anyone of whom you do not approve, as well as never to commit adultery.”

“O people, listen to me in earnest, worship God, offer your five daily prayers, fast during the month of Ramadan, and give your wealth in *Zakat*. Perform the pilgrimage if you can

afford to. You know that every Muslim is the brother of every other Muslim. You are all equal. Nobody has superiority over the other except by piety and good deeds.”

“Remember, one day you will appear before God and answer for your deeds. So beware, do not go astray from the path of righteousness after my death.” O people, no Prophet or Messenger will come after me and no new faith will be born.”

“O people, understand my words that I conveyed to you. I leave behind me two things, the Quran and my example, the *Sunnah*, and if you follow these, you will never go astray.”

“All those who listen to me, should pass on my words to others and those to others again; and may the last ones understand my words better than those who listen to me directly. Be my witness O God that I have conveyed Your message to Your slaves.”

The importance of this sermon can be seen from the Prophet's perception that this occasion may be the last one like it during his lifetime. He felt that this was the right time to summarize the principles of Islam to his brothers and sisters. With the religion now conveyed to the people in its entirety, there was no need for humanity, and for the Muslims in particular, to look for an alternative way of life. By holding fast to the two things left behind by the Prophet (the Quran and the *Sunnah*), a person will never go astray.

Death

About two months after returning from his pilgrimage to Mecca, the Prophet became seriously ill. He was still able to perform his prayers in the mosque and give direction to the Companions. However, his health was deteriorating day by day. Near the end, he asked Abu Bakr to lead the prayers in the mosque. Every member of his family and every one of his Companions was worried about his health. It was on a Monday, in the 11th year after his emigration to Madinah, that the Prophet passed away at the age of sixty-three.

Many people did not want to believe that he had died; it was as if they had thought the Messenger of God would live forever. Abu Bakr, who had sensed since the farewell pilgrimage that the death of the Prophet was near, convinced the congregation that the Prophet had actually passed away. Abu Bakr said to the congregation that if they had been worshipping Muhammad, then Muhammad had died, and if they had been worshipping God, He lives forever. Then he recited from the Quran:

“Muhammad is but a Messenger, Messengers (the like of whom) have passed away before him. Will it be that when he dies or is slain, you will turn back on your heels?” (Quran 3:144)

A Guidance to follow

Muhammad as a man had died, but as a Prophet, his legacy lives on in the form of the Quran and the *Sunnah*. He had stressed the urgent need to hold firmly to these two sources of guidance during his farewell sermon in the valley of Arafat. If people hold fast to them, they will never go astray. The teachings he left for us, if put into practice in their true spirit and proper way, will bring happiness to life in this world as well as in the life to come. In this sense, Islam is a worldly religion which considers first the worldly affairs of humanity, with the Hereafter merely a continuation of life. It is difficult to hold that man can be saved in the Hereafter without being saved in this world. To be saved in the Hereafter without being saved in this world is simply unthinkable. The sensible approach is to follow the way shown to us by Prophet Muhammad. When his wife, Aishah, was asked by a Companion about the Prophet's daily conduct, Aishah replied that the conduct of the Prophet was the Quran, which is the guidance from God and for which

Muhammad was given authority by God to interpret. That is why his conduct was the most exemplary expression of human conduct.

The History of the Quranic Text¹

From Revelation to Compilation

The Quran consistently refers to itself as a *Kitab* (Book), or something that is written. Accordingly, the revealed verses were recorded in writing from earliest stages of Islam. Those revealed during the Makkan period were recorded in Makkah and those revealed during the Madinian period were recorded in Madinah. As soon as a revelation came, the Prophet, peace and blessing of God be on him, would routinely call one of his scribes to write it down. There is also evidence of proofreading after dictation. The scribe would read it back to the Prophet to ensure that no scribal errors had crept in. There were 65 Companions of the Prophet who functioned as scribes at one time or the other.

The entire Quran was thus written during the Prophet's own lifetime on parchments by the Prophet's scribes. There were other Companions of the Prophet who also wrote for their own benefit on different objects including parchments, wooden planks or palm leaves. The parchments on which the Prophet's scribes wrote were, however, not bound in the form of a book during his lifetime. Binding could not, however, be undertaken as long as there was a continuous flow of revelation. It had to wait until the Prophet's mission had been completed. The Prophet had even instructed the scribes about the placement of different *Ayahs* (verses) as they were revealed.

The compilation of the Quran in the form of a book took place during the caliphate of Abu Bakr when it became clear after the Prophet's death that there would be no more revelation. The task of binding the parchments in the form of a book was assigned to Zaid bin Thabit who had attended the recitation of the Quran by Archangel Gabriel with the Prophet during the month of Ramadan. Nevertheless, a great deal of care was taken to ensure that no errors would unconsciously creep into the compilation of the Quran. Other people were, therefore, asked to bring what they had also written down of the Quran after having directly heard it from the Prophet. To ensure that they had themselves written what they were putting forward, they had to back their claim by two witnesses. Every word was verified by cross comparison as well as against the memories of the Companions who had learned it by heart by directly hearing it from the Prophet himself.

Once the compilation of the Quran in book form was completed during the caliphate of Abu Bakr, it was placed in his custody. After his death, it was passed on to Umar, the second caliph, and then to Hafsa, the Prophet's wife, who was also the daughter of Umar. Thus the contribution that was made by Abu Bakr was just to collect all Quran parchments into a master volume after thoroughly verifying their accuracy against what was written by others and memorized by the Prophet's Companions. However, the pronunciation of the words of the Quran continued to be in various dialects prevalent at that time because the Prophet had allowed the people, out of necessity, to recite the Quran in their own dialects as they were facing difficulty in abandoning their own dialects straight away. Since the Quran was revealed in the dialect of Quraysh, it was considered necessary to standardize its pronunciation in this dialect in order to avoid any confusion later on. The contribution of Uthman was to standardize the pronunciation of the Quran in the dialect of Quraysh. For this purpose he obtained the Mushaf from Hafsa and appointed a committee of twelve persons from among the Quraysh and Ansar to oversee the task. Several copies were made for distribution to various provinces. Although there is

¹ The History of the Quranic Text From Revelation to Compilation (A Comparative study with old and new Testament) by Prof. M.M. Al-Azmi (Leicester, UK: UK Islamic Academy, 2003) Book Review; by Dr. M. Umer Chapra.

a difference of opinion about how many copies were made , there is greater support in favor of eight copies. It is the text of these thoroughly checked manuscripts standardized in the dialect of Quraysh which has prevailed and the span of fourteen centuries has not been able to corrupt or dent the skeletal text of this *Uthmani Mushaf*.

Though the text has remained unchanged, a number of reading aids have been added. One of these is the *Surah* (chapter) separators. These existed before but primarily in the form of *Bismillah* . . . (In the name of God. . .) being written in the beginning of each *Surah*. To this has been added the *Surah* titles, possibly in a different color also. A second aid was in the form of *Ayah* (verse) separators for which no fixed style was observed in the earlier centuries. A circle at the end of the verse with the Ayah number written on or inside it has now become a standard practice. To make the reading even easier, the Quran was divided by the close of the first century into seven parts called *Manazil* to enable a person to finish reading the *Quran* in one week . The third century witnessed the division of the Mushaf into thirty parts (*Juz* . pl . *Ajza*) so that anyone who could not finish reading the *Quran* in a week could do so in a month. In addition, dots and vowel marks (*Tashkeel*) were added to make the reading of the *Quran* easier even for those whose command over Arabic was not very good.

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

“God has now revealed the best of Scriptures, a Book with parts resembling each other (and) frequently repeated, which raises the hair on the skins of those who fear their Lord, so that their flesh and their hearts soften to the remembrance of God. That is the guidance of God, He guides with it whom He pleases; and whom God leaves astray, for him there is no guide.” (The Quran 39:23)

1. Al-Fatihah: The Opening

1:1 In the name of God, the Beneficent, the Merciful

1:2-4 Praise be to God, Lord of the Worlds. The Beneficent, the Merciful. Owner of the Day of Judgment,

1:5-7 You (alone) we worship; You alone we ask for help. Guide us to the straight path, the path of those whom You have favored; not (the path) of those who earn Your anger nor of those who go astray.

2. Al-Baqarah: The Cow

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

2:1 *Alif. Lam. Mim.*²

2:2-5 This is the Scripture whereof there is no doubt, a guidance to those who are pious. Who believe in the unseen, and establish worship, and spend of that which, We have bestowed upon them. And who believe in that which is revealed to you (O Muhammad) and that which was revealed before you, and are certain of the Hereafter. These are on (true) guidance from their Lord. These are the successful.

2:6-7 As for the disbelievers, whether you warn them or you warn them not it is all one for them; they believe not. God has sealed their hearing and their hearts, and on their eyes there is a covering. Theirs will be an awful punishment.

2:8-10 And among the people are some who say: We believe in God and the Last Day, when they believe not. They think to deceive God and those who believe, and they deceive none except themselves; but they perceive not. In their hearts is a disease, and God has increased their disease. A painful punishment is theirs because they lie.

2:11-13 And when it is said to them: Make not mischief in the earth, they say: We are peace-makers only. Are not they indeed the mischief-makers? But they perceive not. And when it is said to them: Believe as the people believe, they say: Shall we believe as the foolish believe? Are not they indeed the foolish? But they know not. 2:14-16 And when they fall in with those who believe, they say: We believe; but when they go apart to their satans they declare: Lo! We are with you; verily we did but mock (the believers). God (Himself) does mock them, leaving them to wander blindly on in their contumacy. These (hypocrites) are they who purchase error at the price of guidance, so their commerce does not prosper, neither are they guided.

2:17-18 Their similitude is as that of one who kindled a fire, and when it shed its light around him, God took away their light and left them in darkness, where they cannot see. Deaf, dumb and blind; and

they return not.

² Three letters of the Arabic alphabet. Twenty-nine of the Quran's 114 *Surahs* (chapters) begin in this manner with combinations of letters of the Arabic alphabet from one single letter up to five. These letters capture the listener's attention and are indicative of the Divine origin of the Quran. As for the wisdom behind these no explanation was given by the Prophet, it is best to say that knowledge of that is known to God alone.

2:19-20 Or like a rainstorm from the sky, wherein is darkness, thunder and the flash of lightning. They thrust their fingers in their ears by reason of the thunder-claps, for fear of death. God surrounds the disbelievers (from every side). The lightning almost snatches away their sight from them. As often as it flashes forth for them, they walk therein; and when it darkens against them, they stand still. If God willed, He could destroy their hearing and their

sight. Lo! God is Able to do all things. 2:21-22 O people! Worship your Lord, Who has created you and those before you, so that you may become pious. Who has appointed the earth a resting-place for you, and the sky a canopy; and caused water to pour down from the sky, thereby producing fruits as food for you. And do not set up rivals to God when you know (better).

2:23-24 And if you are in doubt concerning that which We reveal to Our slave (Muhammad), then produce a Surah³ (chapter) or the like thereof, and call your witnesses beside God if you are truthful. And if you do it not, and you can never do it, then guard yourselves against the fire prepared for disbelievers, whose fuel is men and stones.

2:25 And give glad tidings (O Muhammad) to those who believe and do good works; that theirs are Gardens underneath which rivers flow; as often as they are regaled, with food of the fruit thereof, they say: This is what was given us aforetime; and it is given to them in resemblance. There for them are pure companions; there forever they abide.

2:26-27 Lo! God disdains not to coin the similitude even of a gnat. Those who believe know that it is the truth from their Lord; but those who disbelieve say: What does God wish (to teach) by such a similitude? (God) misleads many thereby, and He guides many thereby; and He misleads thereby only miscreants. Those who break the covenant of God after ratifying it and sever that which God ordered to be joined, and (who) make mischief in the earth: Those are they who are the losers

2:28-29 How disbelieve you in God when you were dead and He gave life to you! Then he will give you death, then life again, and then to Him you will return. He it is Who created for you all that is in the earth. Then turned He to the heaven, and fashioned it as seven heavens. And He is Knower of all things.

2:30-32 And when your Lord said to the angels: Lo! I am about to place a viceroy in the earth, they said: Will You place therein one who will do harm therein and will shed blood, while we hymn Your praise and sanctify You? He said: Surely I know that which you know not. And He taught Adam all the names, then showed them to the angels, saying: Inform Me of the names of these, if you are truthful. They said: Be glorified! We have no knowledge except that which You have taught us. Lo! You, only You, are the Knower, the Wise.

2:33 He said: O Adam! Inform them of their names, and when (Adam) had informed them of their names, (God) said: Did I not tell you that I know the secret of the heavens and the earth? And I know that which you disclose and which you hide.

2:34-37 And when We said to the angels: Prostrate yourselves before Adam, they fell prostrate, all except Iblis (Satan). (Iblis) refused in his pride, and so became a disbeliever. And We said: O Adam! Dwell you and your wife in the Garden, and eat you freely (of the fruits) thereof where you will; but come not near this tree lest you become wrongdoers. But Satan caused them to deflect therefrom and expelled them from the (happy) state in which they were; and We said: Fall down, one of you a foe to the other! There shall be for you on earth a habitation and provision for a time. Then Adam received from his Lord words (of revelation), and He accepted his repentance. Lo! He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

³ A part of the Quran. The Quran consists of 114 *Surahs*. The shortest of which is of three verses .

2:38-39 We said: Go down, all of you, from here; but verily there comes to you from Me a guidance; and whoso follows My guidance, there shall no fear come upon them neither shall they grieve. But they who disbelieve, and deny Our revelations, such are rightful inhabitants of the Fire. They will abide therein.

2:40-46 O Children of Israel! Remember My favor wherewith I favored you, and fulfill your (part of the) covenant, I shall fulfill My (part of the) covenant and fear Me. And believe in that which I reveal, confirming that which you possess already (of the Scripture), and be not first to disbelieve therein, and part not with My revelations for a trifling price, and fear Me. Confound not truth with falsehood, nor knowingly conceal the truth. Establish worship, pay the poor-due, and bow your heads with those who bow (in worship). Enjoin you righteousness on the people while you yourselves forget (to practice it)? And you are readers of the Scripture! Have you then no sense? Seek help in patience and prayer; and truly it is hard except for the humble ones, who know that they will have to meet their Lord, and that to Him they are returning.

2:47-54 O Children of Israel! Remember My favor wherewith I favored you and how I preferred you to (all) creatures. And guard yourselves against a Day when no soul will avail another, nor will intercession be accepted from it, nor will compensation be received from it, nor will they be helped. And (remember) when We did deliver you from Pharaoh's folk, who were afflicting you with dreadful torment, slaying your sons and sparing your women: That was a tremendous trial from your Lord. And when We brought you through the sea and rescued you, and drowned the folk of Pharaoh in your sight. And when We did appoint for Moses forty nights (of solitude), and then you chose the calf, when he had gone from you, and you were wrongdoers. Then, even after that, We pardoned you in order that you might give thanks. And when We gave to Moses the Scripture and the Criterion (of right and wrong), that you might be led aright. And when Moses said to his people: O my people! You have wronged yourselves by your choosing of the calf (for worship) so turn in penitence to your Creator, and kill (the guilty among) yourselves. That will be best for you with your Creator and He will accept your repentance. Lo! He is the Forgiving, the

Merciful.

2:55-57 And when you said: O Moses! We will not believe in you till we see God plainly; and even while you gazed, the lightning seized you. Then We revived you after your extinction, that you might give thanks. And We caused the white cloud to overshadow you and sent down on you the manna

and the quails, (saying): Eat of the good things wherewith We have provided you – and (the Children of Israel) wronged Us not, but they did wrong themselves.

2:58-60 And when We said: Go into this township and eat freely of that which is therein, and enter the gate prostrate, and say: 'We repent'.⁴ We will forgive you your sins and increase (reward) for the right-doers. But those who did wrong changed the word replacing it with another disparaging word, so We sent down upon the evildoers a pestilence from heaven for their evildoing. And when Moses asked

for water for his people, We said: Smite with your staff the rock. And there gushed out therefrom twelve springs (so that) each tribe knew their drinking place. Eat and drink of that which God has provided, and do not act corruptly, making mischief in the earth.

2:61 And when you said: O Moses! We are weary of one kind of food; so call upon your

⁴According to a tradition of the Prophet, *Hittatun* is a word implying submission to God and repentance. The evil-doers changed it for a word of rebellion - i.e., they were disobedient.

Lord for us that He bring forth for us of that which the earth grows. of its herbs and its cucumbers and its corn and its lentils and its onions. He said: Would you exchange that which is higher for that which is lower? Go down to settled country, thus you shall get that which you demand. And humiliation and destitution were stamped upon them and they were visited with wrath from God. That was because they disbelieved in God's revelations and slew the Prophets wrongfully. That was for their disobedience and transgression.

2:62 Lo! Those who believe (in that which is revealed to you, O Muhammad), and those who are Jews, and Christians, and Sabaeans – whoever believes in God and the Last Day and does right – surely their reward is with their Lord, and there shall no fear come upon them neither shall they grieve.

2:63-66 And (remember, O Children of Israel) when We made a covenant with you and caused the Mount to tower above you, (saying): Hold fast that which We have given you, and remember that which is therein, that you may become pious. Then, even after that, you turned away, and if it had not been for the grace of God and His mercy, you had been among the losers. And you know of those of you who broke the Sabbath, how We said to them: Be you apes, despised and hated! And We made it an example to their own and to succeeding generations, and an admonition to the God fearing.

2:67-71 And when Moses said to his people: Lo! God commands you that you sacrifice a cow, they said: Do you make game of us? He answered: God forbid that I should be among the foolish! They said: Pray for us to your Lord that He make clear to us what (kind of cow) she is. (Moses) answered: Lo! (God) says: Verily she is a cow neither with calf nor immature; (she is) between the two conditions; so do that which you are commanded. They said: Pray for us to your Lord that He make clear to us of what color she is. (Moses) answered: Lo! (God) says: Verily she is a yellow cow. Bright is her color, gladdening the beholders. They said: Pray for us to your Lord that He make clear to us what (kind of cow) she is. Lo! Cows are much alike to us; and lo! If God wills, we may be led aright. (Moses) answered: Lo! (God) says: Verily she is a cow unyoked; she ploughs not the soil nor waters the tilth; whole and without mark. They said: Now you have described all the attributes in reality. So they sacrificed her, though almost they did not.

2:72-74 And (remember) when you slew a man and disagreed concerning (who murdered him) and God brought forth that which you were hiding. And We said: Smite (the murdered corpse) with some of (the slaughtered cow). Thus God brings the dead to life and shows you His signs so that you may understand. Then, even after that (sign), your hearts were hardened and became as rocks or even worse in hardness. For indeed there are rocks from out which rivers gush, and indeed there are rocks which split asunder so that water flows from them. And indeed there are rocks which fall down for fear of God, and (remember) God is not unaware of what you do.

2:75-79 Have you any hope that (the Children of Israel) will be true to you when a party of them used to listen to the Word of God, then used to change it, after they had understood it knowingly? And when they fall in with those who believe, they say: We believe. But when they go apart one with another they say: Do you tell them of that which God has disclosed to you that they may contend with you before your Lord concerning it? Have you then no sense? Are they then unaware that God knows that which they keep hidden and that which they proclaim? And (beware) among (the Children of

Israel) are unlettered folk who know the Scripture not but consider to be true what others lie (to them). Therefore woe to those who write the Scripture with their hands and then say, 'This is from God,' that they may purchase a small gain therewith. Woe to them for that their hands have written, and woe to them for that they earn thereby.

2:80-82 And they say: The fire (of Hell) will not touch us except for a certain number of days. Say: Have you received a covenant from God – truly God will not break His

covenant – or tell you concerning God that which you know not? Nay, but whosoever has done evil and his sin surrounds him; such are rightful inhabitants of the Fire; they will abide therein. And those who believe and do good works: such are rightful inhabitants of the Garden. They will abide therein.

2:83-86 And (remember) when We made a covenant with the Children of Israel (saying): Worship none except God (only), and be good to parents and to kindred and to orphans and the needy, and speak good to people; and establish worship and pay the poor-due. Then, after that, you (the Children of Israel) slid back, except a few of you, being averse. And when We made with you (the Children of Israel) a covenant (saying): Shed not the blood of your people nor turn (a party of) your people out of your dwellings. Then you ratified (Our covenant) and you were witnesses (thereto). Yet you it is who slay each other and drive out a party of your people from their homes, supporting one another against them by sin and transgression. and if they came to you as captives you would ransom them. whereas their expulsion was itself unlawful for you. Believe you in part of the Scripture and disbelieve you in part thereof? And what is the reward of those who do so except humiliation in the life of the world, and on the Day of Resurrection they will be consigned to the most grievous punishment. For God is not unaware of what you (O Children of Israel) do. Such are those who buy the life of this world at the price of the Hereafter: Their punishment will not be lightened, neither will they have support.

2:87 And verily We gave to Moses the Scripture and We caused a train of Messengers to follow after him, and We gave to Jesus, son of Mary, clear proofs (like raising the dead and healing the sick, etc.), and We supported him with the holy Spirit.⁵ Is it ever so, that when there comes to you (the Children of Israel) a Messenger (from God) with that which you yourselves desire not, you grow arrogant, and some (of these Messengers) you disbelieve and some you slay?

2:88-90 And they say: Our hearts are hardened. Nay, but God has cursed them for their disbelief. Little is that which they believe. And when there comes to them a Scripture from God, confirming that in their possession. though before that they were asking for a decisive victory over those who disbelieved. and when there comes to them that which they know (to be the Truth) they disbelieve therein. The curse of God is on disbelievers. Evil is that for which they sell their souls: that they should disbelieve in that which God has revealed, grudging that God should reveal of His bounty to whom He wills of His bondmen. They have incurred anger upon anger. For disbelievers is a shameful punishment.

2:91-93 And when it is said to them: Believe in that which God has revealed, they say: We believe in that which was revealed to us. And they disbelieve in that which comes after it, though it is the truth confirming that which they possess. Say (to them, O Muhammad): Why then slew you the Prophets of God aforetime, if you are (indeed) believers? And Moses came to you with clear proofs (of God's supreme power), yet, while he was away, you chose the calf (for worship) and you were wrongdoers. And when We made with you a covenant and caused the Mount to tower above you, (saying):

Hold fast by that which We have given you, and hear (Our Word), they said: We hear and we rebel. And (worship of) the calf was made to sink into their hearts because of their rejection (of the covenant). Say (to them): Evil is that which your belief enjoins on you, if you are believers.

2:94-96 Say (to them): If the abode of the Hereafter in the providence of God is indeed for you alone and not for other people (as you claim), then long for death if you are truthful. But they will never long for it, because of that which their own hands have sent

⁵ 'The holy Spirit' is a term for the angel of Revelation, Gabriel (on whom be peace).

before them. God is Aware of evildoers. And you will find them (Jews) more greedy of all people and the polytheists for a little life. (Each) one of them would like to be allowed to live a thousand years. And to live (a thousand years) would by no means remove him from the (due) punishment. God is Seer of what they do.

2:97-98 Say (O Muhammad to the Children of Israel): Who is an enemy to Gabriel? For he it is who has revealed (this Scripture) to your heart by God's leave, confirming that which was (revealed) before it, and a guidance and glad tidings to believers. Who is an enemy to God, and His angels and His Messengers, and Gabriel and Michael! Then, lo! God (Himself) is an enemy to the disbelievers.

2:99-100 Verily We have revealed to you clear signs, and only miscreants will disbelieve in them. Is it ever so that when you (the Children of Israel) make a covenant, a party of you set it aside? The truth is, most of them believe not.

2:101-103 And when there comes to (the Children of Israel) a Messenger from God, confirming that which they possess, a party of those who have received the Scripture fling the Scripture of God behind their backs as if they knew not. And follow that which the satans falsely related about the power of Solomon. Solomon disbelieved not; but the satans disbelieved, teaching people sorcery and that which was revealed to the two angels in Babel, Harut and Marut. Nor did they (the two angels) teach it to anyone till they had said: We are only a temptation, therefore disbelieve not (by learning sorcery). And from these two (angels) people learn that by which they cause division between man and wife; and they cannot harm anyone with its effect except by God's permission. And they learn that which harms them and profits them not. And surely they do know that he who traffics therein will have no (happy) portion in the Hereafter; and surely evil is the price for which they sell their souls, if they but knew. And if they had believed and kept from evil, a recompense from God would be better, if they only knew.

2:104-105 O you who believe, say not (to the Prophet): 'Listen to us,' but say: 'Look upon us,' and be you listeners.⁶ For disbelievers is a painful punishment. Neither those who disbelieve among the People of the Scripture nor the polytheists love that there should be sent down to you any good thing from your Lord. But God chooses for His mercy whom He wills, and God is of infinite bounty.

2:106-108 Such of Our revelations as We abrogate or cause to be forgotten, we bring (in place) one better or the like thereof. Know you not that God is Able to do all things? Know you not that it is God to Whom belongs the supreme power of the heavens and the earth; and you have not, beside God, any protector or helper? Or would you question your Messenger as Moses was questioned aforetime? He who chooses disbelief instead of faith, verily he has gone astray from a plain road.

2:109 Many of the People of the Scripture long to make you disbelievers after your belief, through envy on their own account, after the truth has become manifest to them. Forgive and be indulgent (toward them) until God gives command. Lo! God is Able to do all things.

2:110 Establish worship, and pay the poor-due; and whatever of good you send before (you) for your souls, you will find it with God. Lo! God is Seer of what you do.

2:111 And they say: None enters Paradise unless he be a Jew or a Christian. These are their own desires. Say: Bring your proof (of what you state) if you are truthful.

⁶ Earlier, the Muslims used to say *Ra`ina* respectfully to get the attention of the Prophet, whereas in Hebrew this word conveys a derogatory meaning and the Jews used to say it to the Prophet with bad intentions, so it was replaced.

2:112 Nay, but whosoever surrenders his purpose to God while doing good, his reward is with his Lord; and there shall no fear come upon them neither shall they grieve.

2:113 And the Jews say: The Christians follow nothing (true), and the Christians say: The Jews follow nothing (true); yet both are readers of the Scripture. Even thus speak those who know not. God will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection concerning that wherein they differ.

2:114 And who does greater wrong than he who forbids the approach to the mosques of God lest His name should be mentioned therein, and strives for their ruin? As for such (individuals), it was not proper that they should enter them except fearing. Theirs in the world is humiliation and theirs in the

Hereafter is an awful punishment.

2:115 To God belong the east and the west, and wherever you turn, there is God's direction. Lo! God is All-Embracing, All-Knowing.

2:116-117 And they say: God has taken to Himself a son. Be He glorified! Nay, but whatsoever is in the heaven and the earth is His. All are subservient to Him. The Originator of the heavens and the earth! When He decrees a thing, He says to it only: Be! And it is.

2:118 And those who have no knowledge say: Why does not God speak to us, or some sign come to us? Even thus, as they now speak, spoke those (who were) before them. Their hearts are all alike.

2:119 Lo! We have sent you (O Muhammad) with the truth, a bringer of glad tidings and a warner. And you will not be asked about the inhabitants of Hell-fire.

2:120-121 And the Jews will not be pleased with you, nor will the Christians, till you follow their creed. Say: Lo! The guidance of God (Himself) is the (only) guidance. And if you should follow their desires after the knowledge which has come to you, then would you have from God no protector nor helper. Those to whom We have given the Scripture, who read it with the right reading, those believe in it. And whoso disbelieve in it, those are they who are the losers.

2:122-123 O Children of Israel! Remember My favor wherewith I favored you and how I referred you to (all) creatures. And guard (yourselves) against a Day when no soul will in anything avail another, nor will compensation be accepted from it, nor will intercession be of use to it; nor will they be helped.

2:124 And (remember) when his Lord tried Abraham with (His) commands, and he fulfilled them, He said: Lo! I have appointed you a leader for people. (Abraham) said: And of my offspring (will there be leaders)? He said: My covenant includes not the wrongdoers.

2:125 And when We made the House (at Mecca) a resort for people and a sanctuary (saying): Take as your place of worship the place where Abraham stood (to pray). And We imposed a duty upon Abraham and Ishmael (saying): Purify My House for those who go around and those who meditate therein and those who bow down and prostrate themselves (in worship).

2:126 And when Abraham prayed: My Lord! Make it (Mecca) a secure town and bestow upon its people fruitage, such of them as believe in God and the Last Day. He answered: As for him who disbelieves, I shall leave him in contentment for a while, then I shall compel him to the punishment of Fire – an evil journey's end!

2:127-129 And when Abraham and Ishmael were raising the foundations of the House, (Abraham prayed:) Our Lord! Accept from us (this duty). Lo! You, only You, are the Hearer, the Knower. Our Lord! And make us Muslims (submissive to You) and of our seed a Muslim nation (submissive to You), and show us our ways of worship, and forgive toward us. Lo! You, only You, are the Forgiving, the Merciful. Our Lord! And raise up in their midst a Messenger from among them who shall recite to them Your revelations, and shall instruct them in the Scripture and in wisdom and shall purify them of their sins. Lo! You, only You, are the Mighty, the Wise.

2:130-133 And who forsakes the religion of Abraham except him who befools himself? Verily We chose (Abraham) in the world, and lo! In the Hereafter he is among the righteous. When his Lord said to him: Surrender! He said: I have surrendered to the Lord of the Worlds. The same did Abraham enjoin upon his sons, and also Jacob (saying): O my sons! Lo! God has chosen for you the (true) religion; therefore die not except as Muslims (who have surrendered to Him). Or were you present when death came to Jacob, when he said to his sons: What will you worship after me? They said: We shall worship your God, the God of your fathers, Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac, One God, and to Him we have surrendered (as Muslims).

2:134 Those are a people who have passed away. Theirs is that which they earned, and yours is that which you earn. And you will not be asked of what they used to do.

2:135-136 And they say: Be Jews or Christians, then you will be rightly guided. Say (to them, O Muhammad): Nay, but (we follow) the religion of Abraham, the upright, and he was not of the polytheists. Say (O Muslims): We believe in God and that which is revealed to us and that which was revealed to Abraham, and Ishmael, and Isaac, and Jacob, and the Tribes, and that which Moses and Jesus received, and that which the Prophets received from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and to Him we have surrendered (as Muslims).

2:137 And if they believe in the like of that which you believe, then are they rightly guided. But if they turn away, then are they in schism, and God will suffice you (for defense) against them. He is the Hearer, the Knower.

2:138 (Our religion is) the religion of God (Islam) and which religion can be better than God's? We are His worshippers.

2:139-141 Say (to the People of the Scripture): Dispute you with us concerning God when He is our Lord and your Lord? Ours are our works and yours your works. We worship Him alone. Or say you that Abraham, and Ishmael, and Isaac, and Jacob, and the Tribes were Jews or Christians? Say: Do you know best, or does God? And who is more unjust than he who hides a testimony which he has received from God? God is not unaware of what you do. Those are a people who have passed away; theirs is that which they earned and yours that which you earn. And you will not be asked of what they used to do.

2:142 The foolish of the people will say: What has turned them from the Qiblah (prayer direction) which they formerly observed? Say : To God belong the east and the west . He guides whom He wills to a straight path.

2:143 Thus We have appointed you a middle nation, that you may be witnesses against humankind, and that the Messenger may be a witness against you. And We appointed the Qiblah which you formerly observed only that We might know him who follows the Messenger, from him who turns on his heels . In truth it was a hard (test) except for those whom God guided. But it was not God's purpose that your faith should be in vain, for God is full of pity, Merciful toward people.

2:144-145 We have seen the turning of your face to heaven (for guidance, O Muhammad). And now verily We shall make you turn (in prayer) toward a Qiblah that is dear to you. So

turn your face toward the Inviolable Place of Worship (i.e., the mosque of Mecca), and you (O Muslims), wherever you may be, turn your faces (when you pray) toward it. Lo! Those who have received the Scripture know that (this revelation) is the truth from their Lord. And God is not unaware of what they do. And even if you brought to those who have received the Scripture all kinds of signs, they would not follow your Qiblah, nor can you be a follower of their Qiblah; nor are some of them followers of the Qiblah of others. And if you should follow their desires after the knowledge that has come to you, then surely you would be of the evildoers.

2:146-147 Those to whom We gave the Scripture recognize (this revelation) as they recognize their sons. But lo! A party of them knowingly conceals the truth. It is the truth from your Lord (O Muhammad), so be not you of those who waver.

2:148 And to everyone there is a direction to which he should turn; so vie with one another in good works. Wherever you may be, God will bring you all together. Lo! God is Able to do all things.

2:149-150 And wherever you come forth (for prayer, O Muhammad) turn your face toward the Inviolable Place of Worship. Lo! It is the truth from your Lord, and God is not unaware of what you do. Wherever you come forth turn your face toward the Inviolable Place of Worship; and wherever you may be (O Muslims), turn your faces toward it (when you pray), so that people may have no argument against you, except such of them who are troublemakers. Fear them not, but fear Me. so that I may complete My grace upon you, and that you may be guided.

2:151-152 Even as We have sent to you a Messenger from among you, who recites to you Our revelations and purifies you, and teaches you the Scripture and wisdom, and teaches you that which you knew not. Therefore remember Me, I will remember you. Give thanks to Me, and reject Me not.

2:153-157 O you who believe! Seek help in patience, and prayer. Lo! God is with the patient. And call not those who are slain in the way of God 'dead'. Nay, they are living, only you perceive it not. And surely We shall try you with something of fear and hunger, and loss of wealth and lives and crops; but give glad tidings to the patient; who say, when a misfortune strikes them: Lo! We belong to God, and lo! To Him we are returning. Such are they on whom are peace & blessings, and mercy from their Lord. Such are those who are the rightly guided.

2:158 Lo! (The mountains) Al-Safa and Al-Marwah are among the symbols of God. It is therefore no sin for him who is on pilgrimage to the House (of God) or visits it, to go between them. And he who does good of his own accord (for him), Lo! God is Responsive, Aware.

2:159-160 Those who hide the proofs and the guidance which We revealed, after We had made it clear in the Scripture: such are accursed of God and accursed of those who have the power to curse. Except such of them as repent and amend and make manifest (the truth). These are whose repentance I accept. I am the Forgiving, the Merciful.

2:161-162 Lo! Those who disbelieve, and die while they are disbelievers; on them is the curse of God and of angels and of people combined. They ever dwell therein. The punishment will not be lightened for them, neither will they be reprieved.

2:163 Your God is One God (so worship Him only); none should be worshipped but God alone, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

2:164-165 Lo! In the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the alteration of night and day, and the ships which run upon the sea with that which is of use to people, and the water which God sends down from the sky, thereby reviving the earth after its death, and

dispersing all kinds of beasts therein, and (in) the ordinance of the winds, and the clouds, obedient between heaven and earth: are signs (of God's supreme power) for people who have sense. Yet of people are some who take to themselves objects of worship, (which they set as) rivals to God, loving them with a love like (that which is the due) of God (only). Those who believe are stauncher in their love for God, (than those who worship others with God). Had (those who worship others with God) but known, (on the Day) when they behold the punishment, that power belongs wholly to God, and that God is severe in punishment!

2:166-167 (On the Day) when those who were followed disown those who followed (them), and they behold the punishment, and all their relations will be cut off. And those who were but followers will say: If a return were possible for us, we would disown them even as they have disowned us. Thus will God show them their own deeds as anguish for them, and they will not emerge from the Fire.

2:168-169 O people! Eat of that which is lawful and wholesome in the earth, and follow not the footsteps of Satan. Lo! He is an open enemy for you. He enjoins upon you only the evil and the foul, and that you should say concerning God that which you know not.

2:170-271 And when it is said to them: Follow that which God has revealed, they say: We follow that wherein we found our fathers. What! Even though their fathers did not understand anything and had no guidance? The similitude of those who disbelieve (in relation to the Messenger) is as that of one who calls to that which hears nothing except a shout and cry. Deaf, dumb and blind, therefore they have no sense.

2:172-173 O you who believe! Eat of the good things wherewith We have provided you, and render thanks to God if it is (indeed) He whom you worship. He has forbidden you only carrion, and blood, and swine flesh, and that which has been sacrificed in (the name of) any other than God. But he who is driven by necessity (to eat what has been forbidden), neither craving nor transgressing, it is no sin for him. Lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful. 2:174-176 Lo! Those who hide parts of the Scripture which God has revealed, and purchase a small gain therewith, they eat into their bellies nothing else than fire. God will not speak to them on the Day of Resurrection, nor will purify them of their sin. Theirs will be a painful punishment. Those are they who purchase error at the price of guidance, and torment at the price of pardon. How patiently they seek the Fire! That is because God has revealed the Scripture with the truth. Lo! Those who disputed as regards the Scripture are far away in opposition.

2:177 It is not in righteousness that you turn your faces to the east and the west; but righteous is he who believes in God and the Last Day and the angels and the Scripture and the Prophets; and gives his wealth, for love of (God), to kinsfolk and to orphans and the needy and the wayfarer and to those who ask, and to set slaves free; and observes proper worship and pays the poor-due. And those who keep their covenant when they make one, and the patient in tribulation and adversity and times of stress. Such are they who are sincere. Such are the God fearing.

2:178-179 O you who believe! (The Law of) Retaliation is prescribed for you in the matter of the murdered, the freeman for the freeman, and the slave for the slave, and the female for the female. And for him who is forgiven somewhat by his (injured) brother, then settle it on reasonable terms and payment should be made in fairness. This is alleviation and a mercy from your Lord. He who transgresses after this will have a painful punishment. And there is life for you in (the Law of) Retaliation, O men of understanding, that you may become pious.

2:180-182 It is prescribed for you, when one of you approaches death, if he leaves wealth, that he bequeaths to parents and near relatives in fairness. (This is) a duty upon the pious. And whoever changes (the will) after he has heard it, the sin thereof is only upon those who change it. Lo! God is Hearer, Knower. But he who fears from a testator some unjust

or sinful clause, and makes peace between the parties (by making amendments in the will according to mutual consent), (it shall be) no sin for him. Lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful.

2:183-185 O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you, even as it was prescribed for those before you. that you may become pious.(fast) a certain number of days; and (for) him who is sick among you, or on a journey, (let him fast the same number) on other days; and for those who can afford it there is a ransom: the feeding of a person in need. But whoever does good of his own accord, it is better for him: and that you fast is better for you if you did but know. The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Quran, a guidance for people, and clear proofs of the guidance, and the Criterion (of right and wrong). And whoever of you is present, let him fast the month, and whoever of you is sick or on a journey, (let him fast the same) number of other days. God desires for you, ease; He desires not hardship for you; and (He desires) that you should complete the period (of the fast), and that you should magnify God for having guided you, and that perhaps you may be thankful.

2:186 And when My servants question you concerning Me, then surely I am near. I answer the prayer of the suppliant when he cries to Me. So let them respond to My call and let them trust in Me, in order that they may be led aright.

2:187 It is made lawful for you to conjugate with your wives on the night of the fast. They are raiment for you and you are raiment for them. God is aware that you were deceiving yourselves in this respect and He has turned in mercy toward you and forgave you. So have conjugation with them and seek that which God has ordained for you, and eat and drink until the white thread becomes distinct to you from the black thread of the dawn. Then strictly observe the fast till nightfall and touch them not, but stay at your prayers in the mosques. These are the limits imposed by God, so approach them not. Thus God expounds His revelations to people that they may become pious.

2:188 And devour not your property among yourselves unjustly, nor seek by it to gain the hearing of the judges that you may knowingly devour a portion of the property of others wrongfully.

2:189 They ask you (O Muhammad) of new moons. Say: They are fixed seasons for people and for the pilgrimage. It is not righteousness that you go to houses by the backs thereof (as do the idolaters at certain seasons), but the righteous man is he who adopts piety. So go to houses by the gates thereof, and fear God, that you may be successful

2:190-193 Fight in the way of God against those who fight against you, but begin not hostilities. Lo! God loves not aggressors. And slay them wherever you find them and drive them out of the places whence they drove you out, for persecution is worse than slaughter. And fight not with them at the Inviolable Place of Worship (Mecca) until they first attack you there, but if they attack you (there) then slay them. Such is the reward of disbelievers. But if they desist, then lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful. And fight them until persecution is no more, and religion is for God (alone). But if they desist, then let there be no hostility except against wrongdoers.

2:194 The sacred month for the sacred month, (but) sacred things too are subject to retaliation. Then whoever attacks you, attack him in a like manner as he attacked you. And fear God, and know that God is with those who are pious.

2:195 Spend your wealth for the cause of God, and do not be cast by your own hands to ruin; and do good. Lo! God loves those who do good.

2:196-197 Perform the pilgrimage and the visit (to Mecca) for God. And if you are barred (from reaching Mecca) then send such offering for sacrifice such as you may find, and shave not your heads until the offerings have reached their destination. And whoever among you is sick or has an ailment of the head (necessitating shaving), must pay a

ransom of fasting or almsgiving or offering. And if you are in safety, then whosoever contents himself with the visit for the pilgrimage (shall make) such offering as can be had with ease. And whosoever cannot find such offering, then a fast of three days while on the pilgrimage, and seven, when you have returned (to your abode); that is, ten in all. That is for him whose folk are not present at the Inviolable Place of Worship. And fear God, and know that God is Severe in punishment. The pilgrimage is (in) the well-known months, and whoever is minded to perform the pilgrimage therein (let him remember that) there is (to be) no lewdness nor abuse nor angry conversation on the pilgrimage. And whatsoever good you do God knows it. So make provision for yourselves (for the Hereafter); for the best provision is piety. So fear Me, O people of understanding.

2:198-199 It is no sin for you that you seek the bounty of your Lord (by engaging in trade and commerce during the pilgrimage). But, when you press on in the multitude from Arafat, remember God by the Sacred Monument. Remember (God) as He has guided you, although before you were of those astray. Then hasten onward from the place whence the multitude hastens onward, and ask forgiveness of God. Lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful.

2:200-202 And when you have completed your devotions, then remember God as you remember your fathers or with a far more remembrance. But of people is he who says: 'Our Lord! Give to us in the world,' and he has no portion in the Hereafter. And of them (also) is he who says: 'Our Lord! Give to us in the world that which is good and in the Hereafter that which is good, and guard us from the punishment of Fire.' For them there is in store a goodly portion out of that which they have earned. God is Swift at reckoning.

2:203 Remember God through the appointed days. Then whoever hastens (his departure) by two days, it is no sin for him, and whoever delays, it is no sin for him. That is for him who adopts piety. And fear God, and know that to Him you will be gathered.

2:204-206 And among people there is he whose speech about the life of this world may please you, and he calls God to witness as to that which is in his heart; yet he is the most severe of the opponents. And when he turns away (from you) his effort in the land is to spread evil therein and to destroy the crops and the offspring; and God loves not evil. And when it is said to him: Fear God; pride takes him to sin. Hell will settle his account, an evil resting place.

2:207 And of people is he who would sell himself, seeking the pleasure of God; and God has compassion on (His) bondmen.

2:208-209 O you who believe! Come, all of you, into submission (to Him as Muslims); and follow not the footsteps of Satan. Lo! He is an open enemy for you. And if you slide back after the clear proofs have come to you, then know that God is Mighty, Wise.

2:210 Do they wait for nothing either than that God should come to them in the shadows of the clouds with the angels? Then the case would be already judged. All cases go back to God (for judgment). 2:211 Ask of the Children of Israel how many a clear revelation We gave them! He who alters the grace of God after it has come to him (for him), lo! God is Severe in punishment.

2:212 Beautified is the life of the world for those who disbelieve; they make a jest of the believers, but those who fear (God) will be above them on the Day of Resurrection. God gives without limit to whom He wills.

2:213 (All) people were one community (but then they differed, so) God sent (to them) Prophets as bearers of good tidings and as warners, and revealed therewith the Scripture with the truth that it might judge between people concerning that wherein they differed. But those to whom (the Scripture) was sent, due to hatred of one another differed in the same after clear proofs had come to them. And God by His will guided those who believed to the truth of that concerning which they differed. God guides whom He wills

to a straight path.

2:214 Or think you that you will enter Paradise while yet there has not come to you the like of (that which came to) those who passed away before you? Affliction and adversity befell them, they were shaken as with earthquake, till the Messenger (of God) and those who believed along with him said: When will God's help come? Now surely God's help is near.

2:215 They ask you (O Muhammad) as to what they shall spend. Say: That which you spend for good (must go) to parents and near kindred and orphans and the needy and the wayfarer. And whatever good you do, lo! God is Aware of it.

2:216 Warfare is ordained for you, though it is hateful to you; but it may happen that you hate a thing, which is good for you, and it may happen that you love a thing, which is bad for you. God knows, and you know not.

2:217 They question you (O Muhammad) with regard to warfare in the sacred month. Say: Warfare therein is a great (transgression), but to turn (men) from the way of God, and to disbelieve in Him, and in the Inviolable Place of Worship (Mecca), and to expel his people thence, is a greater (transgression) with God; for persecution is worse than killing. And they will not cease from fighting against you until they have made you apostates from your religion, if they can. And whoso becomes an apostate and dies in his disbelief: such are they whose works have fallen both in the world and the Hereafter. Such are rightful inhabitants of the Fire: they will abide therein.

2:218 Lo! Those who believe, and those who emigrate (to escape the persecution) and fought hard in the way of God, they have hope of God's mercy. God is Forgiving, Merciful.

2:219-220 They question you about strong drink and games of chance. Say: In both is great sin, and (some) utility for men; but the sin of them is greater than their usefulness. And they ask you what they should spend. Say: That which is superfluous. Thus God makes plain to you (His) revelations that perhaps you may reflect upon the world and the Hereafter. And they question you concerning orphans. Say: To improve their lot is best. And if you mingle your affairs with theirs then (they are) your brothers. God knows him who impairs from him who improves. Had God willed, He could have overburdened you. God is Mighty, Wise.

2:221 Wed not polytheist women till they believe, for lo! A believing bondwoman is better than a free idolatress though she please you; and give not your daughters in marriage to polytheists till they believe, for lo! A believing slave is better than a free idolater though he please you. These invite to the Fire, and God invites to the Garden, and to forgiveness by His grace, and expounds thus His revelations to people that perhaps they may remember.

2:222 They question you (O Muhammad) concerning menstruation. Say: It is a harmful thing (for a husband), so let women alone at such time and approach them not till they are cleansed (from their menses). And when they have cleansed themselves, then approach them as God has enjoined upon you. Truly God loves those who turn to Him, and loves those who have a care for cleanness.

2:223-225 Your women are a tilth for you so go to your tilth as you will, and send (good deeds) before you for your souls, and fear God, and know that you will (one day) meet Him. Give glad tidings to believers, (O Muhammad). And make not God, by your oaths, a hindrance to your being righteous and observing piety and making peace among people. God is Hearer, Knower. God will not take you to task for that which is unintentional in your oaths. But He will take you to task for that which your hearts have garnered. God is Forgiving, Forbearing.

2:226-227 Those who forswear (sexual relations with) their wives (for) four months (or more); then if they change their mind, lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful. But if they decide upon divorce, then God is Hearer, Knower.

2:228 Women who are divorced shall wait, keeping themselves apart, three (monthly) courses. And it is not lawful for them that they should conceal that which God has created in their wombs if they are believers in God and the Last Day. And their husbands would do better to take them back in that case if they desire reconciliation. And they (women) have rights similar to those (of men) over them in a just manner, and men are a degree above them. God is Mighty, Wise.

2:229 Divorce must be pronounced twice and then (a woman) must be retained in honor or released in a just manner. And it is not lawful for you that you take from women anything of that which you have given them; except (in the case) when both fear that they may not be able to keep within the limits (imposed by) God. And if you fear that they may not be able to keep the limits of God, in that case it is no sin for either of them if the woman ransoms herself. These are the limits (imposed by) God. Transgress them not. For whoever transgresses God's limits: such are wrongdoers.

2:230-231 And if he has divorced her (the third time), then she is not lawful to him thereafter until she has wedded another husband. Then if he (the other husband) divorces her it is no sin for both of them that they come together again if they consider that they are able to observe the limits of God. These are the limits of God. He manifests them for people who have knowledge. When you have divorced women, and they have reached their term, then retain them in a just manner or release them in a just manner. Retain them not to their hurt so that you transgress (the limits). He who does that has wronged his soul. Make not the revelations of God a laughing stock (by your behavior), but remember God's grace upon you and that which He has revealed to you of the Scripture and of wisdom, whereby He does exhort you. Fear God and know that God is Aware of all things.

2:232 And when you have divorced women and they reach their term, place not difficulties in the way of their (re)marrying their husbands if it is agreed between them in a just manner. This is an admonition for him among you who believe in God and the Last Day. That is more virtuous for you, and purer. God knows: you know not.

2:233 Mothers shall suckle their children for two whole years, (that is) for those who wish to complete the suckling. The duty of feeding and clothing nursing mothers in a seemly manner is upon the father of the child. No one should be charged beyond his capacity. A mother should not be made to suffer because of her child, nor should he, to whom the child is born (be made to suffer) because of his child. And on the (father's) heir is incumbent the like of that (which was incumbent on the father). If they desire to wean the child by mutual consent and (after) consultation, it is no sin for them; and if you wish to give your children out to nurse, it is no sin for you, provided that you pay what is due from you in kindness. Fear God, and know that God is the Seer of what you do.

2:234 Such of you as die and leave behind them wives, they (the wives) shall wait (and not remarry), keeping themselves apart, four months and ten days. And when they reach the term (prescribed for them) then there is no sin for you in anything that they may do with themselves in a just manner. God is informed of what you do.

2:235 There is no sin for you to openly propose marriage to such women or to cherish them in your hearts. God knows that you will think of them. Do not arrange to meet them in secret, and if you do, speak to them honorably. And do not consummate the marriage until (the term) prescribed is run. Know that God knows what is in your minds, so beware of Him; and know that God is Forgiving, Forbearing.

2:236-237 It is no sin for you if you divorce women before the marriage is consummated

or the dowry settled. Provide for them, the rich, according to his means, and the straitened according to his means, a reasonable amount. (This is) a bounden duty for those who do good. If you divorce them before you have consummated the marriage, but after their dowry has been settled, give them the half of their dowry, unless they (the women) agree to forgo it, or he agrees to forgo it in whose hand is the marriage tie. To forgo is nearer to piety. And forget not kindness among yourselves. God is the Seer of what you do.

2:238-239 Be guardians of your prayers, and of the middle prayer, and stand up with devotion to God. And if you are in danger, then (you may pray) standing or riding. And when you are again in safety, remember God, as He has taught you that which you knew not.

2:240-242 And those of you who are about to die and leave behind them wives, they should bequeath for their wives a year's maintenance and residence without turning them out, but if they leave (of their own) there is no sin for you in that which they do of themselves provided it is honorable. God is Mighty, Wise. And for divorced women a reasonable maintenance: a duty for those who are pious. Thus God expounds to you His revelations so that you may understand.

2:243-244 Have you not considered those of old, who went forth from their habitations in their thousands, fearing death, and God said to them: Die, and then He brought them back to life. Lo! God is Lord of kindness to people, but most of the people give not thanks. Fight in the way of God, and know that God is the Hearer, Knower.

2:245 Who is it that will lend to God a goodly loan, so that He may give it increase manifold? God straitens and enlarges. To Him you will return.

2:246 Have you not considered the leaders of the Children of Israel after Moses, how they said to a Prophet whom they had: Set up for us a king and we will fight in God's way. He said: Would you then refrain from fighting if fighting were prescribed for you? They said: Why should we not fight in God's way when we have been driven from our dwellings with our children? Yet, when fighting was prescribed for them, they turned away, all except a few of them. God is Aware of evildoers.

2:247 Their Prophet said to them: Lo! God has raised up Saul to be a king for you. They said: How can he be king over us when we are more deserving of the kingdom than he is, since he has not been given wealth enough? He said: Lo! God has chosen him above you, and has increased him abundantly in wisdom and stature. God bestows His kingdom on whom He wills. God is All-Embracing, All-Knowing.

2:248 And their Prophet said to them: Lo! The sign of his kingdom (being from God) is that there shall come to you the ark wherein is peace of reassurance from your Lord, and a remnant of that which the house of Moses and the house of Aaron left behind, the angels bearing it. Lo! Herein shall be a sign for you if (in truth) you are believers.

2:249 And when Saul set out with the army, he said: Lo! God will try you by (the ordeal of) a river. Whoever therefore drinks thereof, he is not of me, and whoever tastes it not he is of me, except he who takes with his hand as much of it as fills the hand. But they drank thereof, all except a few of them. And after he had crossed (the river), he and those who believed with him, they said: We have no power this day against Goliath and his hosts. But those who knew that they would meet their Lord, exclaimed: How (often has) a little company has overcome a mighty host by God's leave! God is with the patient.

2:250-251 And when they went into the field against Goliath and his hosts they said: Our Lord! Bestow on us patience, make our foothold sure, and give us help against the disbelieving folk. So they routed them by God's leave and David slew Goliath; and God gave (David) the kingdom and wisdom, and taught him of that which He willed. And if God had not repelled some people by others, the earth would have been corrupted. But

God is Lord of kindness to (His) creatures.

2:252 These are the signs of God that We recite to you (O Muhammad) with truth, and Lo! You are (one) of (Our) Messengers.

2:253 Of those Messengers, some of whom We have caused to excel others, and of those there are some to whom God spoke, while some of them He exalted (above others) in degree; and We gave Jesus, son of Mary, clear proofs and We supported him with the holy Spirit (i.e., the angel Gabriel) . And if God had so willed it, those who followed after them (the Messengers) would not have fought with one another after the clear proofs had come to them. But they differed, some of them believing and some disbelieving. And if God had so willed it, they would not have fought with one another; but God does what He wills.

2:254 O you who believe! Spend of that which We have provided you before a Day comes when there will be no trafficking, nor friendship, nor intercession. The disbelievers, they are the wrongdoers.

2:255 God! None should be worshipped but God alone, the Alive, the Eternal. Neither slumber nor sleep overtakes Him. To Him belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth. Who is he that intercedes with Him except by His leave? He knows that which is in front of them and that which is behind them, while they encompass nothing of His knowledge except what He wills. His Throne extends across the heavens and the earth, and He is never weary of preserving them. He is the Sublime, the Tremendous.

2:256 There is no compulsion in religion. The right direction is henceforth distinct from error. And he who rejects false deities and believes in God, has grasped a firm handhold which will never break. God is Hearer, Knower.

2:257 God is the Guardian (and Protector) of those who believe. He brings them out of darkness into light. As for those who disbelieve, their patrons are false deities. They bring them out of light into darkness. Such are rightful inhabitants of the Fire. They will abide therein.

2:258 Have you not considered him who had an argument with Abraham about his Lord, because God had given him the kingdom; how, when Abraham said: My Lord is He Who gives life and causes death, he answered: I give life and cause death. Abraham said: Lo! God causes the sun to rise in the east, so you cause it to come up from the west. Thus was the disbeliever absolutely defeated. And God guides not wrongdoing folk.

2:259 Or (consider you of) the like of him who, passing by a township which had fallen into utter ruin, exclaimed: How shall God bring this township to life after its death? And God made him die a hundred years, then brought him back to life. (God) said (to him): How long have you tarried? (The man) said: I have tarried a day or part of a day. (God) said: Nay, but you have tarried for a hundred years. Just look at your food and drink which have rotted! Look at your donkey! And, that We may make of you a sign for people, look at the bones, how We bring them together and then cover them with flesh! And when (the matter) became clear to him, he said: I know now that God is Able to do all things.

2:260 And when Abraham said (to his Lord): My Lord! Show me how You give life to the dead, He said: Do you not believe? Abraham said: Yes, but (I ask) in order that my heart may be at ease. (His Lord) said: Take four of the birds and train them to follow you, then (slaughter them and) place a part of them on each hill, then call them, they will come to you in haste. And know that God is Mighty, Wise.

2:261-263 The similitude of those who spend their wealth in God's way is as that of a grain which grows seven ears, in every ear a hundred grains. God gives increase manifold to whom He wills. God is All-Embracing, All-Knowing. Those who spend their wealth for

the cause of God and afterward make not reproach and injury to follow that which they have spent; their reward is with their Lord, and no fear shall come upon them, nor shall they grieve. A kind word with forgiveness is better than almsgiving followed by injury. God is Absolute, Forbearing.

2:264-267 O you who believe! Render not vain your almsgiving by reproach and injury, like him who spends his wealth only to be seen of men and believes not in God and the Last Day. His similitude is as that of a rock whereon is the dust of earth; on it falls heavy rain leaving it smooth and bare. They have no control of any kind to that which they have gained. God guides not the disbelieving folk. And the similitude of those who spend their wealth in search of God's pleasure, and for the strengthening of their souls, is as that of a garden on a height. Heavy rain falls on it and it brings forth its fruit twofold. And if it does not receive heavy rain, then light rain suffices it. God is the Seer of what you do. Would any of you like to have a garden of palm trees and vines, with rivers flowing underneath it, with all kinds of fruit for him therein; and old age has stricken him and he has feeble offspring; and a fiery whirlwind strikes it and it is (all) consumed by fire. Thus God makes plain His revelations to you, in order that you may give thought. O you who believe! Spend of the good things which you have earned, and of that which we bring forth from the earth for you, and seek not the bad (with intent) to spend thereof (in charity) when you would not take it for yourselves except with disdain; and know that God is Absolute, Owner of praise.

2:268 Satan promises you destitution and enjoins on you lewdness. But God promises you forgiveness from Himself with bounty. God is All-Embracing, All-Knowing.

2:269 He gives wisdom to whom He wills, and he, to whom wisdom is given, he truly has received abundant good, but none remember except men of understanding.

2:270-271 Whatever alms you spend, or vow you vow, lo! God knows it, and wrongdoers have no helpers. If you publish your almsgiving, it is well, but if you hide it and give it to the poor, it will be better for you, and will atone for some of your ill deeds. God is informed of what you do.

2:272 The guiding of them is not your duty (O Muhammad), but God guides whom He wills. And whatever good thing you spend, it is for yourselves, when you spend not except in search of God's Face; and whatever good thing you spend, it will be repaid to you in full, and you will not be wronged.

2:273-274 (Alms are) for the poor who are straitened in the cause of God, who cannot travel in the land (for trade). The one who knows them not, thinks that they are rich because of their modesty. You shall know them by their mark: They do not beg of men with importunity. And whatsoever good thing you spend, lo! God knows it. Those who spend their wealth by night and day, by stealth and openly, verily their reward is with their Lord, and there shall no fear come upon them neither shall they grieve.

2:275-276 Those that live on usury shall rise up before God like men whom Satan has demented by his touch. That is because they say: Trade is just like usury; whereas God permits trading and forbids usury. He to whom an admonition from his Lord comes, and (he) refrains (in obedience thereto), he shall keep (the profits of) that which is past, and his affairs (henceforth) are with God. As for him who returns (to usury), such are rightful inhabitants of the (Hell) Fire. They will abide therein. God has blighted usury and made almsgiving fruitful. God loves not the sinful disbelievers.

2:277-279 Lo! Those who believe and do good works and establish worship and pay the poor-due, their reward is with their Lord and no fear shall come upon them nor shall they grieve. O you who believe! Fear God, and give up what remains (due to you) from usury, if you are (in truth) believers. And if you do not, then be warned of war (against you) from God and His Messenger. And if you repent, then you have your principal (without

interest). Wrong not, and you shall not be wronged.

2:280-281 And if the debtor is in straitened circumstances, then (let there be) postponement to (the time of) ease; and that you remit the debt as almsgiving, it would be better for you if you did but know. And guard yourselves against a Day in which you will be brought back to God. Then every soul will be paid in full that which it has earned, and they will not be wronged.

2:282 O you who believe! When you contract a debt for a fixed term, record it in writing. Let someone (learned) write down in justice. No person (able to write) should refuse to write as God has taught him, so let him write, and let him who incurs the debt dictate, and let him observe his duty to God, his Lord, and diminish not thereof. But if he who owes the debt is an ignorant or feeble-minded person, or unable himself to dictate, then let the guardian of his interests dictate in justice. And call to witness, from among your men, two witnesses. And if two men be not (at hand) then a man and two women, of such as you approve as witnesses, so that if one (woman) errs (through forgetfulness) the other will remember. And the witnesses must not refuse when they are summoned. Be not averse to writing down (the contract) whether it is small or great, with (record of) the term thereof. That is more equitable in the sight of God and better for testimony, and the best way of avoiding doubt between you; except only in the case when it is actual merchandise that you transfer among yourselves from hand to hand. In that case it is no sin on you if you write it not. See that witnesses are present when you sell to one another, and let no harm be done to the person who wrote or the witness. If you do (harm to them) lo! It is a sin in you. Fear God, and God will teach you. And God is Knower of all things.

2:283-284 If you be on a journey and cannot find someone to write, then a pledge in hand (shall suffice). And if one of you entrusts to another let him who is trusted deliver up that which is entrusted to him (according to the pact between them) and let him be afraid of God. Hide not testimony. He who hides it, verily his heart is sinful. God is Aware of what you do. To God (belongs) whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth; and whether you make known what is in your minds or hide it, God will bring you to account for it. He will forgive whom He will and He will punish whom He will. God is Able to do all things.

2:285-286 The Messenger believes in that which has been revealed to him from his Lord and (so do) the believers. Each one believes in God and His angels and His Scriptures and His Messengers. (They say:) We make no distinction between any of His Messengers; and they say: We hear, and we obey. (Grant us) Your forgiveness, our Lord, To You is the journeying. God tasks not a soul beyond its scope, for it (is only) that which it has earned, and against it (only) that which it has deserved. Our Lord! Condemn us not if we forget, or miss the mark! Our Lord! Lay not on us such a burden as You did lay on those before us! Our Lord! Impose not on us that which we have not the strength to bear! Pardon us, absolve us and have mercy on us, You are our Protector, and give us victory over the disbelieving folk.

3. Aal Imran: The Family of Imran

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

3:1 *Alif. Lam. Mim.*

3:2-4 God! None should be worshipped but God alone, the Alive, the Eternal. He has revealed to you (O Muhammad) the Scripture with truth, confirming that which was (revealed) before it, even as He revealed the Torah and the Gospel aforetime, for a guidance to people; and has revealed the Criterion (of right and wrong). Lo! Those who disbelieve the revelations of God, theirs will be a heavy punishment. God is Mighty, Able

to requite (the wrong).

3:5-6 Lo! Nothing in the earth or in the heavens is hidden from God. It is He, Who fashions you in the wombs as pleases Him. None should be worshipped but God alone, the Almighty, the Wise.

3:7-9 It is He, Who has revealed to you (O Muhammad) the Scripture wherein are definite revelations. They are the substance of the Book. and others (which are) indefinite. But those in whose hearts is doubt pursue, forsooth, that which is indefinite seeking (to cause) dissension by seeking to explain it. None knows its explanation except God. And those who are of sound instruction say: We believe therein; the whole is from our Lord; but only men of understanding really heed. Our Lord! Cause not our hearts to stray after You have guided us, and bestow upon us mercy from Your Presence. Lo! You, only You are the Bestower. Our Lord! It is You Who will gather people together to a Day of which there is no doubt. Lo! God fails not to keep the promise.

3:10-11 (On that Day) neither the riches nor the progeny of those who disbelieve will avail them anything with God. They will be fuel for fire. Like Pharaoh's folk and those who were before them, they disbelieved Our revelations and so God seized them for their sins. And God is Severe in punishment.

3:12-13 Say (O Muhammad) to those who disbelieve: You shall be overcome and gathered to Hell, an evil resting place. There was a sign for you in two hosts which met: one army fighting in the way of God, and another disbelieving; whom (the disbelievers) saw as twice their (real) number clearly with their very eyes. Thus God strengthens with His succor whom He wills. Lo! Herein verily is a lesson for those who have eyes.

3:14 Beautified for people is love of the joys (that come) from women and offspring, and stored up heaps of gold and silver, and horses branded (with their mark), and cattle and land. That is comfort of the life of the world. God! With Him is a more excellent abode.

3:15-17 Say: Shall I inform you of something better than that? For the pious, with their Lord, are Gardens underneath which rivers flow, and pure companions, and contentment from God. God is the Seer of His bondmen, those who say: Our Lord! Lo! We believe. So forgive us our sins and guard us from the punishment of Fire; the patient, and the truthful, and the obedient, those who spend (and hoard not), and those who pray for (God's) pardon in the watches of the night.

3:18 God (Himself) is witness that none should be worshipped but God alone. The angels and the men of learning (too are witness). Maintaining His creation in justice, none should be worshipped but God alone, the Almighty, the Wise.

3:19 Lo! Religion with God (is) Islam (i.e., surrendering to God alone by worship and obedience) . Those who (formerly) received the Scripture differed only after knowledge came to them, through transgression among themselves. Whoso disbelieves the revelations of God (will find that), lo! God is Swift at reckoning.

3:20 And if they argue with you, (O Muhammad), say: I have surrendered my being to God and (so have) those who follow me. And say to those who have received the Scripture and those who are unlettered: Have you (too) surrendered? If they surrender (by becoming Muslims), then truly they are rightly guided, and if they turn away, then it is your duty only to convey the message (to them). God is the Seer of (His) bondmen.

3:21-22 Lo! Those who disbelieve the revelations of God, and slay the Prophets wrongfully, and slay those people who enjoin equity; promise them a painful punishment. Those are they whose works have failed in the world and the Hereafter; and they have no helpers.

3:23-25 Have you not seen how those who have received the Scripture invoke the Scripture of God (in their disputes) that it may judge between them; then a faction of them turned away, being opposed (to it)? That is because they say: The Fire (of Hell) will not touch us except for a certain number of days. That which they used to invent has deceived them regarding their religion. How (will it be with them) when We have brought them all together to a Day of which there is no doubt, when every soul will be paid in full what it has earned, and they will not be wronged.

3:26-27 Say: O God! Owner of supreme power! You give power to whom You will, and You withdraw power from whom You will. You exalt whom You will and You abase whom You will. In Your Hand is the good. Lo! You are able to do all things. You cause the night to pass into the day, and You cause the day to pass into the night. And You bring forth the living from the dead, and You bring forth the dead from the living. And You give sustenance to whom You choose, without limit.

3:28 Let not the believers take disbelievers for their helpers (and protectors) in preference to believers. Whoever does that will never be helped by God in any way, except if you indeed fear a danger from them. God warns you of Himself. To God is the journeying.

3:29 Say (O Muhammad): Whether you hide that which is in your breasts or reveal it, God knows it. He knows that which is in the heavens and that which is in the earth, and God is Able to do all things.

3:30 On the Day when every soul will find itself confronted with all that it has done of good and all that it has done of evil, (every soul) will long that there might be a mighty space of distance between it and that (evil). God warns you of Himself. And God is full of pity for (His) bondmen.

3:31-32 Say (O Muhammad to people): If you love God, follow me; God will love you and forgive you your sins. God is Forgiving, Merciful. Say: Obey God and the Messenger. But if they turn away, lo! God loves not the disbelievers (in His guidance).

3:33-34 Lo! God preferred Adam and Noah and the family of Abraham and the family of Imran above (all His) creatures. They were descendants one of another. God is Hearer, Knower.

3:35-37 (Remember) when the wife of Imran said: My Lord I have vowed to You that which is in my belly to be devoted (to Your service and worship). Accept this from me. Lo! You, only You, are the Hearer, the Knower! And when she was delivered she said: My Lord! Lo! I am delivered of a female. God knew best of what she was delivered. the male is not as the female, and lo! I have named her Mary, and lo! I crave Your protection for her and for her offspring from Satan the outcast. And her Lord accepted her with full acceptance and bestowed to her a goodly growth; and made Zachariah her guardian. Whenever Zachariah went into the sanctuary where she was, he found that she had food. He said: O Mary! From where does this food come to you? She answered: It is from God. God gives without limit to whom He wills.

3:38-41 Then Zachariah prayed to his Lord and said: My Lord! Bestow upon me of Your bounty, goodly offspring. Lo! You are the Hearer of prayer. And the angels called to him as he stood praying in the sanctuary: God gives you glad tidings of (a son whose name is) John, (who comes) to confirm a Word from God, lordly, chaste, a Prophet of the righteous. He said: My Lord! How can I have a son when age has overtaken me already and my wife is barren? (The angel) answered: So (it will be). God does what He wills. He said: My Lord! Appoint a sign for me. (The angel) said: The sign to you (shall be) that you will not speak to people three days except by signals. Remember your Lord much, and praise (Him) in the early hours of night and morning.

3:42-43 And when the angels said: O Mary! Lo! God has chosen you and made you pure,

and has preferred you above (all) the women of creation. O Mary! Be obedient to your Lord, prostrate yourself and bow with those who bow (in worship).

3:44 This is of the news of things unknown (to you). We reveal it to you (O Muhammad). You were not present with them when they threw their lots (to know) which of them should be the guardian of Mary, nor were you present with them when they quarreled (regarding that).

3:45-48 When the angels said: O Mary! God gives you glad tidings of a Word from Him, whose name is the Messiah Jesus, son of Mary, illustrious in the world and the Hereafter, and one of those brought near (to God). He will speak to people in his cradle and in his manhood, and he is of the righteous. She said: My Lord! How can I have a child when no man has touched me? He said: So (it will be). God creates what He wills. If He decrees a thing, He says to it only: Be! and it is. And (God) will teach him the Scripture and wisdom, and the Torah and the Gospel.

3:49-51 And (God) will make him a Messenger to the Children of Israel (saying): Lo! I come to you with a sign from your Lord. Lo! I fashion for you out of clay the likeness of a bird, and I breathe into it and it (becomes) a (living) bird, by God's leave. I heal him who was born blind, and the leper, and I raise the dead, by God's leave. And I inform you what you eat and what you store up in your houses. Lo! Herein verily is a sign for you, if you are believers. And (I come) confirming, that which was before me of the Torah, and to make lawful some of that which was forbidden to you. I come to you with a sign from your Lord, so fear God and obey me. Lo! God is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him. That is a straight path.

3:52-53 But when Jesus became conscious of their disbelief, he cried: Who will be my helpers in the cause of God? The disciples said: We will be God's helpers. We believe in God, and bear you witness that we are Muslims (have surrendered to God). Our Lord! We believe in that which You have revealed and we follow him whom You have sent, so write us down among those who witness (to the truth).

3:54 And they (the disbelievers) schemed, and God schemed (against them): and God is the Best of schemers.

3:55-57 When God said: O Jesus! Indeed I will take you and raise you to myself, and am cleansing you of those who disbelieve and am setting those who follow you above those who disbelieve until the Day of Resurrection. Then to Me you will (all) return, and I shall judge between you as to that wherein you used to differ. As for those who disbelieve I will punish them with a severe punishment in the world and the Hereafter; and they will have no helpers. And as for those who believe and do good works, He will pay them their wages in full. God loves not wrongdoers.

3:58 This (which) We recite to you is a revelation and a wise reminder.

3:59-60 Lo! The similitude of Jesus with God is as that of Adam. (God) created (Adam) of dust (of the ground), then He said to him: Be! and he is. (This is) the truth from your Lord (O Muhammad), so be not you of those who waver.

3:61-63 And whoso disputes with you concerning (Jesus), after the knowledge that has come to you, say (to him): Come! We will summon our sons and your sons, and our women and your women, and ourselves and yourselves, then we will pray humbly (to our Lord) and (solemnly) invoke the curse of God upon those who lie. Lo! This verily is the true narrative (of Jesus). None should be worshipped but God alone, and lo! God is the Mighty, the Wise. And if they turn away, then lo! God is Aware of (who are) the corrupters.

3:64-66 Say: O People of the Scripture. Come to an agreement between you and us: that

we shall worship none but God, and that we shall ascribe no partners to Him, and that none of us shall take others for lords beside God. And if they turn away, then say: Bear witness that we are they who are Muslims. O People of the Scripture! Why will you argue about Abraham, when the Torah and the Gospel were not revealed till after him? Have you then no sense? Lo! You are those who argue about that whereof you have some knowledge: Why then argue you concerning that whereof you have no knowledge? God knows. You know not.

3:67-68 Abraham was not a Jew, nor yet a Christian; but he was a true Muslim, and he was not of the polytheists. Lo! Those of people who have the best claim to Abraham are those who followed him, and this Prophet and those who believe (this Prophet); and God is the Guardian (and Protector) of the believers.

3:69-71 A party of the People of the Scripture long to make you go astray; and they make none to go astray except themselves, but they perceive not. O People of the Scripture! Why disbelieve you in the revelations of God, when you (yourselves) bear witness (to their truth)? O People of the Scripture! Why confound you truth with falsehood and knowingly conceal the truth?

3:72-74 And a party of the People of the Scripture say: Believe in the morning in that which is revealed to the believers (Muslims), and deny it in the evening, in order that they may turn back (from their religion); and believe not except in one who follows your religion. Say (O Muhammad): Lo! The guidance is God's guidance. (do not believe) that anyone will be given the like of that which you were given, otherwise they would engage you in argument before your Lord. Say (O Muhammad): Lo! The bounty is in God's Hand. He bestows it on whom He wills. God is All-Embracing, All-Knowing. He selects for His mercy whom He wills. God is of infinite bounty.

3:75-77 Among the People of the Scripture there is he who, if you trust him with a weight of treasure, will return it to you. And among them there is he who, if you trust him with a gold coin, will not return it to you unless you keep standing over him. That is because they say: We have no duty to the Gentiles (non-Jews, esp. Christians). They speak a lie concerning God knowingly. Nay, but he who fulfills his pledge and fears God; for lo! God loves those who are pious. Lo! Those who purchase a small gain at the cost of God's covenant and their oaths, they have no portion in the Hereafter. God will neither speak to them nor look upon them on the Day of Resurrection, nor will He purify them of their sin. Theirs will be a painful punishment.

3:78 And lo! There is a party of them who distort the Scripture with their tongues, so you may think that what they say is from the Scripture, when it is not from the Scripture. And they say: It is from God, when it is not from God; and they speak a lie concerning God knowingly.

3:79-80 It is not (possible) for any human being to whom God had given the Scripture and wisdom and the Prophethood that he should afterwards have said to people: Worship me instead of God; but (what he said was): Be you faithful servants of the Lord by virtue of your constant teaching of the Scripture and of your constant study thereof. And (God) commanded you not that you should take the angels and the Prophets for lords. Would (God) command you to disbelieve after you had surrendered (to God alone)?

3:81-82 When God made (His) covenant with the Prophets (He said): Behold that which I have given you of the Scripture and knowledge. And afterward there will come to you a Messenger (i.e., Muhammad), confirming that which you possess. You shall believe in him and you shall help him. And then He said: Do you accept and will you shoulder this burden of responsibility which I am placing upon you? They said: We accept! He said: Then bear you witness, and I too shall bear witness along with you! Then whosoever after this shall turn away: they will be miscreants.

3:83-85 Seek they other than the religion of God, when to Him submitted whosoever is in the heavens and the earth, willingly or unwillingly, and to Him they will be returned. Say (O Muhammad): We believe in God and that which is revealed to us and that which was revealed to Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the Tribes, and that which was given to Moses and Jesus and the Prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them (by believing in some and denying others), and to Him (alone) we have surrendered (in Islam). And whoso seeks as religion other than Islam (i.e., surrender to God in worship and obedience) it will not be accepted from him, and he will be a loser in the Hereafter.

3:86-89 How shall God guide a people who disbelieved after believing and (after) they bore witness that the Messenger is true and after clear proofs (of God's supreme power) had come to them. And God guides not wrongdoing folk. As for such, their burden is that on them rests the curse of God and of angels and of all people combined. They will abide therein. Their punishment will not be lightened, neither will they be reprieved; except those who afterward repent and mend their ways. Lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful.

3:90-91 Lo! Those who disbelieve after their (profession of) belief, and then went on increasing in their disbelief: their repentance will not be accepted. And such are those who are astray. Lo! Those who disbelieve, and die in disbelief, the (whole) earth full of gold would not be accepted from such a one if it were offered as a ransom (for his soul). Theirs will be a painful punishment and they will have no helpers.

3:92 You will not attain piety until you spend of that which you love. And whatsoever you spend, God is aware thereof.

3:93-94 All food was lawful to the Children of Israel, except that which Israel (Jacob) forbade himself, (in days) before the Torah was revealed. Say: Produce the Torah and read it (to us) if you are truthful. And whoever shall invent a falsehood after that concerning God, such will be wrongdoers.

3:95 Say: God speaks truth. So follow the religion of Abraham, the upright. He was not of the polytheists.

3:96-97 Lo! The first Sanctuary appointed for people was that at Becca (Mecca) a blessed place, a guidance to the worlds; wherein are manifest signs (among which is) the place where Abraham stood up to pray; and whoever enters (the Sanctuary of Mecca) is safe. And pilgrimage to the House (at Mecca) is a duty to God for (all) people who can afford the journey. As for him who disbelieves, (let him know that) lo! God is independent of (all His) creatures.

3:98-99 Say: O People of the Scripture! Why disbelieve you in the revelations of God, when God (Himself) is Witness of what you do? Say: O People of the Scripture! Why you block the believers from the way of God (Islam), seeking to make it crooked, when you are witnesses (to the truth of Islam)? God is not unaware of what you do.

3:100-101 O you who believe! If you obey a party of those who have received the Scripture they will make you disbelievers after your belief. How can you disbelieve, when God's revelations are recited to you, and His Messenger is in your midst? He, who holds fast to God, is indeed guided to the right path.

3:102-105 O you who believe! Fear God as He should be feared, and die not except as those who have surrendered (as Muslims); and hold fast, all of you together, to the rope of God, and do not separate. And remember God's favor to you: how you were enemies and He made friendship between your hearts so that you became brothers by His grace; and (how) you were upon the brink of the abyss of the fire (of Hell), and He saved you from it. Thus God makes clear His revelations to you, that you may be guided. And let there arise from you a nation inviting to goodness, and enjoining what is right and forbidding

what is wrong. Such are they who are successful. And be you not as those who separated and disputed after the clear proofs had come to them. For them there is an awful punishment.

3:106-107 On the Day when (some) faces will be whitened and (some) faces, blackened; and as for those whose faces have been blackened, it will be said to them: Disbelieved you after your (profession of) belief? Then taste the punishment for your disbelief. As for those whose faces have been whitened, lo! in the mercy of God they dwell forever.

3:108-109 These are revelations of God. We recite them to you in truth. God wills no injustice to (His) creatures. To God belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth; and to God all things are returned.

3:110 You are the best community that has been raised up for people. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong; and you believe in God. And if the People of the Scripture had believed, it had been better for them. Some of them are believers (in Muhammad); but most of them are evildoers.

3:111-312 They will not harm you except an annoyance, and if they fight against you they will turn and flee. And afterward they will not be helped. Humiliation surrounds them wherever they are found except (where they grasp) a rope from God and a rope from men (an agreement of protection). They have incurred anger from their Lord, and destitution is laid upon them. That is because they used to disbelieve the revelations of God, and slew the Prophets without right. That is because they were rebellious and used to transgress.

3:113-115 They are not all alike. Of the People of the Scripture there is a staunch community who recites the revelations of God in the night season, falling prostrate (before Him). They believe in God and the Last Day, and enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong, and vie one with another in good works. They are of the righteous. And whatever good they do, they will not be denied the reward thereof. God is Aware of those who are pious.

3:116-117 Lo! The riches and the progeny of those who disbelieve will avail them nothing against God; and such are rightful inhabitants of the (Hell) Fire. Therein they will abide. The similitude of that which (the disbelievers) spend (of charity) in this worldly life is as the similitude of a biting, icy wind that smites the harvest of a people who have wronged themselves, and devastates it. God wronged them not, but they did wrong themselves.

3:118-120 O you who believe! Take not for intimates others (outside your own selves), they would spare no pains to ruin you; they love to hamper you. (Their) hatred (of you) is apparent by (the utterance of) their mouths, and that which their breasts hide is greater. We have made plain for you the revelations if you will understand. Lo! You are those who love them though they love you not, and you believe in all the Scripture. When they fall in with you, they say: We believe; but when they go apart they bite their fingertips at you, out of rage. Say: Perish in your rage! Lo! God is Aware of what is hidden in (your) breasts. If a good befalls you, it is evil to them, and if disaster strikes you they rejoice thereat. But if you persevere and become pious, their deceit will never harm you. Lo! God is surrounding what they do.

3:121-122 And remember when you set forth from your household at daybreak to assign to the believers their positions for the battle, God was Hearer, Knower. When two parties of you almost fell away, and God was their Guardian (and Protector). In God do believers put their trust.

3:123-127 God had already given you the victory at Badr, when you were weak. So fear God in order that you may be thankful. And when you did say to the believers: Is it not sufficient for you that your Lord should support you with three thousand angels sent down (for your help)? Nay, but if you persevere and are pious, and (the enemy) attacks

you suddenly, your Lord will help you with five thousand angels sweeping on. God ordained this only as a message of good news for you, and that thereby your hearts might be at rest – victory comes only from God, the Mighty, the Wise. that He may cut off a part of those who disbelieve, or overwhelm them so that they retire, frustrated.

3:128-129 It is no concern at all of you (O Muhammad) whether He forgives toward (the disbelievers) or punishes them; for they are evildoers. To God belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth. He forgives whom He wills, and punishes whom He wills. God is Forgiving, Merciful.

3:130-133 O you who believe! Devour not usury, multiplying (the sum lent). Fear God that you may be successful. And fear the Fire prepared for disbelievers. And obey God and the Messenger, that you may find mercy. And vie one with another for forgiveness from your Lord, and for a Paradise as wide as are the heavens and the earth, prepared for those who are the pious.

3:134-136 Those who spend (of that which God has given them) in ease and in adversity, those who control their wrath and are forgiving toward people; God loves the good. And those who, when they do an evil thing or wrong themselves, remember God and implore forgiveness for their sins. Who forgives sins except God alone? and will not persist in what (wrong) they have done, while they know. The reward for those will be forgiveness from their Lord, and Gardens underneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide forever, a bountiful reward for workers!

3:137-138 Many nations have passed away before you until their appointed terms (set with God) were reached. So travel in the land and see the nature of the consequence for those who did deny (the Messengers). This is a declaration for people, a guidance and an admonition to those who are pious.

3:139-143 Faint not nor grieve, for you will overcome them if you are (indeed) believers. If you have received a blow, the (disbelieving) people have received a blow the like thereof. And We bring these days to men by turns, and that God may identify those who (truly) believe and may choose martyrs from among you; and God loves not wrongdoers. And that God may test those who believe, and may destroy the disbelievers. Or deemed you that you would enter Paradise while yet God has not made known those of you who really fought hard, nor has made known those (of you) who are patient? And verily you used to wish for death before you met it (in the field). Now you have seen it with your eyes (and to it you are now averse)!

3:144 Muhammad is but a Messenger, Messengers (the like of whom) have passed away before him. Will it be that when he dies or is slain, you will turn back on your heels (and forsake Islam)? He who turns back (from Islam) harms not God, and God will reward the thankful.

3:145 No soul can ever die except by God's leave and at a term appointed. Whoever desires the reward of the world, We bestow on him thereof; and whoever desires the reward of the Hereafter, We bestow on him thereof. We shall reward the thankful.

3:146-148 And with how many a Prophet have there been a number of devoted men who fought (alongside him). But they never lost heart for that which did befall them in God's way, nor did they weaken nor degrade themselves. God loves the patient. Their cry was only that they said: Our Lord! Forgive us for our sins and wasted efforts, make our foothold sure, and give us victory over the disbelieving people. So God gave them the reward of the world and the good reward of the Hereafter. God loves those who do good deeds.

3:149-151 O you who believe! If you obey those who disbelieve, they will make you turn back on your heels, and you turn back (from Faith) as losers. But God is your Guardian

(and Protector), and He is the Best of helpers. We shall cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve because they ascribe partners to God, for which no warrant has been revealed. Their habitation is the Fire, and evil is the abode of the wrongdoers.

3:152 God verily made good His promise to you when you routed them by His leave, until (the moment) He had shown you (the booty) which you love, when your courage failed you, and you argued about the (Prophet's) order and you disobeyed. Some of you desired the world, and some of you desired the Hereafter. Therefore He turned you away from them, that He might test you. Yet (even with your failing) He has now forgiven you. God is Bountiful with the believers.

3:153-154 You climbed (the hill) and paid no heed to anyone, while the Messenger, in your rear, was calling you (to fight). Therefore He recompensed you with grief to your grief, that (He might teach) you not to sorrow either for that which you missed or for that which befell you. God knows what you do. Then, after grief, He sent down security for you. As slumber overcame a party of you, while (the other) party, who were worried about themselves thought wrongly of God according to the pagan thoughts.

They said: Have we any part in the matter? Say (O Muhammad): The matter belongs wholly to God. They hide within themselves (a thought), which they reveal not to you, saying: Had we had any part in the matter we should not have been slain here. Say: Even though you had been in your houses, those for whom (God) decreed to be slain would have gone forth to the places of their death. (All this has been) in order that God might make apparent what is in your breasts and purify what is in your hearts. God is Aware of what is hidden in the breasts (of people).

3:155 Lo! Those of you who turned back on the day when the two hosts met, Satan alone it was who caused them to backslide, because of some of that which they have earned (of sin). Now God has forgiven them. Lo! God is Forgiving, Forbearing.

3:156 O you who believe! Be not as those who disbelieved and said of their brethren who went abroad in the land or were fighting in the field. If they had been (here) with us they would not have died or been killed; that God may make it anguish in their hearts. God gives life and causes death; and God is the Seer of what you do.

3:157-158 And if you be slain in God's way or die therein. Surely, forgiveness from God and mercy are better than all that they amass. When you be slain or die, to God you are gathered.

3:159-160 It was by the mercy of God that you were lenient with them (O Muhammad), for if you had been severe and hard-hearted they would have forsaken you. So pardon them and ask (God's) forgiveness for them and consult with them upon the conduct of affairs. And when you are resolved, then put your trust in God. Lo! God loves those who put their trust (in Him). If God is your helper none can overcome you, and if He withdraws His help from you, who is there who can help you? In God let the believers put their trust.

3:161-163 It is not for any Prophet to deceive. Whoever deceives will bring his deceit with him on the Day of Resurrection. Then every soul will be paid in full what it has earned; and they will not be wronged. Is one who follows the pleasure of God as one who has earned condemnation from God, whose habitation is Hell, an evil journey's end? They are in varying grades with God, and God is the Seer of what you do.

3:164 God verily has shown grace to the believers by sending to them a Messenger of their own who recites to them His revelations, and purifies them of their sin, and teaches them the Scripture and wisdom; although before (he came to them) they were in flagrant error.

3:165 And was it so, when a disaster smote you, though you had (previously) smitten

(them with a disaster) twice (as great), that you said: How is this? Say (to them, O Muhammad): It is from yourselves. Lo! God is Able to do all things.

3:166-167 That which befell you, on the day when the two armies met, was by permission of God; that He might know the true believers; and that He might know the hypocrites, to whom it was said: Come, fight in the way of God, or defend yourselves. They answered: If we knew of fighting we would have followed you. On that day they were nearer disbelief than faith. They utter with their mouths a thing that was not in their hearts. God is best Aware of what they hide.

3:168-171 Those who, while they sat at home, said of their brethren (who were fighting for the cause of God): If they had been guided by us they would not have been slain. Say (to them, O Muhammad): Then avert death from yourselves if you are truthful. Think not of those, who are slain in the way of God, as dead. Nay, they are living. With their Lord, they have provision. They rejoice in what God has bestowed upon them of His bounty, rejoicing for the sake of those who have not yet joined them, but are left behind (not yet martyred) that on them no fear shall come, nor shall they grieve. They rejoice because of favor from God and kindness, and that God wastes not the reward of the believers.

3:172-175 As for those who responded to God and His Messenger after the harm befell them (in battle); for such of them as do right and feared (God), there is great reward, those to whom people said: Lo! The pagans have gathered against you, therefore fear them. (The threat of danger) but increased them in Faith and they cried: God is sufficient for us! Most Excellent is He in whom we trust! So they returned with grace and favor from God, and no harm touched them. They followed the good pleasure of God, and God is of infinite bounty. It is only Satan who would make (men) fear his partisans. Fear them not; fear Me, if you are true believers.

3:176-178 Let not their conduct grieve you, who run easily to disbelief, for lo! They injure God not at all. It is God's will to assign them no portion in the Hereafter, and theirs will be a great punishment. Those who purchase disbelief at the price of faith harm God not at all, but theirs will be a painful punishment. And let not those who disbelieve imagine that the respite We give them bodes good to their souls. We only give them respite that they may grow in sinfulness. And theirs will be a shameful punishment.

3:179 It is not (the purpose) of God to leave you in your present state till He shall separate the wicked from the good. And it is not (the purpose of) God to let you know the unseen. But God chooses of His Messengers, whom He wills. So believe in God and His Messengers. If you believe and fear (God), yours will be a vast reward.

3:180 And let not those who hoard up that which God has bestowed upon them of His bounty think that it is better for them. Nay, it is worse for them. That which they hoard will be their collar on the Day of Resurrection. God's is the legacy of the heavens and the earth, and God is informed of what you do.

3:181-184 Verily God heard the saying of those who said: Truly, God is poor, and we are rich! We shall record their saying with their slaying of the Prophets without right and We shall say: Taste you the punishment of burning (in Hell)! This is on account of that which your own hands have sent before you (to the judgment). God shows no injustice toward (His) slaves. (The same are) those who say: Lo! God has charged us that we believe not in any Messenger until he brings us an offering which fire (from heaven) shall devour. Say (to them, O Muhammad): Messengers came to you before me with miracles, and with that (very miracle) which you describe. Why then did you slay them? (Answer that) if you are truthful! And if they deny you, even so did they deny Messengers who were before you, who came with miracles and with the Scriptures and with the enlightening Book.

3:185-186 Every soul will taste of death. And you will be paid on the Day of Resurrection only that which you have fairly earned. Whoever is removed from the Fire and is made to

enter Paradise, he indeed is triumphant. The life of this world is but comfort of illusion. Assuredly you will be tried in your property and in your persons, and you will hear much wrong from those who were given the Scripture before you, and from the idolaters. But if you persevere and adopt piety, then that will be from the matters of determination.

3:187-189 And (remember) when God laid a charge on those who had received the Scripture (He said): You are to expound it to people and not to hide it. But they flung it behind their backs and bought thereby a little gain. Verily evil is that which they have gained thereby. Think not that those who exult in what they have given, and love to be praised for what they have not done. Think not, they are in safety from the punishment. A painful punishment is theirs. To God belongs the supreme power of the heavens and the earth. God is Able to do all things.

3:190-194 Lo! In the creation of the heavens and the earth and (in) the difference of night and day are signs for men of understanding, such as remember God, standing, sitting, and reclining, and ponder over the creation of the heavens and the earth (and say): Our Lord! You created not this in vain. Glory be to You! Preserve us from the punishment of Fire. Our Lord! Whom You cause to enter the Fire: him indeed You have disgraced him. For evildoers there will be no helpers. Our Lord! Lo! We have heard the call of one calling to Faith: Believe you in your Lord! So we believed. Our Lord! Therefore forgive us our sins, and expiate from us our evil deeds, and make us die the death of the righteous. Our Lord! And give us that which You have promised to us by Your Messengers. Disgrace us not on the Day of Resurrection. Lo! You break not the promise.

3:195 And their Lord has responded them (saying): Lo! I waste not the work of any worker, male or female, to be lost. You are from one another. So those who migrated and were driven from their homes and persecuted for My cause, and fought and were slain, verily I shall expiate from them their evil deeds and verily I shall bring them into Gardens underneath which rivers flow. A reward from God. And with God is the fairest of rewards.

3:196-198 Let not the free disposal (and affluence) of the disbelievers throughout the land deceive you (O Muhammad). It is but a brief comfort. And afterwards their habitation will be Hell, an ill abode. But those who keep their duty to their Lord, for them are Gardens underneath which rivers flow, wherein they will be forever. A gift of welcome from their Lord. That which God has in store is better for the righteous.

3:199-200 And lo! Of the People of the Scripture there are some who believe in God and that which is revealed to you and that which was revealed to them, humbling themselves before God. They purchase not a trifling gain at the price of the revelations of God. Verily their reward is with their Lord, and lo! God is Swift to take account. O you who believe! Be patient and outdo your enemy in patience, be ready, and fear God, in order that you may succeed.

4. An-Nisa': The Women

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

4 :1 O people! Fear your Lord, Who created you from a single soul and from it created its mate and from them both spread abroad a multitude of men and women. Fear God in whom you claim (your rights) of one another, and toward the wombs (that bore you). Lo! God has been a Watcher over you.

4:2-3 Give to orphans their wealth. Exchange not the good for the bad (in your management thereof) nor absorb their wealth into your own wealth. Lo! That would be a great sin. And if you fear that you will not deal fairly by the orphans, marry of women

who seem good to you, two or three or four; and if you fear that you cannot do justice (to so many) then one (only) or (the captives) that your right hands possess. Thus it is more likely that you will not do injustice.

4:4-5 And give to the women, (whom you marry) their dowries as a free gift; but if they of their own accord remit to you a part thereof, then you are welcome to absorb it (in your wealth). Give not to the incapable (what is in) your (keeping of their) wealth, which God has given you to maintain; but feed and clothe them from it, and speak kindly to them.

4:6 Test orphans till they reach the marriageable age; then, if you find them of sound judgment, deliver over to them their fortune; and devour it not squandering and in haste before they should grow up. Whoever (of the guardians) is rich, let him abstain (from taking of the property of orphans); and whoever is poor let him take thereof in a reasonable manner (for his guardianship). And when you deliver up their fortune to the orphans, have (the transaction) witnessed in their presence. God suffices as a Reckoner.

4:7-8 To the men (of a family) belongs a share of that which parents and near kindred leave, and to the women a share of that which parents and near kindred leave, whether it be little or much – a determined share. And when kinsfolk and orphans and the needy are present at the division (of the inheritance), give them something out of it and speak kindly to them.

4:9-10 And let those fear (in their behavior toward orphans) who if they left behind them weak offspring would be afraid for them. So let them fear God, and speak with justice. Lo! Those who devour the wealth of orphans wrongfully, they do but swallow fire into their bellies, and they will be burnt in the blazing flame (of Hell).

4:11 God charges you concerning (inheritance for) your children: to the male the equivalent of the portion of two females, and if there be women more than two, then theirs is two-thirds of the inheritance, and if there be one (only) then half. And to his parents a sixth of the inheritance, if he has a son; and if he has no son and his parents are his heirs, then to his mother a third; and if he has brothers, then to his mother a sixth, (The distribution in all cases is) after the payment of any legacy he may have bequeathed, or debt (has been paid). Your parents or your children: You know not which of them is nearer to you in usefulness. It is an injunction from God. Lo! God is Knower, Wise.

4:12 And to you belongs a half of that which your wives leave, if they have no children; but if they have children then to you a fourth of that which they leave, after any legacy they may have bequeathed, or debt (they may have contracted, has been paid). And to them belongs a fourth of that which you leave if you have no children, but if you have a child then an eighth of that which you leave, after any legacy you may have bequeathed, or debt (you may have contracted, has been paid). And if a man or a woman has a distant heir (having left neither parents nor children), and he (or she) has a brother or a sister (only on the mother's side) then to each of them both (the brother and the sister) a sixth, and if they be more than two, then they shall be partners in a third, after any legacy that may have been bequeathed or debt (contracted, has been paid) so that no loss is caused (to the heirs by willing away more than a third of the heritage). It is a commandment from God. God is the Knower, the Forbearing.

4:13-14 These are the limits (imposed by) God. Whoever obeys God and His Messenger, He will make him enter Gardens underneath which rivers flow, where such will dwell forever. That will be the great success. And whoever disobeys God and His Messenger and transgresses His (imposed) limits, He will make him enter Fire (of Hell), where such will dwell forever; his will be a shameful punishment.

4:15 As for those of your women, who are guilty of lewdness, call to witness four of you against them. And if they testify (to the truth of the allegation) then confine them to the houses until death overtakes them or (until) God appoints for them a way (through new

legislation).

4:16 And as for the two of you who are guilty thereof, punish them both. And if they repent and amend, then let them be. Lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful.

4:17-18 Forgiveness with God is toward those who do evil in ignorance (and) then turn quickly (in repentance) to God. These are they whom God will forgive. God is ever Knower, Wise. Repentance is not for those who do ill deeds until, when death attends upon one of them, he says: Lo! I repent now; nor yet for those who die while they are disbelievers. For such We have prepared a painful punishment.

4:19 O you who believe! It is not lawful for you to forcibly inherit the women (of your deceased kinsmen), nor to hinder them (from remarrying) that you may take away a part of that which you have given them, unless they are guilty of flagrant lewdness. But live with them honorably, for if you hate them it may happen that you hate a thing wherein God has placed much good.

4:20-21 And if you wish to replace one wife for another and you have given to one of them a sum of money (however great), take nothing from it. Would you take it by the way of calumny and manifest sin? How can you take it (back) after one of you has copulated with the other, and they have taken a strong pledge from you?

4:22-23 And marry not those women whom your fathers married, except what has already happened (of that nature) in the past. Lo! It was ever lewdness and abomination, and an evil way. Forbidden to you are your mothers, and your daughters, and your sisters, and your father's sisters, and your mother's sisters, and your brother's daughters and your sister's daughters, and your foster mothers, and your foster sisters, and your mothers-in-law, and your stepdaughters who are under your protection (born) of your women, to whom you have copulated with – but if you have not copulated with them, then it is no sin for you (to marry their daughters).and the wives of your sons who (spring) from your own loins. And (it is forbidden to you) that you should have two sisters together (in marriage), except what has already happened (of that nature) in the past. Lo! God is ever Forgiving, Merciful.

4:24 And all married women (are forbidden to you except those (captives) whom your right hands possess. It is a decree of God for you. Lawful to you are all beyond those mentioned, so that you seek them with your wealth in honest wedlock, not debauchery. And those of whom you seek content (by marrying them), give to them their portions (dowry) as a duty. And there is no sin for you in what you do by mutual agreement after the duty (has been done). Lo! God is ever Knower, Wise.

4:25 And whoso is not able to afford to marry free, believing women, let them marry from the believing maids whom your right hands possess. God knows best (concerning) your faith. You (proceed) one from another; so wed them by permission of their folk, and give to them their portions (dowry) in a just manner, they being honest, not debauched nor of loose conduct. And when they are honorably married if they commit lewdness they shall incur half of the punishment (prescribed) for free women (in that case). This is for him among you who fears to commit sin. But to have patience would be better for you. God is Forgiving, Merciful.

4:26-28 God would explain to you and guide you by the examples of those who were before you, and would turn to you in mercy. God is Knower, Wise. And God would turn to you in mercy; but those who follow vain desires would have you go tremendously astray. God would make the burden light for you, for man was created weak.

4:29-30 O you who believe! Squander not your wealth among yourselves in vanity, except it be a trade by mutual consent, and kill not one another. Lo! God is ever Merciful to you. Whoever does that through aggression and injustice, We shall cast him into Fire, and that

is ever easy for God.

4:31-32 If you avoid the great (things), which you are forbidden, We will expiate from you your evil deeds and make you enter at a noble gate. And covet not the thing in which God has made some of you excel others. To men, a fortune from that which they have earned, and to women, a fortune from that which they have earned. (Envy not one another) but ask God of His bounty. Lo! God is ever Knower of all things.

4:33 And to each We have appointed heirs of that which parents and near kindred leave; and as for those with whom your right hands have made a covenant, give them their due. Lo! God is ever Witness over all things.

4:34 Men are in charge of women, because God has made one of them excel the other, and because they spend of their property (for the support of women). So good women are the obedient, guarding in secret that which God has guarded. As for those from whom you fear rebellion, admonish them and banish them to beds apart, and scourge them. Then if they obey you, seek not a way against them. Lo! God is ever High Exalted, Great.

4:35 And if you fear a breach between them twain (the man and wife), appoint an arbiter from his folk and an arbiter from her folk. If they desire

amendment God will make them of one mind. Lo! God is ever Knower, Aware.

4:36-38 And worship God. Ascribe no thing as partner to Him. (Show) kindness to parents, and to near kindred, and orphans, and the needy, and to the neighbor who is of kin (to you) and the neighbor who is not of kin and the fellow traveler and the wayfarer and (the slaves) whom your right hands possess. Lo! God loves not such as are proud and boastful, that hoard their wealth and enjoin avarice on others, and hide that which God has bestowed upon them of His bounty. For disbelievers We prepare a shameful punishment; and (also) those who spend their wealth in order to be seen of men, and believe not in God nor the Last Day. Whoever takes Satan for a comrade, a bad comrade has he.

4:39-40 What have they (to fear) if they believe in God and the Last Day and spend (aright) of that which God has bestowed upon them. God is ever Aware of them (and all they do). Lo! God wrongs not even of the weight of an ant; and if there is a good deed, He will double it and will give (the doer) from Him an immense reward.

4:41-42 But how (will it be with them) when we bring of every people a witness, and We bring you (O Muhammad) a witness against them? On that Day those who disbelieved and disobeyed the Messenger will wish that they were level with the ground, and they can hide no fact from God.

4:43 O you who believe! Draw not near to prayer when you are drunk, till you know that which you utter, nor when you are polluted, except when journeying upon the road, till you have bathed. And if you be ill, or on a journey, or one of you comes from answering the call of nature, or you have touched women, and you find no water, then go to high clean soil and rub your faces and your hands (therewith). Lo! God is Benign, Forgiving.

4:44-45 See you not those to whom a portion of the Scripture has been given, how they purchase error, and seek to make you (Muslims) err from the right way? God knows best (who are) your enemies. God is sufficient as a Guardian (and a Protector), and God is sufficient as a Helper.

4:46 Some of those who are Jews change words from their context and say: 'We hear and disobey; hear you as one who hears not,' and 'Listen to us!' distorting with their tongues and slandering religion. If they had said: 'We hear and we obey; hear you, and look at us,' it had been better for them, and more upright. But God has cursed them for their

disbelief, so they believe not, except a few.

4:47 O you to whom the Scripture has been given! Believe in what We have revealed concerning that which you possess, before We destroy faces so as to confound them, or curse them as We cursed the Sabbath breakers (of the old time). The commandment of God is always executed.

4:48 Lo! God forgives not that a partner should be ascribed to Him. He forgives (all) except those that He wills. Whoever ascribes partners to God, he has indeed invented a tremendous sin.

4:49-50 Have you not seen those who praise themselves for purity? Nay, God purifies whoever He wills, and they will not be wronged even equal to the hair upon a date stone. See, how they invent lies about God! That of itself is flagrant sin.

4:51-52 Have you not seen those to whom a portion of the Scripture has been given, how they believe in idols and false deities, and how they say of those (idolaters) who disbelieve: 'These are more rightly guided than those who believe?' Those are the ones that God has cursed, and he whom God has cursed; you (O Muhammad) will find no helper for him.

4:53-55 Or have they even a share in the supreme power? Then in that case, they would not give people even the speck on a date stone. Or are they jealous of people because of that which God of His bounty has bestowed upon them? For We bestowed upon the house of Abraham (of old) the Scripture and Wisdom, and We bestowed on them a mighty kingdom. And of them were (some) who believed therein and of them were (some) who disbelieved therein. Hell is sufficient for (their) burning.

4:56-57 Lo! Those who disbelieve Our revelations, We shall expose them to the Fire. As often as their skins are consumed We shall exchange them for fresh skins that they may taste the torment. Lo! God is ever Mighty, Wise. And as for those who believe and do good works, We shall make them enter Gardens underneath which rivers flow to dwell therein forever; there for them are pure companions and We shall make them enter plenteous shade.

4:58-59 Lo! God commands you that you restore deposits to their owners, and, if you judge between people, that you judge with justice. Lo! Comely is this, which God admonishes you. Lo! God is ever Hearer, Seer. O you who believe! Obey God, and obey the Messenger and those of you who are in authority; and if you have a dispute concerning any matter, refer it to God and the Messenger if you are (in truth) believers in God and the Last Day. That is better and more seemly in the end.

4:60-63 Have you not seen those who pretend that they believe in that which is revealed to you and that which was revealed before you, how they would go for judgment (in their disputes) to false deities when they have been ordered to abjure them? Satan would mislead them far astray. And then it is said to them: Come to that which God has revealed and to the Messenger, you see the hypocrites turn from you with aversion. How would it be if a misfortune smote them because of that which their own hands have sent before (them)? Then would they come to you, swearing by God that they were seeking nothing but harmony and kindness. Those are they, the secrets of whose hearts God knows. So oppose them and admonish them, and address them in plain terms about their souls.

4:64 We sent; no Messenger except that he should be obeyed by God's leave. And if, when they had wronged themselves, they had but come to you and asked forgiveness of God and asked forgiveness of the Messenger, they would have found God Forgiving, Merciful.

4:65-68 But nay, by your Lord, they will not believe (in truth) until they make you judge of what is in dispute between them and find within themselves no dislike of that which you decide, and submit with full submission. And if We had decreed for them: Lay down your

lives or go forth from your dwellings, but few of them would have done it; though if they did what they are exhorted to do, it would be better for them, and more strengthening; and then We should bestow upon them from Ourselves an immense reward. And should guide them to a straight path.

4:69-70 Whoso obeys God and the Messenger, they are with those to whom God has shown favor, of the Prophets and the truthful and the martyrs and the righteous. The best of company are they! Such is the bounty of God, and God suffices as Knower.

4:71-73 O you who believe! Take your precautions, then advance the proven ones, or advance all together. Lo! Among you there is he who loiters; and if disaster overtook you, he would say: God has been gracious to me since I was not present with them. And if a bounty from God befell you, he would surely cry, as if there had been no love between you and him: Oh, would that I had been with them, then should I have achieved a great success!

4:74 Let those fight in the way of God who sell the life of this world for the other. Whoever fights in the way of God, be he slain or be he victorious, on him We shall bestow a vast reward.

4:75-76 How should you not fight for the cause of God and of the feeble among men and of the women and the children who are crying; Our Lord! Bring us forth from out this town of which the people are oppressors! Oh, give us from You some protector! Oh, give us from You some defender! Those who believe do battle for the cause of God; and those who disbelieve do battle for the cause of idols. So fight the minions of Satan. Lo! Satan's strategy is ever weak.

4:77 Have you not seen those to whom it was said: Withhold your hands, establish worship and pay the poor-due, but when fighting was prescribed for them behold, a party of them fear people even as they fear of God or with greater fear, and say: Our Lord! Why have you ordained fighting for us? If only You would give us respite yet a while! Say (to them, O Muhammad): The comfort of this world is scant; the Hereafter will be better for him who wards off (evil); and you will not be wronged the down upon a date stone.

4:78 wherever you may be, death will overtake you, even though you are in lofty towers. Yet if a happy thing befalls them they say: This is from God; and if an evil thing befalls them they say: This is of your doing (O Muhammad). Say (to them): All is from God. What is amiss with these people that they come not near to understand a happening?

4:79-80 What ever good befalls you (O man) it is from God, and whatever ill befalls you it is from yourself. We have sent you (Muhammad) as a Messenger to people and God is sufficient as witness. Whoever obeys the Messenger obeys God, and whoever turns away: We have not sent you as a warder over them.

4:81 And they say: (It is) obedience; but when they have gone forth from you, a party of them spends the night in planning other than what you say. God records what they plan by night. So oppose them and put your trust in God. God is sufficient as Trustee.

4:82 Will they not then ponder on the Quran? If it had been from other than God they would have found therein much incongruity.

4:83 And if any tidings, whether of safety or fear, come to them, they noise it abroad, whereas if they had referred it to the Messenger and such of them as are in authority, those among them who are able to think out the matter would have known it. If it had not been for the grace of God and His mercy, you would have followed Satan, except a few (of you).

4:84 So fight (O Muhammad) in the way of God You are not taxed (with the responsibility

for anyone) except for yourself, and urge on the believers. Perhaps God will restrain the might of those who disbelieve. God is stronger in might and stronger at inflicting punishment.

4:85-87 Whoever intervenes in good cause, will have the reward thereof, and whoever intervenes in an evil cause will bear the consequence thereof. God oversees all things. When you are greeted with a greeting, greet you with a greeting better than it or return it. Lo! God takes count of all things. God! None should be worshipped but God alone. He gathers you all to a Day of Resurrection whereof there is no doubt. Who is truer in statement than God?

4:88-89 What ails you that you have become two parties regarding the hypocrites, when God cast them back (to disbelief) because of what they earned? Seek you to guide him whom God has sent astray? He whom God sends astray, for him you (O Muhammad) cannot find a road. They long that you should disbelieve as they disbelieve, that you may be upon a level (with them). So choose not helpers (and protectors) from them till they forsake their homes in the way of God; if they turn back (to enmity) then take them and kill them wherever you find them, and choose neither protector nor helper from among them,

4:90-91 Except those who seek refuge with a people between whom and you there is a covenant, or (those who) come to you because their hearts forbid them to make war on you or make war on their own folk. Had God willed He could have given them power over you so that assuredly they would have fought you. So, if they hold aloof from you and wage not war against you and offer you peace, God allows you no way against them. You will find others who desire that they should have security from you, and security from their own folk. So often as they are returned to hostility, they are plunged therein. If they keep not aloof from you nor offer you peace nor hold their hands, then take them and kill them wherever you find them. Against such We have given you clear warrant.

4:92-93 It is not for a believer to kill a believer unless (it be) by mistake. He who has killed a believer by mistake must set free a believing slave, and pay the blood money to the family of the slain, unless they remit it as a charity. If he (the victim) be of a people hostile to you, and he is a believer, then (the penance is) to set free a believing slave. And if he comes of a folk between whom and you there is a covenant, then the blood money must be paid to his folk and (also) a believing slave must be set free. And whoever has not the wherewithal must fast two consecutive months. A penance from God. God is Knower, Wise. Whoever slays a believer of set purpose, his reward is Hell forever. God is wroth against him and He has cursed him and prepared for him an awful punishment.

4:94-96 O you who believe! When you go forth (to fight) in the way of God, be careful to discriminate, and say not to one who offers you peace: 'You are not a believer;' seeking the chance profits of this life (so that you may despoil him). With God are plenteous spoils. Even thus (as he now is) were you before, but God has since then been gracious to you. Therefore take care to discriminate. God is ever informed of what you do. Those of the believers who sit still, other than those who have a (disabling) hurt, are not on equality with those who fight hard in the way of God with their wealth and lives. God has conferred on those who fight hard with their wealth and lives a rank above the sedentary. To each God has promised good, but He has bestowed on those who fight a great reward above the sedentary; degrees of rank from Him, and forgiveness and mercy. God is ever Forgiving, Merciful.

4:97-99 Lo! As for those whom the angels take (in death) while they wrong themselves, (the angels) will ask: In what were you engaged? They will say: We were oppressed in the land. (The angels) will say: Was not God's earth spacious that you could have migrated therein? As for such, their habitation will be Hell, an evil journey's end; except the feeble among men, and the women, and the children, who are unable to devise a plan and are not shown a way. As for such, it may be that God will pardon them. God is ever Forbearing,

Forgiving.

4:100-101 Whoever migrates for the cause of God will find much refuge and abundance in the earth, and whoever forsakes his home, an immigrant to God and His Messenger, and death overtakes him, his reward is then incumbent on God. God is ever Forgiving, Merciful. And when you go forth in the land, it is no sin for you to curtail (your) worship if you fear that those who disbelieve may attack you. In truth, the disbelievers are an open enemy to you.

4:102 And when you (O Muhammad) are among them and arrange (their) worship for them, let only a party of them stand with you (to worship) and let the others take their arms. Then when they have performed their prostrations let them fall to the rear and let another party come that has not worshipped and let them worship with you, and let the others take their precaution and their arms. Those who disbelieve long for you to neglect your arms and your baggage that they may attack you once and for all. It is no sin for you to lay aside your arms, if rain impedes you or you are sick. But take your precaution. Lo! God prepares for the disbelievers shameful punishment.

4:103 When you have performed the act of worship, remember God, standing, sitting and reclining. And when you are in safety, observe proper worship. Worship at fixed hours has been enjoined on the believers.

4:104 Forgive not in pursuit of the enemy. If you are suffering, lo! They suffer even as you suffer and you have hope from God that for which they cannot hope. God is ever Knower, Wise.

4:105-112 Lo! We reveal to you the Scripture with the truth, that you may judge between people by that which God shows you. And be not you a pleader for the treacherous; and seek forgiveness of God. Lo! God is ever Forgiving, Merciful. And plead not on behalf of (people) who deceive themselves. Lo! God loves not one who is treacherous and sinful. They seek to hide from men and seek not to hide from God. He is with them when by night they hold discourse displeasing to Him. God ever surrounds what they do. Lo! You are they who pleaded for them in the life of the world. But who will plead with God for them on the Day of Resurrection, or who will then be their defender? Yet whoever does evil or wrongs his own soul, then seeks pardon of God, will find God Forgiving, Merciful. Whoever commits sin commits it only against himself. God is ever Knower, Wise. And whoever commits a delinquency or a sin, then throws (the blame) thereof upon the innocent, has burdened himself with falsehood and a flagrant sin.

4:113-114 But for the grace of God upon you (O Muhammad), and His mercy, a party of them had resolved to mislead you, but they will mislead only themselves and they will hurt you not at all. God revealed to you the Scripture and wisdom, and taught you that which you knew not. The grace of God toward you has been infinite. There is no good in much of their secret conferences except (in) him who enjoins almsgiving and goodness and peacemaking among the people. Whoever does that, seeking the good pleasure of God; We shall bestow on him a vast reward.

4:115 And whoever opposes the Messenger after the guidance (of God) has been manifested to him, and follows other than the believer's way, We appoint for him that to which he himself has turned, and expose him to Hell – an evil journey's end!

4:116 Lo! God pardons not that partners should be ascribed to him. He pardons all except that, to whom He wills. Whoever ascribed partners to God, has wandered far astray.

4:117-121 They invoke in His stead only females (female deities); they pray to none else than Satan, a rebel whom God cursed, and he said:(to God) Surely I will take of Your bondmen an appointed portion, and surely I will lead them astray, and surely I will arouse desires in them, and surely I will command them and they will cut the cattle's ears, and

surely I will command them and they will change God's creation. Whoever chooses Satan for a patron instead of God, is verily a loser and his loss is manifest. He promises them and stirs up desires in them, and Satan promises them only to deceive. For such, their habitation will be Hell, and they will find no refuge therefrom.

4:122 But as for those who believe and do good works We shall bring them into Gardens underneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide for ever. It is a promise from God in truth; and who can be more truthful than God in utterance?

4:123-124 It will not be in accordance with your desires, or the desires of the People of the Scripture. He whoever does wrong, will have the recompense thereof, and will not find against God any protector or helper. And whoever does good works, whether of male or female, and he (or she) is a believer, such will enter Paradise and they will not be wronged the dint in a date stone.

4:125-126 Who is better in religion than he who surrenders his purpose to God while doing good (to men) and follows the tradition of Abraham, the upright? God (Himself) chose Abraham for a friend. To God belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth. God ever surrounds all things.

4:127 They consult you concerning women. Say: God gives to you decree concerning them, and the Scripture which has been recited to you (gives decree), concerning female orphans to whom you give not that which is ordained for them though you desire to marry them, and (concerning) the weak among children, and that you should deal justly with orphans. Whatever good you do, lo! God is ever Aware of it.

4:128-130 If a woman fears ill treatment from her husband, or desertion, it is no sin for them twain if they make terms of peace between themselves. Peace is better. But greed has been made present in the minds (of men). If you do good and fear (God), lo! God is ever informed of what you do. You will not be able to do perfect justice between (your) wives, however much you wish (to do so): But turn not altogether away (from one), leaving her as in suspense. If you do good and fear (God), lo! God is ever Forgiving, Merciful. But if they separate, God will compensate each out of His abundance. God is ever All-Embracing, All-Knowing.

4:131 To God belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth And We charged those who received the Scripture before you, and (We charge) you that you should fear God. And if you disbelieve, lo! To God belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth, and God is ever Absolute, Owner of praise.

4:132-134 To God belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth. And God is sufficient as Defender. If He wills, He can remove you, O people, and produce others (in your stead). God is Able to do that. Whoever desires the reward of the world, (let him know that) with God is the reward of the world and the Hereafter. God is ever Hearer, Seer.

4:135 O you who believe! Be you staunch in justice, witnesses for God, even though it is against yourselves or (your) parents or (your) kindred, whether (the case be of) a rich man or a poor man, for God is nearer to both (than you are). So follow not passion lest you lapse (from the truth) and if you lapse or fall away, then lo! God is ever informed of what you do.

4:136-141 O you who believe! Believe in God and His Messenger and the Scripture that He has revealed to His Messenger, and the Scripture which He revealed aforetime. Whoever disbelieves in God and His angels and His Scriptures and His Messengers and the Last Day, he has verily wandered far astray, lo! Those who believe, then disbelieve and then (again) believe, then disbelieve, and then increase in disbelief, God will never pardon them, nor will He guide them to a way. Bear to the hypocrites the tidings that for them

there is a painful punishment, those who choose disbelievers for their helpers (and protectors) instead of believers! Do they look for power at their hands? Lo! All power appertains to God. He has already revealed to you in the Scripture that when you hear the revelations of God rejected and derided: (you) sit not with them (who disbelieve and mock) until they engage in some other conversation. Lo! In that case (if you stayed) you would be like to them. Lo! God will gather hypocrites and disbelievers all together into Hell; those who wait upon occasion in regard to you and, if a victory comes to you from God, say: Are we not with you? And if the disbelievers meet with a success, say: Had we not the mastery of you, and did we not protect you from the believers? God will judge between you on the Day of Resurrection, and God will not give the disbelievers any way (of success) against the believers.

4:142-143 Lo! The hypocrites seek to deceive God, but it is God who deceives them. When they stand up to worship they perform it languidly and to be seen of men, and are mindful of God but little, swaying between this (and that), (belonging) neither to these nor to those. He whom God causes to go astray, you (O Muhammad) will not find a way for him.

4:144 O you who believe! Choose not disbelievers for (your) helpers (and protectors) in place of believers. Would you give God a clear warrant against you?

4:145-147 Lo! The hypocrites (will be) in the lowest depth of the fire, and you will find no helper for them; except those who repent and amend and hold fast to God and make their religion pure for God (only). Those are with the believers. And God will bestow on the believers an immense reward. What concern has God for your punishment if you are thankful (for His mercies) and believe (in Him)? God was ever Responsive, Aware.

4:148 God loves not the utterance of harsh speech except by one who has been wronged. God is ever Hearer, Knower.

4:149 If you do good openly or keep it secret, or forgive evil, lo! God is Forgiving, Powerful.

4:150-152 Lo! Those who disbelieve in God and His Messengers, and seek to make distinction between God and His Messengers, and say: We believe in some and disbelieve in others, and seek to choose a way in between; such are disbelievers in truth; and for disbelievers We prepare a shameful punishment. But those who believe in God and His Messengers and make no distinction between any of them, to them God will give their wages; and God is ever Forgiving, Merciful.

4:153 The People of the Scripture ask of you that you should cause a (actual) Book to descend upon them from heaven. They asked a greater thing of Moses aforetime, for they said: Show us God plainly. The storm of lightning seized them for their transgression. Then (even after that) they chose the calf (for worship) after clear proofs (of God's supreme power) had come to them. And We forgave them that! And We bestowed on Moses evident authority.

4:154-158 And We caused the Mount to tower above them at (the taking of) their covenant: and We bade them: Enter the gate, prostrate! And we bade them: Transgress not the Sabbath! And We took from them a firm covenant. Then because of their breaking of their covenant, and their disbelieving in the revelations of God, and their slaying of the Prophets wrongfully, and their saying: Our hearts are hardened – Nay, but God has set a seal upon them for their disbelief, so that they believe not except a few – and because of their disbelief and of their speaking against Mary a tremendous calumny; and because of their saying: We slew the Messiah Jesus son of Mary, God's Messenger – They slew him not nor crucified him, but it appeared so to them; and lo! Those who disagree concerning it, and are in doubt thereof; they have no knowledge thereof except pursuit of a conjecture; they slew him not for certain, but God took him up to Himself.

God was ever Mighty, Wise.

4:159-161 There is not one of the People of the Scripture but will believe in him before his death, and on the Day of Resurrection he will be a witness against them – because of the wrongdoing of the Jews We forbade them good things which were (before) made lawful to them, and because of their much hindering from God's way, and of their taking usury when they were forbidden it, and of their devouring people's wealth by false pretences. We have prepared for those of them who disbelieve a painful punishment.

4:162 But those of them who are firm in knowledge and the believers believe in that which is revealed to you, and that which was revealed before you, especially the diligent in prayer and those who pay the poor-due, the believers in God and the Last Day. Upon them We shall bestow immense reward.

4:163-165 Lo! We inspire you as We inspired Noah and the Prophets after him, as We inspired Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the Tribes, and Jesus and Job and Jonah and Aaron and Solomon, and as we imparted to David the Psalms; and Messengers We have mentioned to you before and Messengers We have not mentioned to you; and God spoke directly to Moses; Messengers of good cheer and of warning, in order that people might have no argument against God after the Messengers. God was ever Mighty, Wise.

4:166 But God (Himself) testifies concerning that which He has revealed to you; in His knowledge has He revealed it; and the angels also testify. And God is sufficient as witness.

4:167-169 Lo! Those who disbelieve and hinder (others) from the way of God, they verily have wandered far astray. Lo! Those who disbelieve and deal in wrong, God will never forgive them; neither will He guide them to a road, except the road of Hell, wherein they will abide for ever. And that is ever easy for God.

4:170 O people! The Messenger has come to you with the truth from your Lord. Therefore believe; (it is) better for you. But if you disbelieve, still, lo! To God belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and the earth. God is ever Knower, Wise.

4:171 O People of the Scripture! Do not exaggerate in your religion nor utter anything concerning God except the truth. The Messiah, Jesus son of Mary, was only a Messenger of God, and His word, which He conveyed to Mary, and a spirit from Him. So believe in God and His Messengers, and say not 'Three'. – Cease! (It is) better for you! God is only One God. Far is it removed from His transcendent majesty that he should have a son. His is all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth. And God is sufficient as Defender.

4:172-173 The Messiah will never scorn to be a slave to God, nor will the favored angels. Whoever scorns His worship and is proud, all such will He assemble to Him; then, as for those who believed and did good works, to them will He pay their wages in full, adding to them of His bounty; and as for those who were scornful and proud, He will punish them with a painful punishment. And they will not find for themselves, against God, any protector or helper.

4:174-175 O people! Now has a proof from your Lord come to you, and We have sent down to you a clear light; as for those who believe in God, and hold fast to Him, He will cause them to enter into His mercy and grace, and will guide them to Him by a straight road.

4:176 They ask you for a pronouncement. Say: God has pronounced for you concerning distant kindred. If a man dies childless and he has a sister, hers is half the heritage, and he would have inherited from her had she died childless. And if there be two sisters, then theirs are two-thirds of the heritage, and if they be brethren, men and women, to the male is the equivalent of the share of two females. God expounds to you, so that you err not.

God is Knower of all things.

5. Al-Ma'idah: The Table Spread

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

5:1 O you who believe! Fulfill your undertakings. The beast of cattle is made lawful to you (for food) except that which is announced to you (herein), game being unlawful when you are on pilgrimage. Lo! God ordains that which pleases Him.

5:2 O you who believe! Profane not God's monuments nor the sacred month nor the offerings nor the garlands, nor those repairing to the Sacred House, seeking the grace and pleasure of God. But when you have left the sacred territory, then go hunting (if you will). And let not your hatred of a folk who (once) stopped your going to the Inviolable Place of Worship seduce you to transgress; but help you one another to piety and self-restraint. Help not one another to sin and transgression, and fear God. Lo! God is Severe in punishment.

5:3 Forbidden to you (for food) are carrion and blood and swine flesh, and that which has been dedicated to any other than God, and the strangled, and the dead through beating, and the dead through falling from a height, and that which has been killed by (the goring of) horns, and the devoured of wild beasts, saving that which you make lawful (by the death stroke), and that which has been immolated to idols. And (forbidden is it) that you swear by the divining arrows. This is an abomination. This day are those who disbelieve in despair of (ever harming) your religion; so fear them not, fear Me! This day have I perfected your religion for you and completed My favor to you, and have chosen for you as religion Islam. Whoever is forced by hunger, not by will, to sin: (for him) lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful.

5:4-5 They ask you (O Muhammad) what is made lawful for them. Say: (all) good things are made lawful for you. And those beasts and birds of prey which you have trained as hounds are trained, you teach them that which God taught you; so eat of that which they catch for you and mention God's name upon it, and fear God. Lo! God is Swift to take account. This day are (all) good things made lawful for you. The food of those who have received the Scripture is lawful for you, and your food is lawful for them. And so are the virtuous women of the believers and the virtuous women of those who received the Scripture before you (lawful for you) when you give them their marriage portions and live with them in honor, not in fornication, or taking them as secret concubines. Whoever denies the faith, his work is in vain and he will be among the losers in the Hereafter.

5:6 O you who believe! When you rise up for prayer, wash your face, and your hands up to the elbows, and lightly rub your heads and (wash) your feet up to the ankles. And if you are unclean, purify yourselves. And if you are sick or on a journey, or one of you comes from answering the call of nature, or you have had contact with women, and you find not water, then go to clean, high ground and rub your faces and your hands with some of it. God would not place a burden on you, but He would purify you and would perfect His grace upon you, that you may give thanks.

5:7-10 Remember God's grace upon you and His covenant by which He bound you when you said: We hear and we obey; and fear God. God knows what is in the breasts (of men). O you who believe! Be steadfast witnesses for God in equity, and let not hatred of any people seduce you that you deal not justly. Be just: that is next to piety, and fear God. Lo! God is informed of what you do. God has promised those who believe and do good works: Theirs will be forgiveness and an immense reward. And they who disbelieve and deny Our revelations, such are rightful inhabitants of Hell.

5:11 O you who believe! Remember God's favor to you, how a people were minded to stretch out their hands against you but He withheld their hands from you; and fear God. Let believers put their trust in God.

5:12-13 God made a covenant of old with the Children of Israel and We raised among them twelve chieftains: and God said: Lo! I am with you. If you establish worship and pay the poor-due, and believe in My Messengers and support them, and lend to God a kindly loan, surely I shall expiate your sins, and surely I shall bring you into Gardens underneath which rivers flow. Whoever among you disbelieves after this, will go astray from a plain road. And because of their breaking their covenant, We have cursed them and made their hearts hard. They change words from their context and forget a part of that whereof they were admonished. You will not cease to discover treachery from all except a few of them. But bear with them and pardon them. Lo! God loves those who do right.

5:14 And with those who say: 'Lo! We are Christians,' We made a covenant, but they forgot a part of that whereof they were admonished. Therefore We have stirred up enmity and hatred among them till the Day of Resurrection, when God will inform them of their handiwork.

5:15-16 O People of the Scripture! Now has Our Messenger come to you, expounding to you much of that which you used to hide in the Scripture, and forgiving much. Now has come to you light from God and a plain Scripture, whereby God guides him who seeks His good pleasure to paths of peace. He brings them out of darkness into light by His decree, and guides them to a straight path.

5:17 They indeed have disbelieved who say: Lo! God is the Messiah, son of Mary. Say: Who then can do anything against God, if He had willed to destroy the Messiah, son of Mary, and his mother and everyone on earth? God's is the supreme power of the heavens and the earth and all that is between them. He creates what He wills. And God is Able to do all things.

5:18 The Jews and Christians say: We are sons of God and His loved ones. Say: Why then does He punish you or your sins? Nay, you are but mortals of His creating. He forgives whom He wills, and punishes whom He wills. God's is the supreme power of the heavens and the earth and all that is between them, and to Him is the journeying.

5:19 O People of the Scripture! Now has Our Messenger come to you to make things plain after an interval (of cessation) of the Messengers, lest you should say: There came not to us a Messenger of cheer or any warner. Now has a Messenger of cheer and a warner come to you. God is Able to do all things.

5:20-21 And (remember) when Moses said to his people: O my people! Remember God's favor to you, how He placed among you Prophets, and He made you kings, and gave you that (which) He gave not to any (other) of (His) creatures. O my people! Go into the holy land that God has ordained for you. Turn not in flight, for surely you turn back as losers:

5:22-24 They said: O Moses! Lo! A giant people (dwell) therein, and lo! We go not in, until they go forth from there. When they go forth, then we will enter (not till then). Then out spoke two of those who feared (their Lord, men) to whom God had been gracious: Enter in upon them by the gate, for if you enter by it, lo! You will be victorious. So put your trust (in God) if you are indeed believers. They said: O Moses! We will never enter (the land) while they are in it. So go you and your Lord and fight! We will sit here.

5:25 He said: My Lord! I have control of none but myself and my brother, so distinguish between us and the wrongdoing folk.

5:26-31 (Their Lord) said: For this the land will surely be forbidden them for forty years that they will wander in the earth, bewildered. So grieve not over the wrongdoing folk. But

recite to them with truth the tale of the two sons of Adam, how they each offered a sacrifice, and it was accepted from the one of them and it was not accepted from the other. (The one) said: I will surely kill you. (The other) answered: God accepts only from those who are pious. Even if you stretch out your hand against me to kill me, I shall not stretch out my hand against you to kill you, lo! I fear God, the Lord of the Worlds. Lo! I would rather you should bear the punishment of the sin against me and your own sin and become one of the inhabitants of the Fire. That is the reward of evildoers. But (the other's) mind imposed on him the killing of his brother, so he slew him and became one of the losers. Then God sent a raven scratching up the ground, to show him how to hide his brother's naked corpse. He said: Woe to me! Am I not able to be as this raven and so hide my brother's naked corpse? And he became repentant.

5:32 For that cause We decreed for the Children of Israel that whosoever kills a human being for other than manslaughter or corruption in the earth, it shall be as if he had killed all humankind, and whoever saves the life of one, it shall be as if he had saved the life of all humankind. Our Messengers came to them of old with clear proofs (of God's supreme power), but afterwards lo! Many of them became prodigals in the earth.

5:33-34 The only reward of those who make war upon God and His Messenger and strive after corruption in the land will be that they will be killed or crucified, or have their hands and feet on alternate sides cut off, or will be expelled from the land. Such will be their degradation in the world, and in the Hereafter theirs will be an awful punishment; except those who repent, before you overpower them. For know that God is Forgiving, Merciful.

5:35 O you who believe! Fear God, and seek the way of approach to Him, and fight hard in His way in order that you may succeed.

5:36-37 As for those who disbelieve, lo! If all that is in the earth were theirs, and as much again therewith, to ransom them from the punishment on the Day of Resurrection, it would not be accepted from them. Theirs will be a painful punishment. They will wish to come out from the Fire, but they will not come from it. Theirs will be a lasting punishment.

5:38 As for the thief, both male and female, cut off their hands. It is the reward of their own deeds, an exemplary punishment from God. God is Mighty, Wise.

5:39-40 But whoever repents after his wrongdoing and amends, lo! God will accept his repentance. Lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful. Know you not that to God belongs the supreme power of the heavens and the earth? He punishes whom He wills, and forgives whom He wills. God is Able to do all things.

5:41-42 O Messenger! Let not them grieve you who vie with one another in the race to disbelief, those that say with their mouths: 'We believe,' but their hearts believe not, and of the Jews: listeners for the sake of falsehood, listeners on behalf of other folk who come not to you, changing words from their context and saying: If this be given to you, receive it but if this be not given to you, then beware! He whom God destines to sin, you (by your efforts) will avail him nothing against God. Those are they for whom the will of God is that He cleanses not their hearts. Theirs in the world will be humiliation, and in the Hereafter an awful punishment, listeners for the sake of falsehood! Greedy for illicit gain! If then they have recourse to you (Muhammad) judge between them or disclaim jurisdiction. If you disclaim jurisdiction, then they cannot harm you at all. But if you judge, judge between them with equity. Lo! God loves the equitable.

5:43-45 How come they to you for judgment when they have the Torah, wherein God has delivered judgment (for them)? Yet even after that they turn away. Such (folk) are not believers. Lo! We did reveal the Torah, wherein is guidance and a light, by which the Prophets who surrendered (to God) judged the Jews, and the rabbis and the priests (judged) by such of God's Scripture as they were bidden to observe, and there too were

they witnesses. So fear not people, but fear Me. And barter not My revelations for a little gain. Whoever judges not by that which God has revealed: such are disbelievers. And We prescribed for them therein: The life for the life, and the eye for the eye, and the nose for the nose, and the ear for the ear, and the tooth for the tooth, and for wounds retaliation. But whoever forgoes it (in the way of charity) it shall be expiation for him. Whoever judges not by that which God has revealed: such are wrongdoers.

5:46-47 And We caused Jesus, son of Mary, to follow in their footsteps, confirming that which was (revealed) before him, and We bestowed on him the Gospel wherein is guidance and a light, confirming that which was (revealed) before it in the Torah a guidance and an admonition to those who are pious. Let the People of the Gospel judge by that which God has revealed therein. Whoever judges not by that which God has revealed; such are evildoers.

5:48-50 And to you have We revealed the Scripture with the truth, confirming whatever Scripture was before it, and a watcher over it. So judge between them by that which God has revealed, and follow not their desires away from the truth that has come to you. For each We have appointed a divine law and a traced out way. Had God willed He could have made you one community. But that He may try you by that which He has given you (He has made you as you are). So vie with one another in good works. To God you will all return, and He will then inform you of that wherein you differ. So judge between them by that which God has revealed, and follow not their desires, but beware of them lest they seduce you from some part of that which God has revealed to you. And if they turn away, then know that God's will is to smite them for some sin of theirs. Lo! Many of people are evildoers. Is it a judgment of the time of (pagan) ignorance that they are seeking? Who is better than God for judgment to a people who have certainty (in their belief)?

5:51-53 O you who believe! Take not the Jews and Christians for helpers (and protectors). They are helpers (and protectors) one to another. He among you who takes them for helpers (and protectors) is (one) of them. Lo! God guides not wrongdoing folk. And you see those in whose heart is a disease race toward them, saying: We fear lest a change of fortune befalls us. And it may happen that God will give (to you) the victory, or a commandment from His presence. Then will they repent of their secret thoughts. Then will the believers say (to the People of the Scripture): Are these they who swore by God their most binding oaths that they were surely with you? Their works have failed, and they have become the losers.

5:54 O you who believe! Whoever of you becomes a renegade from his religion, (know that in his stead) God will bring a people whom He loves and who love Him, humble toward believers, stern toward disbelievers, fight hard in the way of God and will fear not the blame of any blamer. Such is the grace of God that He gives to whom He wills. God is All Embracing, All Knowing.

5:55-56 Your helper (and protector) can be only God; and His Messenger and those who believe, who establish worship and pay the poor-due, and bow down (in prayer). And whoever takes God and His Messenger and those who believe for friend (will know that), lo! The party of God, they are the victorious.

5:57-58 O you who believe! Choose not for helpers (and protectors) such of those who received the Scripture before you, and of the disbelievers, as make a jest and sport of your religion. And fear God if you are true believers. And when you call to prayer they take it for a jest and sport. That is because they are a folk who understand not.

5:59-60 Say: O People of the Scripture! Do you blame us for anything else than that we believe in God and that which is revealed to us and that which was revealed before, and because most of you are evildoers? Shall I tell you of a worse (case) than theirs for retribution with God? Worse (is the case of him) whom God has cursed, him on whom His wrath has fallen! Worse is he of whose sort God has turned some to apes and swine,

and who worships idols. Such are in worse plight and further astray from the plain road.

5:61-63 When they come to you (Muslims), they say: We believe; but they came in unbelief and they went out in the same; and God knows best what they were hiding. And you see many of them vying with one another in sin and transgression and their devouring of illicit gain. Verily evil is what they do. Why do the rabbis and the priests not forbid their uttering sinful words and their devouring of illicit gain? Verily evil is their handiwork.

5:64 The Jews say: God's Hand is fettered. Their hands are fettered and they are accursed for saying so. Nay, but both His hands are spread out wide in bounty. He bestows as He wills. That which has been revealed to you from your Lord is certain to increase the contumacy and disbelief of many of them, and We have cast among them enmity and hatred till the Day of Resurrection. As often as they light a fire for war, God extinguishes it. Their effort is for corruption in the land, and God loves not corrupters.

5:65-66 If only the People of the Scripture would believe and adopt piety, surely We should expiate their sins from them and surely We should bring them into Gardens of Delight. If they had observed the Torah and the Gospel and that which was revealed to them from their Lord, they would surely have been nourished from above them and from beneath their feet. Among them there are people who are moderate, but many of them are of evil conduct.

5:67-69 O Messenger! Make known that which has been revealed to you from your Lord, for if you do it not, you will not have conveyed His message. God will protect you from people. Lo! God guides not the disbelieving folk. Say: O People of the Scripture! You have nothing (of guidance) till you observe the Torah and the Gospel and that which was revealed to you from your Lord. That which is revealed to you (Muhammad) from your Lord is certain to increase the contumacy and disbelief of many of them. But grieve not for the disbelieving folk. Lo! Those who believe, and those who are Jews, and Sabaeans, and Christians – whosoever believes in God and the Last Day and does right – no fear shall come upon them neither shall they grieve.

5:70-71 We made a covenant of old with the Children of Israel and We sent to them Messengers. As often as a Messenger came to them with that which their souls desired not (they became rebellious). Some (of them) they denied and some they slew. They thought no harm would come of it, so they were willfully blind and deaf. And afterward God turned (in mercy) toward them. Now (even after that) are many of them willfully blind and deaf. God is the Seer of what they do.

5:72-74 They surely disbelieve who say: Lo! God is the Messiah, son of Mary. The Messiah (himself) said: O Children of Israel, worship God, my Lord and your Lord. Lo! Whoever ascribes partners to God, for him God has forbidden Paradise. His abode is the Fire. For evildoers there will be no helpers. They surely disbelieve who say: Lo! God is the third of three; when there is no God except the One God. If they desist not from saying so, a painful punishment will fall on those of them who disbelieve. Will they not rather repent to God and seek forgiveness of Him? For God is Forgiving, Merciful.

5:75-76 The Messiah, son of Mary, was no other than a Messenger, Messengers (the like of whom) had passed away before him. And his mother was a truthful woman. And they both used to eat (earthly) food. See how we make the revelations clear for them, and see how they are turned away! Say: Worship you in place of God that which possesses for you neither hurt nor use? God it is Who is the Hearer, the Knower.

5:77-79 Say: O People of the Scripture! Stress not in your religion other than the truth, and follow not the vain desires of folk who erred of old and led many astray, and erred from a plain road. Those of the Children of Israel who went astray were cursed by the tongue of David, and of Jesus, son of Mary. That was because they rebelled and used to transgress. They restrained not one another from wickedness. Verily evil was that they

used to do!

5:80-81 You see many of them taking as helpers (and protectors) those who disbelieve. Surely, ill for them is that which they themselves send on before them: that God will be wroth with them and in the punishment they will abide. If they believed in God and the Prophet and that which is revealed to him, they would not choose them for their helpers (and protectors). But many of them are of evil conduct.

5:82 You will find the most vehement of people in hostility to those who believe (to be) the Jews and the idolaters. And you will find the nearest of them in affection to those who believe (to be) those who say: Lo! We are Christians. That is because there are among them priests and monks, and because they are not proud.

5:83-84 When they listen to that which has been revealed to the Messenger, you see their eyes overflowing with tears because of their recognition of the Truth. They say: Our Lord, we believe. Inscribe us as among the witnesses. How should we not believe in God and that which has come to us of the Truth? And (how should we not) hope that our Lord will bring us in, along with righteous folk?

5:85-86 God has rewarded them for that saying: Gardens underneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide forever. That is the reward of the good. But those who disbelieve and deny Our revelations, they are inhabitants of the Hell-fire.

5:87-88 O you who believe! Forbid not the good things that God has made lawful for you, and transgress not. Lo! God loves not transgressors. Eat of that which God has bestowed on you as food lawful and good, and fear God in Whom you are believers.

5:89 God will not take you to task for that which is unintentional in your oaths, but He will take you to task for the oaths which you swear in earnest. The expiation for this is the feeding of ten of the needy with the average of what you feed your own folk, or the clothing of them, or the liberation of a slave, and for him who finds not (the wherewithal to do so) then a three-day fast. This is the expiation of your oaths that you have sworn; and keep your oaths. Thus God expounds to you His revelations in order that you may give thanks.

5:90-91 O you who believe! Strong drink and games of chance and idols and divining arrows are only an infamy of Satan's handiwork. Leave it aside in order that you may succeed. Satan seeks only to cast among you enmity and hatred by means of strong drink and games of chance, and to turn you from remembrance of God and from (His) worship. Will you then have it done?

5:92-93 Obey God and obey the Messenger, and beware! But if you turn away, then know that the duty of Our Messenger is only plain conveyance (of the message). There shall be no sin (imputed) to those who believe and do good works for what they may have eaten (in the past). So fear (God), and do good works; and again: fear (God), and believe; and once again: fear (God), and do right. God loves the good.

5:94-96 O you who believe! God will surely try you somewhat (in the matter) of the game, which you take with your hands and your spears, that God may know him, who fears Him in secret. Whoever transgresses after this, for him there is a painful punishment. O you who believe! Kill no wild game while you are on the pilgrimage. Whoever of you kills it of set purpose, he shall pay its forfeit in the equivalent of that which he has killed, of domestic animals, the judge to be two men among you known for justice; (the forfeit) to be brought as an offering to the Kabah; or, for expiation, he shall feed poor persons, or the equivalent thereof in fasting, that he may taste the evil consequences of his deed. God forgives whatever (of this kind) may have happened in the past, but whoever relapses, God will take retribution from him. God is Mighty, Able to requite (the wrong). To hunt and to eat the fish of the sea is made lawful for you, a provision for you and for seafarers;

but to hunt on land is forbidden you so long as you are on the pilgrimage. And fear God, to Whom you will be gathered.

5:97-98 God has appointed the Kabah, the Sacred House, a standard for people, and the sacred month and the offerings and the garlands. That is so that you may know that God knows whatsoever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth, and that God is Knower of all things. Know that God is severe in punishment, but that God (also) is Forgiving, Merciful.

5:99-100 The duty of the Messenger is only to convey (the message) God knows what you proclaim and what you hide. Say: Evil and good are not alike, even though the plenty of evil attracts you. So fear God, O men of understanding that you may succeed.

5:101-102 O you who believe! Ask not of things that, if they were made known to you, would trouble you; but if you ask of them when the Quran is being revealed, they will be made known to you. God pardons this, for God is Forgiving, Forbearing. A folk, before you, asked (for such disclosures) and then disbelieved therein. 5:103-104 God has not appointed anything in the nature of a Bahirah or a Saibah or a Wasilah or a Hami, but those who disbelieve invent a lie against God. Most of them have no sense. And when it is said to them: Come to that which God has revealed and to the Messenger, they say: Enough for us is that wherein we found our fathers. What! Even though their fathers had no knowledge whatsoever, and no guidance?

5:105 O you who believe! You have charge of your own souls. He who errs cannot injure you if you are rightly guided. To God you will all return; and then He will inform you of what you used to do.

5:106-108 O you who believe! Let there be witnesses between you when death draws near to one of you, at the time of bequest – two witnesses, just men from among you, or two others from another tribe, in case you are campaigning in the land and the calamity of death befalls you. You shall detain them both after the prayer, and if you doubt, they shall be made to swear by God (saying): We will not take a bribe, even though it were (on behalf of) a near kinsman nor will we hide the testimony of God, for then indeed we should be of the sinful. But then, if it is afterwards ascertained that both of them merit (the suspicion of) sin, let two others take their place of those nearly concerned, and let them swear by God, (saying): Verily our testimony is truer than their testimony and we have not transgressed (the bounds of duty), for then indeed we should be of the evildoers. Thus it is more likely that they will hear true witness or fear that after their oath, the oath (of others) will be taken. So fear God and hearken. God guides not the froward folk.

5:109 In the Day when God gathers together the Messengers, and says: What was your response (from people)? They will say: We have no knowledge. Lo! You, only You are the Knower of Things Hidden.

5:110-111 When God says: O Jesus, son of Mary! Remember My favor to you and to your mother; how I strengthened you with the holy Spirit, so that you spoke to people in the cradle, as in maturity; and how I taught you the Scripture and Wisdom and the Torah and the Gospel; and how you shaped clay as it were the likeness of a bird by My permission, and did blow upon it and it was a bird by My permission, and you did heal him who was born blind and the leper by My permission; and how you did raise the dead, by My permission and how I restrained the Children of Israel from (harming) you when you came to them with clear proofs, and those of them who disbelieved exclaimed: This is nothing other than mere magic; and when I inspired the disciples, (saying): Believe in Me and in My Messenger, they said: We believe. Bear witness that we are Muslims (have surrendered to Thee).

5:112-115 When the disciples said: O Jesus, son of Mary! Is your Lord able to send down for us a table spread with food from heaven? He said: Fear God, if you are true believers.

(They said:) We wish to eat thereof, that we may satisfy our hearts and know that you have spoken the truth to us, and that we may be witnesses. Jesus, son of Mary, said: O God, Lord of us! Send down for us a table spread with food from heaven, that it may be a feast for us, for the first of us and for the last of us, and a sign from You. Give us sustenance, for You are the Best Of Sustainers. God said: Lo! I send it down for you. And whoever disbelieves of you afterward, I will surely punish him with a punishment wherewith I have not punished any of (My) creatures.

5:116-118 And when God says: O Jesus, son of Mary! Did you say to people: Take my mother and me, for two gods beside God? He says: Be glorified It was not mine to utter that to which I had no right. If I used to say it, then, You knew it. You know what is in my mind, and I know not what is in Your mind. Lo! You, only You, are the Knower of Things Hidden. I spoke to them only that which You commanded me, (saying): Worship God, my Lord and your Lord. I was a witness of them while I lived among them, and when You took me You were the Watcher over them. You are Witness over all things. If You punish them, lo! They are Your slaves, and if You forgive them (lo! They are Your slaves). Lo! You, only You, are the Mighty, the Wise.

5:119-120 God says: This is a day in which their truthfulness profits the truthful, for theirs are Gardens underneath which rivers flow, wherein they are secure forever, God taking pleasure in them and they in Him. That is the great triumph. To God belongs the supreme power of the heavens and the earth and whatsoever is therein, and He is Able to do all things.

6. Al-An`am: Cattle

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

6:1-3 Praise be to God, Who has created the heavens and the earth, and has appointed darkness and light. Yet those who disbelieve ascribe rivals to their Lord. It is He, Who has created you from clay, and has decreed a term for you. A term is fixed with Him. Yet still you doubt! He is God in the heavens and in the earth. He knows both your secret and your utterance, and He knows what you earn.

6:4-7 Never came there to them a revelation of the revelations of God but they did turn away from it. And they denied the truth when it came to them. But there will come to them the tidings of that which they used to deride. See they not how many a generation We destroyed before them, whom We had established in the earth more firmly than We have established you, and We shed on them abundant showers from the sky, and made the rivers flow beneath them. Yet We destroyed them for their sins, and created after them another generation. Had we sent down to you (Muhammad) (actual) writing upon parchment, so that they could feel it with their hands, those who disbelieve would have said: This is nothing else than mere magic.

6:8-9 They say: Why has not an angel been sent down to him? If We sent down an angel, then the matter would be judged; no further time would they be allowed (for reflection). Had We appointed an angel (Our Messenger), We assuredly had made him (as) a man (that he might speak to men); and (thus) obscured for them (the truth) they (now) obscure.

6:10-13 Messengers (of God) have been derided before you, but that of what they scoffed, surrounded such of them as they did deride. Say (to the disbelievers): Travel in the land, and see the nature of the consequence for the rejecters! Say: To whom belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth? Say: To God. He has prescribed for Himself mercy, that He may bring you all together to a Day whereof there is no doubt. Those who ruin their own souls will not believe. To Him belongs whatsoever rests in the night and the day. He is the

Hearer, the Knower.

6:14-15 Say: Shall I choose for a protector other than God, the Originator of the heavens and the earth, who feeds and is never fed? Say: I am ordered to be the first to surrender (to Him). And be not you (O Muhammad) of the polytheists. Say: I fear, if I rebel against my Lord, the retribution of an Awful Day.

6:16-18 He from whom (such retribution) is averted on that Day (God) has in truth had mercy on him. That will be the signal triumph. If God touches you with affliction, there is none that can relieve there from except Him, and if He touches you with good fortune (there is none that can impair it); for He is Able to do all things. He is the Omnipotent over His slaves, and He is the Wise, the Knower.

6:19 Say (O Muhammad): What thing is of most weight in testimony? Say: God is witness between you and me. And this Quran has been inspired in me, that I may warn you and whomsoever it may reach with it. Do you in truth bear witness that there are gods beside God? Say: I bear no such witness. Say: He is only One God. Lo! I am innocent of that which you associate (with Him).

6:20 Those to whom We gave the Scripture recognize (this Revelation) as they recognize their sons. Those who ruin their own souls will not believe.

6:21-24 Who does greater wrong than he who invents a lie against God and denies His revelations? Lo! The wrongdoers will not be successful And on the Day We gather them together We shall say to those who ascribed

partners (to God): Where are (now) those partners of your make-believe? Then will they have no contention except that they will say: By God, our Lord, we never were polytheists. See how they lie against themselves, and (how) the thing, which they devised has failed them!

6:25-27 Of them are some who listen to you, but We have placed upon their hearts veils, lest they should understand, and in their ears a deafness. If they saw every sign they would not believe therein; to the point that, when they come to you to argue with you, the disbelievers say: This is nothing else than fables of the men of old. And they forbid (men) from it and avoid it, and they ruin none except themselves, though they perceive not. If you could see when they are set before the Fire and they say: Oh, would that we might return! Then would we not deny the revelations of our Lord but we would be of the believers!

6:28-30 Nay, but that has become clear to them which before they used to hide. And if they were sent back they would return to that which they are forbidden. Lo! They are liars. And they say: There is nothing except our life of the world, and we shall not be raised (again). If you could see when they are set before their Lord! He will say: Is not this real? They will say: Yea, verily, by our Lord! He will say: Taste now the retribution for that you used to disbelieve.

6:31-32 They indeed are losers who deny their meeting with God until, when the hour comes on them suddenly, they cry: Alas for us, that we neglected it! They bear upon their back their burdens. Ah, evil is that which they bear! Nothing is the life of the world except a pastime and a sport. Far better is the abode of the Hereafter for those who keep their duty (to God). Have you then no sense?

6:33-35 We know well how their talk grieves you, though in truth they deny not you (Muhammad) but evildoers flout the revelations of God. Messengers indeed have been denied before you, and they were patient under the denial and the persecution till Our succor reached them. There is none to alter the decisions of God. Already there has reached you (somewhat) of the tidings of the Messengers (We sent before). And if their

aversion is grievous to you, then, if you can, seek a way down into the earth or a ladder to the sky that you may bring to them a sign (to convince them all)! If God willed, He could have brought them all together to the guidance. So be not you among the foolish ones.

6:36-37 Only those who hear can accept. As for the dead, God will raise them up; then to Him they will be returned. They say: Why has no sign been sent down upon him from his Lord? Say: Lo! God is Able to send down a sign. But most of them know not.

6:38 There is not an animal in the earth, or a flying creature, flying on two wings, but they are peoples like you. We have neglected nothing in the Book (of Our decrees). Then to their Lord they will be gathered.

6:39 Those who deny our revelations are deaf and dumb in darkness. Whom God wills He sends astray, and whom He wills He places on a straight path.

6:40-41 Say: Can you see yourselves, if the punishment of God come upon you or the Hour come upon you, calling upon other than God? Do you then call (for help) to any other than God? (Answer that) if you are truthful. Nay, but to Him you call, and He removes that (because) of which you call to Him, if He wills, and you forget whatever partners you ascribed to Him.

6:42-45 We have sent already to people that were before you, and We visited them with tribulation and adversity, in order that they might grow humble. If only, when our disaster came on them, they had been humble! But their hearts were hardened and Satan made all that they used to do seem fair to them! Then, when they forgot that whereof they had been reminded, We opened to them the gates of all things till, even as they were rejoicing in that which they were given, We seized them unawares, and lo! They were dumbfounded. So of the people who did wrong the last remnant was cut off. Praise be to God, Lord of the Worlds!

6:46-47 Say: Have you imagined, if God should take away your hearing and your sight and seal your hearts, who is the God who could restore it to you except God? See how We display the revelations to them? Yet still they turn away. Say: Can you see yourselves, if the punishment of God comes upon you unawares or openly? Would any perish except wrongdoing folk?

6:48-49 We send not the Messengers except as bearers of good news and warners. Whoever believes and does right, no fear shall come upon them neither shall they grieve. But as for those who deny Our revelations, torment will afflict them for they used to disobey.

6:50 Say (O Muhammad to the disbelievers): I say not to you (that) I possess the treasures of God, nor that I have knowledge of the Unseen; and I say not to you: Lo! I am an angel. I follow only that which is inspired in me. Say: Are the blind man and the seer equal? Will you not then take thought?

6:51-53 Warn hereby those who fear (because they know) that they will be gathered to their Lord, for whom there is no protector nor intercessor beside Him, that they may adopt piety. Repel not those who call upon their Lord at morn and evening, seeking His Face. You are not accountable for them in anything, nor are they accountable for you in anything, that you should repel them and be of the wrongdoers. And even so do We try some of them by others, that they say: Are these they whom God favors among us? Is not God best aware of the thanks givers?

6:54-55 And when those who believe in Our revelations come to you, say: Peace be to you! Your Lord has prescribed for Himself mercy, that whoever of you does evil through ignorance and repents afterward thereof and does right, (for him) lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful. Thus do We expound the revelations that the way of the unrighteous may be

manifest.

6:56-58 Say: I am forbidden to worship those on whom you call instead of God. Say: I will not follow your desires, for then should I go astray and I should not be of the rightly guided. Say: I am (relying) on clear proof from my Lord, while you deny Him. I have not that for which you are impatient. The decision is for God only. He tells the truth and He is the Best of deciders. Say: If I had that for which you are impatient, then would the case (ere this) have been decided between me and you. God is best aware of the wrongdoers.

6:59-60 And with Him are the keys of the invisible. None but He knows them. And He knows what is in the land and the sea. Not a leaf falls but He knows it, not a grain amid the darkness of the earth, nothing of wet or dry but (it is noted) in a clear record. He it is Who gathers you at night and knows that which you commit by day. Then He raises you again to life therein, that the term appointed (for you) may be accomplished. And afterward to Him is your return. Then He will proclaim to you what you used to do.

6:61-62 He is the Omnipotent over His slaves. He sends guardians over you until, when death comes to one of you, Our messengers receive him, and they neglect not. Then are they restored to God, their Lord, the Just. Surely His is the judgment. And He is the most swift of reckoners.

6:63-64 Say: Who delivers you from the darkness of the land and the sea? You call upon Him humbly and in secret, (saying): If we are delivered from this (fear) we truly will be of the thankful. Say: God delivers you from this and from all afflictions. Yet you attribute partners to Him.

6:65-67 Say: He is able to send punishment upon you from above you or from beneath your feet, or to bewilder you with dissension and make you taste the tyranny of one another. See how We display the revelations so that they may understand Your people (O Muhammad) have denied it, though it is the Truth. Say: I am not put in charge of you. For every announcement there is a term, and you will come to know.

6:68-69 And when you see those who meddle with Our revelations, withdraw from them until they meddle with another topic. And if Satan causes you to forget, sit not, after the remembrance, with the congregation of wrongdoers. Those who fear (God) are not accountable for them in anything, but the Reminder (must be given to them) that perhaps they (too) may adopt piety.

6:70 And forsake those who take their religion for a pastime and a jest, and whom the life of the world deceives. Remind (people) hereby lest a soul be destroyed by what it earns. It has beside God no helpers (and protectors) nor intercessor, and though it offers every compensation it will not be accepted from it. Those are they who perish by their own deserts. For them is a drink of boiling water and a painful punishment, because they disbelieved.

6:71-73 Say: Shall we cry, instead of to God, to that which neither profits us nor hurts us, and shall we turn back after God has guided us, like one bewildered whom the satans have infatuated in the earth, who has companions who invite him to the guidance (saying): Come to us? Say: Lo! The guidance of God is Guidance, and we are ordered to surrender to the Lord of the Worlds, and to establish worship and fear Him, and it is He to Whom you will be gathered. It is He, Who created the heavens and the earth in truth. On that Day when He says: Be! And it is. His word is the truth, and His will be the supreme power on the Day when the trumpet is blown. Knower of the invisible and the visible, He is the Wise, the Aware.

6:74 (Remember) when Abraham said to his father Azar: Take you idols for gods? Lo! I see you and your folk in error manifest.

6:75-79 Thus did We show Abraham the kingdom of the heavens and the earth that he might be of those possessing certainty: When the night grew dark upon him, he beheld a star. He said: This is my Lord. But when it set, he said: I love not things that set. And when he saw the moon uprising, he exclaimed: This is my Lord. But when it set, he said: Unless my Lord guides me, I surely shall become one of the folk who are astray. And when he saw the sun uprising, he cried: This is my Lord! This is greater! And when it set, he exclaimed: O my people! Lo! I am free from all that you associate (with Him). Lo! I have turned my face toward him Who created the heavens and the earth, as one by nature upright, and I am not of the polytheists.

6:80-83 His people argued with him. He said: Dispute you with me concerning God when He has guided me? I fear not at all that which you set beside Him unless my Lord wills. My Lord includes all things in His knowledge: Will you not then remember? How should I fear that which you set up beside Him, when you fear not to set up beside God that for which He has revealed to you no warrant? Which of the two factions has more right to safety? (Answer me that) if you have knowledge. Those who believe and obscure not their belief by wrongdoing, theirs is safety; and they are rightly guided. That is Our argument. We gave it to Abraham against his folk. We raise to degrees of wisdom of whom We will. Lo! Your Lord is Wise, Aware.

6:84-87 And We bestowed upon him Isaac and Jacob; each of them We guided; and Noah did We guide aforetime; and of his seed (We guided) David and Solomon and Job and Joseph and Moses and Aaron. Thus do We reward the good. And Zachariah and John and Jesus and Elias. Each one (of them) was of the righteous. And Ishmael and Elisha and Jonah and Lot. Each one of them did We prefer above (Our) creatures, with some of their forefathers and their offspring and their brethren; and We chose them and guided them to a straight path.

6:88-90 Such is the guidance of God wherewith He guides whom He wills of His bondmen. But if they had set up (for worship) anything beside Him, (all) that they did would have been in vain. Those are they to whom We gave the Scripture and command and prophethood. But if these disbelieve therein, then indeed We shall entrust it to a people who will not be disbelievers therein. Those are they whom God guides, so follow their guidance. Say (O Muhammad to people): I ask of you no fee for it. Lo! It is nothing but a Reminder to (His) creatures. 6:91 And they measure not the power of God its true measure when they say: God has revealed nothing to a human being. Say (to the Jews who speak thus): Who revealed the Book which Moses brought, a light and guidance for people, which you have put on parchments which you show, but you hide much (thereof), and by which you were taught that which you knew not yourselves nor (did) your fathers (know it)? Say: God. Then leave them to their play of caviling.

6:92 And this is a blessed Scripture which We have revealed, confirming that which (was revealed) before it, that you may warn the Mother of Villages (Mecca) and those around her. Those who believe in the Hereafter believe herein, and they are careful of their worship.

6:93-94 Who is guilty of more wrong than he who forges a lie against God, or says: I am inspired, when he is not inspired in anything; and who says: I will reveal the like of that which God has revealed? If you could see, when the wrongdoers reach the pangs of death and the angels stretch their hands out, saying: Deliver up your souls. This day you are awarded a punishment of degradation for what you spoke of concerning God other than the truth, and scorned His signs. Now have you come to Us solitary as We did create you at the first, and you have left behind you all that We bestowed upon you, and We behold not with you, your intercessors, of whom you claimed that they possessed a share in you. Now is the bond between you severed, and that which you presumed has failed you.

6:95-99 Lo! God (it is) Who splits the grain of corn and the date stone (for sprouting). He brings forth the living from the dead, and is the bringer forth of the dead from the living.

Such is God. How then are you perverted? He is the Cleaver of the Daybreak, and He has appointed the night for stillness, and the sun and the moon for reckoning. That is the measuring of the Mighty, the Wise. And it is He, Who has set for you the stars that you may guide your course by them amid the darkness of the land and the sea. We have detailed Our revelations for a people who have knowledge. And it is He, Who has produced you from a single being, and (has given you) a habitation and a repository. We have detailed Our revelations for a people who have understanding. It is He, Who sends down water from the sky, and therewith We bring forth buds of every kind; We bring forth the green blade from which we bring forth the thick clustered grain; and from the date palm, from the pollen thereof, spring pendant bunches; and (We bring forth) gardens of grapes, and the olive and the pomegranate, alike and unlike. Look upon the fruit thereof, when they bear fruit, and upon it's ripening. Lo! Herein verily are signs for a people who believe.

6:100-101 Yet they ascribe as partners to Him the jinn, although He did create them, and impute falsely, without knowledge, sons and daughters to Him. Glorified be He and high exalted above (all) that they ascribe (to Him). The Originator of the heavens and the earth! How can He have a child, when there is for Him no consort, when He created all things and is Aware of all things?

6:102-103 Such is God, your Lord. None should be worshipped but God alone, the Creator of all things, so worship Him. And He takes care of all things. Vision comprehends Him not, but He comprehends (all) vision. He is the Subtle, the Aware.

6:104 Proofs have come to you from your Lord, so whoever sees, it is for his own good, and whoever is blind is blind to his own hurt. And I am not a keeper over you.

6:105 Thus do We display Our revelations that they may say (to you, O Muhammad): 'You have studied,' and that We may make (it) clear for people who have knowledge.

6:106-108 Follow that which is inspired in you from your Lord; none should be worshipped but God alone; and turn away from the polytheists. Had God willed, they had not been idolatrous. We have not set you as a keeper over them, nor are you responsible for them. Revile not those to whom they pray, beside God lest they wrongfully revile God through ignorance. Thus to every nation have We made their deed seem fair. Then to their Lord is their return, and He will tell them what they used to do.

6:109-111 And they swear a solemn oath by God that if there comes to them a sign, they will believe therein. Say: Signs are with God and (so is) that which tells you that if such came to them they would not believe.

6:110 We confound their hearts and their eyes. As they believed not therein at the first, We let them wander blindly on in their contumacy.

6:111-113 And though We should send down the angels to them, and the dead should speak to them, and We should gather against them all things in array, they would not believe unless God so willed. Howbeit, most of them are ignorant? Thus have We appointed to every Prophet an adversary – devils of humankind and jinn who inspire in one another plausible discourse through guile. If your Lord willed, they would not do so; so leave them alone with their devising; that the hearts of those who believe not in the Hereafter may incline thereto, and that they may take pleasure therein, and that they may earn what they are earning.

6:114-115 Shall I seek other than God for a judge, when it is He, Who has revealed to you (this) Scripture, fully explained? Those to whom We gave the Scripture (aforetime) know that it is revealed from your Lord in truth. So be not you (O Muhammad) of the waverers. Perfected is the word of your Lord in truth and justice. There is nothing that can change His words. He is the Hearer, the Knower.

6:116-117 If you obeyed most of those on earth they would mislead you far from God's way. They follow nothing but an opinion, and they do but guess. Lo! Your Lord, He knows best who errs from His way; and He knows best (who are) the rightly guided.

6:118-121 Eat of that over which the name of God has been mentioned, if you are believers in His revelations. How should you not eat of that over which the name of God has been mentioned, when He has explained to you that which is forbidden to you, unless you are compelled to. But lo! Many are led astray by their own lusts through ignorance. Lo! your Lord, He is best aware of the transgressors. Forsake the outwardness of sin and the inwardness thereof. Lo! Those who garner sin will be awarded that which they have earned. And eat not of that on which God's name has not been mentioned, for lo! It is abomination. Lo! The satans do inspire you

minions to dispute with you. But if you obey them, you will be in truth polytheists.

6:122-124 Is he who was dead and We have raised him to life, and set for him a light wherein he walks among men, as him whose similitude is in utter darkness from where he cannot emerge? Thus is their conduct made fair-seeming for the disbelievers. And thus have We made in every city great ones of its wicked ones, that they should plot therein. They do but plot against themselves, though they perceive not. And when a sign comes to them, they say: We will not believe till we are given that which God's Messengers are given. God knows best with whom to place His message. Humiliation from God and heavy punishment will smite the guilty for their scheming.

6:125 And whomsoever it is God's will to guide, He expands his bosom to Islam (surrender), and who ever He wills to send astray, He makes his bosom close and narrow as if he were engaged in sheer ascent to the sky. Thus God lays humiliation upon those who disbelieve.

6:126-127 This is the path of your Lord, a straight path. We have detailed Our revelations for a people who take heed. For them is the abode of peace with their Lord. He is their Guardian (and Protector) because of what they used to do.

6:128 On the Day when He will gather them together (He will say): O you assembly of the jinn! Many of humankind did you seduce. And their adherents among humankind will say: Our Lord! We enjoyed one another, but now we have arrived at the appointed term that You appointed for us. He will say: Fire is your home. Abide therein forever, except him whom God wills (to deliver). Lo! Your Lord is Wise, Aware.

6:129 Thus We let some of the wrongdoers have power over others because of what they are wont to earn.

6:130-134 O you assembly of the jinn and humankind! Came there not to you Messengers of

your own who recounted to you My signs and warned you of the meeting of this your Day? They will say: We testify against ourselves. And the life of the world deceived them. And they testify against themselves that they were disbelievers. This is because your Lord destroys not the townships unjustly while their people are unconscious (of the wrong that they do). For all there will be ranks from what they did. Your Lord is not unaware of what they do. Your Lord is the Absolute, the Lord of Mercy. If He wills, He can remove you and can cause what He will to follow after you, even as He raised you from the seed of other folk. Lo! That which you are promised will surely come to pass, and you cannot escape.

6:135 Say (O Muhammad): O my people! Work according to your power. Lo! I too am working. Thus you will come to know for which of us will be the happy sequel. Lo! The wrongdoers will not be successful.

6:136 They assign to God, of the crops and cattle that He created, a portion, and they say: 'This is God's'—in their make believe — 'and this is for (His) partners in regard to us.' Thus, that which (they assign) to His partners in regard to them, reaches not God and that which (they assign) to God, goes to their (so called) partners. Evil is their ordinance.

6:137 Thus have their (so called) partners (of God) made the killing of their children to seem fair to many of the polytheists, that they may ruin them and make their faith obscure for them. Had God willed (it otherwise), they would not have done so. So leave them alone with their devices.

6:138-139 And they say: Such cattle and crops are forbidden. No one is to eat of them except whom we will — in their make believe — cattle whose backs are forbidden, cattle over which they mention not the name of God. (All that is) a lie against Him. He will repay them for that which they invent. And they say: That which is in the bellies of such cattle is reserved for our males and is forbidden to our wives; but if it be born dead, then they (all) may be partakers thereof He will reward them for their attribution (ordinances to Him). Lo, He is Wise, Aware.

6:140 They are losers who besottedly have slain their children without knowledge, and have forbidden that which God bestowed upon them, inventing a lie against God. They indeed have gone astray and are not guided.

6:141 It is He, Who produces gardens trellised and untrellised, and the date palm, and crops of diverse flavor, and the olive and the pomegranate, like and unlike. Eat you of the fruit thereof when it fruits, and pay the due thereof upon the harvest day, and be not prodigal. Lo! God loves not the prodigals.

6:142-144 And of the cattle (He produces) some for burdens, some for food. Eat of that which God has bestowed upon you, and follow not the footsteps of Satan, for lo! He is an open foe to you. Eight pairs: Of the sheep twain, and of the goats twain. Say: Has He forbidden the two males or the two females, or that which the wombs of the two females contain? Expound to me (the case) with knowledge, if you are truthful. And of the camels twain and of the oxen twain. Say: Has He forbidden the two males or the two females, or that which the wombs of the two females contain; or were you by to witness when God commanded you (all) this? Then who does greater wrong than he who devises a lie concerning God, that he may lead people astray without knowledge? Lo! God guides not wrongdoing folk.

6:145 Say: I find not in that which is revealed to me anything prohibited to an eater that he eat thereof, except it be carrion, or blood poured forth, or swine flesh — for that verily is foul — or the abomination which was immolated to the name of other than God. But whoever is compelled (thereto), neither craving nor transgressing, (for him) lo! Your Lord is Forgiving, Merciful.

6:146-147 To those who are Jews We forbade every animal with claws. And of the oxen and the sheep We forbade for them the fat thereof, except that upon the backs or the entrails, or that which is mixed with the bone. That, We awarded to them for their rebellion. And verily We are Truthful. So if they give the lie to you (O Muhammad), say: Your Lord is the Lord of all embracing mercy, and His wrath will never be withdrawn from guilty folk.

6:148-149 They who are idolaters will say: Had God willed, we had not ascribed (to Him) partners neither had our fathers, nor had we forbidden anything. Thus did those who were before them give the lie (to God's Messengers) till they tasted of the fear of Us. Say: Have you any knowledge that you can adduce for us? Lo! You follow nothing but an opinion. Lo! You do but guess. Say — For God's is the final argument — Had He willed He could indeed have guided all of you.

6:150-151 Say: Come, bring your witnesses who can bear witness that God forbade (all) this. And if they bear witness, do not you bear witness with them. Follow you not the whims of those who deny Our revelations, those who believe not in the Hereafter and deem (others) equal with their Lord. Say: Come, I will recite to you that which your Lord has made a sacred duty for you: that you ascribe nothing as partner to Him and that you do good to parents, and that you slay not your children because of penury. We provide for you and for them – and that you draw not near to lewd things whether open or concealed. And that you slay not the life which God has made sacred, except in the course of justice. This He has commanded you, in order that you may discern.

6:152-153 And approach not the wealth of the orphan except with that which is better, till he reaches maturity. Give full measure and full weight, in justice. We task not any soul beyond its scope. And if you give your word, do justice thereto, even though it is (against) a kinsman; and fulfill the covenant of God. This He commands you that perhaps you may remember. And (He commands you, saying): This is My straight path, so follow it. Follow not other ways, lest you be parted from His way: He has ordained this for you, so that you may become pious.

6:154 Again, We gave the Scripture to Moses, complete for him who would do good, an explanation of all things, a guidance and a mercy, that they might believe in the meeting with their Lord.

6:155 And this is a blessed Scripture which We have revealed. So follow it and fear (God), that you may find mercy.

6:156-157 Lest you should say: The Scripture was revealed only to two sects before us, and we in truth were unaware of what they read; or lest you should say: If the Scripture had been revealed to us, we surely had been better guided than they are. Now has there come to you a clear proof from your Lord, a guidance and a mercy; and who does greater wrong than he who denies the revelations of God, and turns away from them? We award to those who turn away from Our revelations an evil punishment because of their aversion.

6:158 Wait they, indeed, for nothing less than that the angels should come to them, or your Lord should come, or there should come one of the signs from your Lord? In the day when one of the signs from your Lord comes, its belief avails not a soul, which until then believed not, nor in its belief earned good (by works). Say: Wait you! Lo! We (too) are waiting.

6:159 Lo! As for those who sunder their religion and become schismatic, no concern at all have you with them. Their case will go to God, who then will tell them what they used to do.

6:160 Whoever brings a good deed will receive tenfold the like thereof, while whoever brings an ill deed will be awarded but the like thereof; and they will not be wronged.

6:161-163 Say: Lo! As for me, my Lord has guided me to a straight path, a right religion, the community of Abraham, the upright, who was no polytheist. Say: Lo! My worship and my sacrifice and my living and my dying are for God, Lord of the Worlds. He has no partner. This am I commanded, and I am first of those who surrender (to Him).

6:164 Say: Shall I seek other than God for Lord, when He is Lord of all things? Each soul earns only on its own account, nor does any laden bear another's load. Then to your Lord is your return and He will tell you that wherein you differed.

6:165 It is He, Who has placed you as viceroys of the earth and has exalted some of you in rank above others, that He may try you by (the test of) that which He has given you. Lo! Your Lord is swift in prosecution, and lo! He is Forgiving, Merciful.

7. Al-A`raf: The Purgatory

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

7:1-3 *Alif. Lam. Mim. Sad.* (It is) a Scripture that is revealed to you (O Muhammad) – so let there be no heaviness in your heart therefrom – that you may warn thereby, and (it is) a Reminder to believers. (Saying :) Follow that which is sent down to you from your Lord, and follow no helpers (and protectors) beside Him. Little do you recollect!

7:4-5 How many a township have We destroyed! As a raid by night, or while they slept at noon, Our terror came to them. No plea had they, when Our terror came to them, except that they said: Lo! We were wrongdoers.

7:6-7 Then verily We shall question those to whom (Our message) has been sent, and We shall question the Messengers. Then verily We shall narrate to them (the event) with knowledge, for verily We were not absent (when it came to pass).

7:8-9 The weighing on that Day is the true (weighing). As for those whose scale is heavy, they are the successful. And as for those whose scale is light: They are those who lose their souls because they disbelieved Our revelations.

7:10 And We have given you (humankind) power in the earth, and appointed for you therein a livelihood. Little give you thanks!

7:11 And We created you, then fashioned you, then told the angels: Fall you prostrate before Adam! And they fell prostrate, all except Iblis, who was not of those who make prostration.

7:12-18 He said: What hindered you that you did not fall prostrate when I bade you? (Iblis) said: I am better than him. You created me from fire while him You did create of mud. He said: Then go down hence! It is not for you to show pride here, so go forth! Lo! You are of those degraded. He said: Reprieve me till the day when they are raised (from the dead). He said: Lo! You are of those reprieved. He said: Now, because You have sent me astray, verily I shall lurk in ambush for them on Your right path. Then I shall come upon them from before them and from behind them and from their right hands and from their left hands, and You will not find most of them beholden (to You). He said: Go forth from hence, degraded, banished. As for such of them as follow you, surely I will fill Hell with all of you.

7:19 And (to man): O Adam! Dwell you and your wife in the Garden and eat from wherever you will, but come not near this tree lest you become wrongdoers.

7:20-22 Then Satan whispered to them that he might manifest to them that which was hidden from them of their shame, and he said: Your Lord forbade you from this tree only lest you should become angels or become of the immortals. And he swore to them (saying): Lo! I am a sincere adviser to you. Thus did he lead them on with guile. And when they tasted of the tree their shame was manifest to them and they began to hide (by heaping) on themselves some of the leaves of the Garden. And their Lord called them (saying): Did I not forbid you from that tree and tell you: Lo! Satan is an open enemy to you?

7:23-25 They said: Our Lord! We have wronged ourselves. If You forgive us not and have not mercy on us, surely we are of the lost! He said: Go down (from hence), one of you a foe to the other. There will be for you on earth a habitation and provision for a while. He said: There shall you live, and there shall you die, and there from shall you be brought forth.

7:26-27 O children of Adam! We have revealed to you raiment to conceal your shame, and splendid vesture, but the raiment of righteousness, that is best. This is of the revelations of God that they may remember. O children of Adam! Let not Satan seduce you as he caused your (first) parents to go forth from the Garden and tore off from them their robe (of innocence) that he might manifest their shame to them. Lo! He sees you, he and his tribe, from where you see him not. Lo! We have made the satans helpers (and protectors) for those who believe not.

7:28-29 And when they do some lewdness they say: We found our fathers doing it, and God has enjoined it on us. Say: God, verily, enjoins not lewdness. Tell you concerning God that which you know not? Say: My Lord enjoins justice. And set your faces upright (toward Him) at every place of worship and call upon Him, making religion pure for Him (only). As He brought you into being, so return you (to Him).

7:30 A party has He led aright, while error has just hold over (another) party, for lo! They choose the satans for helpers (and protectors) instead of God and deem that they are rightly guided.

7:31-32 O children of Adam! Look to your adornment at every place of worship, and eat and drink, but be not prodigal. Lo! He loves not the prodigals. Say: Who has forbidden the adornment of God, which He has brought forth for His bondmen, and the good things of His providing? Say: Such, on the Day of Resurrection, will be only for those who believed during the life of the world. Thus do We detail Our revelations for people who have knowledge.

7:33-34 Say: My Lord forbids only indecencies, such of them as are apparent and such as are within, and sin and wrongful oppression, and that you associate with God that for which no warrant has been revealed, and that you tell concerning God that which you know not. And every nation has its term, and when its term comes, they cannot put it off an hour nor yet advance (it).

7:35-36 O children of Adam! If Messengers of your own come to you who narrate to you My revelations, then whosoever refrains from evil and amends – no fear shall come upon them neither shall they grieve. But they who deny Our revelations and scorn them – such are rightful inhabitants of the Fire; they will abide therein.

7:37 Who does greater wrong than he who invents a lie concerning God or denies Our signs. (For such) their appointed portion of the Book (of destiny) reaches them till, when Our messengers come to gather them, they say: Where (now) is that to which you cried beside God? They say: They have departed from us. And they testify against themselves that they were disbelievers.

7:38-39 He says: Enter into the Fire among nations of the jinn and humankind who passed away before you. Every time a nation enters, it curses its sister (nation) till, when they have all been made to follow one another there, the last of them says to the first of them: Our Lord! These led us astray, so give them double torment of the Fire. He says: For each one there is double (torment), but you know not. And the first of them says to the last of them: You were no whit better than us, so taste the punishment for what you used to earn.

7:40-41 Lo! They who deny Our revelations and scorn them, for them the gates of Heaven will not be opened nor will they enter the Garden until the camel goes through the needle's eye. Thus do We requite the guilty. Theirs will be a bed of Hell, and over them coverings (of Hell). Thus do We requite wrongdoers.

7:42-43 But (as for) those who believe and do good works – We tax not any soul beyond its scope – Such are rightful inhabitants of the Garden. They abide therein. And We remove whatever rancor may be in their hearts. Rivers flow beneath them. And they say:

The praise be to God, Who has guided us to this. We could not truly have been rightly guided if God had not guided us. Verily the Messengers of our Lord did bring the Truth. And it is cried to them: This is the Garden. You inherit it for what you used to do.

7:44-45 And the dwellers of the Garden cry to the dwellers of the Fire: We have found that which our Lord promised us (to be) the Truth. Have you (too) found that which your Lord promised the Truth? They say: Yes, verily. And a crier in between them cries: The curse of God is on evildoers, who debar (men) from the path of God and would have it crooked, and who are disbelievers in the Last Day.

7:46-47 Between them is a veil. And in the purgatories are men who know them all by their marks. And they call to the dwellers of the Garden: Peace be to you! They enter it not although they hope (to enter). And when their eyes are turned toward the dwellers of the Fire, they say: Our Lord! Place us not with the wrongdoing folk.

7:48-49 And the dwellers in the purgatories call to men whom they know by their marks, (saying): What did your multitude and that in which you took your pride avail you? Are these they of whom you swore, that God, would not show them mercy? (To them it has been said:) Enter the Garden. No fear shall come upon you nor is it you who will grieve.

7:50-51 And the dwellers of the Fire cry out to the dwellers of the Garden: Pour on us some water or some of that wherewith God has provided you. They say: Lo! God has forbidden both to disbelievers (in His guidance), who took their religion for a sport and pastime, and whom the life of the world deceived. So this Day We have forgotten them even as they forgot the meeting of this Day and as they used to deny Our signs.

7:52-53 Verily We have brought them a Scripture which We expound with knowledge, a guidance and a mercy for a people who believe. Await they anything except the fulfillment thereof? On the Day when the fulfillment thereof comes, those who were before, forgetful thereof will say: The Messengers of our Lord did bring the Truth! Have we any intercessors that they may intercede for us? Or can we be returned (to life on earth), that we may act otherwise than we used to act? They have lost their souls, and that which they devised has failed them.

7:54 Lo! Your Lord is God Who created the heavens and the earth in six Days, then He mounted the Throne. He covers the night with the day, which is in haste to follow it, and has made the sun and the moon and the stars subservient by His command. Verily His is all creation and commandment. Blessed be God, the Lord of the Worlds!

7:55-56 (O people!) Call upon your Lord humbly and in secret. Lo! He loves not aggressors. Work not confusion in the earth after the fair ordering (thereof), and call on Him in fear and hope. Lo! The mercy of God is near to the good.

7:57-58 And it is He, Who sends the winds as tidings heralding His mercy, till, when they bear a cloud heavy (with rain), We lead it to a dead land, and then cause water to descend thereon, and thereby bring forth fruits of every kind. Thus bring We forth the dead. Perhaps you may remember. As for the good land, its vegetation comes forth by permission of its Lord; while as for that which is bad, only evil comes forth (from it). Thus do We recount the signs for people who give thanks.

7:59-64 We sent Noah (of old) to his people, and he said: O my people! Worship God. You have no other God except Him. Lo! I fear for you the retribution of an Awful Day. The chieftains of his people said: Lo! We see you surely in plain error. He said: O my people! There is no error in me, but I am a Messenger from the Lord of the Worlds. I convey to you the messages of my Lord and give good counsel to you, and know from God, that which you know not. Marvel you that there should come to you a Reminder from your Lord by means of a man

among you, that he may warn you, and that you may fear (God), and that perhaps you may find mercy. But they denied him, so We saved him and those with him in the ship, and We drowned those who denied Our sign. Lo! They were blind folk.

7:65-72 And to (the tribe of) Aad (We sent) their brother, Hud. He said: O my people! Worship God. You have no other God except Him. Will you not ward off (evil)? The chieftains of his people, who were disbelieving, said: Lo! We surely see you in foolishness, and lo! We deem you of the liars. He said: O my people! There is no foolishness in me, but I am a Messenger from the Lord of the Worlds. I convey to you the message of my Lord and am for you, a true adviser. Marvel you that there should come to you a Reminder from your Lord by means of a man among you, that he may warn you? Remember how He made you viceroys after Noah's folk, and gave you growth of stature. Remember (all) the bounties of your Lord, that perhaps you may be successful. They said: Have you come to us that we should worship God alone, and forsake what our fathers worshipped? Then bring upon us that with which you threaten us if you are of the truthful! He said: Terror and wrath from your Lord have already fallen on you. Would you wrangle with me over names, which you have named, you and your fathers, for which no warrant from God has been revealed? Then await (the consequence), lo! I (also) am of those awaiting (it). And We saved him and those with him by a mercy from Us, and We cut the root of those who denied Our revelations and were not believers.

7:73-79 And to (the tribe of) Thamud (We sent) their brother Salih. He said: O my people! Worship God. You have no other God except Him. A wonder from your Lord has come to you. Lo! This is the she-camel of God, a sign to you; so let her feed in God's earth, and touch her not with hurt lest a painful torment seizes you. And remember how He made you viceroys after Aad, and gave you station in the earth. You choose castles in the plains and hew the mountains into dwellings. So remember (all) the bounties of God and do not evil, making mischief in the earth. The chieftains of his people, who were arrogant, said to those whom they despised, to such of them as believed: Know you that Salih is one sent from his Lord? They said: Lo! In that with what he has been sent we are believers. Those who were arrogant said: Lo! In that which you believe, we are disbelievers. So they hamstrung the she camel, and they flouted the commandment of their Lord, and they said: O Salih! Bring upon us that which you threaten if you are indeed of those sent (from God). So the earthquake seized them, and morning found them prostrate in their dwelling place. And Salih turned on them and said: O my people! I delivered my Lord's message to you and gave you good advice, but you love not good advisers. 7:80-84 And Lot! (Remember) when he said to his folk: Will you commit abomination such as no creature ever did before you? Lo! You come with lust to men instead of women. Nay, but you are wanton folk. And the answer of his people was only that they said (one to another): Turn them out of your township. They are folk, forsooth, who keep pure. And We rescued him and his household, except his wife, who was of those who stayed behind. And We rained a rain upon them. See now the nature of the consequence for evildoers!

7:85-87 And to Midian, (We sent) their brother, Shueyb. He said: O my people! Worship God. You have no other God except Him. Lo! A clear proof has come to you from your Lord; so give full measure and full weight and wrong not people in their goods, and work not confusion in the earth after the fair ordering thereof. That will be better for you, if you are believers. Lurk not on every road to threaten (wayfarers), and to turn away from God's path, him who believes in Him, and to seek to make it crooked. And remember, when you were but few, how He did multiply you. And see the nature of the consequence for the corrupters! And if there is a party of you, which believes in that with what I have been sent, and there is a party, which believes not, then have patience until God judges between us. He is the best of all who deal in judgment.

7:88-93 The chieftains of his people, who were arrogant, said: Surely we will drive you out, O Shueyb, and those who believe with you, from our township, unless you return to our religion. He said: Even though we hate it? We should have invented a lie against God if we returned to your religion after God has rescued us from it. It is not for us to return to it

unless God should (so) will. Our Lord comprehends all things in knowledge. In God do we put our trust. Our Lord! Decide with truth between us and our folk, for You are the best of those who make decisions. But the chieftains of his people, who were disbelieving, said: If you follow Shueyb, then truly we shall be the losers. So the earthquake seized them, and morning found them prostrate in their dwelling place. Those who denied Shueyb became as though they had not dwelt there. Those who denied Shueyb, were the losers. So he turned from them and said: O my people! I delivered my Lord's messages to you and gave you good advice; then how can I sorrow for a people that rejected (truth)?

7:94-102 And We sent no Prophet to any township but We did afflict its folk with tribulation and adversity that perhaps they might grow humble. Then We changed the evil plight for good, till they grew affluent and said: Tribulation and distress did touch our fathers. Then We seized them unawares, when they perceived not. And if the people of the townships had believed and kept from evil, surely We should have opened for them blessings from the sky and from the earth. But (to every Messenger) they gave the lie, and so We seized them on account of what they used to earn. Are the people of the townships then secure from the coming of Our wrath upon them as a night raid while they sleep? Or are the people of the townships then secure from the coming of Our wrath upon them in the daytime while they play? Are they then secure from God's scheme? None deems himself secure from God's scheme except folk that perish. Is it not an indication to those who inherit the land after its people (who thus reaped the consequence of evildoing) that, if We will, We can smite them for their sins and print upon their hearts so that they hear not? Such were the townships. We relate some tidings of them to you (O Muhammad). Their Messengers verily came to them with clear proofs (of God's supreme power), but they could not believe because they had before denied. Thus does God print upon the hearts of disbelievers (that they hear not). We found no (loyalty to any) covenant in most of them. Nay, most of them We found wrongdoers.

7:103-122 Then after them, We sent Moses with Our signs to Pharaoh and his chiefs, but they disbelieved them. Now see the nature of the consequence for the corrupters! Moses said: O Pharaoh! Lo! I am a Messenger from the Lord of the Worlds, approved upon condition that I speak concerning God nothing but the truth. I come to you (lord of Egypt) with a clear proof from your Lord. So let the Children of Israel go with me. (Pharaoh) said: If you come with a sign, then produce it, if you are of those who speak the truth. Then he flung down his staff and lo! It was a serpent manifest; and he drew forth his hand (from his bosom): and lo! It was white for the beholders. The chiefs of Pharaoh's people said: Lo! This is some knowing wizard, who would expel you from your land. Now what do you advise? They said (to Pharaoh): Put him off (a while).him and his brother – and send into the cities summoners, to bring each knowing wizard to you. And the wizards came to Pharaoh, saying: Surely there will be a reward for us if we are victors. He answered: Yes, and surely you shall be of those brought near (to me). They said: O Moses! Either throw (first) or let us be the first throwers? He said: Throw! And when they threw, they cast a spell upon the people's eyes, and overawed them, and produced a mighty spell. And We inspired Moses (saying): Throw your staff! And lo! It swallowed up their lying show. Thus was the Truth vindicated and that which they were doing was made vain. Thus were they there defeated and brought low. And the wizards fell down prostrate, crying: We believe in the Lord of the Worlds, the Lord of Moses and Aaron. 7:123-129 Pharaoh said: You believe in Him before I give you leave! Lo! This is the plot that you have plotted in the city that you may drive its people hence. But you shall come to know! Surely I shall have your hands and feet cut off upon alternate sides. Then I shall crucify you every one. They said: Lo! We are about to return to our Lord! You take vengeance on us only because we believed the signs of our Lord when they came to us. Our Lord! Give to us patience and make us die as men who have surrendered (to You). The chiefs of Pharaoh's people said: (O King,) will you leave Moses and his people to make mischief in the land, and flout you and your

gods? He said: We will slay their sons and spare their women, for lo! We are in power over them. And Moses said to his people: Seek help in God and endure patiently. Lo! The earth is God's. He gives it for an inheritance to whom He wills. And lo! The sequel is for those

who keep their duty (to Him). They said: We suffered hurt before you came to us, and since you have come to us. He said: It may be that your Lord is going to destroy your adversary and make you viceroys in the earth, so that He may see how you behave.

7:130-137 And We straitened Pharaoh's folk with famine and the dearth of fruits that perhaps they might heed. But whenever good befell them, they said: This is ours; and whenever evil smote them they ascribed it to the evil auspices of Moses and those with him. Surely their evil auspice was only with God. But most of them knew not. And they said: Whatever sign you bring with which to bewitch us, we shall not put faith in you. So We sent them the flood and the locusts and the vermin and the frogs and the blood – a succession of clear signs. But they were arrogant and became guilty. And when the terror fell on them, they cried: O Moses! Pray for us to your Lord, because He has a covenant with you. If you remove the terror from us, we verily will trust you and will let the Children of Israel go with you. But when We removed from them the terror for a term which they must reach, behold! They broke their covenant Therefore We took retribution from them; therefore We drowned them in the sea: because they denied Our revelations and were heedless of them. And We caused the folk who were devised to inherit the eastern parts of the land and the western parts thereof which We had blessed. And the fair word of the Lord was fulfilled for the Children of Israel because they had patience and

constancy; and We annihilated (all) that Pharaoh and his folk had done and that they had contrived.

7:138-140 And We brought the Children of Israel across the sea, and they came to a people who were given up to idols, which they had. They said: O Moses! Make for us a god even as they have gods. He said: Lo! You are a folk who know not. Lo! As for these, their way will be destroyed and all that they are doing is in vain. He said: Shall I seek for you a god other than God when He has favored you above (all) creatures?

7:141-142 And (remember) when We delivered you from Pharaoh's folk who were afflicting you with dreadful torment, slaughtering your sons and sparing your women. That was a tremendous trial from your Lord. And when We did appoint for Moses thirty nights (of solitude), and added to them ten, and he completed the whole time appointed by his Lord of forty nights; and Moses said to his brother: Take my place among the people. Do right, and follow not the way of mischief-makers.

7:143-147 And when Moses came to Our appointed meeting and his Lord had spoken to him, he said: My Lord! Show me (Yourself), that I may gaze upon You. He said: You will not see Me, but gaze upon the mountain! If it stands still in its place, then you will see Me. And when his Lord revealed (His) glory to the mountain, He sent it crashing down. And Moses fell down senseless. And when he awoke he said: Glory to You! I turn to You repentant, and I am the first of the (true) believers. He said: O Moses! I have preferred you above people by My messages and by My speaking (to you). So hold that which I have given you, and be among the thankful. And We wrote for him, upon the tablets, the lesson to be drawn from all things and the explanation of all things, then (bade him): Hold it fast; and command your people (saying): Take the better (course made clear) therein. I shall show you the abode of the evildoers. I shall turn away from My revelations those who behave arrogantly in the earth, and if they see each sign believe it not, and if they see the way of righteousness choose it not for (their) way, and if they see the way of error choose it for (their) way. That is because they deny Our revelations and are used to disregard them. Those who deny Our revelations and the meeting of the Hereafter, their works are fruitless. Are they requited anything except what they used to do?

7:148-149 And the folk of Moses, after (he had left them), chose a calf (for worship), (made) out of their ornaments, of saffron hue, which gave a lowing sound. Saw they not that it spoke not to them nor guided them to any way? They chose it, and became wrongdoers. And when they feared the consequences thereof and saw that they had gone astray, they said: Unless our Lord has mercy on us and forgives us, we are verily of the

lost.

7:150-151 And when Moses returned to his people, angry and grieved, he said: Evil is that (course) which you took after I had left you. Would you hasten on the judgment of your Lord? And he cast down the tablets, and he seized his brother by the head, dragging him toward him. He said: Son of my mother! Lo! The folk did judge me weak and almost killed me. Oh, make not my enemies triumph over me and place me not among the evildoers! He said: My Lord! Have mercy on me and on my brother; bring us into Your mercy, You the Most Merciful of all who show mercy.

7:152-153 Lo! Those who chose the calf (for worship), terror from their Lord and humiliation will come upon them in the life of the world. Thus do We requite those who invent a lie. But those who do ill deeds and afterward repent and believe – lo! For them, afterward, God is Forgiving, Merciful.

7:154-156 Then, when the anger of Moses abated, he took up the tablets, and in their inscription there was guidance and mercy for all those who fear their Lord. And Moses chose of his people seventy men for Our appointed meeting and, when the trembling came on them, he said: My Lord! If You had willed You would have destroyed them long before, and me with them. Will You destroy us for that which the ignorant among us did? It is but Your trial (of us). You send whom You will astray and guide whom You will. You are our Guardian (and Protector), therefore forgive us and have mercy on us, You, are the Best of all who show forgiveness. And ordain for us in this world that which is good, and in the Hereafter (that which is good), lo! We have turned to You. He said: I smite with My punishment whom I will, and My mercy embraces all things, therefore I shall ordain it for those who fear (God) and pay the poor-due, and those who believe Our revelations;

7:157 Those who follow the Messenger, the Prophet who can neither read nor write, whom they will find described in the Torah and the Gospel (which are) with them. He will enjoin on them that which is right and forbid them that which is wrong. He will make lawful for them all good things and prohibit for them only the foul; and he will relieve them of their burden and the fetters that they used to wear. Then those who believe in him, and honor him and help him, and follow the light, which is sent down with him: they are the successful.

7:158 Say (O Muhammad): O people! Lo! I am the Messenger of God to you all.(the Messenger of) Him to whom belongs the supreme power of the heavens and the earth. None should be worshipped but God alone. He quickens and He gives death. So believe in God and His Messenger, the Prophet who can neither read nor write, who believes in God and in His words and follow him that perhaps you may be led aright.

7:159-160 And of Moses' folk there are a community who lead with truth and establish justice... We divided them into twelve tribes, nations; and We inspired Moses, when his people asked him for water, saying: Smite with your staff the rock! And from it gushed forth twelve springs, so that each tribe knew their drinking place. And we caused the white cloud to overshadow them and sent down for them the manna and the quails (saying): Eat of the good things wherewith We have provided you. They wronged Us not, but they were wont to wrong themselves.

7:161-162 And when it was said to them: Dwell in this township and eat from wherever you will, and say `Repentance', and enter the gate prostrate; We shall forgive you your sins; We shall increase (reward) for the right-doers. But those of them who did wrong changed the word which had been said to them for another saying, and We sent down upon them wrath from heaven for their wrongdoing.

7:163 Ask them (O Muhammad) of the township that was by the sea, how they broke the Sabbath, how their big fish came to them visibly upon their Sabbath day and on a day when they did not keep Sabbath they did not come to them. Thus did We try them for

that they were evildoers.

7:164-166 And when a community among them said: Why preach you to a folk whom God is about to destroy and punish with an awful punishment, they said: In order to be free from guilt before your Lord, and that perhaps they may fear (God). And when they forgot that which they had been reminded, We rescued those who forbade wrong, and visited those who did wrong with dreadful punishment because they were evildoers. So when they took pride in that which they had been forbidden, We said to them: Be you apes despised and loathed!

7:167 And (remember) when your Lord proclaimed that He would raise against them till the Day of Resurrection those who would lay on them a cruel torment. Lo! Verily your Lord is swift in prosecution and lo! Verily He is Forgiving, Merciful.

7:168-169 And We have sundered them in the earth as (separate) nations. Some of them are righteous, and some far from that. And We have tried them with good things and evil things that perhaps they might return. And a generation has succeeded them who inherited the Scriptures. They grasp the goods of this low life (as the price of evildoing) and say: It will be forgiven us. And if there came to them (again) the offer of the like, they would accept it (and would sin again). Has not the covenant of the Scripture been taken on their behalf that they should not speak anything concerning God except the truth? And they have studied that which is therein. And the abode of the Hereafter is better, for those who are pious. Have you then no sense?

7:170 And as for those who make (men) keep the Scripture, and establish worship – lo! We squander not the wages of reformers.

7:171 And when We shook the Mount above them as it were a covering, and they supposed that it was going to fall upon them (and We said): Hold fast to that which We have given you, and remember that which is therein, that you may fear (God).

7:172-174 And (remember) when your Lord brought forth from the children of Adam, from their reins, their seed, and made them testify of themselves (saying): Am I not your Lord? They said: Yes, verily. We testify. (That was) lest you should say at the Day of Resurrection: Lo! Of this we were unaware; or lest you should say: (It is) only (that) our fathers ascribed partners to God of old and we were (their) seed after them. Will You destroy us on account of that which those who follow falsehood did? – Thus We detail Our revelations, that perhaps they may return.

7:175-176 Recite to them the tale of him to whom We gave Our revelations, but he sloughed them off, so Satan overtook him and he became of those who lead astray. And had We willed We could have raised him by their means, but he clung to the earth and followed his own lust. Therefore his similitude is as that of a dog; if you attack him he pants with his tongue out, and if you leave him he pants with his tongue out. Such is the similitude of the people who deny Our revelations. Narrate to them the history (of the men of old), that perhaps they may take thought.

7:177-178 Evil as an example are the folk who denied Our revelations, and were wont to wrong themselves. He whom God guides, he indeed is rightly guided, while he whom God sends – astray they are indeed losers.

7:179 Already have We urged to Hell many of the jinn and humankind, having hearts wherewith they understand not, and having eyes wherewith they see not, and having ears wherewith they hear not. These are as the cattle – nay, but they are worse! These are the neglectful.

7:180 God's are the fairest names. Invoke Him by them. And leave the company of those who blaspheme His names. They will be requited what they do.

7:181 And of those whom We created there is a nation who guides with the Truth and establishes justice therewith.

7:182-183 And those who deny Our revelations – step by step We lead them on from which they know not. I give them rein (for) lo! My scheme is strong.

7:184-186 Have they not thought (that) there is no madness in their comrade? He is but a plain warner. Have they not considered the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and what things God has created, and that it may be that their own term draws near? In what fact after this will they believe? Those whom God sends astray, there is no guide for them. He leaves them to wander blindly on in their contumacy.

7:187-188 They ask you of the (destined) Hour, when will it come to port. Say: Knowledge of that is only with my Lord. He alone will manifest it at its proper time. It is heavy in the heavens and the earth. It comes not to you except unawares. They question you as if you could be well informed thereof. Say: Knowledge thereof is with God only, but most of people know not. Say: For myself I have no power to benefit, nor power to hurt, except that which God wills. Had I knowledge of the Unseen, I should have abundance of wealth, and adversity would not touch me. I am but a warner, and a bearer of good tidings to folk who believe.

7:189-190 It is He, Who did create you from a single soul, and from there did make his mate that he might take rest in her. And when he covered her she bore a light burden, and she passed (unnoticed) with it, but when it became heavy they cried to God, their Lord, saying: If you give to us aright we shall be of the thankful. But when He gave to them aright, they ascribed to Him partners in respect of that which He had given them. High is He exalted above all that they associate (with Him).

7:191-194 Attribute they as partners to God those who created nothing, but are themselves created, and cannot give them help, nor can they help themselves? And if you call them to the guidance, they follow you not. Whether you call them or are silent is all one to them. Lo! Those on whom you call beside God are slaves like you. Call on them now, and let them answer you, if you are truthful!

7:195-197 Have they feet with which they walk, or have they hands with which they hold, or have they eyes with which they see, or have they ears with which they hear? Say: Call upon your (so called) partners (of God), and then contrive against me, spare me not! Lo! My Guardian (and Protector) is God who reveals the Scripture. He befriends the righteous. They upon whom you call beside Him have no power to help you, nor can they help themselves.

7:198-200 And if you (Muslims) call them to the guidance they hear not; and you (Muhammad) see them looking toward you, but they see not. Keep to forgiveness (O Muhammad), and enjoin kindness, and turn away from the ignorant. And if a slander from Satan wounds you, then seek refuge in God. Lo! He is Hearer, Knower.

7:201-202 Lo! Those who are pious, when a glamour from Satan troubles them, they do but remember (God's guidance) and behold them seers! Their brethren plunge them further into error and cease not. 7:203 And when you bring not a verse for them they say: Why have you not chosen it? Say: I follow only that which is inspired in me from my Lord. This (Quran) is insight from your Lord, and a guidance and a mercy for a people that believe.

7:204-206 And when the Quran is recited, give ear to it and pay heed, that you may obtain mercy. And do you (O Muhammad) remember your Lord within yourself humbly and with awe, below your breath, at morn and evening. And be you not of the neglectful. Lo! Those who are with your Lord are not too proud to do Him worship, but they praise Him and adore Him.

8. Al-Anfal: The Spoils Of War

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

8:1-4 They ask you (O Muhammad) of the spoils of war. Say: The spoils of war belong to God and the Messenger, so fear God, and adjust the matter of your difference, and obey God and His Messenger, if you are (true) believers. Only they are the (true) believers whose hearts feel fear when God is mentioned, and when the revelations of God are recited to them they increase their faith, and who trust in their Lord; who establish worship and spend of what We have bestowed on them. Those are they who are in truth believers. For them are grades (of honor) with their Lord, and pardon, and a bountiful provision.

8:5-6 Even as your Lord caused you (Muhammad) to go forth from your home with the Truth, and lo! A party of the believers were averse (to it), disputing with you of the Truth after it had been made manifest, as if they were being driven to death visible.

8:7-10 And when God promised you one of the two bands (of the enemy) that it should be yours, and you longed that other than the armed one might be yours. And God willed that He should cause the Truth to triumph by His words, and cut the root of the disbelievers; that He might cause the Truth to triumph and bring vanity to nothing, however much the guilty might oppose; when you sought help of your Lord and He answered you (saying): I will help you with a thousand of the angels, rank on rank. God appointed it only as good tidings, and that your heart thereby might be at rest. Victory comes only by the help of God. Lo! God is Mighty, Wise.

8:11-14 When he made the slumber fall upon you as a reassurance from Him and sent down water from the sky upon you, that thereby He might purify you, and remove from you the fear of Satan, and make strong your hearts and firm (your) feet thereby. When your Lord inspired the angels, (saying:) I am with you. So make those who believe stand firm. I will throw fear into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Then smite the necks and smite of them each finger. That is because they opposed God and His Messenger. Whoever opposes God and His Messenger, (for him) lo! God is severe in punishment. That (is the award), so taste it, and (know) that for disbelievers is the torment of the Fire.

8:15-16 O you who believe! When you meet those in battle who disbelieve, turn not your backs to them. Whoever on that day turns his back to them, unless maneuvering for battle or intent to join a company, he truly has incurred wrath from God, and his habitation will be Hell, an evil journey's end.

8:17 You (Muslims) slew them not, but God slew them. And you (Muhammad) threw not when you did throw, but God threw, that He might test the believers by a fair test from Him. Lo! God is Hearer, Knower.

8:18 That (is the case); and (know) that God (it is) who makes weak the plan of disbelievers.

8:19 (O Quraish!) If you sought a judgment, now has the judgment come to you. And if you cease (from persecuting the believers) it will be better for you, but if you return (to the attack) We shall also return. And your host will avail you nothing, however numerous it be, and (know) that God is with the believers (in His guidance).

8:20-23 O you who believe! Obey God and His Messenger, and turn not away from him when you hear (him speak). Be not as those who say: We hear; and they hear not. Lo! The worst of beasts in God's sight are the deaf, the dumb, who have no sense. Had God known of any good in them He would have made them hear, but if He had made them

hear they would have turned away, averse.

8:24-26 O you who believe! Obey God, and the Messenger when He calls you to that which quickens you, and know that God comes in between the man and his own heart, and that it is He to Whom you will be gathered. And guard yourselves against a punishment, which cannot fall exclusively on those of you who are wrongdoers, and know that God is severe in punishment. And remember, when you were few and reckoned feeble in the land, and were in fear lest men should extirpate you, how He gave you refuge, and strengthened you with His help, and made provision of good things for you, that perhaps you might be thankful.

8:27-28 O you who believe! Betray not God and His Messenger, nor knowingly betray your trusts. And know that your possessions and your children are a test, and that with God is immense reward.

8:29 O you who believe! If you fear God, He will give you discrimination (between right and wrong) and will rid you of your evil thoughts and deeds, and will forgive you. God is of infinite bounty.

8:30 And when those who disbelieve plot against you (O Muhammad) to wound you fatally, or to kill you or to drive you forth; they plot, but God (also) plots; and God is the best of plotters.

8:31-33 And when Our revelations are recited to them they say: We have heard. If we wish we can speak the like of this. Lo! This is nothing but fables of the men of old. And when they said: O God! If this is indeed the truth from You, then rain down stones on us or bring on us some painful punishment! But God would not punish them while you were with them, nor will He punish them while they seek forgiveness.

8:34-37 What (plea) have they that God should not punish them, when they debar (His servants) from the Inviolable Place of Worship, though they are not its fitting guardians. Its fitting guardians are those only who keep their duty to God. But most of them know not. And their worship at the (Holy) House is nothing but whistling and hand clapping. Therefore (it is said to them): Taste of the punishment because you disbelieve. Lo! Those who disbelieve spend their wealth in order that they may debar (men) from the way of God. They will spend it, then it will become an anguish for them, then they will be conquered. And those who disbelieve will be gathered to Hell; that God may separate the wicked from the good. The wicked will He place piece upon piece, and heap them all together, and consign them to Hell. Such verily are the losers.

8:38-40 Tell those who disbelieve that if they cease (from persecution of believers) that which is past will be forgiven them; but if they return (thereto) then the example of the men of old has already gone (before them, for a warning). And fight them until persecution is no more, and religion is all for God. But if they cease, then lo! God is the Seer of what they do. And if they turn away, then know that God is your Befriender – a transcendent Patron, and a transcendent Helper!

8:41 And know that whatever you take as spoils of war, lo! A fifth thereof is for God, and for the Messenger, and for the kinsmen (who have need) and orphans and the needy and the wayfarer; if you believe in God and that which We revealed to Our slave on the day of discrimination, the day when the two armies met. And God is Able to do all things.

8:42 When you were on the near bank (of the valley) and they were on the yonder bank, and the caravan was below you (on the coast plain). And had you promised to meet one another you surely would have failed to keep the promise, but (it happened, as it did, without the forethought of either of you) that God might conclude a thing that must be done; that he who perished (on that day) might perish by a clear proof (of His supreme power) and he who survived might survive by a clear proof (of His supreme power). Lo!

God in truth is Hearer, Knower.

8:43-44 When God showed them to you (O Muhammad) in your dream as few in number, and if He had shown them to you as many, you (Muslims) would have faltered and would have quarreled over the affair. But God saved (you). Lo! He knows what is in the breasts (of men). And when He made you (Muslims), when you met (them), see them with your eyes as few, and lessened you in their eyes, (it was) that God might conclude a thing that must be done. To God all things are brought back.

8:45-46 O you who believe! When you meet an army, hold firm and think of God much, that you may be successful. And obey God and His Messenger, and dispute not with one another lest you falter and your strength departs from you; but be patient! Lo! God is with the patient.

8:47-48 Be not as those who came forth from their dwellings boastfully and to be seen of men, and debar (men) from the way of God, while God is surrounding all they do. And when Satan made their deeds seem fair to them and said: No one of people can conquer you this day, for I am your protector. But when the armies came in sight of one another, he took flight, saying: Lo! I am guiltless of you. Lo! I see that which you see not. Lo! I fear God. And God is severe in punishment.

8:49 When the hypocrites and those in whose hearts is a disease said: Their religion has deluded these.

Whoever puts his trust in God (will find that), lo! God is Mighty, Wise.

8:50-52 If you could see how the anguish receives those who disbelieve, smiting their faces and their backs and (saying): Taste the punishment of burning! This is for that which your own hands have sent before (to the Judgment), and (know) that God is not a tyrant to His slaves. Their way is as the way of Pharaoh's folk and those before them; they disbelieved the revelations of God, and God took them in their sins. Lo! God is Strong, severe in punishment.

8:53 That is because God never changes the grace He has bestowed on any people until they first change that which is in their hearts, and (that is) because God is Hearer, Knower.

8:54 (Their way is) as the way of Pharaoh's folk and those before them; they denied the revelations of their Lord, so We destroyed them in their sins. And We drowned the folk of Pharaoh. All were evildoers.

8:55-58 Lo! The worst of beasts in God's sight are the ungrateful who will not believe; those of them with whom you made a treaty, and, then at every opportunity they break their treaty, and they keep not duty (to God). If you come on them in the war, deal with them so as to strike fear in those who are behind them, that perhaps they may remember. And if you fear treachery from any folk, then throw back to them (their treaty) fairly. Lo! God loves not the treacherous.

8:59-61 And let not those who disbelieve suppose that they can outstrip (God's purpose). Lo! They cannot escape. Make ready for them all you can of (armed) forces and of horses tethered, that thereby you may dismay the enemy of God and your enemy, and others beside them, whom you know not. God knows them. Whatever you spend in the way of God it will be repaid to you in full, and you will not be wronged. And if they incline to peace, incline you also to it, and trust in God. Lo! He is the Hearer, the Knower.

8:62-63 And if they would deceive you, then lo! God is sufficient for you. It is He, Who supports you with His help and with the believers, and (as for the believers) has attuned their hearts. If you had spent all that is in the earth you could not have attuned their

hearts, but God has attuned them. Lo! He is Mighty, Wise.

8:64-66 O Prophet! God is sufficient for you and those who follow you of the believers. O Prophet! Exhort the believers to fight. If there be of you twenty patient they shall overcome two hundred, and if there be of you a hundred patient they shall overcome a thousand of those who disbelieve, because they (the disbelievers) are a folk without intelligence. Now has God lightened your burden, for He knows that there is weakness in you. So if there be of you a hundred, they shall overcome two hundred; and if there be of you a thousand (patient), they shall overcome two thousand by permission of God. God is with the patient.

8:67 It is not for any Prophet to have captives until he has made slaughter (upon God's enemies) in the land. You desire the lure of this world and God desires (for you) the Hereafter, and God is Mighty, Wise.

8:68-69 Had it not been for an ordinance of God which had gone before, an awful punishment would have come upon you on account of what you took. Now enjoy what you have won, as lawful and good, and fear God. Lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful.

8:70 O Prophet! Say to those captives who are in your hands: If God knows any good in your hearts He will give you better than that which has been taken from you, and will forgive you. Lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful.

8:71 And if they would betray you, they betrayed God before, and He gave (you) power over them. God is Knower, Wise.

8:72 Lo! Those who believed and left their homes and strove with their wealth and their lives for the cause of God, and those who took them in and helped them; these are helpers (and protectors) of one another. And those who believed but did not leave their homes, you have no duty to protect them till they leave their homes; but if they seek help from you in the matter of religion then it is your duty to help (them) except against a folk between whom and you there is a treaty. God is Seer of what you do.

8:73-75 And those who disbelieve are protectors one of another – if you do not so, there will be confusion in the land, and great corruption. Those who believed and left their homes and strove hard for the cause of God, and those who took them in and helped them these are the believers in truth. For them is pardon, and a bountiful provision. And those who afterwards believed and left their homes and strove hard for the cause of God along with you, they are of you; and those who are akin are nearer to one another in the ordinance of God. Lo! God is Knower of all things.

9. At-Taubah: The Repentance

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

9:1-2 Freedom from obligation (is proclaimed) from God and His Messenger toward those of the polytheists with whom you made a treaty: Travel freely in the land four months, and know that you cannot escape God and that God will disgrace the disbelievers (in His guidance).

9:3-5 And a proclamation from God and His Messenger to all people on the day of the Greater Pilgrimage that God is free from obligation to the polytheists, and (so is) His Messenger. So, if you repent, it will be better for you; but if you are averse, then know that you cannot escape God. Give tidings (O Muhammad) of a painful punishment to those who disbelieve. Excepting those of the polytheists with whom you (Muslims) have a treaty, and who have since abated nothing of your right nor have supported anyone

against you. (As for these), fulfill their treaty to them till their term. Lo! God loves those who keep their duty (to Him). Then, when the sacred months have passed, slay the polytheists wherever you find them, and take them (captive), and besiege them, and prepare to ambush them. But if they repent and establish worship and pay the poor-due, then leave their way free. Lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful.

9:6-8 And if anyone of the polytheists seeks your protection (O Muhammad), then protect him so that he may hear the word of God; and afterward convey him to his place of safety. That is because they are a folk who know not. How can there be a treaty with God and with His Messenger for the polytheists except those with whom you made a treaty at the Inviolable Place of Worship? So long as they are true to you, be true to them. Lo! God loves those who keep their duty. How (can there be any treaty for the others) when, if they have the upper hand of you, they regard neither pact nor honor in respect of you? They satisfy you with their mouths while their hearts refuse. And most of them are wrongdoers.

9:9-11 They have purchased with the revelations of God a little gain, so they debar (men) from His way. Lo! Evil is that which they are wont to do. And they observe toward a believer neither pact nor honor. These are they who are transgressors. But if they repent and establish worship and pay the poor-due, then they are your brothers in religion. We detail Our revelations for a people who have knowledge.

9:12-15 And if they break their pledges after their treaty (has been made with you) and assail your religion, then fight the heads of disbelief – Lo! They have no binding oaths – in order that they may desist. Will you not fight a folk who broke their solemn pledges, and purposed to drive out the Messenger and did attack you first? What! Do you fear them? God has more right that you should fear Him, if you are believers. Fight them! God will punish them at your hands, and He will lay them low and give you victory over them, and He will heal the breasts of folk who are believers. And He will remove the anger of their hearts. God forgives toward whom He wills. God is Knower, Wise.

9:16 Or deemed you that you would be left (in peace) when God yet knows not those of you who fight hard, choosing for familiar none except God and His Messenger and the believers? God is informed of what you do.

9:17-19 It is not for the polytheists to tend God's sanctuaries, bearing witness against themselves of disbelief. As for such, their works are vain and in the Fire they will abide. Only he shall tend God's sanctuaries who believes in God and the Last Day and observes proper worship and pays the poor-due and fears none except God. For such (only) is it possible that they can be of the rightly guided. Count you the slaking of a pilgrim's thirst and attendance of the Inviolable Place of Worship as (equal to the worth of him) who believes in God and the Last Day, and fights hard in the way of God? They are not equal in the sight of God. God guides not wrongdoing folk.

9:20-22 Those who believe, and have left their homes and fought hard with their wealth and their lives in God's way are of much greater worth in God's sight. These are the ones who are triumphant. Their Lord gives them good tidings of mercy from Him, and acceptance, and Gardens where enduring pleasure will be theirs; there they will abide forever. Lo! With God there is immense reward.

9:23-24 O you who believe! Choose for helpers (and protectors) neither your fathers nor your brethren if they take pleasure in disbelief rather than in faith. Whoever of you, takes them for helpers (and protectors), such are wrongdoers. Say: If your fathers, and your sons, and your brethren, and your wives, and your tribe, and the wealth that you have acquired, and merchandise for which you fear that there will be no sale, and dwellings you desire are dearer to you than God and His Messenger and striving and fighting in His way: then wait till God brings His command to pass. God guides not wrongdoing folk.

9:25-27 God has given you victory on many fields and on the day of Huneyn, when you exulted in your multitude but it availed you not, and the earth, vast as it is, was straitened for you; then you turned back in flight; then God sent His peace of reassurance down upon His Messenger and upon the believers, and sent down hosts you could not see, and punished those who disbelieved. Such is the reward of disbelievers. Then afterward God will forgive towards whom He will for God is Forgiving, Merciful.

9:28 O you who believe! The polytheists only are unclean. So let them not come near the Inviolable Place of Worship after this their year. If you fear poverty (from the loss of their merchandise) God shall preserve you of His bounty if He will. Lo! God is Knower, Wise.

9:29-31 Fight against such of those who have been given the Scripture and believe not in God nor the Last Day, and forbid not that which God has forbidden by His Messenger, and follow not the religion of truth, until they pay the tribute readily, being brought low. And the Jews say: Ezra⁷ is the son of God, and the Christians say: The Messiah is the son of God. That is their saying with their mouths. They imitate the saying of those who disbelieved of old. God (himself) fights against them. How perverse are they! They have taken as lords beside God their rabbis and their monks and the Messiah son of Mary, when they were bidden to worship only One God. None should be worshipped but God alone. Be He glorified from all that they ascribe as partner (to Him)!

9:32-33 Gladly they would put out the light of God with their mouths, but God disdains (anything) except that He shall perfect His light, however much the disbelievers are averse. It is He, who has sent His Messenger with the guidance and the Religion of Truth that He may cause it to prevail over all religions, however much the polytheists may be averse.

9:34-35 O you who believe! Lo! Many of the (Jewish) rabbis and the (Christian) monks devour the wealth of people wantonly and debar (men) from the way of God. They who hoard up gold and silver and spend it not in the way of God, to them give tidings (O Muhammad) of a painful punishment. On the Day when it will (all) be heated in the fire of Hell, and their foreheads and their flanks and their backs will be branded therewith (and it will be said to them): Here is that which you hoarded for yourselves. Now taste of what you used to hoard.

9:36-37 Lo! The number of the months with God is twelve months by God's ordinance in the Day that He created the heavens and the earth. Four of them are sacred: that is the right religion. So wrong not yourselves in them. And wage war on all the polytheists as they are waging war on all of you. And know that God is with those who keep their duty (to Him). Postponement (of a sacred month) is only an excess of disbelief whereby those who disbelieve are misled, they allow it one year and forbid it (another) year, that they may make up the number of the months which God has hallowed, so that they allow that which God has forbidden. The evil of their deeds is made fair-seeming to them. God guides not the disbelieving folk.

9:38-39 O you who believe! What ails you that when it is said to you: Go forth in the way of God, you are bowed down to the ground with heaviness. Take you pleasure in the life of the world rather than in the Hereafter? The comfort of the life of the world is but little in the Hereafter. If you go not forth He will afflict you with a painful punishment, and will choose instead of you a folk other than you. You cannot harm Him at all. God is Able to do all things.

9:40 If you help him not, still God helped him when those who disbelieve drove him forth, the second of two; when they two were in the cave, when he said to his comrade: Grieve not. Lo! God is with us. Then God caused His peace of reassurance to descend

⁷Clearly this refers to a certain group who, possibly at the time of the Prophet or earlier, made this claim.

upon him and supported him with hosts you cannot see, and made the word of those who disbelieved the nethermost, while God's word it was that became the uppermost. God is Mighty, Wise.

9:41 Go forth, light armed and heavy armed, and fight hard with your wealth and your lives in the way of God! That is best for you if you but knew.

9:42-44 Had it been a near adventure and an easy journey they would have followed you, but the distance seemed too far for them. Yet they will swear by God (saying): If we had been able we would surely have set out with you. They destroy their souls, and God knows that they verily are liars. God forgive you (O Muhammad) Wherefore did you grant them leave ere those who told the truth were manifest to you and you did know the liars? Those who believe in God and the Last Day ask no leave of you lest they should fight hard with their wealth and their lives. God is Aware of those who keep their duty (to Him).

9:45-47 They alone ask leave of you who believe not in God and the Last Day, and whose hearts feel doubt, so in their doubt they waver. And if they had wished to go forth they would assuredly have made ready some equipment, but God was averse to their being sent forth and held them back and (it was said to them): Sit you with the sedentary! Had they gone forth among you they would have added to you nothing except trouble and would have hurried to and fro among you, seeking to cause sedition among you; and among you there are some who would have listened to them. God is Aware of evildoers.

9:48-50 Aforetime they sought to cause sedition and raised difficulties for you till the Truth came and the decree of God was made manifest, though they were loath. Of them is he who says: Grant me leave (to stay at home) and tempt me not. Surely it is into temptation that they (thus) have fallen. Lo! Hell is all around the disbelievers. If good befalls you (O Muhammad) it afflicts them, and if calamity befalls you, they say: We took precaution, and they turn away well pleased.

9:51-52 Say: Nothing befalls us except that which God has decreed for us. He is our Guardian (and Protector). In God let believers put their trust! Say: Can you await for us anything except one of two good things (death or victory in God's way)? While we await for you, that God will afflict you with a punishment from Him or at our hands. Await then! Lo! We are waiting with you.

9:53-55 Say: Pay (your contribution), willingly or unwillingly, it will not be accepted from you. Lo! You were ever froward folk. And nothing prevents that their contributions should be accepted from them except that they have disbelieved in God and in His Messenger, and they come not to worship except as idlers, and pay not (their contribution) except reluctantly. So let not their riches nor their children please you (O Muhammad). God thereby intends but to punish them in the life of the world and that their souls shall pass away while they are disbelievers.

9:56-59 And they swear by God that they are in truth of you, when they are not of you, but they are folk who are afraid. Had they but found a refuge, or caverns, or a place to enter, they would surely have resorted to it as swift as runaways. And of them is he who defames you in the matter of the alms. If they are given thereof they are content, and if they are not given thereof, behold! They are enraged. (How much more seemly) had they been content with that which God and His Messenger had given them and had said: God suffices us. God will give us of His bounty, and (also) His Messenger. To God we are suppliants.

9:60 The alms are only for the poor and the needy, and those who collect them, and those whose hearts are to be reconciled, and to free the captives and the debtors, and for the cause of God, and (for) the wayfarers; a duty imposed by God. God is Knower, Wise.

9:61-63 And of them are those who vex the Prophet and say: He is only a hearer. Say: A hearer of good for you, who believes in God and has confidence in the believers, and a mercy for such of you as believe. Those who vex the Messenger of God, for them there is a painful punishment. They swear by God to you (Muslims) to please you, but God, with His Messenger, has more right that they should please Him if they are believers. Know they not that whoever opposes God and His Messenger, his portion verily is Hell, to abide therein? That is the extreme abasement.

9:64-68 The hypocrites fear lest a Surah (chapter) should be revealed concerning them, proclaiming what is in their hearts. Say : Scoff (your fill)! Lo! God is disclosing what you fear. And if you ask them (O Muhammad) they will say : We did but talk and jest. Say : was it at God and His revelations and His Messenger that you did scoff? Make no excuse. You have disbelieved after your (confession of) belief. If We forgive a party of you, a party of you We shall punish because they have been guilty. The hypocrites, both men and women, proceed one from another. They enjoin the wrong, and they forbid the right, and they withhold their hands (from spending in the cause of God) . They forget God, so He has forgotten them. Lo! The hypocrites, they are the transgressors. God promises the hypocrites, both men and women, and the disbelievers, the fire of Hell for their abode. It will suffice them. God curses them, and theirs is lasting torment.

9:69 Even as those before you were mightier than you in strength, and more affluent than you in wealth and children. They enjoyed their lot a while, so you enjoy your lot a while even as those before you did enjoy their lot a while. And you prate even as they prated. Such are they whose works have perished in the world and the Hereafter. Such are they who are the losers.

9:70 Has not the fame of those before them reached them – the folk of Noah, Aad, Thamud, the folk of Abraham, the dwellers of Midian and the disasters (which befell them – Lot's people)? Their Messengers (from God) came to them with proofs (of God's supreme power). God surely wronged them not, but they did wrong themselves.

9:71 And the believers, men and women, are helpers (and protectors) of one another; they enjoin the right and forbid the wrong, and they establish worship and they pay the poor-due, and they obey God and His Messenger. As for these, God will have mercy on them. Lo! God is Mighty, Wise.

9:72 God promises to the believers, men and women, Gardens underneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide – blessed dwellings in Gardens of Eden. And greater (far)! .Acceptance from God. That is the supreme triumph.

9:73-74 O Prophet! Fight hard against the disbelievers and the hypocrites! Be harsh with them. Their ultimate abode is Hell, an evil journey's end. They swear by God that they said nothing (wrong), yet they did say the word of disbelief, and did disbelieve after their acceptance of Islam (surrender to God). And they purposed that, which they could not attain, and they sought revenge only that God and His Messenger should enrich them of His bounty. If they repent it will be better for them; and if they turn away, God will afflict them with a painful punishment in the world and the Hereafter, and they have no protector nor helper in the earth.

9:75-78 And of them is he who made a covenant with God (saying): If He gives us of His bounty we will give alms and become of the righteous. Yet when He gave them of His bounty, they hoarded it and turned away, averse; so He has made the consequence (to be) hypocrisy in their hearts until the day when they shall meet Him, because they broke their word to God that they promised Him, and because they lied. Know they not that God knows both their secret and the thoughts that they confide, and that God is the Knower of Things Hidden?

9:79-80 Those who point at such of the believers as give the alms willingly and such as can

find nothing to give but their endeavors, and deride them – God (Himself) derides them. Theirs will be a painful punishment. Ask forgiveness for them (O Muhammad), or ask not forgiveness for them; though you ask forgiveness for them seventy times God will not forgive them. That is because they disbelieved in God and His Messenger, and God guides not wrongdoing folk.

9:81-84 Those who were left behind rejoiced at sitting still behind the Messenger of God, and were averse to fighting hard with their wealth and their lives in God's way. And they said: Go not forth in the heat! Say: The fire of Hell is more intense of heat, if they but understood. Then let them laugh a little: They will weep much, as the award of what they used to earn. If God brings you back (from the campaign) to a party of them and they ask of you leave, to go out (to fight), then say to them: You shall never more go out with me nor fight with me against a foe. You were content with sitting still the first time. So sit still, with the useless. And never (O Muhammad) pray for one of them who dies, nor stand by his grave. Lo! They disbelieved in God and His Messenger, and they died while they were evildoers.

9:85-87 Let not their wealth nor their children please you! God purposes only to punish them thereby in the world, and that their souls shall pass away while they are disbelievers. And when a Surah (chapter) is revealed (which says) : Believe in God and fight hard along with His Messenger, the men of wealth among them still ask leave of you and say : Leave us to be with those who sit (at home) . They are content that they should be with the useless and their hearts are sealed , so that they apprehend not.

9:88-89 But the Messenger and those who believe with him fight hard with their wealth and their lives. Such are they for whom are the good things. Such are they who are the successful. God has made ready for them Gardens underneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide. That is the supreme triumph.

9:90 And those among the wandering Arabs, who had an excuse, came in order that permission might be granted them. And those who lied to God and His Messenger sat at home. A painful punishment will fall on those of them who disbelieve.

9:91 Not to the weak nor to the sick nor to those who can find nothing to spend is any fault (to be imputed though they stay at home) if they are true to God and His Messenger. Not to the good is there any road (of blame). God is Forgiving, Merciful.

9:92-93 Nor to those whom, when they came to you (asking) that you should mount them, you did say: I cannot find whereon to mount you. They turned back with eyes flowing with tears, for sorrow that they could not find the means to spend. The road (of blame) is only against those who ask for leave of you (to stay at home) when they are rich. They are content to be with the useless. God has sealed their hearts so that they know not.

9:94-96 They will make excuses to you (Muslims) when you return to them. Say: Make no excuse, for we shall not believe you. God has told us about you. God and His Messenger will see your conduct, and then you will be brought back to Him, Who knows the invisible as well as the visible, and He will tell you what you used to do. They will swear by God to you, when you return to them, that you may let them be. Let them be, for lo! They are unclean, and their abode is Hell as the reward for what they used to earn. They swear to you, that you may accept them. Though you accept them, God verily accepts not wrongdoing folk.

9:97 The wandering Arabs are more severe in disbelief and hypocrisy, and more likely to be ignorant of the limits that God has revealed to His Messenger. And God is Knower, Wise.

9:98 And of the wandering Arabs there is he who takes that which he expends (for the cause of God), as a loss, and he awaits (evil) turns of fortune for you (that he may be rid

of it). The evil turn of fortune will be theirs. God is Hearer, Knower.

9:99 And of the wandering Arabs there is he who believes in God and the Last Day, and takes that which he expends and also the prayers of the Messenger as acceptable offerings in the sight of God. Lo! Verily it is an acceptable offering for them. God will bring them into His mercy. Lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful.

9:100 And the first to lead the way, of the Muhajirin (immigrants) and the Ansar (supporters – the people of Al-Madinah) , and those who followed them in goodness God is well pleased with them and they are well pleased with Him and He has made ready for them , Gardens underneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide forever. That is the supreme triumph.

9:101-102 And among those around you of the wandering Arabs there are hypocrites, and among the townspeople of Al-Madinah (there are some who) persist in hypocrisy that you (O Muhammad) know not. We know them, and We shall punish them twice; then they will be relegated to a painful punishment. And (there are) others who have acknowledged their faults. They mixed a righteous action with another that was bad. It may be that God will forgive toward them. Lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful.

9:103 Take alms of their wealth, wherewith you may sanctify them and may purify them of their sins, and pray for them. Lo! Your prayer is an assuagement for them. God is Hearer, Knower.

9:104 Know they not that God is He Who accepts repentance from His bondmen and takes the alms, and that God is He Who is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

9:105-106 And say (to them): Act! God will behold your actions, and (so will) His Messenger and the believers, and you will be brought back to the Knower of the invisible and the visible, and He will tell you what you used to do. And (there are) others who await God's decree, whether He will punish them or will forgive them. God is Knower, Wise.

9:107-110 And as for those who chose a place of worship out of opposition and disbelief, and in order to cause dissent among the believers, and as an outpost for those who warred against God and His Messenger aforetime, they will surely swear: We purposed nothing except good. God bears witness that they verily are liars. Never stand (to pray) there. A place of worship that was founded upon piety (to God) from the first day is more worthy that you should stand (to pray) therein, wherein are men who love to purify themselves. God loves the purifiers. Is he who founded his building upon piety to God and His good pleasure better; or he who founded his building on the brink of a crumbling, overhanging precipice so that it toppled with him into the fire of Hell? God guides not wrongdoing folk. The building that they built will never cease to be a misgiving in their hearts unless their hearts are torn to pieces. God is Knower, Wise.

9:111-112 Lo! God has bought from the believers their lives and their wealth because the Garden will be theirs: they shall fight in the way of God and shall slay and be slain. It is a promise that is binding on Him in the Torah and the Gospel and the Quran. Who fulfills His covenant better than God? Rejoice then in your bargain that you have made, for that is the supreme triumph. (Triumphant are) those who turn repentant (to God), those who worship (Him), those who praise (Him), those who fast, those who bow down, those who fall prostrate (in worship), those who enjoin the right and who forbid the wrong and those who keep the limits (ordained) by God. And give glad tidings to believers!

9:113-115 It is not for the Prophet, and those who believe, to pray for the forgiveness of polytheists even though they may be near of kin (to them) after it has become clear that they are the people of the Hell-fire. The prayer of Abraham for the forgiveness of his father was only because of a promise he had made to him, but when it had become clear to him that he (his father) was an enemy to God he (Abraham) disowned him. Lo!

Abraham was soft of heart, lone suffering. It was never God's (part) that he should send a folk astray after He had guided them until He had made clear to them what they should avoid. Lo! God is Aware of all things.

9:116 Lo! God! To Him belongs the supreme power of the heavens and the earth. He quickens and He gives death. And you have, instead of God, no protector nor helper.

9:117 God has turned in mercy to the Prophet, and to the Muhajirin (immigrants) and the Ansar (supporters - the people of Madinah) who followed him in the hour of hardship. After the hearts of a party of them had almost swerved aside, then turned He to them in mercy. Lo! He is full of pity, Merciful to them.

9:118 And to the three also (did He turn in mercy) who were left behind: when the earth, vast as it is, was straitened for them, and their own souls were straitened for them till they realized that there is no refuge from God except toward Him. Then turned He to them in mercy that they (too) might turn (repentant to Him). Lo! God! He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

9:119-123 O you who believe! Fear God, and be with the truthful. It is not for the townfolk of Al-Madinah and for those around them of the wandering Arabs to stay behind the Messenger of God and prefer their lives to his life. That is because neither thirst nor toil nor hunger afflicts them in the way of God, nor step they any step that angers the disbelievers, nor gain they from the enemy a gain, but a good deed is recorded for them therefore. God loses not the wages of the good. Nor spend they any spending, small or great, nor do they cross a valley, but it is recorded for them, that God may repay them the best of what they used to do. And the believers should not all go out to fight. Of every troop of them, a party only should go forth, that they (who are left behind) may gain sound knowledge in religion, and that they may warn their folk when they return to them, so that they may beware. O you who believe! Fight those of the disbelievers who are near to you, and let them find harshness in you, and know that God is with those who keep their duty (to Him).

9:124-127 And whenever a Surah (chapter) is revealed there are some of them who say : Which one of you has thus increased in faith? As for those who believe, it has increased them in faith and they rejoice (therefore). But as for those in whose hearts is disease, it only adds wickedness to their wickedness, and they die while they are disbelievers. See they not that they are tested once or twice in every year? Still they turn not in repentance, neither pay they heed. And whenever a Surah (chapter) is revealed, they look one at another (as who should say): Does anybody see you? Then they turn away. God turns away their hearts because they are a folk who understand not.

9:128 There has come to you a Messenger, (one) of yourselves, to whom anything that you are overburdened with is grievous, full of concern for you, for the believers full of pity, merciful.

9:129 Now, if they turn away (O Muhammad) say: God suffices me. None should be worshipped but God alone. In Him have I put my trust, and He is Lord of the Tremendous Throne.

10. Yunus: Jonah

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

10:1 *Alif. Lam. Ra.* These are verses of the wise Scripture.

10:2 Is it a wonder for people that We have inspired a man among them, saying: Warn

people and bring to those who believe the good tidings that they have a sure footing with their Lord? The disbelievers say: Lo! This is a mere wizard.

10:3-4 Lo! Your Lord is God Who created the heavens and the earth in six Days, then He established Himself upon the Throne, directing all things. There is no intercessor (with Him) except after His permission. That is God, your Lord, so worship Him. Oh, will you not remember? To Him is the return of all of you; it is a promise of God in truth. Lo! He produces creation, and then reproduces it, that He may reward those who believe and do good works with equity; while, as for those who disbelieve, theirs will be a boiling drink and painful punishment because they disbelieved.

10:5-6 It is He, Who appointed the sun a splendor, and the moon a light, and measured for her stages, that you might know the number of the years, and the reckoning. God created not (all) that except in truth. He details the revelations for people who have knowledge.

10:6 Lo! In the difference of day and night and all that God has created in the heavens and the earth are signs, verily, for folk who fear (God).

10:7-8 Lo! Those who expect not the meeting with Us but desire the life of the world and feel secure therein, and those who are neglectful of Our revelations, their home will be the Fire because of what they used to earn.

10:9-10 Lo! Those who believe and do good works, their Lord guides them by their faith. Rivers will flow beneath them in the Gardens of Delight, their prayer therein will be: Glory is to You, O God! And their greeting therein will be: Peace. And the conclusion of their prayer will be: Praise be to God, Lord of the Worlds!

10:11 If God were to hasten on for men the ill (that they have earned) as they would hasten on the good, their respite would already have expired. But We leave those who look not for the meeting with Us to wander blindly on in their contumacy.

10:12 And if misfortune touches a man he cries to Us, (while reclining) on his side, or sitting or standing, but when We have relieved him of the misfortune he goes his way as though he had not cried to Us because of a misfortune that afflicted him. Thus is what they do, it is made fair (seeming) to the prodigal.

10:13-17 We destroyed the generations before you when they did wrong; and their Messengers (from God) came to them with clear proofs (of His supreme power) but they would not believe. Thus do We reward the guilty folk. Then We appointed you viceroys in the earth after them, that We might see how you behave. And when Our clear revelations are recited to them they who look not for the meeting with Us, say: Bring a Lecture other than this, or change it. Say (O Muhammad): It is not for me to change it of my own accord. I only follow that which is inspired in me. Lo! If I disobey my Lord I fear the retribution of an Awful Day. Say: If God had so willed I should not have recited it to you nor would He have made it known to you. I dwelt among you a whole lifetime before it (came to me). Have you then no sense? Who does greater wrong than he who invents a lie concerning God and denies His revelations? Lo! The guilty are never successful.

10:18 They worship beside God that which neither hurts them nor profits them, and they say: These are our intercessors with God. Say: Would you inform God of (something) that He knows not in the heavens or in the earth? Praised be He and high exalted above all that you associate (with Him)!

10:19-21 People were but one community; then they differed; and had it not been for a word that had already gone forth from your Lord, it had been judged between them in respect of that wherein they differ. And they will say: If only a sign were sent down upon him from his Lord! Then say (O Muhammad): The Unseen belongs to God. So wait! Lo, I

am waiting with you. And when We cause people to taste of mercy after some adversity which had afflicted them, behold! They have some plot against Our revelations. Say: God is swifter in plotting. Lo! Our messengers write down that which you plot.

10:22-23 It is He, Who makes you to go on the land and the sea until, when you are in the ships and they sail with them with a fair breeze and they are glad therein, a stormy wind reaches them and the wave comes to them from every side and they deem that they are overwhelmed therein; (then) they cry to God, making their faith pure for Him only: If You deliver us from this, we truly will be of the thankful. Yet when He has delivered them, behold! They rebel in the earth wrongfully. O people! Your rebellion is only against yourselves. (You have) enjoyment of the life of the world; then to Us is your return and We shall proclaim to you what you used to do.

10:24-25 The similitude of the life of the world is only as water which We send down from the sky, then the earth's growth of that which men and cattle eat mingles with it till, when the earth has taken on her ornaments and is embellished, and her people deem that they are masters of her, Our commandment comes by night or by day and we make it as reaped corn as if it had not flourished yesterday. Thus do We expound the revelations for people who reflect. And God summons to the abode of peace, and guides whom He wills to a straight path.

10:26 For those who do good is the best (reward) and more (thereto). Neither dust nor humiliation comes near their faces. Such are rightful inhabitants of the Garden; they will abide therein.

10:27 And those who earn ill deeds, (for them) requital of each ill deed by the like thereof; and humiliation overtakes them – They have no protector from God – as if their faces had been covered with a cloak of darkest night. Such are rightful inhabitants of the Fire; they will abide therein.

10:28-30 On the Day when We gather them all together, then We say to those who ascribed partners (to Us): Stand back, you and your (pretended) partners (of God)! And We separate them, the one from the other, and their (pretended) partners say: It was not us you worshipped. God suffices as a witness between you, and us that we were unaware of your worship. There does every soul experience that which it did aforesaid, and they are returned to God, their rightful Lord, and that which they used to invent has failed them.

10:31-33 Say (to them, O Muhammad): Who provides for you from the sky and the earth, or Who owns hearing and sight; and Who brings forth the living from the dead and brings forth the dead from the living; and Who directs the course? They will say: God. Then say: Will you not then fear (Him)? Such then is God, your rightful Lord. After the Truth what is there excepting error? How then are you turned away! Thus is the Word of your Lord justified concerning those who do wrong; that they believe not.

10:34 Say: Is there of your partners (whom you ascribe to God) one that produces creation and then reproduces it? Say: God produces creation, and then reproduces it. How then, are you misled!

10:35 Say: Is there of your partners (whom you ascribe to God) one that leads to the Truth? Say: God leads to the Truth. Is He Who guides to the Truth more deserving that He should be followed, or he who finds not the way unless he (himself) is guided. What ails you? How judge you?

10:36 Most of them follow nothing but conjecture. Assuredly conjecture can by no means take the place of truth. Lo! God is Aware of what they do.

10:37-39 And this Quran is not such as could ever be invented by other than God; but it is

a confirmation of that which was before it and an exposition of that which is decreed for people – Therein is no doubt – from the Lord of the Worlds. Or say they: He has invented it? Say: Then bring a Surah (chapter) like it , and call (for help) on all you can besides God , if you are truthful . Nay, but they denied that, the knowledge whereof they could not compass, and whereof the interpretation (in events) has not yet come to them. Even so did those before them deny. Then see what was the consequence for the wrongdoers!

10:40-44 And of them is he who believes therein, and of them is he who believes not therein, and your Lord is best aware of the corrupters. And if they deny you, say: To me my work, and to you your work. You are innocent of what I do, and I am innocent of what you do. And of them are some who listen to you. But can you make the deaf hear even though they apprehend not? And of them is he who looks toward you. But can you guide the blind even though they see not? Lo! God wrongs not people in anything; but people wrong themselves.

10:45-46 And on the Day when He shall gather them together, (when it will seem) as though they had tarried but an hour of the day, recognizing one another, those will verily have perished who denied the meeting with God and were not guided. Whether We let you (O Muhammad) behold something of that which We promise them or (whether We) cause you to die, still to Us is their return, and God, moreover, is Witness over what they do.

10:47 And for every nation there is a Messenger. And when their Messenger comes (on the Day of Judgment) it will be judged between them fairly, and they will not be wronged.

10:48-53 And they say: When will this promise be fulfilled, if you are truthful? Say: I have no power to hurt or benefit myself, except that which God wills. For every nation there is an appointed time. When their time comes, then they cannot put it off an hour, nor hasten (it). Say: Have you thought: When His punishment comes to you as a raid by night, or in the (busy) day; what is there of it that the guilty ones desire to hasten? Is it (only) then, when it has befallen that you will believe? What! (Believe) now, when (until now) you have been hastening it on (through disbelief)? Then will it be said to those who dealt unjustly: Taste the torment of eternity. Are you requited anything except what you used to earn? And they ask you to inform them (saying): Is it true? Say: Yea, by my Lord, verily it is true, and you cannot escape.

10:54 And if each soul that does wrong had all that is in the earth it would seek to ransom itself therewith; and they will feel remorse within them when they see the punishment. But it has been judged between them fairly and they are not wronged.

10:55-56 Lo! Verily all that is in the heavens and the earth is God's. Lo! Verily God's promise is true. But most of them know not. He quickens and gives death, and to Him you will be returned.

10:57 O people! There has come to you an exhortation from your Lord, a balm for that which is in the breasts, a guidance and a mercy for believers.

10:58-60 Say: In the bounty of God and in His mercy: therein let them rejoice. It is better than what they hoard. Say: Have you considered what provision God has sent down for you, how you have made it lawful and unlawful? Say: Has God permitted you, or do you invent a lie concerning God? And what think those who invent a lie concerning God (will be their plight) upon the Day of Resurrection? Lo! God truly is Bountiful toward people, but most of them give not thanks.

10:61 And you (Muhammad) are not occupied with any business and you recite not a lecture from this (Scripture), and you (people) perform no act, but We are Witness of you when you are engaged therein. And not an atom's weight in the earth or in the sky escapes

your Lord, nor what is less than that or greater than that, but it is (written) in a clear Book.

10:62-64 Lo! Verily the friends of God are (those) on whom fear (comes) not, nor do they grieve. Those who believe and keep their duty (to God), theirs are good tidings in the life of the world and in the Hereafter – There is no changing the words of God – that is the Supreme Triumph.

10:65 And let not their speech grieve you (O Muhammad). Lo! Power belongs wholly to God. He is the Hearer, the Knower.

10:66-67 Lo! Is it not to God that belongs whoever is in the heavens and whoever is in the earth? Those who follow anything instead of God follow not (His) partners. They follow only a conjecture. And they do but guess. It is He, who has appointed for you the night that you should rest therein and the day giving sight. Lo! Herein verily are signs for a folk that take heed.

10:68-70 They say: God has taken (to Him) a son. Glorified be He! He has no needs! His is all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth. You have no warrant for this. Tell you concerning God that which you know not? Say: Verily those who invent a lie concerning God will not succeed. This world's portion (will be theirs), then to Us is their return. Then We make them taste a dreadful punishment because they used to disbelieve.

10:71-74 Recite to them the story of Noah, when he told his people: O my people! If my sojourn (here) and my reminding you by God's revelations are an offence to you, in God have I put my trust, so decide upon your course of action, you and your partners. Let not your course of action be in doubt for you. Then come at me, and give me no respite. But if you are averse I have asked of you no wage. My wage is the concern of God only, and I am commanded to be of the Muslims (those who surrender to Him). But they denied him, so We saved him and those with him in the ship, and made them viceroys (in the earth), while We drowned those who denied Our revelations. See then the nature of the consequence for those who had been warned. Then, after him, We sent Messengers to their folk, and they brought them clear proofs. But they were not ready to believe in that which they before denied. Thus print We on the hearts of the transgressors.

10:75-82 Then after them, We sent Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh and his chiefs with Our revelations, but they were arrogant and were a guilty folk. And when the Truth from Us came to them, they said: This is mere magic. Moses said: Speak you (so) of the Truth when it has come to you? Is this magic? Now magicians thrive not. They said: Have you come to us to pervert us from that (faith) in which we found our fathers, and that you two may own the place of greatness in the land? We will not believe you two. And Pharaoh said: Bring every cunning wizard to me. And when the wizards came, Moses said to them: Cast your cast! And when they had cast, Moses said: That which you have brought is magic. Lo! God will make it vain. Lo! God upholds not the work of mischief-makers. And God will vindicate the Truth by His words, however much the guilty be averse.

10:83-89 But none trusted Moses, except some scions of his people, (and they were) in fear of Pharaoh and their chiefs, that they would persecute them. Lo! Pharaoh was verily a tyrant in the land, and lo! He verily was of the wanton. And Moses said: O my people! If you have believed in God then put trust in Him, if you are Muslims (have indeed surrendered to Him)! They said: In God we put trust. Our Lord! Oh, make us not a lure for the wrongdoing folk; And, in Your mercy, save us from the folk that disbelieve. And We inspired Moses and his brother (saying:) Appoint houses for your people in Egypt and make your houses oratories, and establish worship. And give good news to the believers. And Moses said: Our Lord! Lo! You have given Pharaoh and his chiefs splendor and riches in the life of the world, Our Lord! That they may lead men astray from Your way. Our Lord! Destroy their riches and harden their hearts so that they believe not till they see the painful punishment. He said: Your prayer is heard. Do you twain keep to the straight path, and follow not the road of those who have no knowledge.

10:90-92 And We brought the Children of Israel across the sea, and Pharaoh with his hosts pursued them in rebellion and transgression, till, when the (fate of) drowning overtook him, he exclaimed: I believe that none should be worshipped but Him in Whom the Children of Israel believe, and I am of those who are Muslims (surrendered to Him). What! Now! When hitherto you have rebelled and been of the wrongdoers? But this day We save you in your body that you may be a sign for those after you. Lo! Most of people are heedless of Our signs.

10:93 And We verily did allot to the Children of Israel a fixed abode, and did provide them with good things; and they differed not until knowledge came to them. Lo! Your Lord will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection concerning that wherein they used to differ.

10:94-97 And if you (Muhammad) are in doubt concerning that which We reveal to you, then question those who read the Scripture (that was) before you. Verily the Truth from your Lord has come to you. So be not you of the waverers. And be not you of those who deny the revelations of God, for then you will be of the losers. Lo! Those for whom the word of your Lord (concerning sinners) has taken effect will not believe, though every sign should come to them, till they see the painful punishment.

10:98 If only there had been a community (of all those that were destroyed of old) that believed and profited by its belief as did the folk of Jonah. When they believed We drew off from them the torment of disgrace in the life of the world and gave them comfort for a while.

10:99-100 And if your Lord willed, all who are in the earth would have believed together. Would you (Muhammad) compel men until they are believers? It is not for any soul to believe except by the permission of God. He has set uncleanness upon those who have no sense.

10:101-103 Say: Behold what is in the heavens and the earth! But revelations and warnings avail not folk that will not believe. What expect they except the like of the days of those who passed away before them? Say: Expect it then! I am with you among the expectant. Then shall We save Our Messengers and the believers, in a like manner (as of old). It is incumbent upon Us to save the believers.

10:104 Say (O Muhammad): O people! If you are in doubt of my religion, then (know that) I worship not those whom you worship instead of God, but I worship God who causes you to die, and I have been commanded to be of the believers.

10:105-107 And (O Muhammad) set your purpose resolutely for religion, as a man by nature upright, and be not of those who ascribe partners (to God). And cry not, beside to God, to that, which cannot profit you nor hurt you, for if you did so then you were of the wrongdoers. If God afflicts you with some hurt, there is none who can remove it except Him; and if He desires good for you, there is none who can repel His bounty. He strikes with it whoever He wills of His bondmen. He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

10:108 Say: O people! Now has the Truth from your Lord come to you. So whoever is guided, is guided only for (the good of) his soul, and whoever errs, errs only against it. And I am not a warder over you.

10:109 And (O Muhammad) follow that which is inspired in you, and forbear until God gives judgment. And He is the Best of judges.

11. Hud: Hood

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

11:1-2 *Alif. Lam. Ra.* (This is) a Scripture the revelations whereof are perfected and then expounded. (It comes) from One Wise, Informed, (saying :) worship none but God. Lo! I am to you from Him a warner and a bringer of good tidings.

11:3-4 And (bidding you): Ask pardon of your Lord and turn to Him repentant. He will cause you to enjoy a fair estate until a time appointed. He gives His bounty to every bountiful one. But if you turn away, Lo! (Then) I fear for you the retribution of an Awful Day. To God is your return, and He is Able to do all things.

11:5 Lo! Now they fold up their breasts that they may hide (their thoughts) from Him. At the very moment when they cover themselves with their clothing, God knows that which they keep hidden and that which they proclaim. Lo! He is Aware of what is in the breasts (of men).

11:6 And there is not a beast in the earth but the sustenance thereof depends on God. He knows its habitation and its repository. All is in a clear record.

11:7-8 And it is He Who created the heavens and the earth in six Days – and His Throne was upon the water – that He might try which of you is best in conduct. Yet if you (O Muhammad) say: Lo! You will be raised again after death! Those who disbelieve will surely say: This is nothing but mere magic. And if We delay for them the punishment until a reckoned time, they will surely say: What withholds it? Verily on the Day when it comes to them, it cannot be averted from them, and that which they derided will surround them.

11:9-11 And if We cause man to taste some mercy from Us and afterward withdraw it from him, lo! He is despairing, thankless. And if We cause him to taste grace after some misfortune that has befallen him, he says: The ills have gone from me. Lo! He is exultant, boastful; except those who persevere and do good works. Theirs will be forgiveness and a great reward.

11:12-14 A likely thing, that you would forsake anything of that which has been revealed to you, and that your breast should be straitened for it, because they say: Why has not a treasure been sent down for him, or an angel come with him? You are but a warner, and God is in charge of all things. Or they say: He has invented it. Say: Then bring ten Surah (chapters) , the like thereof , invented , and call on everyone you can beside God , if you are truthful! And if they answer not your prayer, then know that it is revealed only in the knowledge of God; and that none should be worshipped but God alone. Will you then be (of) the Muslims (those who surrender)?

11:15-16 Whoever desires the life of the world and its pomp, We shall repay them their deeds therein, and therein they will not be wronged. Those are they for whom there is nothing in the Hereafter except the Fire. (All) that they contrive here is in vain and (all) that they are wont to do is fruitless.

11:17 Are those who rely on a clear proof from their Lord and a witness (Gabriel) from Him reciting it (like those who disbelieve)? And before it came the Book of Moses, an example and a mercy. Such believe therein. And whoever disbelieves therein of the clans, the Fire is his appointed place. So be not you in doubt concerning it. Lo! It is the Truth from your Lord; but most of people believe not.

11:18-22 Who does greater wrong than he who invents a lie concerning God? Such will be brought before their Lord, and the witnesses will say: These are they who lied concerning their Lord. Now the curse of God is upon wrongdoers, who debar (men) from the way of God and would have it crooked, and who are disbelievers in the Hereafter. Such will not escape in the earth, nor have they any helpers (and protectors) beside God. For them the torment will be double. They could not bear to hear, and they used not to see. Such are

they who have lost their souls, and that which they used to invent has failed them. Assuredly in the Hereafter they will be the greatest losers.

11:23 Lo! Those who believe and do good works and humble themselves before their Lord: such are rightful inhabitants of the Garden; they will abide therein.

11:24 The similitude of the two parties is as the blind and the deaf and the seer and the hearer. Are they equal in similitude? Will you not then be admonished?

11:25-34 And We sent Noah to his folk (and he said): I am a plain warner to you. That you worship none, except God. Lo! I fear for you the retribution of a painful Day. The chieftains of his folk, who disbelieved, said: We see you but a mortal like us, and we see not that any follow you except the most abject among us, without reflection. We behold in you no merit above us – nay, we deem you liars. He said: O my people! Have you not considered, if I rely on a clear proof from my Lord and there has come to me a mercy from Him, and it has been made obscure to you, can we compel you to accept it when you are averse thereto? And O my people! I ask of you no wealth therefore. My reward is the concern only of God, and I am not going to thrust away those who believe – Lo! They have to meet their Lord – but I see you are a folk that are ignorant. And, O my people! Who would deliver me from God if I thrust them away? Will you not then reflect? I say not to you: 'I have the treasures of God' nor 'I have knowledge of the Unseen,' nor say I: 'Lo! I am an angel!' Nor say I to those whom your eyes scorn that God will not give them good – God knows best what is in their hearts – Lo! Then indeed I should be of the wrongdoers. They said: O Noah! You have disputed with us and multiplied disputation with us; now bring upon us that wherewith you threaten us, if you are of the truthful. He said: Only God will bring it upon you if He wills, and you can by no means escape. My counsel will not profit you if I were minded to advise you, if God's will is to keep you astray. He is your Lord and to Him you will be brought back.

11:35-41 Or say they (again) He has invented it? Say: If I have invented it, upon me be my crimes, but I am innocent of (all) that you commit. And it was inspired in Noah (saying): No one of the folk will believe except him who has believed already. Be not distressed because of what they do. Build the ship under Our Eyes and by Our inspiration, and speak not to Me on behalf of those who do wrong. Lo! They will be drowned. And he was building the ship, and every time that the chieftains of his people passed him, they made mock of him. He said: Though you make a mockery of us, yet we mock at you even as you mock; and you shall know to whom a

punishment that will disgrace him comes, and upon whom a lasting punishment will fall. (Thus it was) till, when Our commandment came to pass and the oven gushed forth water, We said: Load therein two of every kind, a pair (the male and female), and your household, except him against whom the word has gone forth already, and those who believe. And but a few were they who believed with him. And he said: Embark therein! In the name of God be its course and its mooring. Lo! My Lord is Forgiving, Merciful.

11:42-45 And it sailed with them amid waves like mountains, and Noah cried to his son – and he was standing aloof – O my son! Come ride with us, and be not with the disbelievers. He said: I shall betake me to some mountain that will save me from the water. (Noah) said: This day there is none that saves from the commandment of God except him on whom He has had mercy. And the wave came in between them, so he was among the drowned. And it was said: O earth! Swallow your water and, O sky! Be cleared of clouds! And the water was made to subside. And the commandment was fulfilled. And it (the ship) came to rest upon (the mount) Al-Judi and it was said: A far removal for wrongdoing folk! And Noah cried to his Lord and said: My Lord! Lo! My son is of my household! Surely Your promise is the Truth and You are the Most Just of judges.

11:46-48 He said: O Noah! Lo! He is not of your household. lo! He is of evil conduct, so ask not of Me that whereof you have no knowledge. I admonish you lest you be among

the ignorant. He said: My Lord! Lo! In You do I seek refuge (from the sin) that I should ask of You that whereof I have no knowledge. Unless You forgive me and have mercy on me I shall be among the lost. It was said (to him): O Noah! Go you down (from the mountain) with peace from Us and blessings upon you and some nations (that will spring) from those with you.

(There will be other) nations to whom We shall give enjoyment a long while and then a painful punishment from Us will overtake them.

11:49 This is of the tidings of the Unseen that We inspire in you (O Muhammad). You yourself knew it not, nor did your folk (know it) before this. Then have patience. Lo! The sequel is for those who are pious.

11:50-58 And to (the tribe of) Aad (We sent) their brother, Hud. He said: O my people! Worship God! You have no other God except Him. Lo! You do but invent! O my people! I ask of you no reward for it. Lo! My reward is the concern only of Him Who created me. Have you then no sense? And, O my people! Ask forgiveness of your Lord, and then turn to Him repentant; He will cause the sky to rain abundance on you and will add more strength to your strength. Turn not away, guilty! They said: O Hud! You have brought us no clear proof and we are not going to forsake our gods on your (mere) saying, and we are not believers in you. We say nothing except that one of our gods has possessed you in an evil way. He said: I call God to witness, and do you (too) bear witness, that I am innocent of (all) that you ascribe as partners (to God). Beside Him. So (try to) circumvent me, all of you, give me no respite. Lo! I have put my trust in God, my Lord and your Lord. Not an animal but He does grasp it by the forelock! Lo! My Lord is on a straight path. And if you turn away, still I have conveyed to you that with which I was sent to you, and my Lord will set in place of you a folk other than you. You cannot injure Him at all. Lo! My Lord is Guardian over all things. And when Our commandment came to pass We saved Hud and those who believed with him by a mercy from Us; We saved them from a harsh punishment.

11:59-60 And such were Aad. They denied the revelations of their Lord and flouted His Messengers and followed the command of every forward potentate. And a curse was made to follow them in the world and on the Day of Resurrection. Lo! Aad disbelieved in their Lord. A far removal for Aad, the folk of Hud!

11:61-66 And to (the tribe of) Thamud (We sent) their brother Salih. He said: O my people! Worship God, you have no other God except Him. He brought you forth from the earth and has made you husband it. So ask forgiveness of Him and turn to Him repentant. Lo, my Lord is Near, Responsive. They said: O Salih! You have been among us until now as that wherein our hope was placed. Do you ask us not to worship what our fathers worshipped? Lo! We verily are in grave doubt concerning that to which you call us. He said: O my people! Have you not considered: if I am (acting) on clear proof from my Lord and there has come to me a mercy from Him,

who will save me from God if I disobey Him? You would add to me nothing except perdition. O my people! This is the camel of God, a sign to you, so leave her to feed in God's earth, and touch her not with harm lest a near torment seize you. But they hamstrung her, and then he said: Enjoy life in your dwelling place three days! This is a threat that will not be belied. So, when Our commandment came to pass, We saved Salih, and those who believed with him, by a mercy from Us, from the humiliation of that day. Lo, Your Lord! He is the Strong, the Mighty.

11:67-68 And the (Awful) Cry overtook those who did wrong, so that morning found them prostrate in their dwellings, as though they had not dwelt there. Lo! Thamud disbelieved in their Lord. A far removal for Thamud!

11:69-76 And Our messengers came to Abraham with good news. They said: Peace! He

answered: Peace! And delayed not to bring a roasted calf. And when he saw their hands reached not to it, he mistrusted them and conceived a fear of them. They said: Fear not! Lo! We are sent to the folk of Lot. And his wife, standing by, laughed when We gave her good tidings (of the birth) of Isaac, and, after Isaac, of Jacob. She said: Oh, woe is me! Shall I bear a child when I am an old woman, and this my husband, an old man? Lo! This is a strange thing! They said: Wonder you at the commandment of God? The mercy of God and His blessings be upon you, O people of the house! Lo! He is Owner of praise, Owner of glory! And when the awe departed from Abraham, and the glad news reached him, he pleaded with Us on behalf of the folk of Lot. Lo! Abraham was mild, imploring, and penitent. (It was said) O Abraham! Forsake this! Lo! Your Lord's commandment has gone forth, and lo! There comes to them a punishment which cannot be repelled.

11:77-83 And when Our messengers came to Lot, he was distressed and knew not how to protect them. He said: This is a distressful day. And his people came to him, running towards him – and before then they used to commit abominations – He said: O my people! Here are my daughters! They are purer for you. Beware of God, and degrade me not in (the person of) my guests. Is there not among you any upright man? They said: Well you know that we have no right to your daughters, and well you know what we want. He said: Would that I had strength to resist you or had some strong support (among you)! (The messengers) said: O Lot! Lo! We are messengers of your Lord; they shall not reach you. So travel with your people in a part of the night, and let not one of you turn round.(all) except your wife. Lo! That which smites them will smite her (also). Lo! Their appointed time is (for) the morning. Is not the morning near? So when Our commandment came to pass We overthrew (that township) and rained upon it stones of clay, one after another, marked with fire in the providence of your Lord (for the destruction of the wicked). And they are never far from the wrongdoers.

11:84-90 And to Midian (We sent) their brother Shueyb. He said: O my people! Worship God. You have no other God except Him! And give not short measure and short weight. Lo! I see you well to do, and lo! I fear for you the punishment of a besetting Day. O my people! Give full measure and full weight in justice, and wrong not people in respect of their goods. And do not evil in the earth, causing corruption. That which God leaves with you is better for you if you are believers; and I am not a keeper over you. They said: O Shueyb! Does your way of prayer command you that we should forsake that which our fathers (used to) worship, or that we (should leave off) doing what we will with our own property. Lo! You are the mild, the guide to right behavior. He said: O my people! Have you not considered: if I am (acting) on a clear proof from my Lord and He sustains me with fair sustenance from Him (how can I concede anything to you)? I desire not to do behind your backs that which I ask you not to do. I desire nothing except reform so far as I am able. My welfare is only in God. In Him I trust and to Him I turn (repentant). And, O my people! Let not the schism with me cause you to sin so that there befall you that which befell the folk of Noah and the folk of Hud, and the folk of Salih; and the folk of Lot are not far off from you. Ask pardon of your Lord and then turn to Him (repentant). Lo! My Lord is, Merciful, Loving.

11:91-95 They said: O Shueyb! We understand not much of that you tell, and lo! We do behold you weak among us. But for your family, we should have stoned you, for you are not strong against us. He said: O my people! Is my family more to be honored by you than God? And you put Him behind you, neglected! Lo! My Lord surrounds what you do. And, O my people! Act according to your power, lo, I (too) am acting. You will soon know on whom there comes a punishment that will abase him, and who it is that lies. And watch! Lo! I am watcher with you. And when Our commandment came to pass we saved Shueyb and those who believed with Him by a mercy from Us; and the (Awful) Cry seized those who did injustice, and morning found them prostrate in their dwellings. As though they had not dwelt there. A far removal for Midian, even as Thamud had been removed afar!

11:96-99 And verily We sent Moses with Our revelations and a clear warrant. To Pharaoh and his chiefs, but they did follow the command of Pharaoh, and the command of

Pharaoh was no right guide. He will go before his people on the Day of Resurrection and will lead them to the Fire for a watering-place. Ah, evil is the watering-place (whither they are) led. A curse is made to follow them in the world and on the Day of Resurrection. Evil is the gift (that will be) given to (them).

11:100-102 That is (something) of the tidings of the townships (which were destroyed of old). We relate it to you (O Muhammad). Some of them are standing and some (already) reaped. We wronged them not, but they did wrong themselves; and their gods on whom they call beside God availed them nothing then came your Lord's command; they added to them nothing except ruin. Even thus is the grasp of your Lord when he grasps the townships while they are doing wrong. Lo! His grasp is painful, very strong.

11:103-107 Lo! Herein verily there is a sign for those who fear the punishment of the Hereafter. That is a Day to which people will be gathered, and that is a Day that will be witnessed. And We defer it only as a term already reckoned. On the Day when it comes no soul will speak except by His permission; some among them will be wretched, (others) glad. As for those who will be wretched (on that Day) they will be in the Fire; sighing and wailing will be their portion therein. Abiding there so long as the heavens and the earth endure except for that which your Lord wills. Lo! Your Lord is Doer of what He wills.

11:108 And as for those who will be glad (that Day) they will be in the Garden, abiding there so long as the heavens and the earth endure except for that which your Lord wills: a gift unfailing.

11:109-111 So be not you in doubt concerning that which these (folk) worship. They worship only as their fathers worshipped aforetime. Lo! We shall pay them their whole due unabated. And We verily gave to Moses the Scripture, and there was strife thereupon; and had it not been for a Word that had already gone forth from your Lord, the case would have been judged between them, and Lo! They are in grave doubt concerning it. And lo! To each your Lord will verily repay his works in full. Lo! He is informed of what they do.

11:112 So tread you upon the straight path as you are commanded, and those who turn (to God) with you, and transgress not. Lo! He is Seer of what you do.

11:113 And incline not toward those who do wrong lest the Fire touch you, and you have no helpers (and protectors) against God, and afterward you would not be helped.

11:114-115 Establish worship at the two ends of the day and in some watches of the night. Lo! Good deeds annul ill deeds. This is a reminder for the mindful. And have patience, (O Muhammad), for lo! God loses not the wages of the good.

11:116-119 If only there had been among the generations before you, men possessing a remnant (of good sense) to warn (their people) of corruption in the earth, as did a few of those whom We saved from them! The wrongdoers followed that by which they were made sapless, and were guilty. In truth your Lord destroyed not the townships tyrannously while their folk were doing right. And if your Lord had willed, He verily would have made people one nation, yet they cease not differing, except him on whom your Lord has mercy; and for that He did create them. And the Word of your Lord has been fulfilled: Verily I shall fill Hell with the jinn and humankind together.

11:120-122 And all that We relate to you of the story of the Messengers is in order that thereby We may make firm your heart. And herein has come to you the Truth and an exhortation and a reminder for believers. And say to those who believe not: Act according to your power. Lo! We (too) are acting. And wait! Lo! We (too) are waiting.

11:123 And God's is the Invisible of the heavens and the earth, and to Him the whole matter will be returned. So worship Him and put your trust in Him. Lo! Your Lord is not

unaware of what you (mortals) do.

12. Yusuf: Joseph

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

12:1-3 *Alif. Lam. Ra.* These are verses of the Scripture that makes plain. Lo! We have revealed it , a Lecture in Arabic, so that you may understand. We narrate to you (O Muhammad) the best of narratives in that We have inspired in you this Quran, though aforetime you were of the heedless.

12:4-6 When Joseph said to his father: O my father! Lo! I saw in a dream, eleven planets and the sun and the moon, I saw them prostrating themselves to me. He said: O my dear son! Tell not your brethren of your vision, lest they plot a plot against you. Lo! Satan is for man an open foe. Thus your Lord will prefer you and will teach you the interpretation of events, and will perfect His grace upon you and upon the family of Jacob as He perfected it upon your forefathers, Abraham and Isaac. Lo! Your Lord is Knower, Wise.

12:7-14 Verily in Joseph and his brethren are signs (of God's supreme power) for the inquiring. When they said: Verily Joseph and his brother are dearer to our father than we are, many though we are. Lo! Our father is in plain aberration. (One said): Kill Joseph or cast him to some (other) land, so that your father's favor may be all for you, and (that) you may afterward be righteous folk. One among them said: Kill not Joseph but, if you must be doing, fling him into the depths of the pit; some caravan will find him. They said: O our father! Why will you not trust us with Joseph, when lo! We are good friends to him? Send him with us tomorrow that he may enjoy

himself and play. And lo! We shall take good care of him. He said: Lo! In truth it saddens me that you should take him with you, and I fear lest the wolf devours him while you are heedless of him. They said: If the wolf should devour him when we are (so strong) a band, then surely we should have already perished.

12:15-18 Then, when they led him off, and were of one mind, that they should place him in the depth of the pit, We inspired in him: You will tell them of this deed of theirs when they know (you) not. And they came weeping to their father in the evening. Saying: O our father! We went racing one with another, and left Joseph by our things, and the wolf devoured him, and you believe not our sayings even when we speak the truth. And they came with false blood on his shirt. He said: Nay, but your minds have deceived you into something. (My course is) comely patience. And it is God Whose help is to be sought in that (predicament) which you describe.

12:19-20 And there came a caravan, and they sent their water-drawer. He let down his pail (into the pit). He said: Good luck! Here is a youth. And they hid him as a treasure, and God was Aware of what they did. And they sold him for a low price, a number of silver coins; and they attached no value to him.

12:21-22 And he of Egypt who purchased him said to his wife: Receive him honorably. Perchance he may prove useful to us or we may adopt him as a son. Thus We established Joseph in the land that We might teach him the interpretation of events. And God was predominant in his career, but most of people knew not. And when he reached his prime, We gave him wisdom and knowledge. Thus We reward the good.

12:23-29 And she, in whose house he was, asked of him an evil act. She bolted the doors and said: Come! He said: I seek refuge in God! Lo! He is my lord, who has treated me honorably. Lo! Wrongdoers never prosper. She verily desired him, and he would have desired her if it had not been that he saw the argument of his Lord. Thus it was, that We

might ward off from him evil and lewdness. Lo! He was of Our chosen slaves. And they raced with one another to the door, and she tore his shirt from behind, and they met her lord and master at the door. She said: What shall be his reward, who wishes evil to your folk, except prison or a painful punishment? (Joseph) said: It was she who asked of me an evil act. And in witness of her own folk testified: If his shirt is torn from before, then she speaks the truth and he is of the liars. And if his shirt is torn from behind, then she has lied and he is of the truthful. So when he saw his shirt torn from behind, he said: Lo! This is of the guile of you women. Lo! The guile of you is very great. O Joseph! Turn away from this, and you, (O woman!) ask forgiveness for your sin. Lo! You are of the sinful.

12:30-34 And women in the city said: The ruler's wife is asking of her slave boy an ill deed. Indeed he has smitten her to the heart with love. We behold her in plain aberration. And when she heard of their sly talk, she sent for them and prepared for them a cushioned couch (to lie on at the feast) and gave to every one of them a knife and said (to Joseph): Come out to them! And when they saw him they exalted him and cut their hands, exclaiming: God Blameless! This is not a human being. This is no other than some gracious angel. She said: This is he, on whose account you blamed me. I asked of him an evil act, but he proved continent, but if he do not my behest he verily shall be imprisoned, and verily shall be of those brought low. He said: O my Lord! Prison is dearer than that to which they urge me, and if You fend not off their wiles from me I shall incline to them and become of the foolish. So his Lord heard his prayer and fended off their wiles from him. Lo! He is Hearer, Knower.

12:35-40 And it seemed good to them (the men folk) after they had seen the signs (of his innocence) to imprison him for a time. And two young men went to prison with him. One of them said: I dreamed that I was pressing wine. The other said I dreamed that I was carrying upon my head bread whereof the birds were eating. Announce to us the interpretation, for we see you of those good (at interpreting). He said: The food that you are given (daily) shall not come to you but I shall tell you the interpretation before it comes to you. This is of that which my Lord has taught me. Lo! I have forsaken the religion of folk who believe not in God and are disbelievers in the Hereafter. And I have followed the religion of my fathers, Abraham and Isaac and Jacob. It never was for us to attribute anything as a partner to God. This is of the bounty of God to us (the seed of Abraham) and to people; but most men, do not give thanks. O my two fellow prisoners! Are diverse lords better, or God the One, the Almighty? Those whom you worship beside Him are but names, which you have named, you and your fathers. God has revealed no sanction for them. The decision rests with God only, Who has commanded you that you worship none except Him. This is the right religion, but most men know not.

12:41-42 O my two fellow prisoners! As for one of you, he will pour out wine for his lord to drink; and as for the other, he will be crucified so that the birds will eat from his head. Thus is the case judged concerning that which you did inquire. And he said to him of the twain who he knew would be released: Mention me in the presence of your lord. But Satan caused him to forget to mention it to his lord, so he (Joseph) stayed in prison for some years.

12:43-49 And the king said: Lo! I saw in a dream seven fat cows which seven lean were eating, and seven green ears of corn and another (seven) dry. O notables! Expound for me my vision, if you can interpret dreams. They answered: Jumbled dreams! And we do not know the interpretation of dreams. And he of the two who was released, and (now) at length remembered, said: I am going to announce to you the interpretation, therefore send me forth. (And when he came to Joseph in the prison, he exclaimed): Joseph! O you truthful one! Expound for us the seven fat cows that seven lean were eating and the seven green ears of corn and another (seven) dry, so that I may return to the people, so that they may know. He said: You shall sow seven years as usual, but that which you reap, leave it in the ear, all except a little which you eat. Then after that will come seven hard years which will devour all that you have prepared for them, except a little of that which you have stored. Then, after that, will come a year when the people will have plenteous crops and

when they will press (wine and oil).

12:50-52 And the king said: Bring him to me. And when the Messenger came to him, he (Joseph) said: Return to your lord and ask him what was the case of the women who cut their hands. Lo! My lord knows their guile. He (the king) (then sent for those women and) said: What happened when you asked an evil act of Joseph? They answered: God Blameless! We know no evil of him. Said the wife of the ruler: Now the truth is out. I asked of him an evil act, and he is surely of the truthful. (Then Joseph said: I asked for) this, that he (my lord) may know that I betrayed him not in secret, and that surely God guides not the snare of the betrayers.

12:53 I do not exculpate myself. Lo! The (human) soul enjoins to evil, except that whereon my Lord has mercy. My Lord is Forgiving, Merciful.

12:54-55 And the king said: Bring him to me that I may attach him to my person. And when he had talked with him he said: Lo! You are today in our presence established and trusted. He said: Set me over the storehouses of the land. Lo! I am a skilled custodian.

12:56-61 Thus gave We power to Joseph in the land. He was the owner of it where he pleased. We reach with Our mercy whom We will. We lose not the reward of the good. And the reward of the Hereafter is better, for those who believe and fear (God). And Joseph's brethren came and presented themselves before him, and he knew them but they knew him not. And when he provided them with their provision, he said: Bring to me a brother of yours from your father. See you not that I fill up the measure and I am the best of hosts? And if you bring him not to me, then there shall be no measure for you with me, nor shall you draw near. They said: We will try to win him from his father: that we will surely do.

12:62-65 He said to his young men: Place their merchandise in their saddlebags, so that they may know it when they go back to their folk, and so will come again. So when they went back to their father they said: O our father! The measure is denied us, so send with us our brother that we may obtain the measure, surely we will guard him well. He said: Can I entrust him to you except as I entrusted his brother to you aforetime? God is better at guarding, and He is the Most Merciful of those who show mercy. And when they opened their belongings they discovered that their merchandise had been returned to them. They said: O our father! What (more) can we ask? Here is our merchandise returned to us. We shall get provision for our folk and guard our brother, and we shall have the extra measure of a camel (load). This (that we bring now) is a light measure.

12:66-68 He said: I will not send him with you till you give me an undertaking in the name of God that you will bring him back to me, unless you are surrounded. And when they gave him their undertaking, he said: God is the Warden over what we say. And he said: O my sons! Go not in by one gate; go in by different gates. I cannot avail you as against God. Lo! The decision rests with God only. In Him do I put my trust, and in Him let all the trusting put their trust. And when they entered in the manner which their father had enjoined, it would have not availed them as against God; it was but a need of Jacob's soul which he thus satisfied; and lo! He was a lord of knowledge because We had taught him; but most of people know not.

12:69-75 And when they went in before Joseph, he took his brother to himself, saying: Lo! I, even I, am your brother; therefore sorrow not for what they did. And when he provided them with their provision, he put the drinking cup in his brother's saddlebag, and then a crier cried: O camel riders! You are surely thieves! They cried, coming toward them: What is it that you have lost? They said: We have lost the king's cup, and he who brings it shall have a camel load, and I (said Joseph) am answerable for it. They said: By God, well you know we came not to do evil in the land, and are not thieves. They said: And what shall be the penalty for it if you prove liars? They said: The penalty for it! He in whose bag (the cup) is found shall be the penalty for it. Thus we requite wrongdoers.

12:76 Then he (Joseph) began the search with their bags before his brother's bag, and then he produced it from his brother's bag. Thus did We contrive for Joseph. He could not have taken his brother according to the king's law unless God willed. We raise by grades (of mercy) whom We will, and over every lord of knowledge there is one more knowing.

12:77-79 They said: If he steals, a brother of his stole before. But Joseph kept it secret in his soul and revealed it not to them. He said (within himself): You are in worse case and God knows best (the truth of) that which you allege. They said: O ruler of the land! Lo! He has an aged father, so take one of us instead of him. Lo! We behold you of those who do kindness. He said: God forbid that we should seize except him with whom we found our property; then truly we should be wrongdoers.

12:80-83 So, when they despaired of (moving) him, they conferred together apart. The eldest of them said: Know you not how your father took an undertaking from you in God's name and how you failed in the case of Joseph aforesaid? Therefore I shall not go forth from the land until my father gives leave or God judges for me. He is the Best of judges. Return to your father and say: O our father! Lo! Your son has stolen. We testify only to that which we know; we are not guardians of the unseen. Ask the township where we were, and the caravan with which we had traveled hither. Lo! We speak the truth. (And when they came to their father and had spoken thus to him) he said: Nay, but your minds have deceived you into something. (My course is) comely patience! It may be that God will bring them all to me. Lo! He, only He, is the Knower, the Wise.

12:84-87 And he turned away from them and said: Alas, my grief for Joseph! And his eyes were whitened with the sorrow that he was suppressing. They said: By God, you will never cease remembering Joseph till your health is ruined or you are of those who perish! He said: I expose my distress and anguish only to God, and I know from God that which you know not. Go, O my sons, and ascertain concerning Joseph and his brother, and despair not of the Spirit of God. Lo! None despairs of the Spirit of God except disbelieving folk.

12:88-90 And when they came (again) before him (Joseph) they said: O ruler! Misfortune has touched us and our folk, and we bring but poor merchandise, so fill for us the measure and be charitable to us. Lo! God will requite the charitable. He said: Know you what you did to Joseph and his brother in your ignorance? They said: Is it indeed you who are Joseph? He said: I am Joseph and this is my brother. God has shown us favor. Lo! He who wards off (evil) and endures is patient (finds favor), for verily God loses not the wages of those who do right.

12:91-98 They said: By God, verily God has preferred you above us, and we were indeed sinful. He said: Have no fear this day! May God forgive you, and He is the Most Merciful of those who show mercy. Go with this shirt of mine, and lay it on my father's face, he will become (again) a seer; and come to me with all your folk. When the caravan departed, their father had said: Truly I am conscious of the breath of Joseph, though you call me dotard. (Those around him) said: By God, Lo! You are in your old aberration. Then, when the bearer of glad tidings came, he laid it on his face and he became a seer once more. He said: Said I not to you that I know from

God that which you know not? They said: O our father! Ask forgiveness of our sins for us, for lo! We were sinful. He said: I shall ask forgiveness for you from my Lord. He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

12:99-100 And when they came in before Joseph, he took his parents to him, and said: Come into Egypt safe, if God wills! And he placed his parents on the dais and they fell down before him prostrate, and he said: O my father! This is the interpretation of my dream of old. My Lord has made it true, and He has shown me kindness, since He took me out of the prison and has brought you from the desert after Satan had made strife between me and my brethren. Lo! My Lord is tender to whom He wills. He is the Knower, the Wise.

12:101 O my Lord! You have given me (something) of power and have taught me (something) of the interpretation of events – Creator of the heavens and the earth! You are my Guardian (and Protector) in the world and the Hereafter. Make me to die as a Muslim (submissive to You), and join me to the righteous.

12:102-104 This is of the tidings of the Unseen, which We inspire in you (O Muhammad). You were not present with them when they fixed their plan and they were scheming. And though you try much, most men will not believe. You ask them no fee for it. It is nothing else than a reminder to the peoples.

12:105-107 How many a sign is there in the heavens and the earth, which they pass by with face averted! And most of them believe not in God except that they attribute partners (to Him). Deem they themselves secure from the coming on them of a pall of God's punishment, or the coming of the Hour suddenly while they are unaware?

12:108 Say: This is my way: I call on God with sure knowledge, I and whoever follows me – Glory be to God! And I am not of the polytheists.

12:109-110 We sent not before you (any Messengers) except men whom We inspired from among the folk of the townships – Have they not traveled in the land and seen the nature of the consequence for those who were before them? And verily the abode of the Hereafter, for those who fear (God) is best. Have you then no sense? Till, when the Messengers despaired and thought that they were denied, then came to them Our help, and whomever We would, was saved. And our wrath cannot be warded from the guilty.

12:111 In their history verily there is a lesson for men of understanding. It is no invented story but a confirmation of the existing (Scripture) and a detailed explanation of everything, and a guidance and a mercy for folk who believe.

13. Ar-Ra`d: The Thunder

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

13:1 *Alif. Lam. Mim. Ra.* These are verses of the Scripture. That which is revealed to you from your Lord is the Truth, but most of people believe not.

13:2 It is God, Who raised up the heavens without visible supports, then mounted the Throne, and compelled the sun and the moon to be of service, each runs to an appointed term; He orders the course; He details the revelations, that perhaps you may be certain of the meeting with your Lord.

13:3 And it is He who spread out the earth and placed therein firm hills and flowing streams, and of all fruits He placed therein two spouses (male and female). He covers the night with the day. Lo! Herein verily are signs for people who take thought.

13:4 And in the earth are neighboring tracts, vineyards and ploughed lands, and date palms, like and unlike, which are watered with one water. And We have made some of them excel others in fruit. Lo! Herein verily are signs for people who have sense.

13:5 And if you wonder, then wondrous is their saying: When we are dust, are we then forsooth (to be raised) in a new creation? Such are they who disbelieve in their Lord; such have carcanets on their necks; such are rightful inhabitants of the Fire, they will abide therein.

13:6 And they bid you to hasten on the evil rather than the good, when exemplary punishments have indeed occurred before them. But lo! Your Lord is rich in pardon for

people despite their wrong, and lo! Your Lord is strong in punishment!

13:7 Those who disbelieve say: If only a sign was sent down upon him from his Lord! You are a warner only, and for every folk a guide.

13:8-9 God knows that which every female bears and that which the wombs absorb and that which they grow. And everything with Him is measured. He is the Knower of the invisible and the visible, the Great, the High Exalted.

13:10-11 Alike of you is he who hides the saying and he who noises it abroad, he who lurks in the night and he who goes freely in the daytime. For him are angels ranged before him and behind him who guard him by God's command. Lo! God changes not the condition of a folk until they (first) change that which is in their hearts; and if God wills misfortune for a folk there is none that can repel it, nor have they a defender beside Him.

13:12-13 It is He, Who shows you the lightning, a fear and a hope, and raises the heavy clouds. The thunder hymns His praise and (so do) the angels for awe of Him. He launches the thunderbolts and smites with them whom He wills while they dispute (in doubt) concerning God, and He is Mighty in wrath.

13:14 To Him is the real prayer. Those unto whom they pray beside God respond to them not at all, except as (if the response to) one who stretches forth his hands toward water (asking) that it may come to his mouth, and it will never reach it. The prayer of disbelievers goes (far) astray.

13:15 And to God falls prostrate whosoever is in the heavens and the earth, willingly or unwillingly, as do their shadows in the morning and the evening hours.

13:16 Say (O Muhammad): Who is Lord of the heaven and the earth? Say: God! Say: Take you then (others) beside Him for protectors, which, even for themselves, have neither benefit nor hurt? Say: Is the blind man equal to the seer, or is darkness equal to light? Or assign they to God partners? Who created the like of His creation so that the creation (which they made and His creation) seemed alike to them? Say: God is the Creator of all things, and He is the One, the Almighty.

13:17 He sends down water from the sky, so that valleys flow according to their measure, and the flood bears (on its surface) swelling foam – from that which they smelt in the fire in order to make ornaments and tools rises a foam like to it – thus God coins (the similitude of) the true and the false. Then, as for the foam, it passes away as scum upon the banks, while, as for that which is of use to people, it remains in the earth. Thus God coins the similitude.

13:18 For those who answered God's call is bliss; and for those who answered not His call, if they had all that is in the earth, and therewith the like thereof, they would proffer it as ransom. Such will have a woeful reckoning, and their habitation will be Hell, a dire abode.

13:19-24 Is he who knows that what is revealed to you from your Lord is the truth like him who is blind? But only men of understanding heed; such as keep the pact of God, and break not the covenant; such as unite that which God has commanded should be joined, and fear their Lord, and dread a woeful reckoning. Such as persevere in seeking their Lord's Face and are regular in prayer and spend of that which We bestow upon them secretly and openly, and overcome evil with good. Theirs will be the sequel of the (heavenly) Home. Gardens of Eden which they enter, along with all who do right of their fathers and their helpmeets and their seed. The angels enter to them from every gate. (Saying): Peace be to you because you persevered. Ah, passing sweet will be the sequel of the (heavenly) Home.

13:25 And those who break the covenant of God after ratifying it, and sever that which God has commanded should be joined, and make mischief in the earth: theirs is the curse and theirs is the ill abode.

13:26 God enlarges livelihood for whom He wills, and straitens (it for whom He wills); and they rejoice in the life of the world, whereas the life of the world is but brief comfort as compared with the Hereafter.

13:27 Those who disbelieve say: If only a sign was sent down upon him from his Lord! Say: Lo! God sends whom He wills astray, and guides to Himself all who turn (to Him),

13:28-29 who have believed and whose hearts have rest in the remembrance of God. Verily in the remembrance of God do hearts find rest! Those who believe and do right: Joy is for them, and bliss (their) journey's end.

13:30 Thus We send you (O Muhammad) to a nation, before whom other nations have passed away, that you may recite to them that which We have inspired in you, while they are disbelievers in the Beneficent. Say: He is my Lord; none should be worshipped but God alone. In Him do I put my trust and to Him is my recourse.

13:31 Had it been possible for a Lecture to cause the mountains to move, or the earth to be torn asunder, or the dead to speak, (this Quran would have done so). Nay, but God's is the whole command. Do not those who believe know that, had God willed, He could have guided all people? As for those who disbelieve, disaster ceases not to strike them because of what they do, or it dwells near their home until the threat of God come to pass. Lo! God fails not to keep the promise.

13:32 And verily Messengers (of God) were mocked before you, but long I bore with those who disbelieved. At length I seized them, and how (awful) was My punishment!

13:33-34 Is He Who is aware of the deserts of every soul (as he who is aware of nothing)? Yet they ascribe to God partners. Say: Name them. Is it that you would inform Him of something which He knows not in the earth? Or is it but a way of speaking? Nay, but their contrivance is made fair-seeming for those who disbelieve and they are kept from the right road. He whom God sends astray, for him there is no guide. For them is torment in the life of the world, and verily the punishment of the Hereafter is more painful, and they have no defender from God.

13:35 A similitude of the Garden which is promised to those who keep their duty (to God): Underneath it rivers flow; its food is everlasting, and its shade; this is the reward of those who keep their duty, while the reward of disbelievers is the Fire.

13:36 Those to whom We gave the Scripture rejoice in that which is revealed to you. And of the clans there are those who deny some of it. Say: I am commanded only that I worship God and ascribe to Him no partner. To Him I cry, and to Him is my return.

13:37 Thus have We revealed it, a decisive utterance in Arabic and if you should follow their desires after that which has come to you of knowledge, then truly would you have from God no protector nor defender.

13:38 And verily We sent Messengers (to people) before you, and We appointed for them wives and offspring, and it was not (given) to any Messenger that he should bring a sign except by God's leave. For everything there is a time prescribed.

13:39 God effaces what He wills, and establishes (what He wills), and with Him is the source of ordinance.

13:40 Whether We let you see something of that which We have promised them, or make

you die (before its happening), yours is but conveyance (of the message), Ours the reckoning.

13:41 See they not how We visit the land, reducing it of its outlying parts? God punishes there is none that can postpone His punishment, and He is swift at reckoning.

13:42 Those who were before them plotted; but all plotting is God's. He knows that which each soul earns. The disbelievers will come to know for whom will be the sequel of the (heavenly) Home.

13:43 They who disbelieve say: You are no Messenger (of God). Say: God, and whosoever has true knowledge of the Scripture, is sufficient witness between me and you.

14. Ibrahim: Abraham

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

14:1 *Alif. Lam. Ra.* (This is) a Scripture which We have revealed to you (O Muhammad) that thereby you may bring forth people from darkness to light, by the permission of their Lord, to the path of the Mighty, the Owner of Praise.

14:2-3 God, to Whom belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth. And woe to the disbelievers from an awful punishment. Those who love the life of the world more than the Hereafter, and debar (men) from the way of God and would have it crooked: such are far astray.

14:4 And We never sent a Messenger except with the language of his folk, that he might make (the message) clear for them. Then God sends whom He wills astray, and guides whom He wills. He is the Mighty, the Wise.

14:5-8 We verily sent Moses with Our revelations, saying: Bring your people forth from darkness to light. And remind them of the days of God. Lo! Therein are revelations for each patient thankful (heart). And (remind them) how Moses said to his people: Remember God's favor to you when He delivered you from Pharaoh's folk who were afflicting you with dreadful torment, and were slaying your sons and sparing your women; that was a tremendous trial from your Lord. And when your Lord proclaimed: If you give thanks, I will give you more; but if you are thankless, lo! My punishment is dire. And Moses said: Though you and all who are in the earth prove thankless, lo! God verily is Absolute, Owner of praise.

14:9 Has not the history of those before you reached you: the folk of Noah, and (the tribes of) Aad and Thamud, and those after them? None except God knows them. Their Messengers came to them with clear proofs, but they thrust their hands into their mouths, and said: Lo! We disbelieve in that wherewith you have been sent, and lo! We are in grave doubt concerning that to which you call us.

14:10-12 Their Messengers said: Can there be doubt concerning God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth? He calls to you that He may forgive you your sins and reprieve you to an appointed term. They said: You are but mortals like us, who would fain turn us away from what our fathers used to worship. Then bring some clear warrant. Their Messengers said to them: We are but mortals like you, but God gives grace to whomever He wills of His slaves. It is not ours to bring you a warrant unless by the permission of God. In God let believers put their trust! How should we not put our trust in God when He has shown us our ways? We surely will endure the trouble you may cause us. In God let the trusting put their trust!

14:13-14 And those who disbelieved said to their Messengers: Verily we will drive you out from our land, unless you return to our religion. Then their Lord inspired them (saying): Verily We shall destroy the wrongdoers, and verily We shall make you dwell in the land after them. This is for him who fears My Majesty and fears My threats.

14:15-17 And they sought help (from their Lord) and every froward potentate was brought to nothing; Hell is before him, and he is made to drink a festering water, which he sips but can hardly swallow, and death comes to him from every side while yet he cannot die, and before him is a harsh punishment.

14:18 A similitude of those who disbelieve in their Lord: Their works are as ashes, which the wind blows hard upon a stormy day. They have no control of anything that they have earned. That is the extreme failure.

14:19-20 Have you not seen that God has created the heavens and the earth with truth? If He will, He can remove you and bring (in) some new creation. And that is no great matter for God.

14:21 They all come forth to their Lord. Then those who were despised say to those who were arrogant: We were to you a following, can you then avert from us anything of God's punishment? They say: Had God guided us, we should have guided you. Whether we rage or patiently endure is (now) all one for us: we have no place of refuge.

14:22 And Satan says, when the matter has been decided: Lo! God promised you a promise of truth; and I promised you, and then failed you. And I had no power over you except that I called to you and you obeyed me. So blame me not, but blame yourselves. I cannot help you, nor can you help me. Lo! I disbelieved in your associating me with God. Lo! For wrongdoers is a painful punishment.

14:23 And those who believed and did good works are made to enter Gardens underneath which rivers flow, therein abiding by permission of their Lord, their greeting therein: Peace!

14:24-26 See you not how God coins a similitude: A goodly saying, as a goodly tree, its root set firm, its branches reaching into heaven, giving its fruit at every season by permission of its Lord? God coins the similitudes for people in order that they may reflect. And the similitude of a bad saying is as a bad tree, uprooted from upon the earth, possessing no stability.

14:27 God confirms those who believe by a firm saying in the life of the world and in the Hereafter, and God sends wrongdoers astray. And God does what He wills.

14:28-30 Have you not seen those who gave the grace of God in exchange for thanklessness and led their people down to the Abode of Loss, (even to) Hell? They are exposed thereto. An evil end! And they set up rivals to God that they may mislead (men) from His way. Say: Enjoy life (while you may) for lo! Your journey's end will be the Fire.

14:31 Tell My bondmen who believe to establish worship and spend of that which We have given them, secretly and publicly, before a day comes wherein there will be neither traffic nor befriending.

14:32-34 God is He Who created the heavens and the earth, and causes water to descend from the sky, thereby producing fruits as food for you, and makes the ships to be of service to you, that they may run upon the sea at His command, and has made of service to you the rivers; and makes the sun and the moon, constant in their courses, to be of service to you, and has made of service to you the night and the day. And He gives you of all you ask of Him, and if you would count the bounty of God you cannot reckon it. Lo! Man is verily a wrongdoer, an ingrate.

14:35-41 And when Abraham said: My Lord! Make safe this territory, and preserve me and my sons from worshipping idols. My Lord! Lo! They have led many of people astray. But whoever follows me, he verily is of me. And whoever disobeys me, still You are Forgiving, Merciful. Our Lord! Lo! I have settled some of my posterity in an uncultivable valley near to Your Holy House, our Lord! That they may establish proper worship; so incline some hearts of men that they may yearn toward them, and provide You them, with fruits in order that they may be thankful. Our Lord! Lo! You know that which we hide and that which we proclaim. Nothing in the earth or in the heaven is hidden from God. Praise be to God Who has given me, in my old age, Ishmael and Isaac! Lo! My Lord is indeed the Hearer of prayer. My Lord! Make me establish proper worship, and some of my posterity (also), our Lord! And accept my prayer. Our Lord! Forgive me and my parents and believers on the Day when the account is cast.

14:42-44 Deem not that God is unaware of what the unjust do. He but gives them a respite till a day when eyes will stare (in terror). As they come hurrying on in fear, their heads upraised, their gaze returning not to them, and their hearts as air. And warn people of a Day when the punishment will come upon them, and those who did wrong will say: Our Lord! Reprieve us for a little while. We will obey Your call and will follow the Messengers. (It will be answered:) Did you not swear before that there would be no end for you?

14:45-47 And (have you not) dwelt in the dwellings of those who wronged themselves (of old) and (has it not) become plain to you how We dealt with them, and made examples for you? Verily they have plotted their plot, and their plot is with God, though their plot was one whereby the mountains should be moved. So think not that God will fail to keep His promise to His Messengers. Lo! God is Mighty, Able to Requite (the wrong).

14:48-51 On the Day when the earth will be changed to other than the earth, and the heavens (also will be changed) and they will come forth to God, the One, the Almighty. You will see the guilty on that Day linked together in chains. Their raiment of pitch, and the Fire covering their faces. That God may repay each soul what it has earned. Lo! God is swift at reckoning.

14:52 This is a clear message for people in order that they may be warned thereby, and that they may know that He is only One God, and that men of understanding may take heed.

15. Al-Hijr: Al Hijr Valley

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

15:1 *Alif. Lam. Ra.* These are verses of the Scripture and a plain Reading.

15:2-5 It may be that those who disbelieve wish ardently that they were Muslims. Let them eat and enjoy life, and let (false) hope deceive them. They will come to know! And We destroyed no township but there was a known decree for it. No nation can outstrip its term nor can they lag behind.

15:6-7 And they say: O you to whom the Reminder is revealed, lo! You are indeed a madman! Why bring you not angels to us, if you are of the truthful?

15:8-9 We send not down the angels except with the Fact, and in that case (the disbelievers) would not be tolerated. Lo! We, even We, reveal the Reminder, and lo! We verily are it's Guardian.

15:10-15 We verily sent (Messengers) before you among the factions of the men of old.

And never came there to them a Messenger but they did mock him. Thus do We make it traverse the hearts of the guilty: They believe not therein, though the example of the men of old has gone before. And even if We opened to them a Gate of Heaven and they kept mounting through it. They would say: Our sight is wrong – nay, but we are folk bewitched.

15:16-18 And verily in the heaven We have set mansions of the stars, and We have beautified it for beholders. And We have guarded it from every outcast devil, except him who steals the hearing, and them does a clear flame pursue.

15:19-23 And the earth have We spread out, and placed therein firm hills, and caused each seemly thing to grow therein. And We have given to you livelihoods therein, and to those for whom you provide not. And there is not a thing but with Us are the stores thereof. And We send it not down except in appointed measure. And We send the winds fertilizing, and cause water to descend from the sky, and give it you to drink. It is not you who are the holders of the store thereof. Lo! And it is We, even We, Who quicken and give death, and We are the Inheritor.

15:24-25 And verily We know the eager among you and verily We know the laggards. Lo! Your Lord will gather them together. Lo! He is Wise, Aware.

15:26-31 Verily We created man of potter's clay of black mud altered, and the jinn did We create aforetime of essential fire. And (remember) when your Lord said to the angels: Lo! I am creating a mortal out of potter's clay of black mud altered. So, when I have made him and have breathed into him of My spirit, do you fall down, prostrating yourselves to him. So the angels fell prostrate, all of them together. Except Iblis. He refused to be among the prostrate.

15:32-44 He said: O Iblis! What ails you that you are not among the prostrate? He said: Why should I prostrate myself to a mortal whom You have created out of potter's clay of black mud altered? He said: Then go you forth from hence, for verily you are outcast. And lo! The curse shall be upon you till the Day of Judgment. He said: My Lord! Reprieve me till the Day when they are raised. He said: Then lo! You are of those reprieved till an appointed time. He said: My Lord! Because You have sent me astray, I verily shall adorn the path of error for them in the earth, and shall mislead them every one. Except such of them as are Your perfectly devoted slaves. He said: This is a right course incumbent upon Me: Lo! As for My slaves, you have no power over any of them except such of the froward as follow you, and lo! For all such, Hell will be the promised place. It has seven gates, and each gate has an appointed portion.

15:45-50 Lo! Those who fear (God) are among Gardens and water springs. (And it is said to them): Enter them in peace, secure. And We remove whatever rancor may be in their breasts. As brethren, face-to-face, (they rest) on couches raised. Toil comes not to them there, nor will they be expelled from thence. Announce, (O Muhammad) to My slaves that verily I am the Forgiving, the Merciful, and that My punishment is the dolorous punishment.

15:51-56 And tell them of Abraham's guests, (how) when they came to him, and said: Peace. He said: Lo! We are afraid of you. They said: Be not afraid! Lo! We bring you good tidings of a boy possessing wisdom. He said: Bring you me good tidings (of a son) when old age has overtaken me? Of what then can you bring good tidings? They said: We bring you good tidings in truth. So be not you of the despairing. He said: And who despairs of the mercy of his Lord except those who are astray?

15:57-60 He said: And afterward what is your business, O you messengers (of God)? They said: We have been sent to a guilty folk, (All) except the family of Lot. Them we shall deliver everyone, except his wife, of whom We had decreed that she should be of those who stay behind.

15:61-66 And when the messengers came to the family of Lot, he said: Lo! You are folk unknown (to me). They said: Nay, but we bring you that concerning which they keep disputing, and bring you the Truth, and lo! We are truthful. So travel with your household in a portion of the night, and follow you their backs. Let none of you turn round, but go whither you are commanded. And We made plain the case to him, that the root of them (who did wrong) was to be cut at early morn.

15:67-77 And the people of the city came, rejoicing at the news (of new arrivals). He said: Lo! They are my guests. Affront me not! And keep your duty to God, and shame me not! They said: Have we not forbidden you from (entertaining) anyone? He said: Here are my daughters, if you must be doing (so). By your life (O Muhammad) they moved blindly in the frenzy of approaching death. Then the (Awful) Cry overtook them at the sunrise. And We utterly confounded them, and We rained upon them stones of heated clay. Lo! Therein verily are signs for those who read (the signs). And lo! It is upon a road established. Lo! Therein is indeed a sign for believers.

15:78-79 And the dwellers in the wood indeed were evildoers. So, We took vengeance on them and lo! They both are on a high road plain to see.

15:80-84 And the dwellers in Al-Hijr indeed denied (Our) Messengers. And We gave them Our revelations, but they were averse to them. And they used to hew out dwellings from the hills, (wherein they dwelt) secure. But the (Awful) Cry overtook them at the morning hour, and that which they were wont to count as gain availed them not.

15:85-86 We created not the heavens and the earth and all that is between them except with truth, and lo! The Hour is surely coming. So forgive (O Muhammad) with a gracious forgiveness. Lo! Your Lord! He is the All-Wise Creator.

15:87-93 We have given you seven of the oft-repeated (verses) and the great Quran. Strain not your eyes toward that which We cause some wedded pairs among them to enjoy, and be not grieved on their account, and lower your wing (in tenderness) for the believers. And say: Lo! I, even I, am a plain warner, such as We send down for those who make division, those who break the Quran into parts. Them, by your Lord, We shall question, every one, of what they used to do.

15:94-99 So proclaim that which you are commanded, and withdraw from the polytheists. Lo! We defend you from the scoffers, who set some other god along with God. But they will come to know. We well know that your bosom is at times oppressed by what they say, but hymn the praise of your Lord, and be of those who make prostration (to Him). And worship your Lord till the inevitability of death comes to you.

16. An-Nahl: The Bee

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

16:1 The commandment of God will come to pass, so seek not you to hasten it. Glorified and Exalted be He above all that they associate (with Him).

16:2 He sends down the angels with the Spirit of His command to whom He wills of His bondmen (saying): Warn people that none should be worshipped but Me, so keep your duty to Me.

16:3 He has created the heavens and the earth with truth. High be He exalted above all that they associate (with Him).

16:4-7 He has created man from a drop of fluid, yet behold! He is an open opponent. And

He has created, the cattle, from which you have warm clothing and uses, and whereof you eat. And wherein is beauty for you, when you bring them home, and when you take them out to pasture. And they bear your loads for you to a land you could not reach except with great trouble to yourselves. Lo! Your Lord is full of pity, Merciful.

16:8 And horses and mules and asses (has He created) that you may ride them, and for ornament. And He creates that which you know not.

16:9 And God's is the direction of the way, and some (roads) go not straight. And had He willed He would have led you all aright.

16:10-11 It is He, Who sends down water from the sky, from which you have drink, and trees on which you send your beasts to pasture. Therewith He causes crops to grow for you, and the olive and the date palm and grapes and all kinds of fruit. Lo! Herein is indeed a sign for people who reflect.

16:12-13 And he has constrained the night and the day and the sun and the moon to be of service to you, and the stars are made subservient by His command. Lo! Herein indeed are signs for people who have sense. And whatsoever He has created for you in the earth of diverse hues, lo! Therein is indeed a sign for people who take heed.

16:14 And it is He, Who has constrained the sea to be of service that you eat fresh meat from therein, and bring forth from there ornaments which you wear. And you see the ships plowing it that you (people) may seek of His bounty, and that perhaps you may give thanks.

16:15-18 And He has cast into the earth firm hills that it quakes not with you, and streams and roads that you may find your way. And landmarks (too), and by the star they find their way. Is He then Who creates as him who creates not? Will you not then remember? And if you would count the favor of God you cannot reckon it. Lo! God is indeed Forgiving, Merciful.

16:19-23 And God knows that which you keep hidden and that which you proclaim. Those to whom they cry to besides God created nothing, but are themselves created. (They are) dead, not living. And they know not when they will be raised. Your God is One God. But as for those who believe not in the Hereafter their hearts refuse to know, for they are arrogant. Assuredly God knows that which they keep hidden and that which they proclaim. Lo! He loves not the arrogant.

16:24-25 And when it is said to them: What has your Lord revealed? They say: (Mere) fables of the men of old. That they may bear their burdens undiminished on the Day of Resurrection, with somewhat of the burdens of those whom they mislead without knowledge. Ah! Evil is that which they bear!

16:26-29 Those before them plotted, so God struck at the foundations of their building, and then the roof fell down upon them from above them, and the punishment came on them whence they knew not; then on the Day of Resurrection He will disgrace them and will say: Where are My partners, for whose sake you opposed (My Guidance)? Those who have been given knowledge will say: Disgrace this day and evil are upon the disbelievers, whom the angels cause to die while they are wronging themselves. Then will they make full submission (saying): We used not to do any wrong. Nay! Surely God is Knower of what you used to do. So enter the Gates of Hell, to dwell therein forever. Woeful indeed will be the lodging of the arrogant.

16:30-32 And it is said to those who are pious: What has your Lord revealed? They say: Good. For those who do good in this world there is a good (reward) and the home of the Hereafter will be better. Pleasant indeed will be the home of those who are pious – Gardens of Eden that they enter, underneath which rivers flow, wherein they have what

they will. Thus God repays those who are pious, those whom the angels cause to die (when they are) good. They say: Peace be to you! Enter the Garden because of what you used to do.

16:33-34 Await they anything except that the angels should come to them or your Lord's command should come to pass? Even so did those before them. God wronged them not, but they did wrong themselves, so that the evil of what they did, smote them, and that which they used to mock surrounded them.

16:35 And the idolaters say: Had God willed, we had not worshipped anything beside Him, we and our fathers, nor had we forbidden anything without (command from) Him. Even so did those before them. Are the Messengers charged with anything except plain conveyance (of the message)?

16:36 And verily We have raised in every nation a Messenger, (proclaiming): Worship God and shun false gods. Then some of them (there were) whom God guided, and some of them (there were) upon whom error had just hold. Do but travel in the land and see the nature of the consequence for the deniers!

16:37-39 Even if you (O Muhammad) desire their right guidance, still God assuredly will not guide him who misleads. Such have no helpers. And they swear by God their most binding oaths (that) God will not raise up him who dies. Nay, but it is a promise (binding) upon Him in truth, but most of people know not, that he may explain to them that wherein they differ, and that those who disbelieved may know that they were liars.

16:40 And Our word to a thing, when We intend it, is only that We say to it: Be! And it is.

16:41-42 And those who became fugitives for the cause of God after they had been oppressed, We shall verily give them goodly lodging in the world, and surely the reward of the Hereafter is greater, if they but knew; such as are patient and put their trust in God.

16:43-44 And We sent not (as Our Messengers) before you other than men whom We inspired – Ask the followers of the Remembrance if you know not! – With clear proofs and writings; and We have revealed to you the Remembrance that you may explain to people that which has been revealed for them, and that perhaps they may reflect.

16:45-47 Are they who plan ill deeds then secure that God will not cause the earth to swallow them, or that the punishment will not come on them whence they know not? Or that He will not seize them in their going to and fro that there be no escape for them? Or that He will not seize them with a gradual wasting? Lo! Your Lord is indeed full of pity, Merciful!

16:48-50 Have they not observed all things that God has created, how their shadows incline to the right and to the left, making prostration to God, and they are lowly? And to God makes prostration whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth of living creatures, and the angels (also), and they are not proud. They fear their Lord above them, and do what they are bidden.

16:51-52 God has said: Choose not two gods. There is only One God. Therefore be in awe of Me, only Me. To Him belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and the earth, and religion is His forever. Will you then fear any other than God?

16:53-56 And whatever of comfort you enjoy, it is from God. Then, when misfortune reaches you, to Him you cry for help. And afterward, when He has rid you of the misfortune, behold! A set of you attributes partners to their Lord, so as to deny that which We have given them. Then enjoy life (while you may), for you will come to know. And they assign a portion of that which We have given them to what they know not. By God! But you will indeed be asked concerning (all) that you used to invent.

16:57-59 And they assign to God daughters—Be He glorified!—And to themselves what they desire; when if one of them receives tidings of the birth of a female, his face remains darkened, and he is wroth inwardly. He hides himself from the folk because of the evil of that whereof he has bad tidings, (asking himself): Shall he keep it in contempt, or bury it beneath the dust. Verily, evil is their judgment.

16:60 For those who believe not in the Hereafter is an evil similitude, and God's is the Sublime Similitude. He is the Mighty, the Wise.

16:61-62 If God were to take people to task for their wrongdoing, he would not leave a living creature, but He reprieves them to an appointed term, and when their term comes they cannot put (it) off an hour nor (yet) advance (it). And they assign to God that which they (themselves) dislike, and their tongues expound the lie that the better portion will be theirs. Assuredly theirs will be the Fire, and they will be abandoned.

16:63-64 By God, We verily sent Messengers to the nations before you, but Satan made their deeds fair seeming to them. So he is their patron this day, and theirs will be a painful punishment. And we have revealed the Scripture to you only that you may explain to them that wherein they differ, and (as) a guidance and a mercy for a people who believe.

16:65-69 God sends down water from the sky and therewith revives the earth after her death! Lo! Herein is indeed a sign for a folk who hear. And lo! In the cattle there is a lesson for you. We give you to drink of that which is in their bellies, from betwixt the refuse and the blood, pure milk palatable to the drinkers. And of the fruits of the date palm, and grapes, with which you derive strong drink and (also) good nourishment. Lo! Therein, is indeed a sign for people who have sense. And your Lord inspired the bee, saying: Choose you habitations in the hills and in the trees and in that which they thatch; then eat of all fruits, and follow the ways of your Lord, made smooth (for you). There comes forth from their bellies a drink diverse of hues, wherein is healing for people. Lo! Herein is indeed a sign for people who reflect.

16:70 And God creates you, and then causes you to die, and among you is he who is brought back to the most abject stage of life, so that he knows nothing after (having had) knowledge. Lo! God is Knower, Powerful.

16:71 And God has favored some of you above others in provision. Now those who are more favored will by no means hand over their provision to those (slaves) whom their right hands possess, so that they may be equal with them in respect thereof. Is it then the grace of God that they deny?

16:72 And God has given you wives of your own kind, and has given you, from your wives, sons and grandsons, and has made provision of good things for you. Is it then in vanity that they believe and in the grace of God that they disbelieve?

16:73-74 And they worship beside God that which owns no provision whatsoever for them from the heavens nor the earth, nor have they (whom they worship) any power. So coin not similitudes for God. Lo! God knows; you know not.

16:75 God coins a similitude: (on the one hand) a (mere) chattel slave, who has control of nothing, and (on the other hand) one on whom We have bestowed a fair provision from Us, and he spends thereof secretly and openly. Are they equal? Praise be to God! But most of them know not.

16:76 And God coins a similitude: Two men, one of them dumb, having control of nothing, and he is a burden on his owner; wherever he directs him to go, he brings no good. Is he equal with one who enjoins justice and follows a straight path (of conduct)?

16:77 And to God belongs the Unseen of the heavens and the earth, and the matter of the

Hour (of Judgment) is but as a twinkling of the eye, or it is nearer still. Lo! God is Able to do all things.

16:78 And God brought you forth from the wombs of your mothers knowing nothing, and gave you hearing and sight and hearts that perhaps you might give thanks.

16:79 Have they not seen the birds obedient in midair? None holds them except God. Lo! Herein, verily, are signs for a people who believe.

16:80-81 And God has given you in your houses an abode, and has given you (also), of the hides of cattle, houses which you find light (to carry) on the day of migration and on the day of pitching camp; and of their wool and their fur and their hair, caparison and comfort for a while. And God has given you, of that which He has created, shelter from the sun; and has given you places of refuge in the mountains, and has given you coats to ward off the heat from you, and coats (of armor) to save you from your own foolhardiness. Thus does He perfect His favor to you, in order that you may surrender (to Him).

16:82-83 Then, if they turn away, your duty (O Muhammad) is but plain conveyance (of the message). They know the favor of God and then deny it. Most of them are ingrates.

16:84-88 And (have you not considered of) the Day when We raise up of every nation a witness, then there is no leave for disbelievers, nor are they allowed to make amends. And when those who did wrong behold the punishment, it will not be made light for them, nor will they be reprieved. And when those who ascribed partners to God behold those partners of theirs, they will say: Our Lord! These are our partners to whom we used to cry instead of You. But they will fling them the saying: Lo! You verily are liars! And they proffer to God submission on that Day, and all that they used to invent has failed them. For those who disbelieve and debar (men) from the way of God, We add punishment to punishment because they wrought corruption.

16:89 And (have you not considered of) the Day when We raise in every nation a witness against them of their own folk, and We bring you (O Muhammad) as a witness against these. And We reveal the Scripture to you as an exposition of all things, and a guidance and a mercy and good tidings for those who are Muslims (have surrendered to God).

16:90-91 Lo! God enjoins justice and kindness and giving to kinsfolk, and forbids lewdness and abomination and wickedness. He exhorts you in order that you may take heed. Fulfill the covenant of God when you have covenanted, and break not your oaths after the asseveration of them, and after you have made God surety over you. Lo! God knows what you do.

16:92 And be not like to her who unravels the thread, after she has made it strong, to thin filaments, making your oaths a deceit between you because of a nation being more numerous than (another) nation. God only tries you thereby, and He verily will explain to you on the Day of Resurrection that wherein you differed.

16:93 Had God willed He could have made you (all) one nation, but He sends whom He wills astray and guides whom He wills, and you will indeed be asked of what you used to do.

16:94 Make not your oaths a deceit between you, lest a foot should slip after being firmly planted and you should taste evil because you debarred (men) from the way of God, and yours should be an awful punishment.

16:95-97 And purchase not a small gain at the price of God's covenant. Lo! That which God has is better for you, if you did but know. That which you have wastes away, and that which God has remains. And verily We shall pay those who are patient, a recompense in proportion to the best of what they used to do. Whosoever does right, whether male or

female, and is a believer, him verily We shall quicken with good life, and We shall pay them a recompense in proportion to the best of what they used to do.

16:98-100 And when you recite the Quran, seek refuge in God from Satan the outcast. Lo! He has no power over those who believe and put trust in their Lord. His power is only over those who make a friend of him, and those who ascribe partners to Him (God).

16:101-102 And when We put a revelation in place of (another) revelation – and God knows best what He reveals – they say: Lo! You are but inventing. Most of them know not. Say: The Holy Spirit has revealed it from your Lord with truth, that it may confirm (the faith of) those who believe, and as guidance and good tidings for Muslims (those who have surrendered to God).

16:103-105 And We know well that they say: Only a man teaches him. The speech of him at whom they falsely hint is outlandish, and this is clear Arabic speech. Lo! Those who disbelieve the revelations of God, God guides them not and theirs will be a painful punishment. Only they invent falsehoods that believe not God's revelations, and (only) they are the liars.

16:106-109 Whoever disbelieves in God after his belief – except him who is forced thereto and whose heart is still content with Faith – but whoever finds ease in disbelief: On them is wrath from God. Theirs will be an awful punishment. That is because they have chosen the life of the world rather than the Hereafter, and because God guides not the disbelieving folk. Such are they whose hearts and ears and eyes God has sealed. And such are the heedless. Assuredly in the Hereafter they are the losers.

16:110 Then lo! Your Lord – for those who become fugitives after they had been persecuted, and then fought and were patient – lo! Your Lord afterward is (for them) indeed Forgiving, Merciful

16:111 On the Day when every soul will come pleading for itself, and every soul will be repaid for what it did, and they will not be wronged.

16:112-113 God coins a similitude: a township that dwelt secure and well content, its provision coming to it in abundance from every side, but it disbelieved in God's favors, so God made it experience the garb of dearth and fear because of what they used to do. And verily there had come to them a Messenger from among them, but they had denied him, and so the torment seized them while they were wrongdoers.

16:114-115 So eat of the lawful and good food, which God has provided for you, and thank the bounty of your Lord if it is Him you worship. He has forbidden for you only carrion and blood and swine flesh and that which has been immolated in the name of any other than God; but he who is driven thereto, neither craving nor transgressing, lo! Then God is Forgiving, Merciful.

16:116-117 And speak not, concerning that which your own tongues qualify (as clean or unclean), the falsehood: 'This is lawful, and this is forbidden,' so that you invent a lie against God. Lo! Those who invent a lie against God will not succeed. A brief enjoyment (will be theirs); and theirs is a painful punishment.

16:118 And to those who are Jews We have forbidden that which We have already related to you. And We wronged them not, but they were wont to wrong themselves.

16:119 Then lo! Your Lord – for those who do evil in ignorance and afterward repent and amend – lo! (For them) your Lord is afterward indeed Forgiving, Merciful.

16:120-123 Lo! Abraham was obedient to God, by nature upright, and he was not of the polytheists; thankful for His bounties; He chose him and He guided him to a straight path.

And We gave him good in the world, and in the Hereafter he is among the righteous. And afterward We inspired you (Muhammad, saying): Follow the religion of Abraham, as one by nature upright. He was not of the polytheists.

16:124 The Sabbath was appointed only for those who differed concerning it, and lo! Your Lord will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection concerning that wherein they used to differ.

16:125 Call to the way of your Lord with wisdom and fair exhortation, and reason with them in the better way. Lo! Your Lord is Best Aware of him who strays from His way, and He is Best Aware of those who are guided. 16:126-128 If you punish, then punish with the like of that wherewith you were afflicted. But if you endure patiently, verily it is better for the patient. Endure you patiently (O Muhammad). Your endurance is only by (the help of) God. Grieve not for them, and be not in distress because of that which they devise. Lo! God is with those who keep their duty to Him and those who are doers of good.

17. Al-Isra: The Children of Israel

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

17:1 Glorified be He Who carried His servant by night from the Inviolable Place of Worship to the Far Distant Place of Worship, the neighborhood that We have blessed, that We might show him of Our signs! Lo! He, only He, is the Hearer, the Seer.

17:2-7 We gave to Moses the Scripture, and We appointed it a guidance for the Children of Israel, saying: Choose no guardian beside Me. (They were) the seed of those whom We carried (in the ship) along with Noah. Lo! He was a grateful slave. And We decreed for the Children of Israel in the Scripture: You verily will work corruption in the earth twice, and you will become great tyrants. So when the time for the first of the two came, We roused against you slaves of Ours of great might who ravaged (your) country, and it was a threat performed. Then we gave you once again your turn against them, and We aided you with wealth and children and made you more in soldiery, (saying): If you do good, you do good for your own souls, and if you do evil, it is for them (in like manner). So, when the time for the second (of the judgments) came (We roused against you others of Our slaves) to ravage you, and to enter the Mosque even as they entered it the first time, and to lay waste all that they conquered with an utter wasting.

17:8 It may be that your Lord will have mercy on you, but if you repeat (the crime) We shall repeat (the punishment), and We have appointed Hell a dungeon for the disbelievers.

17:9-11 Lo! This Quran guides to that which is straightest, and gives tidings to the believers who do good works that theirs will be a great reward. And that those who believe not in the Hereafter, for them We have prepared a painful punishment. Man prays for evil as he prays for good, for man was ever hasty.

17:12 And we appoint the night and the day two signs. Then We make dark the sign of the night, and We make the sign of the day sight giving, that you may seek bounty from your Lord, and that you may know the computation of the years, and the reckoning; and everything have We expounded with a clear expounding.

17:13-14 And every man's augury have We fastened to his own neck, and We shall bring forth for him on the Day of Resurrection a book which he will find wide open. (And it will be said to him): Read your book. Your soul suffices as a reckoner against you this day.

17:15 Whosoever goes right, it is only for (the good of) his own soul that he goes right, and whosoever errs, errs only to its hurt. No laden soul can bear another's load. We never

punish until We have sent a Messenger.

17:16-17 And when We would destroy a township We send commandment to its folk who live at ease, and afterward they commit abomination therein, and so the Word (of punishment) has effect for it, and We annihilate it with complete annihilation. How many generations have we destroyed since Noah! And God suffices as Knower and Beholder of the sins of His slaves.

17:18-22 Whoever desires that (life) which hastens away, We hasten for him therein that which We will, for whom We please. And afterward We have appointed for him Hell; he will endure the heat thereof, condemned, rejected. And whoever desires the Hereafter and strives for it with the effort necessary, being a believer; for such, their effort finds favor (with their Lord). Each do We supply, both these and those, from the bounty of your Lord. And the bounty of your Lord can never be walled up. See how We prefer one above another, and verily the Hereafter will be greater in degrees and greater in preferment. Set not up with God any other god (O man) lest you sit down reprov'd, forsaken.

17:23-25 Your Lord has decreed, that you worship none except Him, and (that you show) kindness to parents. If one of them or both of them were to attain old age with you, say not 'Fie' to them nor repulse them, but speak to them a gracious word. And lower to them the wing of submission through mercy, and say: My Lord! Have mercy on them both, as they did care for me when I was little. Your Lord is best aware of what is in your minds. If you are righteous, then lo! He is ever Forgiving to those who turn (to Him).

17:26-30 Give the kinsman his due, and the needy, and the wayfarer, and squander not (your wealth) in wantonness. Lo! The squanderers were ever brothers of the satans, and Satan was ever an ingrate to his Lord. But if you turn away from them, seeking mercy from your Lord, for which you hope, then speak to them a reasonable word. And let not your hand be chained to your neck nor open it with a complete opening, lest you sit down rebuked, denuded. Lo! Your Lord enlarges the provision for whom He wills, and straitens (it for whom He wills). Lo, He was ever Knower, Seer of His slaves.

17:31-39 Slay not your children, fearing a fall to poverty, We shall provide for them and for you. Lo! The slaying of them is great sin. And come not near to adultery. Lo! It is an abomination and an evil way. And slay not the life, which God has forbidden except with right. Whoever is slain wrongfully, We have given power to his heir, but let him not commit excess in slaying. Lo! He will be helped. Come not near the wealth of the orphan except with that which is better till he comes to strength; and keep the covenant. Lo! Of the covenant it will be asked. Fill the measure when you measure, and weigh with a right balance; that is honest, and better in the end. (O man), follow not that whereof you have no knowledge. Lo! The hearing and the sight and the heart of each of these it will be asked. And walk not in the earth exultant. Lo! You cannot rend the earth, nor can you stretch to the height of the hills. The evil of that is hateful in the sight of your Lord. This is (part) of that wisdom with which your Lord has inspired you (O Muhammad). And set not up with God any other god, lest you be cast into Hell, reprov'd, abandoned.

17:40-41 Has your Lord then distinguished you (O men of Mecca) by giving you sons, and has chosen for Himself females from among the angels? Lo! Verily you speak an awful word! We verily have displayed (Our warnings) in this Quran that they may take heed, but it increases them in nothing except aversion.

17:42-43 Say (O Muhammad to the disbelievers): If there were other gods along with Him, as they say, then had they sought a way against the Lord of the Throne. Glorified is He, and High Exalted above what they say!

17:44 The seven heavens and the earth and all that is therein praise Him, and there is not a thing but hymns his praise; but you understand not their praise. Lo! He is ever Forbearing, Forgiving.

17:45-48 And when you recite the Quran We place between you, and those who believe not in the Hereafter a hidden barrier; and We place upon their hearts veils lest they should understand it, and in their ears a deafness; and when you make mention of your Lord alone, in the Quran, they turn their backs in aversion. We are best aware of what they wish to hear when they give ear to you and when they take secret counsel, when the evildoers say: You follow but a man bewitched. See what similitudes they coin for you, and thus are they all astray, and cannot find a road!

17:49-52 And they say: When we are bones and fragments, shall we, forsooth, be raised up as a new creation? Say: Be you stones or iron. Or some created thing that is yet greater in your thoughts! Then they will say: Who shall bring us back (to life). Say: He who created you at the first. Then will they shake their heads at you, and say: When will it be? Say: It will perhaps be soon; a day when He will call you and you will answer with His praise, and you will think that you have tarried but a little while.

17:53-54 Tell My bondmen to speak that, which is kindlier. Lo! Satan sows discord among them. Lo! Satan is for man an open foe. Your Lord is best aware of you. If He will, He will have mercy on you, or if He will, He will punish you. We have not sent you (O Muhammad) as a warden over them.

17:55 And your Lord is best aware of all who are in the heavens and the earth. And we preferred some of the Prophets above others, and to David We gave the Psalms.

17:56-57 Say: Cry to those (saints and angels) whom you assume (to be gods) beside Him, yet they have no power to rid you of misfortune or to change. Those to whom they cry seek the way of approach to their Lord, which of them shall be the nearest; they hope for His mercy and they fear His punishment. Lo! The punishment of your Lord is to be shunned.

17:58-60 There is not a township but We shall destroy it ere the Day of Resurrection, or punish it with dire punishment. That is set forth in the Book (of Our decrees). Nothing hinders Us from sending signs except that the folk of old denied them. And We gave Thamud the she camel – a clear sign – but they did wrong in respect to her. We send not signs except to warn. And (it was a warning) when We told you: Lo! Your Lord encompasses people, and We appointed the vision which We showed you as an ordeal for people, and (likewise) the Accursed Tree in the Quran. We warn them, but it increases them in nothing except gross impiety.

17:61-65 And when We said to the angels: Fall down prostrate before Adam and they fell prostrate all except Iblis, he said: Shall I fall prostrate before that which You have created of clay? He said: See You this (creature) whom You have honored above me, if You give me grace until the Day of Resurrection I verily will seize his seed, except but a few. He said: Go, and whoever of them follows you – lo! Hell will be your payment, ample payment. And excite any of them whom you can with your voice, and urge your horse and foot against them, and be a partner in their wealth and children, and promise them. Satan promises them only to deceive. Lo! My (faithful) bondmen – over them you have no power, and your Lord suffices as (their) guardian.

17:66-70 (O people!) your Lord is He Who drives for you the ship upon the sea that you may seek of His bounty. Lo! He was ever Merciful toward you. And when harm touches you upon the sea, all to whom you cry for succor) fail except Him (alone), but when He brings you safe to land, you turn away, for man was ever thankless. Feel you then secure that He will not cause a slope of the land to engulf you, or send a sandstorm, upon you, and then you will find that you have no protector? Or feel you secure that He will not return you to that (plight) a second time, and send against you a hurricane of wind and drown you for your thanklessness, and then you will not find therein that you have any avenger against Us? Verily We have honored the children of Adam. We carry them on the land and the sea, and have made provision of good things for them, and have preferred

them above many of those whom We created with a marked preferment.

17:71-72 On the Day when We shall summon ill men with their record, whoever is given his book in his right hand – such will read their book and they will not be wronged a shred. Whoever is blind here will be blind in the Hereafter, and yet further from the road.

17:73-77 And they indeed strove hard to deceive you (O Muhammad) away from that wherewith We have inspired you, that you should invent other than it against Us; and then would they have accepted you as a friend. And if We had not made you wholly firm you might almost have inclined to them a little. Then had We made you taste a double (punishment) of living and a double (punishment) of dying, then had you found no helper against Us. And they indeed wished to scare you from the land that they might drive you forth from there, and then they would have stayed (there) but a little after you. (Such was Our) method in the case of those whom We sent before you (to people), and you will not find for Our method any of power to change.

17:78-81 Establish worship at the going down of the sun until the dark of night, and (the recital of) the Quran at dawn. Lo! (The recital of) the Quran at dawn is ever witnessed. And some part of the night awake for it, a largesse for you. It may be that your Lord will raise you to a praised estate. And say: My Lord! Let me enter in truth and cause me to go forth in truth. And give me from You a sustaining power. And say: Truth has come and falsehood has vanished away. Lo! Falsehood is ever bound to vanish.

17:82-84 And We reveal of the Quran that which is a healing and a mercy for believers though it increases the evildoers in nothing except ruin. And when We make life pleasant to man, he turns away and is averse; and when ill touches him he is in despair. Say: Each one does according to his rule of conduct, and your Lord is Best Aware of him whose way is right.

17:85 They will ask you concerning the spirit. Say: The spirit is by command of my Lord, and of knowledge you have been given but little.

17:86-87 And if We willed We could withdraw that which We have revealed to you, then would you find no guardian for you against Us in respect thereof. (It is nothing) except mercy from your Lord. Lo! His kindness to you was ever great.

17:88-89 Say: Verily, though humankind and the jinn should assemble to produce the like of this Quran, they could not produce the like thereof though they were helpers of one another. And verily We have displayed for people in this Quran all kinds or similitude, but most of people refuse anything except disbelief.

17:90-93 And they say: We will not put faith in you till you cause a spring to gush forth from the earth for us; or you have a garden of date palms and grapes, and cause rivers to gush forth therein abundantly; or you cause the heaven to fall upon us piecemeal, as you have pretended, or bring God and the angels as a warrant; or you have a house of gold; or you ascend up into heaven, and even then we will put no faith in your ascension till you bring down for us a book that we can read. Say (O Muhammad): My Lord be glorified! Am I nothing except a mortal Messenger?

17:94-96 And nothing prevented people from believing when the guidance came to them except that they said: Has God sent a mortal as (His) Messenger? Say: If there were in the earth angels walking secure, We had sent down for them from heaven an angel as Messenger. Say: God suffices for a witness between me and you Lo! He is Knower and Seer of His slaves.

17:97-99 And he whom God guides, he is rightly guided ; while , as for him whom He sends astray, for them you will find no helpers (and protectors) beside Him , and We shall assemble them on the Day of Resurrection on their faces , blind , dumb and deaf; their

habitation will be Hell; whenever it abates, We increase the flame for them . That is their reward because they disbelieved Our revelations and said: When we are bones and fragments shall we, forsooth, be raised up as a new creation? Have they not seen that God Who created the heavens and the earth is able to create the like of them, and has appointed for them an end of which there is no

doubt? But the wrongdoers refuse anything except disbelief.

17:100 Say (to them): If you possessed the treasures of the mercy of my Lord, you would surely hold them back for fear of spending, for man was ever grudging.

17:101-104 And verily We gave to Moses nine signs, clear proofs (of God's supreme power). Do but ask the Children of Israel how he came to them, then Pharaoh said to him: Lo! I deem you one bewitched, O Moses. He said: In truth you know that none sent down these (signs) except the Lord of the heavens and the earth as proofs, and lo! (For my part) I deem you lost, O Pharaoh. And he wished to scare them from the land, but We drowned him and those with him, all together. And We said to the Children of Israel after him: Dwell in the land; but when the promise of the Hereafter comes to pass we shall bring you as a crowd gathered out of various nations.

17:105-109 With truth have We sent it down, and with truth has it descended. And We have sent you as nothing else except a bearer of good tidings and a warner. And (it is) a Quran that We have divided, that you may recite it to people at intervals, and We have revealed it by (successive) revelation. Say: Believe therein or believe not, lo! Those who were given knowledge before it, when it is read to them, fall down prostrate on their faces, adoring, saying: Glory to our Lord! Verily the promise of our Lord must be fulfilled. They fall down on their faces, weeping, and it increases humility in them.

17:110-111 Say (to people): Cry to God, or cry to the Beneficent, to whichever you cry (it is the same). His

are the most beautiful names. And you (O Muhammad), be not loud voiced in your worship nor yet silent therein, but follow a way between. And say: Praise be to God, Who has not taken to Himself a son, and Who has no partner in the supreme power, nor has He any helper (and protector) through dependence. And magnify Him with all magnificence.

18. Al-Kahf: The Cave

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

18:1-5 Praise be to God Who has revealed the Scripture to His slave, and has not placed therein any crookedness, (But has made it) straight, to give warning of stern punishment from Him, and to bring to the believers who do good works the news that theirs will be a fair reward, wherein they will abide forever; and to warn those who say: God has chosen a son, (a thing) of which they have no knowledge, nor (had) their fathers. Dreadful is the word that comes out of their mouths. They speak nothing but a lie.

18:6-8 Yet it may be, if they believe not in this statement, that you (O Muhammad) will torment your soul with grief over their footsteps. Lo! We have placed all that is in the earth as an ornament of that which we may try them: which of them is best in conduct. And lo! We shall make all that is therein a barren mound.

18:9-12 Or deem you that the People of the Cave and the inscription are a wonder among Our signs? When the young men fled for refuge to the Cave and said: Our Lord! grant us mercy from You and shape for us right conduct in our plight. Then We sealed up their

hearing in the Cave for a number of years. And afterward We raised them up that We might know which of the two parties would best calculate the time that they had tarried.

18:13-16 We narrate to you their story with truth. Lo! They were young men who believed in their Lord, and We increased them in guidance. And We made firm their hearts when they stood forth and said: Our Lord is the Lord of the heavens and the earth. We cry to no god beside Him, for then should we utter an enormity. These, our people, have chosen (other) gods beside Him though they bring no clear warrant (given) to them. And who does greater wrong than he who invents a lie concerning God? And when you withdraw from them and that which they worship except God, then seek refuge in the Cave; your Lord will spread for you of His mercy and will prepare for you a pillow in your plight.

18:17-18 And you might have seen the sun when it rose, move away from their cave to the right; and when it set, go past them on the left, and they were in the cleft thereof. That was (one) of the signs of God. He whom God guides, he indeed is rightly guided, and he whom He sends astray, for him you will not find a guiding friend. And you would have deemed them waking though they were asleep, and we caused them to turn over to the right and the left, and their dog stretching out his paws on the threshold. If you had observed them closely you had assuredly turned away from them in flight, and had been filled with awe of them.

18:19-20 And in like manner We awakened them that they might question one another. A speaker from among them said: How long have you tarried? They said: We have tarried a day or some part of a day. (Others) said: Your Lord best knows what you have tarried. Now send one of you with this your silver coin to the city, and let him see what food is purest there and bring you a supply thereof. Let him be courteous and let no man know of you. For they, if they should come to know of you, will stone you or turn you back to their religion; then you will never prosper.

18:21 And in like manner We disclosed them (to the people of the city) that they might know that the promise of God is true, and that, as for the Hour, there is no doubt concerning it. When (the people of the city) disputed of their case among themselves, they said: Build over them a building; their Lord knows best concerning them. Those who won their point said: We verily shall build a place of worship over them.

18:22 (Some) will say: They were three, their dog the fourth, and (some) say: Five, their dog the sixth, guessing at random; and (some) say: Seven, and their dog the eighth. Say (O Muhammad): My Lord is best aware of their number. None know them except a few. So contend not concerning them except with an outward contending, and ask not any of them to pronounce concerning them.

18:23-24 And say not of anything: Lo! I shall do that tomorrow, except if God wills. And remember your Lord when you forget, and say: It may be that my Lord guides me to a nearer way of truth than this.

18:25-27 And (it is said) they tarried in their Cave three hundred years and add nine. Say: God is best aware how long they tarried. His is the Invisible of the heavens and the earth. How clear of sight is He and keen of hearing! They have no helper (and protector) beside Him, and He makes none to share in His government. And recite that which has been revealed to you of the Scripture of your Lord. There is none who can change His words, and you will find no refuge beside Him.

18:28 Restrain yourself along with those who cry to their Lord at morn and evening, seeking His Face; and let not your eyes overlook them, desiring the pomp of the life of the world; and obey not him whose heart We have made heedless of Our remembrance, who follows his own lust and whose case has been abandoned.

18:29 Say: (It is) the truth from the Lord of you (all). Then whosoever wills, let him

believe, and whosoever wills, let him disbelieve. Lo! We have prepared for disbelievers Fire. Its tent encloses them. If they ask for showers, they will be showered with water the like to molten lead, which burns the faces. Calamitous the drink and ill the resting place!

18:30-31 Lo! As for those who believe and do good works – Lo! We waste not the reward of one whose work is goodly to be lost. As for such, theirs will be Gardens of Eden, wherein rivers flow beneath them; therein they will be given armlets of gold and will wear green robes of finest silk and gold embroidery, reclining upon thrones therein. Blessed the reward, and fair the resting place!

18:32-44 Coin for them a similitude: Two men, one, of whom We had assigned two gardens of grapes, and We had surrounded both with date palms and had put between them tillage. Each of the gardens gave its fruit and withheld nothing thereof. And We caused a river to gush forth therein. And he had fruit. And he said to his comrade, when he spoke with him: I am more than you in wealth, and stronger in respect of men. And he went into his garden, while he (thus) wronged himself. He said: I think not that all this will ever perish. I think not that the Hour will ever come, and if indeed I am brought back to my Lord I surely shall find better than this as a resort. And his comrade, while he disputed with him, exclaimed: Disbelieve you in Him Who created you of dust, then of a drop (of seed), and then fashioned you a man? But He is God, my Lord, and I ascribe to my Lord no partner. If only, when you entered your garden, you had said: That which God wills (will come to pass)! There is no strength except in God! Though you see me as less than you in wealth and children, yet it may be that my Lord will give me better than your garden, and will send on it a bolt from heaven, and some morning it will be a smooth hillside, or some morning the water thereof will be lost in the earth so that you cannot make search for it. And his fruit was beset (with destruction). Then he began to wring his hands for all that he had spent upon it, when (now) it was all ruined on its trellises, and to say: Would that I had ascribed no partner to my Lord! And he had no troop of men to help him as against God, nor could he save himself. In this case is protection only from God, the True. He is best for reward, and best for consequence.

18:45 And coin for them the similitude of the life of the world as water which We send down from the sky, and the vegetation of the earth mingles with it and then becomes dry twigs that the winds scatter. God is Able to do all things.

18:46 Wealth and children are an ornament of life of the world. But the good deeds, which endure are better in your Lord's sight for reward, and better in respect of hope.

18:47-49 And (have you not considered of) the Day when We remove the hills and you see the earth emerging, and We gather them together so as to leave not one of them behind. And they are set before your Lord in ranks (and it is said to them): Now verily have you come to Us as We created you at the first. But you thought that We had set no meeting for you. And the Book is placed, and you see the guilty fearful of that which is therein, and they say: What kind of a book is this that leaves neither a small thing nor a great thing but has counted it! And they find all that they did confronting them, and your Lord wrongs no one.

18:50-51 And (remember) when We said to the angels: Fall prostrate before Adam, and they fell prostrate, all except Iblis. He was of the jinn, so he rebelled against his Lord's command. Will you choose him and his seed for your helpers (and protectors) instead of Me, when they are an enemy to you? Calamitous is the exchange for evildoers! I made them not to witness the creation of the heavens and the earth, nor their own creation; nor choose I misleaders for (My) helpers.

18:52-53 And (be mindful of) the Day when He will say: Call those partners of Mine whom you pretended. Then they will cry to them, but they will not hear their prayer, and We shall set a barrier of destruction between them. And the guilty behold the Fire and know that they are about to fall therein, and they find no way of escape it .

18:54-55 And verily We have displayed for people in this Quran all manner of similitudes, but man is more than anything contentious. And nothing hinders people from believing when the guidance comes to them, and from asking for forgiveness of their Lord, unless (it be that they wish) that the judgment of the men of old should come upon them or (that) they should be confronted with the punishment.

18:56-57 We send not the messengers except as bearers of good news and warners. Those who disbelieve contend with falsehood in order to refute the truth thereby. And they take Our revelations and that with which they are threatened as a jest And who does greater wrong than he who has been reminded of the revelations of his Lord, yet turns away from them and forgets what his hands send forward (to the Judgment)? Lo! On their hearts We have placed coverings so that they understand not, and in their ears a deafness. And though you call them to the guidance, in that case they can never be led aright.

18:58-59 Your Lord is the Forgiver, full of mercy. If He took them to task (now) for what they earn, He would hasten on the punishment for them; but theirs is an appointed term from which they will find no escape. And (all) those townships, We destroyed them when they did wrong, and We appointed a fixed time for their destruction.

18:60-65 And when Moses said to his servant: I will not give up until I reach the point where the two rivers meet, though I march on for ages. And when they reached the point where the two met, they forgot their fish, and it took its way into the waters, being free. And when they had gone further, he said to his servant: Bring us our breakfast. Verily we have found fatigue in this journey of ours. He said: Did you see, when we took refuge on the rock, and I forgot the fish – and none but Satan caused me to forget to mention it – it took its way into the waters by a marvel. He said: This is that which we have been seeking they retraced their steps again. Then they found one of Our slaves, to whom We had given mercy from Us, and had taught him knowledge from Us.

18:66-70 Moses said to him: May I follow you, to the end that you may teach me right conduct of that which you have been taught? He said: Lo! You cannot have patience with me. How can you have patience with that which you cannot compass any knowledge? He said: God willing, you, shall find me patient and I shall not gainsay you in anything: He said: Well, if you go with me, ask me not concerning anything till I myself make mention of it to you.

18:71-73 So the twain set out till, when they were in the ship, he made a hole therein. (Moses) said: Have you made a hole in there, so that the folk drown? You verily have done a dreadful thing. He said: Did I not tell you that you could not have patience with me? (Moses) said: Be not wroth with me that I forgot, and be not hard upon me for my fault.

18:74 So the twain journeyed on, till, when they met a lad, he slew him. (Moses) said: What! Have you slain an innocent soul who has slain no man? Verily you have done a horrid thing.

18:75-76 He said: Did I not tell you that you could not have patience with me? (Moses) said: If I ask you after this concerning anything, keep not company with me. You have received an excuse from me.

18:77-82 So they twain journeyed on, till when they came to the folk of a certain township, they asked its folk for food, but they refused to make them guests. And they found therein a wall upon the point of falling into ruin, and he repaired it. (Moses) said: If you had wished, you could have taken payment for it. He said: This is the parting between you and me! I will announce to you the interpretation of that which you could not bear with patience. As for the ship, it belonged to poor people working on the river, and I wished to mar it, for there was a king behind them who is taking every (good) ship by force. And as for the lad, his parents were believers and we feared lest he should oppress them by

rebellion and disbelief. And we intended that their Lord should change him for them to one better in purity and nearer to mercy. And as for the wall, it belonged to two orphan boys in the city, and there was beneath it a treasure belonging to them and their father had been righteous, and your Lord intended that they should come to their full strength and should bring forth their treasure as a mercy from their Lord; and I did it not upon my own command. Such is the interpretation of that with which you could not have patience.

18:83-84 They will ask you of Dhul-Qarneyn. Say: I shall recite to you a remembrance of him. Lo! We made him strong in the land and gave to every thing a road.

18:85-88 And he followed a road till, when he reached the setting place of the sun, he found it setting in a muddy spring, and found a people thereabout: We said: O Dhul-Qarneyn! Either punish them or show them kindness. He said: As for him who does wrong, we shall punish him, and then he will be brought back to his Lord, Who will punish him with an awful punishment! But as for him who believes and does right, good will be his reward, and we shall speak to him a mild command.

18:89-91 Then he followed a road till, when he reached the rising place of the sun, he found it rising on a people for whom We had not appointed any helper. So, (it was) and We knew all concerning him.

18:92-93 Then he followed a road till, when he came between the two mountains, he found upon their hither side a folk that scarce could understand a saying.

18:94-98 They said: O Dhul-Qarneyn! Lo! Gog and Magog are spoiling the land. So may we pay you tribute on condition that you set a barrier between us and them? He said: That wherein my Lord has established me is better (than your tribute). Do but help me with strength (of men), I will set between you and them a bank. Give me pieces of iron – till, when he had leveled up (the gap) between the cliffs, he said: Blow! – till, when he had made it a fire, he said: Bring me molten copper to pour thereon. And (Gog and Magog) were not able to surmount, nor could they pierce (it). He said: This is a mercy from my Lord; but when the promise of my Lord comes to pass, He will lay it low, for the promise of my Lord is true.

18:99 And on that Day We shall let some of them surge against others, and the trumpet will be blown. Then We shall gather them together in one gathering.

18:100-102 On that Day We shall present Hell to the disbelievers, plain to view; those whose eyes were hoodwinked from My reminder, and who could not bear to hear. Do the disbelievers reckon that they can choose My bondmen as helpers (and protectors) beside Me? Lo! We have prepared Hell as a welcome for the disbelievers.

18:103-106 Say: Shall We inform you as to who will be the greatest losers by their works? Those whose effort goes astray in the life of the world, and yet they reckon that they do good work. Those are they who disbelieve in the revelations of their Lord and in the meeting with Him. Therefore their works are vain, and on the Day of Resurrection We assign no weight to them. That is their reward: Hell, because they disbelieved, and made a jest of Our revelations and Our messengers.

18:107-108 Lo! Those who believe and do good works, theirs are the Gardens of Paradise, for welcome, wherein they will abide, with no desire to be removed from there.

18:109 Say: Though the sea became ink for the Words of my Lord, verily the sea would be used up before the Words of my Lord were exhausted, even though We brought the like thereof to help.

18:110 Say: I am only a mortal like you. My Lord inspires in me that your God is only One God. And whoever hopes for the meeting with his Lord, let him do righteous work, and

make none sharer of the worship due to his Lord.

19. Maryam: Mary

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

19:1 Kaf. Ha. Ya. Ain. Sad.

19:2-6 A mention of the mercy of your Lord to His servant Zachariah. When he cried to his Lord, a cry in secret, saying: My Lord! Lo! The bones of me wax feeble and my head is shining with grey hair, and I have never been unblessed in prayer to You, my Lord. Lo! I fear my kinsfolk after me, since my wife is barren. Oh, give me from You a successor, who shall inherit of me and inherit (also) of the house of Jacob. And make him, my Lord, acceptable (to You).

19:7-9 (It was said to him): O Zachariah! Lo! We bring you tidings of a son whose name is John; We have given the same name to none before (him). He said: My Lord! How can I have a son when my wife is barren and I have reached infirm old age? He said: So (it will be). Your Lord says: It is easy for Me, even as I created you before, when you were nothing.

19:10-11 He said: My Lord! Appoint for me some sign. He said: Your sign is that you, with no bodily defect, shall not speak to people three nights. Then he came forth to his people from the sanctuary, and signified to them: Glorify your Lord at break of day and fall of night.

19:12-15 (And it was said to his son): O John! Hold the Scripture. And We gave him wisdom when he was only a child. And compassion from Us, and purity; and he was devout, and dutiful toward his parents. And he was not arrogant, rebellious. Peace on him the day he was born, and the day he dies and the day he shall be raised alive!

19:16-21 And make mention of Mary in the Scripture, when she had withdrawn from her people to a chamber looking east, and had chosen seclusion from them. Then We sent to her Our spirit and it assumed for her the likeness of a perfect man. She said: Lo! I seek refuge in the Beneficent One from you, if you are God fearing. He said: I am only a messenger of your Lord that I may bestow on you a faultless son. She said: How can I have a son when no mortal has touched me, neither have I been unchaste! He said: So (it will be). Your Lord says: It is easy for Me. And (it will be) that We may make of him a revelation for people and a mercy from Us, and it is a thing ordained.

19:22-26 And she, conceived him, and she withdrew with him to a place. And the pangs of childbirth drove her to the trunk of the palm tree. She said: Oh, would that I had died ere this and had become a thing of nonexistence, forgotten! Then (one) cried to her from below her, saying: Grieve not! Your Lord has placed a rivulet beneath you, and shake the trunk of the palm tree toward you, you will cause ripe dates to fall upon you. So eat and drink and be consoled. And if you meet any mortal, say: Lo! I have vowed a fast to the Beneficent, and may not speak this day to any mortal.

19:27-33 Then she brought him to her own folk, carrying him. They said: O Mary! You have come with an amazing thing. Oh sister of Aaron! Your father was not a wicked man nor was your mother a harlot. Then she pointed to him. They said: How can we talk to one who is in the cradle, a young boy? He spoke: Lo! I am the slave of God. He has given me the Scripture and has appointed me a Prophet, and has made me blessed wherever I may be, and has enjoined upon me prayer and almsgiving so long as I remain alive, and (has made me) dutiful toward her who bore me, and has not made me arrogant, unblessed. Peace on me the day I was born, and the day I die, and the day I shall be raised alive!

19:34 Such was Jesus, son of Mary: (this is) a statement of the truth concerning which they doubt.

19:35-36 It befits not (the Majesty of) God that He should take to Himself a son. Glory be to Him! When He decrees a thing, He says to it only: Be! And it is. And lo! God is my Lord and your Lord. So worship Him. That is the right path.

19:37-40 The sects among them differ: but woe to the disbelievers from the meeting of an Awful Day. See and hear them on the Day they come to Us! Yet the evildoers are today in error manifest. And warn them of the Day of anguish when the case has been decided. Now they are in a state of carelessness, and they believe not. Lo! We inherit the earth and all who are thereon, and to Us they are returned.

19:41-50 And make mention (O Muhammad) in the Scripture of Abraham. Lo! He was sure of faith, a Prophet. When he said to his father: O my father! Why do you worship that which neither hears, nor sees, nor can avail you in anything? O my father! Lo! There has come to me of knowledge that which came not to you. So follow me, and I will lead you on a right path. O my father! Worship not Satan. Lo! Satan is a rebel to the Beneficent. O my father! Lo! I fear lest a punishment from the Beneficent should overtake you so that you become a comrade of Satan. He said: Reject you my gods, O Abraham? If you cease not, I shall surely stone you. Depart from me a long while! He said: Peace be to you! I shall ask forgiveness of my Lord for you. Lo! He is ever gracious to me. I shall withdraw from you and that to which you pray beside God, and I shall pray to my Lord. It may be that, in prayer to my Lord, I shall not be unblessed. So, when he had withdrawn from them and that which they were worshipping beside God. We gave him Isaac and Jacob. Each of them We made a Prophet. And We gave them of Our mercy, and bestowed upon them lofty and true praise.

19:51-53 And make mention in the Scripture of Moses. Lo! He was chosen, and he was a Messenger (of God), a Prophet. We called him from the right slope of the Mount, and brought him near in communion. And We bestowed upon him of Our mercy his brother Aaron, a Prophet (likewise).

19:54-55 And make mention in the Scripture of Ishmael. Lo! He was a keeper of his promise, and he was a Messenger, (of God) a Prophet. He enjoined upon his people worship and almsgiving, and was acceptable in the sight of his Lord.

19:56-57 And make mention in the Scripture of Idris. Lo! He was a sure of faith, a Prophet; and We raised him to high station.

19:58 These are they to whom God showed favor from among the Prophets, of the seed of Adam and of those whom We carried (in the ship) with Noah, and of the seed of Abraham and Israel, and from among those whom We guided and chose. When the revelations of the Beneficent were recited to them, they fell down, adoring and weeping.

19:59-63 Now there has succeeded them a later generation who have ruined worship and have followed lusts. But they will meet deception. Except him who shall repent and believe and do right. Such will enter the Garden and they will not be wronged in anything. Gardens of Eden, which the Beneficent has promised to His slaves in the Unseen. Lo! His promise is ever sure of fulfillment – They hear therein no idle talk, but only Peace; and therein they have food for morn and evening. Such is the Garden, which We cause the devout among Our bondmen to inherit.

19:64-65 We (angels) come not down except by commandment of your Lord. To Him belongs all that is before us and all that is behind us and all that is between those two, and your Lord was never forgetful – Lord of the heavens and the earth and all that is between them! Therefore, worship Him and be patient in His worship. Know you one that can be named along with Him?

19:66-67 And man says: When I am dead, shall I forsooth be brought forth alive? Does not man remember that We created him before, when he was nothing?

19:68-70 And, by your Lord, verily We shall assemble them and the satans, then We shall bring them, crouching, around Hell. Then We shall pluck out from every sect whichever of them was most stern in rebellion to the Beneficent. And surely We are Best Aware of those most worthy to be burned therein.

19:71-72 There is not one of you but shall approach it. That is a fixed ordinance of your Lord. Then We shall rescue those who kept from evil, and leave the evildoers crouching there.

19:73-75 And when Our clear revelations are recited to them those who disbelieve say to those who believe: Which of the two parties (yours or ours) is better in position, and more imposing as an army? How many a generation have We destroyed before them, who were more imposing in respect of gear and outward seeming! Say: As for him who is in error, the Beneficent will verily prolong his span of life until, when they behold that which they were promised, whether it be punishment (in the world), or the Hour (of Judgment), they will know who is worse in position and who is weaker as, an army.

19:76 God increases in right guidance those who walk aright, and the good deeds, which endure are better in your Lord's sight for reward, and better for resort.

19:77-80 Have you seen him who disbelieves in Our revelations and says: Assuredly I shall be given wealth and children! Has he perused the Unseen, or has he made a pact with the Beneficent? Nay, but We shall record that which he says and prolong for him a span of torment. And We shall inherit from him that whereof he spoke, and he will come to Us, alone (without his wealth and children).

19:81-84 And they have chosen (other) gods beside God that they may be a power for them. Nay, but they will deny their worship of them, and become opponents to them. See you not that We have sent the satans on the disbelievers to confound them with confusion? So make no haste against them (O Muhammad). We do but number to them a sum (of days).

19:85-87 On the Day when We shall gather the righteous to the Beneficent, a goodly company. And drive the guilty to Hell, a weary herd; they will have no power of intercession, except him who has made a covenant with his Lord.

19:88-92 And they say: The Beneficent has taken to Himself a son. Assuredly you utter a disastrous thing, whereby the heavens are almost torn, and the earth is split asunder and the mountains fall in ruins, that you ascribe to the Beneficent a son, when it is not appropriate for (the Majesty of) the Beneficent that He should choose a son.

19:93-96 There is none in the heavens and the earth but comes to the Beneficent as a slave. Verily He knows them and numbers them with (right) numbering. And each one of them will come to Him on the Day of Resurrection, alone. Lo! Those who believe and do good works, the Beneficent will appoint for them love.

19:97 And We make (this Scripture) easy on your tongue, (O Muhammad) only that you may bear good tidings therewith to those who are pious, and warn therewith the froward folk. 19:98 And how many a generation before them have We destroyed! Can you (O Muhammad) see a single man of them, or hear from them the slightest sound?

20. Ta-Ha

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

20:1-5 *Ta. Ha.* We have not revealed to you (O Muhammad) this Quran that you should be distressed, but as a reminder to him who fears, a revelation from Him Who created the earth and the high heavens, the Beneficent One, Who is established on the Throne.

20:6-8 To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth, and whatever is between them, and whatever is beneath the sod. And if you speak aloud, then Lo! He knows the secret (thought) and (that which is yet) more hidden. God! None should be worshipped but God alone. His are the most beautiful names.

20:9-14 Has there come to you the story of Moses? When he saw a fire and said to his folk: Wait! I see a fire far off. Perhaps I may bring you a brand from there, or may find guidance at the fire. And when he reached it, he was called by name: O Moses! Lo! I indeed am your Lord. So take off your shoes, for Lo! You are in the holy valley of Tuwa. And I have chosen you, so hearken to that which is inspired. Lo! Indeed I am God. None should be worshipped but Me. So worship Me and establish worship for My remembrance.

20:15-16 Lo! The Hour is surely coming. But I will, to keep it hidden, that every soul may be rewarded for that which it strives (to achieve). Therefore, let not him turn you aside from (the thought of) it who believes not therein but follows his own desire, lest you perish.

20:17-24 And what is that in your right hand, O Moses? He said: This is my staff whereon I lean, and wherewith I beat down branches for my sheep, and wherein I find other uses. He said: Cast it down, O Moses! So he cast it down, and Lo! It was a serpent, gliding. He said: Grasp it and fear not. We shall return it to its former state. And thrust your hand within your armpit, it will come forth white without hurt, (that will be) another sign. That We may show you (some) of Our greater signs, go you to Pharaoh! Lo! He has transgressed (the bounds).

20:25-35 (Moses) said: My Lord! Open my chest, and ease my task for me; and loose a knot from my tongue, that they may understand my saying. Appoint for me a henchman from my folk, Aaron, my brother. Confirm my strength with him. And let him share my task, that we may glorify You much. And much remember You. Lo! You are ever Seeing us.

20:36-37 He said: You are granted your request, O Moses. And indeed, another time, already We have shown you favor:

20:38-39 When We inspired in your mother that which is inspired, saying: Throw him into the ark, and throw it into the river, then the rivers shall throw it onto the bank, and there an enemy to Me and an enemy to him shall take him. And I endued you with love from Me that you might be trained according to My will.

20:40-41 When your sister went and said: Shall I show you one who will nurse him? And We restored you to your mother that her eyes might be refreshed and might not sorrow. And you did kill a man and We delivered you from great distress, and tried you with a heavy trial. And you did tarry years among the folk of Midian. Then come you (hither) by (My) providence, O Moses, and I have attached you to Myself.

20:42-44 Go, you and your brother, with My signs, and be not faint in remembrance of Me. Go, both of you, to Pharaoh. Lo! He has transgressed (the bounds). And speak to him a gentle word that perhaps he may heed or fear.

20:45 They said: Our Lord! Lo! We fear that he may be beforehand with us or that he may play the tyrant. 20:46-48 He said: Fear not. Lo! I am with you twain, Hearing and Seeing.

So go you to him and say: Lo! We are two Messengers of your Lord. So let the Children of Israel go with us, and torment them not. We bring you a sign from your Lord. And peace will be for him who follows right guidance. Lo! It has been revealed to us that the punishment will be for him who denies and turns away.

20:49-54 (Pharaoh) said: Who then is the Lord of you twain, O Moses? He said: Our Lord is He Who gave to everything its nature, and then guided it aright. He said: What then is the state of the generations of old? He said: The knowledge thereof is with my Lord in a Record. My Lord neither errs nor forgets. Who has appointed the earth as a bed and has threaded roads for you therein and has sent down water from the sky and thereby We have brought forth diverse kinds of vegetation, (saying): Eat you and feed your cattle. Lo! Herein verily are signs for those endowed with understanding.

20:55-56 Thereof We created you, and thereto we return you and then We bring you forth a second time. And We verily did show him all Our signs, but he denied them and refused.

20:57-59 He said: Have you come to drive us out from our land by your magic, O Moses? But we surely can produce magic the like thereof; so appoint a meeting between us and you, which neither we nor you shall fail to keep, at a place convenient (to us both). (Moses) said: Your meeting shall be on the day of the feast, and let the people assemble when the sun has risen high.

20:60-61 Then Pharaoh went and gathered his strength, then came (to the appointed meeting). Moses said to them: Woe to you! Invent not a lie against God, lest He extirpate you by some punishment. He who lies fails miserably.

20:62-64 Then they debated one with another what they must do, and they kept their counsel secret. They said: Lo! These are two wizards who would drive you out from your country by their magic, and destroy your best traditions; so arrange your plan, and come in battle line. Whoever is uppermost this day will be indeed successful.

20:65-67 They said: O Moses! Either throw first, or let us be the first to throw? He said: Nay, do you throw! Then Lo! Their cords and their staves, by their magic, appeared to him as though they ran. And Moses conceived a fear in his mind.

20:68-70 We said: Fear not! Lo! You are the higher. Throw that which is in your right hand! It will eat up that which they have made. Lo! That which they have made is but a wizard's artifice, and a wizard shall not be successful to whatever point (of skill) he may attain. Then the wizards were (all) flung down prostrate, crying: We believe in the Lord of Aaron and Moses.

20:71 (Pharaoh) said: You put faith in him before I give you leave. Lo! He is your chief who taught you magic. Now surely I shall cut off your hands and your feet alternately, and I shall crucify you on the trunks of palm trees, and you shall know for certain, which of us has a sterner and more lasting punishment.

20:72-73 They said: We choose you not above the clear proofs that have come to us, and above Him Who created us. So decree what you will decree. You will end for us only the life of the world. Lo! We believe in our Lord, that He may forgive us our sins and the magic to which you did force us. God is better and more lasting.

20:74-76 Lo! Whoever comes guilty to his Lord, verily for him is Hell. There he will neither die nor live. But whoever comes to Him a believer, having done good works, for such are the high stations; Gardens of Eden underneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide forever. That is the reward of them who purify themselves.

20:77-79 And verily We inspired Moses, saying: Take away My slaves by night and strike for them a dry path in the sea, fearing not to be overtaken, neither being afraid (of the

sea). Then Pharaoh followed with his hosts and there covered them that which did cover them of the sea. And Pharaoh, led his folk astray, he did not guide them.

20:80-82 O Children of Israel! We delivered you from your enemy, and We made a covenant with you on the holy mountain's side, and sent down on you the manna and the quails (saying): Eat of the good things wherewith We have provided you, and transgress not in respect thereof lest My wrath come upon you; and he on whom My wrath comes, he is lost indeed. And lo! Verily I am Forgiving toward him who repents and believes and does good, and afterward walks aright.

20:83-85 And (it was said): What has made you hasten from your folk, O Moses? He said: They are close upon my track. I hastened to You that You might be well pleased. He said: Lo! We have tried your folk in your absence, and As-Samiri has misled you.

20:86 Then Moses went back to his folk, angry and sad. He said: O my people! Has not your Lord promised you a fair promise? Did the time appointed then appear too long for you, or did you wish that wrath from your Lord should come upon you, that you broke promise with me?

20:87 They said: We broke not promise with you of our own will, but we were laden with burdens of ornaments of the folk, and then cast them (in the fire), for thus As-Samiri proposed.

20:88-89 Then he produced for them a calf, of saffron hue, which gave forth a lowing sound. And they cried: This is your God and the God of Moses, but he has forgotten. See they not, that it returns no saying to them, and possesses for them neither hurt nor use?

20:90-91 And Aaron indeed had told them beforehand: O my people! You are but being seduced therewith, for lo! Your Lord is the Beneficent, so follow me and obey my order. They said: We shall by no means cease to be its votaries till Moses returns to us.

20:92-94 He (Moses) said: O Aaron! What held you back when you did see them gone astray, that you followed me not? Have you then disobeyed my order? He said: O son of my mother! Clutch not my beard nor my head! I feared lest you should say: You have caused division among the Children of Israel, and have not waited for my word.

20:95-96 (Moses) said: And what has you to say, O Samiri? He said: I perceived what they perceive not, so I seized a handful from the footsteps of the messenger, and then threw it in. Thus my soul commended to me. 20:97 (Moses) said: Then go! And lo! In this life it is for you to say: Touch me not! And lo! There is for you a promise you cannot break. Now look upon your god of which you have remained a votary. Verily we will burn it and will scatter its dust over the sea.

20:98 Your God is only God, either than Whom there is no other God He embraces all things in His knowledge.

20:99-101 Thus relate We to you (Muhammad) some tidings of that which happened of old, and We have given you from Us a Reminder. Whoever turns away from it, he verily will bear a burden on the Day of Resurrection, abiding under it – an evil burden for them on the Day of Resurrection.

20:102-104 The Day when the Trumpet is blown. On that Day we assemble the guilty white-eyed (with terror), murmuring among themselves: You have tarried but ten (days). We are best aware of what they utter when their best in conduct say: You have tarried but a day.

20:105-107 They will ask you of the mountains (on that Day). Say: My Lord will break them into scattered dust. And leave it as an empty plain, wherein you see neither curve nor

ruggedness.

20:108-111 On that Day they follow the summoner that deceives not, and voices are hushed for the Beneficent, and you hear but a faint murmur. On that Day no intercession avails except (that of) him to whom the Beneficent has given leave and whose word He accepts. He knows (all) that is before them and (all) that is behind them, while they cannot compass it in knowledge. And faces humble themselves, before the Living, the Eternal. And he who bears (a burden of) wrongdoing is indeed a failure (on that Day).

20:112-113 And he who has done some good works, being a believer, he fears neither injustice nor begrudging (of his wage). Thus We have revealed it as a lecture in Arabic, and have displayed therein certain threats, that perhaps they may fear (God) or that it may cause them to take heed.

20:114 Then exalted be God, the True King! And hasten not (O Muhammad) with the Quran ere its revelation has been perfected to you, and say: My Lord! Increase me in knowledge.

20:115-121 And verily We made a covenant of old with Adam, but he forgot, and We found no constancy in him. And when We said to the angels: Fall prostrate before Adam, they fell prostrate (all) except Iblis; he refused. Therefore We said: O Adam! This is an enemy to you and to your wife, so let him not drive you both out of the Garden so that you come to toil. It is (given) to you that you hunger not therein nor are naked, and you thirst not therein nor are exposed to the sun's heat. But Satan whispered to him, saying: O Adam! Shall I show you the tree of immortality and power that wastes not away? Then they twain ate thereof, so that their shame became apparent to them, and they began to hide by heaping on themselves some of the leaves of the Garden. And Adam disobeyed his Lord, and went astray.

20:122-123 Then his Lord chose him, and forgave him, and guided him. He said: Go down hence, both of you, one of you a foe to the other. But if there come to you from Me a guidance, then whoever follows My guidance, he will not go astray nor come to grief.

20:124-127 But he who turns away from remembrance of Me, his will be a narrow life, and I shall bring him blind to the assembly on the Day of Resurrection. He will say: My Lord! Wherefore have You gathered me (hither) blind, when I was wont to see? He will say: So (it must be). Our revelations came to you but you did forget them. In like manner you are forgotten this Day. Thus do We reward him who is prodigal and believes not the revelations of his Lord; and verily the punishment of the Hereafter will be sterner and more lasting. 20:128-129 Is it not a guidance for them (to know) how many a generation We destroyed before them, amid whose dwellings they walk? Lo! Therein verily are signs for those endowed with understanding. And but for a decree that had already gone forth from your Lord, and a term already fixed, the judgment would (have) been inevitable (in this world).

20:130-132 Therefore (O Muhammad), have patience with what they say, and celebrate the praises of your Lord ere the rising of the sun and ere the going down thereof. And glorify Him some hours of the night and at the two ends of the day, so that you may find acceptance. And strain not your eyes toward that which We cause some wedded pairs among them to enjoy, the flower of the life of the world, that We may try them thereby. The provision of your Lord is better and more lasting. And enjoin upon your people worship, and be constant therein. We ask not of you a provision: We provide for you.

And (the fruit of) the Hereafter is for righteousness.

20:133-134 And they say: If only he would bring us a miracle from his Lord! Has there not come to them the proof of what is in the former Scriptures? And if We had destroyed them with some punishment before it, they would assuredly have said: Our Lord! If only

You had sent to us a Messenger, so that we might have followed Your revelations before we were (thus) humbled and disgraced!

20:135 Say: Each is waiting; so await you! You will come to know who are the owners of the path of equity, and who is right.

21. Al-Anbiya': The Prophets

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

21:1-4 Their reckoning draws near for people, while they turn away in heedlessness. Never comes there to them a new reminder from their Lord but they listen to it while they play. With hearts preoccupied. And they confer in secret. The wrongdoers say: Is this other than a mortal like you? Will you then succumb to magic when you see (it)? He said: My Lord knows what is spoken in the heaven and the earth. He is the Hearer, the Knower.

21:5 Nay, say they, (these are but) muddled dreams; nay, he has but invented it; nay, he is but a poet. Let him bring us a sign even as those of old (who were God's Messengers) were sent (with signs).

21:6-9 Not a township believed of those, which We destroyed before them (though We sent them signs):

would they then believe? And We sent not (as Our Messengers) before you other than men whom We inspired. Ask the people of the previous Scriptures if you know not? We gave them not bodies that would not eat food, nor were they immortals. Then We fulfilled the promise to them. So We delivered them and whom We would, and We destroyed the prodigals.

21:10 Now We have revealed to you a Scripture wherein is your Reminder. Have you then no sense?

21:11-15 How many a community that dealt unjustly have We shattered, and raised up after them another folk! And, when they felt Our might, behold them fleeing from it! (But it was said to them:) Flee not, but return to that (existence) which emasculated you and to your dwellings, that you may be questioned. They cried: Alas for us! Lo! We were wrongdoers. And this their crying ceased not till We made them as reaped corn, extinct.

21:16-18 We created not the heaven and the earth and all that is between them in play. If We had wished to find a pastime, We could have found it in Us – if We ever did. Nay, but We hurl the true against the false, and it does break its head and lo! It vanishes. And yours will be woe for that which you ascribe (to Him).

21:19-20 To Him belongs whoever is in the heavens and the earth. And those who are near Him are not too proud to worship Him nor do they weary; they glorify (Him) night and day; they flag not.

21:21-22 Or have they chosen gods from the earth who raise the dead? If there were therein gods beside God, then verily both (the heavens and the earth) had been disordered. Glorified be God, the Lord of the Throne, from all that they ascribe (to Him).

21:23 He will not be questioned as to that which He does, but they will be questioned.

21:24 Or have they chosen other gods beside Him? Say: Bring your proof (of their godhead). This is the Reminder of those with me and those before me, but most of them know not the Truth and so they are averse.

21:25 And We sent no Messenger before you but We inspired him (saying): None should be worshipped but Me, so worship Me.

21:26-29 And they say: The Beneficent has taken to Himself a son. Be He glorified! Nay, but (those whom they call sons) are honored slaves; they speak not until He has spoken, and they act by His command. He knows what is before them and what is behind them, and they cannot intercede except for him whom He accepts, and they quake for awe of Him. And one of them who should say: Lo! I am a god beside Him, that one We should repay with Hell. Thus We repay wrongdoers.

21:30-33 Have not those who disbelieve known that the heavens and the earth were of one piece, then We parted them, and We made every living thing of water? Will they not then believe? And We have placed in the earth firm hills lest it quake with them, and We have placed therein ravines as roads that perhaps they may find their way. And We have made the sky a roof withheld (from them). Yet they turn away from its signs. And it is He, Who created the night and the day, and the sun and the moon. They float, each in an orbit.

21:34-35 We appointed immortality for no mortal before you. What! If you die, can they be immortal? Every soul must taste of death, and We try you with evil and with good, for ordeal. And to Us you will be returned.

21:36 And when those who disbelieve behold you, they but choose you out for mockery (saying): Is this he who makes mention of your gods? And they would deny all mention of the Beneficent.

21:37-40 Man is made of haste. I shall show you My signs, but ask Me not to hasten. And they say: When will this promise (be fulfilled), if you are truthful? If those who disbelieved but knew the time when they will not be able to drive off the fire from their faces and from their backs, and they will not be helped! Nay, but it will come upon them unawares so that it will stupefy them, and they will be unable to repel it, neither will they be reprieved.

21:41 Messengers before you, indeed, were mocked, but that which they mocked surrounded those who scoffed at them.

21:42-44 Say: Who guards you in the night or in the day from the Beneficent? Nay, but they turn away from mention of their Lord, or have they gods who can shield them from Us? They cannot help themselves nor can they be defended from Us. Nay, but We gave these and their fathers ease until life grew long for them. See they not how we visit the land, reducing it of its outlying parts? Can they then be the victors?

21:45-46 Say (O Muhammad to people): I warn you only by the Inspiration. But the deaf hear not the call when they are warned. And if a breath of your Lord's punishment were to touch them, they assuredly would say: Alas for us! Lo! We were wrongdoers.

21:47 And We set a just balance for the Day of Resurrection so that no soul is wronged in anything. Though it be of the weight of a grain of mustard seed, We bring it. And We suffice for reckoners.

21:48-50 And We verily gave Moses and Aaron the criterion (of right and wrong) and a light and a reminder for those who are pious, those who fear their Lord in secret and who dread the Hour (of Judgment). This is a blessed Reminder that We have revealed: Will you then reject it?

21:51-70 And We verily gave Abraham of old his proper course, and We were Aware of him, when he said to his father and his folk: What are these images to which you pay devotion? They said: We found our fathers worshippers of them. He said: Verily you and

your fathers were in plain error. They said: Bring you to us the truth, or are you some jester? He said: Nay, but your Lord is the Lord of the heavens and the earth, Who created them; and I am of those who testify to that. And, by God, I shall circumvent your idols after you have gone away and turned your backs. Then he reduced them to fragments, all except the chief of them, that perhaps they might have recourse to it. They said: Who has done this to our gods? Surely it must be some evildoer. They said: We heard a youth called Abraham make mention of them. They said: Then bring him (hither) before the people's eyes that they may testify. They said: Is it you who has done this to our gods, O Abraham? He said: But this, their chief has done it. So question them, if they can speak. Then gathered they apart and said: Lo! You yourselves are the wrongdoers. And they were utterly confounded, and they said: Well you know that these speak not. He said: Worship you then instead of God that which cannot profit you at all, nor harm you? Fie on you and all that you worship instead of God! Have you then no sense? They cried: Burn him and stand by your gods, if you will be doing. We said: O fire, be coolness and peace for Abraham. And they wished to set a snare for him, but We made them the greater losers.

21:71-75 And We rescued him and Lot (and brought them) to the land, which We have blessed for (all) peoples. And We bestowed upon him Isaac, and Jacob as a grandson. Each of them We made righteous. And We made them chiefs who guide by Our command, and We inspired in them the doing of good deeds and the right establishment of worship and the giving of alms and they were worshippers of Us (alone). And to Lot We gave judgment and knowledge, and We delivered him from the community that did abominations. Lo! They were folk of evil, lewd. And We brought him in to Our mercy. Lo! He was of the righteous.

21:76-77 And Noah, when he cried of old, We heard his prayer and saved him and his household from the great affliction. And delivered him from the people who denied Our revelations. Lo! They were folk of evil, therefore We drowned them all.

21:78-82 And David and Solomon, when they gave judgment concerning the field, when people's sheep had strayed and browsed therein by night; and We were witnesses to their judgment. And We made Solomon understand (the case); and to each of them We gave judgment and knowledge. And We subdued the hills and the birds to hymn (His) praise along with David. We were the doers (thereof). And We taught him the art of making garments (of mail) to protect you in your daring. Are you then thankful? And to Solomon (We subdued) the wind in it's raging. It set by His command toward the land, which We had blessed. And of everything We are aware. And of the evil ones (subdued We to him) some who dived (for pearls) for him and did other work, and We were warders to them.

21:83-84 And Job, when he cried to his Lord (saying): Lo! Adversity afflicts me, and You are Most Merciful of all who show mercy. Then We heard his prayer and removed that adversity from which he suffered, and We gave him his household (that he had lost) and the like thereof along with them, a mercy from Our store, and a remembrance for the worshippers;

21:85-86 And (mention) Ishmael, and Idris, and Dhul-Kifl. All were of the patient. And We brought them in to Our mercy. Lo! They are among the righteous.

21:87-88 And (mention) Dhun-Nun, when he went off in anger and deemed that We had no power over him, but he cried out in the darkness, saying: None should be worshipped but God alone. Be You glorified! I have been a wrongdoer. Then We heard his prayer and saved him from the anguish. Thus We save believers.

21:89-90 And Zachariah, when he cried to his Lord: My Lord! Leave me not childless, though You are the best of inheritors. Then We heard his prayer, and bestowed upon him John, and adjusted his wife (to bear a child) for him. Lo! They used to vie one with the other in good deeds, and they cried to Us in longing and in fear, and were submissive to Us.

21:91 And she who was chaste, therefore We breathed into her (something) of Our spirit and made her and her son a sign for (all) peoples.

21:92-94 Lo! This, your religion, is one religion, and I am your Lord, so worship Me. And they have broken their religion (into fragments) among them, (yet) all are returning to Us. Then whoever does good works and is a believer, there will be no rejection of his effort. Lo! We record (it) for him.

21:95-97 And there is a ban upon any community which We have destroyed: that they shall not return, until, when Gog and Magog are let loose, and they hasten out of every mound. And the true promise draws near; then behold them, staring wide (in terror), the eyes of those who disbelieve! (They say:) Alas for us! We (lived) in forgetfulness of this. Ah, but we were wrongdoers!

21:98-100 Lo! You (idolaters) and that which you worship beside God are the fuel of Hell. Thereto you will come. If these had been gods they would not have come there, but all will abide therein. Therein wailing is their portion, and therein they hear not.

21:101-103 Lo! Those to whom kindness has gone forth before from Us, they will be far removed from there.. They will not hear the slightest sound thereof, while they abide in that which their souls desire. The Supreme Horror will not grieve them, and the angels will welcome them (saying:) This is your day, which you were promised;

21:104-106 The day when We shall roll up the heavens as a recorder rolls up a written scroll. As We began the first creation, We shall repeat it. (It is) a promise (binding) upon Us. Lo! We are to perform it. And verily We have written in the Scripture, after the Reminder: My righteous slaves will inherit the earth. Lo! There is a plain statement for folk who are devout in worship.

21:107 We sent you not except as a mercy for the peoples.

21:108-112 Say: It is only inspired in me that your God is One God. Will you then surrender (to Him)! But if they are averse, then say: I have warned you all alike, although I know not whether near or far is that which you are promised. Lo! He knows that which is said openly, and that which you conceal. And I know not but that this may be a trial for you, and enjoyment for a while. He says: My Lord! Judge You with truth. Our Lord is the Beneficent, Whose help is to be implored against that which you ascribe (to Him).

22. Al-Hajj: The Pilgrimage

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

22:1-2 O people! Fear your Lord. Lo! The earthquake of the Hour (of Judgment) is a tremendous thing. On the Day when you behold it, every nursing mother will forget her nursling and every pregnant one will be delivered of her burden, and you (O Muhammad) will see people as drunken, yet they will not be drunken, but the punishment of God will be strong (upon them).

22:3-4 Among people is he who disputes concerning God without knowledge, and follows each forward devil; for him it is decreed that whoever takes him for a friend, will verily be misled by him and he will guide him to the punishment of the Flame.

22:5-7 O people! If you are in doubt concerning the Resurrection, then lo! We have created you from dust, then from a drop of seed, then from a clot, then from a little lump of flesh shapely and shapeless, that We may make (it) clear for you. And We cause what We will to remain in the wombs for an appointed time, and afterward We bring you forth

as infants, then (give you growth) that you attain your full strength. And among you there is he who dies (young), and among you there is he who is brought back to the most abject time of life, so that, after knowledge, he knows nothing. And you (O Muhammad) see the earth barren, but when We send down water thereon, it does thrill and swell and put forth every lovely kind (of growth). That is because God, He is the Truth. Lo! He quickens the dead, and lo! He is Able to do all things; and because the Hour will come, there is no doubt thereof; and because God will raise those who are in the graves.

22:8-10 And among people is he who disputes concerning God without knowledge or guidance or a Scripture giving light. Turning away in pride to deceive (men) from the way of God. For him in this world is humiliation, and on the Day of Resurrection We make him taste the punishment of burning. (And to him it will be said:) This is for that which your two hands have sent before, and because God is no oppressor of His slaves.

22:11-13 And among people is he who worships God upon a narrow margin so that if good befalls him he is content with it, but if a trial befalls him, he falls away utterly. He loses both the world and the Hereafter. That is the sheer loss. He calls, beside God, to that which neither hurts him nor benefits him. That is the far error. He calls to him whose harm is nearer than his benefit; verily an evil patron and verily an evil friend!

22:14 Lo! God causes those who believe and do good works to enter the Gardens underneath which rivers flow. Lo! God does what He intends.

22:15-16 Whoever is wont to think (through envy) that God will not give him (Muhammad) victory in the world and the Hereafter (and is enraged at the thought of his victory), let him stretch a rope up to the roof (of his dwelling), and let him hang himself. Then let him see whether his strategy dispels that at which he rages! Thus We reveal it as plain revelations, and verily God guides whom He wills.

22:17 Lo! Those who believe (this Revelation), and those who are Jews, and the Sabaeans and the Christians and the Magians and the idolaters – Lo! God will decide between them on the Day of Resurrection. Lo! God is Witness over all things.

22:18 Have you not seen that to God pays adoration whoever is in the heavens and whoever is in the earth, and the sun, and the moon, and the stars, and the hills, and the trees, and the beasts, and many of people, while there are many to whom the punishment is justly due. He whom God scorns, there is none to give him honor. Lo! God does what He wills.

22:19-22 These twain (the believers and the disbelievers) are two opponents who contend concerning their Lord. But as for those who disbelieve, garments of fire will be cut out for them; boiling fluid will be poured down on their heads. Whereby that which is in their bellies, and their skins too, will be melted; and for them are

hooked rods of iron. Whenever, in their anguish, they would go forward from there they are driven back to it and (it is said to them): Taste the punishment of burning.

22:23-24 Lo! God will cause those who believe and do good works to enter Gardens underneath which rivers flow, wherein they will be allowed armlets of gold, and pearls, and their raiment therein will be silk. They are guided to gentle speech; they are guided to the path of the Glorious One.

22:25 Lo! Those who disbelieve and bar (people) from the way of God and from the Inviolable Place of Worship, which We have appointed for people together, the dweller therein and the nomad; who ever inclines to evil actions, We shall cause him to taste a painful punishment.

22:26-33 And (remember) when We prepared for Abraham the place of the (Holy) House,

saying: Ascribe you no thing as partner to Me, and purify My House for those who make the round (thereof) and those who stand and those who bow and make prostration. And proclaim to people the pilgrimage. They will come to you on foot and on every lean camel; they will come from every deep ravine. That they may witness things that are of benefit to them, and mention the name of God on appointed days over the beast of cattle that He has bestowed upon them. Then eat thereof and feed with it the poor unfortunate. Then let them make an end of their unkemptness and pay their vows and go around the Ancient House. That (is the command). And whoever magnifies the sacred things of God, it will be well for him in the sight of his Lord. The cattle are lawful to you except that which has been told to you. So shun the filth of idols, and shun lying speech. Turning to God (only), not ascribing partners to Him; for whoever ascribes partners to God, it is as if he had fallen from the sky and the birds had snatched him or the wind had blown him to a far off place. That (is the command). And whoever magnifies the offerings consecrated to God, it surely is from piety of the heart. Therein are benefits for you for an appointed term; and afterward they are brought for sacrifice to the Ancient House.

22:34-35 And for every nation We have appointed a ritual, that they may mention the name of God over the beast of cattle that He has given them for food; and your God is One God, therefore surrender to Him. And give good tidings (O Muhammad) to the humble. Whose hearts fear when God is mentioned, and the patient of whatever may befall them, and those who establish worship and who spend of that which We have bestowed on them.

22:36-38 And the camels! We have appointed them among the ceremonies of God. Therein you have much good. So mention the name of God over them when they are drawn up in lines. Then when their flanks fall (dead), eat thereof and feed the beggar and the suppliant. Thus have We made them subject to you, that perhaps you may give thanks. Their flesh and their blood reach not God, but your piety reaches Him. Thus have We made them subject to you that you may magnify God that He has guided you. And give good tidings (O Muhammad) to the good. Lo! God defends those who are true. Lo! God loves not each treacherous ingrate.

22:39-41 Sanction is given to those who fight because they have been wronged; and God is indeed Able to give them victory; those who have been driven from their homes unjustly only because they said: Our Lord is God – For had it not been for God's repelling some men by means of others, cloisters and churches and oratories and mosques, wherein the name of God is oft mentioned, would assuredly have been pulled down. Verily God helps one who helps Him. Lo! God is Strong, Almighty. Those who, if We give them power in the land, establish worship and pay the poor-due and enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong. And God's is the sequel of events.

22:42-44 If they deny you (Muhammad), even so the folk of Noah, and (the tribes of) Aad and Thamud, before you, denied (Our Messengers); and the folk of Abraham and the folk of Lot; (and) the dwellers in Midian. And Moses was denied; but I indulged the disbelievers a long while, then I seized them, and how (terrible) was My abhorrence!

22:45-47 How many a township have We destroyed while it was sinful, so that it lies (to this day) in ruins, and (how many) a deserted well and lofty tower! Have they not traveled in the land, and have they hearts with which to feel and ears with which to hear? For indeed it is not the eyes that grow blind, but it is the hearts, which are within the bosoms, that grow blind. And they will bid to you hasten on the punishment, and God fails not His promise, but lo! A Day with God is as a thousand years of what you reckon.

22:48 And how many a township did I suffer long though it was sinful! Then I grasped it. To Me is the return.

22:49-51 Say: O people! I am only a plain warner to you. Those who believe and do good works, for them is pardon and a rich provision; while those who strive to thwart Our

revelations, such are rightful inhabitants of the Fire.

22:52 Never sent We a Messenger or a Prophet before you but when He recited (the message) Satan proposed (opposition) in respect of that which he recited thereof. But God abolishes that which Satan proposes. Then God establishes His revelations. God is Knower, Wise.

22:53-54 That He may make that which Satan proposes a temptation for those in whose hearts is a disease, and those whose hearts are hardened – Lo! The evildoers are in open schism – and those that have been given knowledge may know that it is the truth from your Lord, so that they may believe therein, and their hearts may submit humbly to Him. Lo! God verily is guiding those who believe to a right path.

22:55-57 And those who disbelieve will not cease to be in doubt thereof until the Hour comes upon them unawares, or there comes to them the punishment of a disastrous day. The supreme power on that Day will be God's. He will judge between them. Then those who believed and did good works will be in Gardens of Delight, while those who disbelieved and denied Our revelations, for them will be a shameful punishment.

22:58 Those who migrated for the cause of God and then were slain or died, verily God will provide for them a good provision. Lo! God, verily He is Best of all who make provision.

22:59 Assuredly He will cause them to enter by an entry that they will love. Lo! God verily is the Knower, the Forbearing.

22:60 That (is so). And whoever has retaliated with the like of that which he was made to suffer and then has (again) been wronged, God will succor him. Lo! God verily is, Mild, Forgiving.

22:61 That is because God makes the night, pass into the day, and makes the day pass into the night, and because God is Hearer, Seer.

22:62 That is because God, is the True, and that whereon they call instead of Him, it is the False, and because God, He is the High, the Great.

22:63 See you not how God sends down water from the sky and then the earth becomes green upon the morrow? Lo! God is Subtle, Aware.

22:64 To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth. Lo! God, verily He is the Absolute, the Owner of praise.

22:65 Have you not seen how God has made all that is in the earth subservient to you? And the ship runs upon the sea by His command, and He holds back the heaven from falling on the earth unless by His leave. Lo! God is, for people, full of pity, Merciful.

22:66 And it is He, Who gave you life, then He will cause you to die, and then will give you life (again). Lo! Man is verily an ingrate.

22:67-70 To each nation have We given sacred rites which they are to perform; so let them not dispute with you of the matter, but summon you to your Lord. Lo! You indeed follow right guidance. And if they wrangle with you, say: God is Best Aware of what you do. God will judge between you on the Day of Resurrection concerning that wherein you used to differ. Have you not known that God knows all that is in the heaven and the earth? Lo! It is in a record. Lo! That is easy for God.

22:71-72 And they worship instead of God that for which no warrant has been revealed to them, and that whereof they have no knowledge. For evildoers there is no helper. And

when Our revelations are recited to them, you know the denial in the faces of those who disbelieve; they all but attack those who recite Our revelations to them. Say: Shall I proclaim to you worse than that? The Fire! God has promised it for those who disbelieve. An evil journey's end!

22:73-74 O people! A similitude is coined, so pay you heed to it: Lo! Those on whom you call beside God will never create a fly though they combine together for the purpose. And if the fly took something from them, they could not rescue it. So weak are (both) the seeker and the sought! They measure not God His rightful measure. Lo! God is Strong, Almighty.

22:75 God chooses from the angels Messengers, and (also) from humankind. Lo! God is Hearer, Seer.

22:76 He knows all that is before them and all that is behind them, and to God all things are returned.

22:77-78 O you who believe! Bow down and prostrate yourselves, and worship your Lord, and do good, that perhaps you may prosper. And fight hard for God with the endeavor, which is His right. He has chosen you and has not laid upon you in religion any hardship the faith of your father Abraham (is yours). He has named you Muslims of old time and in this (Scripture), that the Messenger may be a witness against you, and that you may be witnesses against people. So establish worship, pay the poor-due, and hold fast to God. He is your Guardian (and Protector). A blessed Patron and a blessed Helper!

23. Al-Mu'minun: The Believers

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

23:1-11 Successful indeed are the believers who are humble in their prayers, and who shun vain conversation, and who pay the poor-due; and who guard their modesty – except from their wives or the (slaves) that their right hands possess, for then they are not blameworthy, but whoever craves beyond that, such are transgressors. And those that are caretakers of their pledge and their covenant, and who pay heed to their prayers. They are the heirs who will inherit Paradise: There they will abide.

23:12-14 Verily We created man from a product of wet earth; then placed him as a drop (of seed) in a safe lodging; then fashioned We the drop into a clot, then fashioned We the clot into a little lump, then fashioned We the little lump into bones, then clothed We the bones with flesh, and then produced it as another creation. So blessed be God, the Best of Creators!

23:15-16 Then lo! After that you surely die. Then lo! On the Day of Resurrection you are raised (again).

23:17-22 And We have created above you seven paths, and We are never unmindful of creation. And We send down from the sky water in measure, and We give it lodging in the earth, and lo! We are able to withdraw it. Then We produce for you therewith gardens of date palms and grapes, wherein is much fruit for you and whereof you eat; and a tree that springs forth from Mount Sinai that grows oil and relish for the eaters. And lo! In the cattle there is verily a lesson for you. We give you to drink of that, which is in their bellies, and many uses have you in them, and of them do you eat; and on them and on the ship you are carried.

23:23-30 And We verily sent Noah to his folk, and he said: O my people! Worship God. You have no other God except Him. Will you not fear (Him)? But the chieftains of his

folk, who disbelieved, said: This is only a mortal like you who would make himself superior to you. Had God willed, He surely could have sent down angels. We heard not of this in the case of our fathers of old. He is only a man in whom is madness, so watch him for a while. He said: My Lord! Help me because they deny me. Then We inspired in him, saying: Make the ship under Our eyes and Our inspiration. Then, when Our command comes and the oven gushes water, introduce therein of every (kind) two spouses, and your household except him thereof against whom the Word has already gone forth. And plead not with Me on behalf of those who have done wrong: Lo! They will be drowned. And when you are on board the ship, you and whoever is with you, then say: Praise be to God Who has saved us from the wrongdoing folk! And say: My Lord! Cause me to land at a blessed landing place, for You are Best of all who bring to land. Lo! Herein verily are signs, for lo! We are ever putting (people) to the test.

23:31-41 Then, after them, We brought forth another generation; and We sent among them a Messenger of their own saying: Worship God. You have no other God except Him. Will you not warn off (evil)? And the chieftains of his folk, who disbelieved and denied the meeting of the Hereafter, and whom We had made soft in the life of the world, said: This is only a mortal like you, who eats of that whereof you eat and drinks of that you drink. If you were to obey a mortal like yourselves, you surely would be losers. Does he promise you that you, when you are dead and have become dust and bones, will (again) be brought forth? Begone, begone, with that which you are promised! There is nothing but our life of the world; we die and we live, and we shall not be raised (again). He is only a man who has invented a lie about God. We are not going to put faith in him. He said: My Lord! Help me because they deny me, he said: In a little while they surely will become repentant. So the (Awful) Cry overtook them rightfully, and We made them like as wreckage (that a torrent hurls). A far removal for wrongdoing folk!

23:42-43 Then after them We brought forth other generations. No nation can outstrip its term, nor yet postpone it.

23:44 Then We sent our messengers one after another. Whenever its messenger came to a nation they denied him; so We caused them to follow one another (to disaster) and We made them bywords. A far removal for folk who believe not!

23:45-49 Then We sent Moses and his brother Aaron with Our signs and a clear warrant to Pharaoh and his chiefs, but they treated them arrogantly and they were despotic folk. And they said: Shall we put faith in two mortals like ourselves, and whose folk are servile to us? So they denied them, and became of those who were destroyed. And we verily gave Moses the Scripture that perhaps they might go aright.

23:50 And We made the son of Mary and his mother a sign, and We gave them refuge on a height, a place of flocks and water springs.

23:51 O you messengers! Eat of the good thing, and do right. Lo! I am Aware of what you do.

23:52-54 And lo! This, your religion is one religion and I am your Lord, so keep your duty to Me. But they (people) have broken their religion among them into sects, each sect rejoicing in its tenets. So leave them in their error till a time.

23:55-56 Think they that in the wealth and sons that We provide them with We hasten to them with good things? Nay, but they perceive not.

23:57-61 Lo! Those who go in awe for fear of their Lord, and those who believe in the revelations of their Lord, and those who ascribe not partners to their Lord, and those who give that which they give with hearts afraid because they are about to return to their Lord, these race for the good things, and they shall win them in the race.

23:62-65 And We task not any soul beyond its scope, and with Us is a Record which speaks the truth, and they will not be wronged. Nay, but their hearts are in ignorance of this (Quran), and they have other works, besides, which they are doing; till when We grasp their luxurious ones with the punishment, behold! They supplicate. Supplicate not this day! Assuredly you will not be helped by Us.

23:66-71 My revelations were recited to you, but you used to turn back on your heels, in arrogance thereof. Nightly you did rave together. Have they not pondered the Word, or has that come to them which came not to their fathers of old? Or know they not their Messenger, and so reject him?

23:70-71 Or say they: There is a madness in him? Nay, but he brings them the Truth; and most of them are haters of the Truth. And if the Truth had followed their desires, verily the heavens and the earth and whoever is therein would have been corrupted. Nay, We have brought them their Reminder, but from their Reminder they now turn away.

23:72 Or do you ask of them (O Muhammad) any tribute? But! The bounty of your Lord is better, for He is Best of all who make provision.

23:73-77 And lo! You summon them indeed to a right path. And lo! Those who believe not in the Hereafter are indeed astray from the path. Though We had mercy on them and relieved them of the harm afflicting them, they still would wander blindly on in their contumacy. Already We have grasped them with punishment, but they humble not themselves to their Lord, nor do they pray, until, when We open for them the gate of extreme punishment, behold! They are aghast thereat.

23:78-80 It is He, Who has created for you ears and eyes and hearts. Small thanks give you! And it is He that has sown you broadcast in the earth, and to Him you will be gathered. And it is He, that gives life and causes death, and His is the difference of night and day. Have you then no sense?

23:81-83 Nay, but they say the like of that which was said by the men of old; they say: When we are dead and have become mere dust and bones, shall we then, forsooth, be raised again? We were already promised this, we and our forefathers. Lo! This is nothing but fables of the men of old.

23:84-90 Say: To whom (belongs) the earth and whoever is therein, if you have knowledge? They will say: To God. Say: Will you not then remember? Say: Who is Lord of the seven heavens, and Lord of the Tremendous Throne? They will say: To God (all that belongs). Say: Will you not then keep duty (to Him)? Say: In whose hand is the dominion over all things and He protects, while against Him there is no protection, if you have knowledge? They will say: To God (all that belongs). Say: How then are you bewitched? Nay, but We have brought them the Truth, and lo! They are liars.

23:91-92 God has not chosen any son, nor is there any god along with Him; else would each god have assuredly championed that which he created, and some of them would assuredly have overcome others. Glorified be God above all that they allege. Knower of the invisible and the visible! And exalted be He over all that they ascribe as partners (to Him)!

23:93-94 Say: My Lord! If you should show me that which they are promised, my Lord! Then set me not among the wrongdoing folk.

23:95-96 And verily We are Able to show you that which We have promised them. Repel evil with that which is better. We are Best Aware of that which they allege.

23:97-100 And say: My Lord! I seek refuge in You from suggestions of the evil ones, and I seek refuge in You, my Lord, lest they be present with me, until, when death comes to one

of them, he says: My Lord! Send me back, that I may do right in that which I have left behind! But nay! It is but a word that he speaks; and behind them is a barrier until the day when they are raised.

23:101-108 And when the trumpet is blown there will be no kinship among them that day, nor will they ask of one another. Then those whose scales are heavy, they are the successful. And those whose scales are light are those who lose their souls, in Hell abiding. The fire burns their faces, and they are glum therein. (It will be said): Were not My revelations recited to you, and then you used to deny them? They will say: Our Lord! Our evil fortune conquered us, and we were erring folk. Our Lord! Oh, bring us forth from hence! If we return (to evil) then indeed we shall be wrongdoers. He says: Begone therein, and speak not to Me.

23:109-111 Lo! There was a party of My slaves who said: Our Lord! We believe, therefore forgive us and have mercy on us for You are Best of all who show mercy; but you chose them from a laughing stock until they caused you to forget remembrance of Me, while you laughed at them. Lo! I have rewarded them this day forasmuch as they were patient; and they verily are the triumphant.

23:112-114 He will say: How long tarried you in the earth, counting by years? They will say: We tarried but a day or part of a day. Ask of those who keep count! He will say: You tarried but a little if you only knew.

23:115-116 Deemed you then that We had created you for nothing, and that you would not be returned to Us? Now God be exalted, the True King! None should be worshipped but God alone, the Lord of the Throne of Grace.

23:117 He who cries to any other god along with God has no proof thereof. His reckoning is only with his Lord. Lo! Disbelievers will not be successful.

23:118 And (O Muhammad) say: My Lord! Forgive and have mercy, for You are Best of all who show mercy.

24. An-Nur: Light

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24:1 (Here is) a Surah (chapter) which We have revealed and enjoined, and wherein We have revealed plain signs, that perhaps you may take heed.

24:2-3 The adulterer and the adulteress, scourge you each one of them (with) a hundred stripes. And let not pity for the twain withhold you from obedience to God, if you believe in God and the Last Day. And let a party of believers witness their punishment. The adulterer shall not marry except an adulteress or a female polytheist, and the adulteress none shall marry except an adulterer or a polytheist. All that is forbidden to believers.

24:4-5 And those who accuse honorable women but do not bring four witnesses scourge them (with) eighty stripes and never (afterward) accept their testimony – They are indeed evildoers – except those who afterward repent and make amends. (For such) lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful.

24:6-10 As for those who accuse their wives but have no witnesses except themselves; let the testimony of one of them be four testimonies, (swearing) by God that he is of those who speak the truth; and yet a fifth, invoking the curse of God on him if he is of those who lie. And it shall avert the punishment from her if she bear witness before God four times that the thing he says is indeed false, and a fifth (time) that the wrath of God be

upon her if he speaks truth. And had it not been for the grace of God and His mercy to you, and that God is Forbearing, Wise, (you would have been undone).

24:11 Lo! They who spread the slander are a gang among you. Deem it not a bad thing for you; say, it is good for you. To every man will be paid that which he has earned of the sin; and as for him among them who had the greater share therein, his will be an awful punishment.

24:12-18 Why did not the believers, men and women, when you heard it, think good of their own folk; and say: It is a manifest untruth? Why did they not produce four witnesses? Since they produce not witnesses, they verily are liars in the sight of God. Had it not been for the grace of God and His mercy to you in the world and the Hereafter an awful punishment had overtaken you for that whereof you murmured. When you welcomed it with your tongues, and uttered with your mouths that whereof you had no knowledge, you counted it a trifle. In the sight of God it is very great. Wherefore, when you heard it, said you not: It is not for us to speak of this. Glory be to You (O God); this is awful calumny. God admonishes you that you repeat not the like thereof ever, if you are (in truth) believers. And He expounds to you His revelations. God is Knower, Wise.

24:19-20 Lo! Those who love that slander should be spread concerning those who believe, theirs will be a painful punishment in the world and the Hereafter. God knows. You know not. Had it not been for the grace of God and His mercy to you, and that God is Forbearing and Merciful, (you would have been undone).

24:21 O you who believe! Follow not the footsteps of Satan. Whoever follows the footsteps of Satan, lo! He commands filthiness and wrong. Had it not been for the grace of God and His mercy to you, not one of you would ever have become purified. But God causes whom He wills to become purified of his sin. And God is Hearer, Knower.

24:22 And let not those who possess dignity and ease among you swear not to give to the near of kin and to the needy, and to fugitives for the cause of God. Let them forgive and show indulgence. Yearn you not that God may forgive you? God is Forgiving, Merciful.

24:23-25 Lo! As for those who traduce virtuous, believing women (who are) careless, cursed are they in the world and the Hereafter. Theirs will be an awful punishment on the Day when their tongues and their hands and their feet testify against them as to what they used to do, on that Day God will pay them their just due, and they will know that God, He is the Manifest Truth.

24:26 Vile women are for vile men, and vile men for vile women. Good women are for good men, and good men for good women; such are innocent of that which people say: For them is pardon and a bountiful provision.

24:27-29 O you who believe! Enter not houses other than your own without first announcing your presence and invoking peace upon the folk thereof. That is better for you, that you may be heedful. And if you find no one therein, still enter not until permission has been given. And if it is said to you: Go away again, then go away, for it is purer for you. God knows what you do. (It is) no sin on you to enter uninhabited houses wherein is comfort for you God knows what you proclaim and what you hide.

24:30 Tell the believing men to lower their gaze and be modest. That is purer for them. Lo! God is Aware of what they do.

24:31 And tell the believing women to lower their gaze and be modest, and to display of their adornment only that which is apparent, and to draw their veils over their bosoms, and not to reveal their adornment except to their own husbands or fathers or husbands' fathers, or their sons or their husbands' sons, or their brothers or their brothers' sons or sisters' sons, or their women, or their slaves, or male attendants who lack vigor, or

children who know nothing of women's nakedness. And let them not stamp their feet so as to reveal what they hide of their adornment. And turn to God together, O believers, in order that you may succeed.

24:32 And marry such of you as are solitary and the pious of your slaves and maidservants. If they are poor; God will enrich them of His bounty. God is of ample means, Aware.

24:33 And let those who cannot find a match keep chaste till God give them independence by His grace. And such of your slaves as seek a writing (of emancipation), write it for them if you are aware of anything of good in them, and bestow upon them of the wealth of God which He has bestowed upon you. Force not your slave girls to whoredom that you may seek enjoyment of the life of the world, if they would preserve their chastity. And if one forces them, then (to them) after their compulsion, Lo! God will be Forgiving, Merciful.

24:34 And verily We have sent down for you revelations that make plain, and the example of those who passed away before you. An admonition to those who are pious.

24:35 God is the Light of the heavens and the earth. The similitude of His light is as a niche wherein is a lamp. The lamp is in a glass. The glass is as it were a shining star. (This lamp is) kindled from a blessed tree, an olive neither of the east nor of the west, whose oil would almost glow forth (of itself) though no fire touched it. Light upon light, God guides to His light whom He wills. And God speaks to people in allegories, for God is Knower of all things.

24:36-38 (This lamp is found) in houses, which God has allowed to be exalted and that His name shall be remembered therein. Therein do offer praise to Him at morn and evening. Men whom neither merchandise nor sale deceives from remembrance of God and constancy in prayer and paying to the poor their due; who fear a day when hearts and eyeballs will be overturned; that God may reward them with the best of what they did, and increase reward for them of His bounty. God gives blessings without limit to whom He wills.

24:39 As for those who disbelieve, their deeds are as a mirage in a desert. The thirsty one supposes it to be water till he comes to it and finds it is nothing, and finds in the place thereof, God, Who pays him his due; and God is Swift at reckoning.

24:40 Or as darkness on a vast, abysmal sea. There covers him a wave, above which is a wave, above which is a cloud. Layer upon layer of darkness. When he holds out his hand he scarce can see it. And he, for whom God has not appointed light, for him there is no light.

24:41 Have you not seen that God, it is He that all who are in the heavens and the earth praise; and the birds in their flight? Of each He knows verily the worship and the praise; and God is Aware of what they do.

24:42 And to God belongs the supreme power of the heavens and the earth, and to God is the journeying. 24:43-44 Have you not seen how God wafts the clouds, then gathers them, then makes them layers, and you see the rain comes forth from between them; He sends down from the heaven mountains wherein is hail, and smites with it whoever He wills, and averts it from whoever He wills. The flashing of His lightning all but snatches away the sight. God causes the revolution of the day and the night. Lo! Herein is indeed a lesson for those who see.

24:45 God has created every animal from water. Of them is (a kind) that goes upon its belly and (a kind) that goes upon two legs and (a kind) that goes upon four. God creates what He wills. Lo! God is Able to do all things.

24:46 Verily We have sent down revelations and explained them. God guides whom He wills to a straight path.

24:47-50 And they say: We believe in God and the Messenger, and we obey; then after that a faction of them turns away. Such are not believers. And when they appeal to God and His Messenger to judge between them, lo! A faction of them is averse; but if right had been with them they would have come to him willingly. Is there in their hearts a disease, or have they doubts, or fear they lest God and His Messenger should wrong them in judgment? Nay, but such are evildoers.

24:51 The saying of (all true) believers when they appeal to God and His Messenger to judge between them is only that they say: We hear and we obey. And such are the successful.

24:52 He who obeys God and His Messenger, and fears God, and keeps duty (to Him): such indeed are the victorious.

24:53 They swear by God solemnly that, if you order them, they will go forth. Say: Swear not, known obedience (is better). Lo! God is informed of what you do.

24:54 Say: Obey God and obey the Messenger. But if you turn away, then (it is) for him (to do) only that with what he has been charged, and for you (to do) only that with what you have been charged. If you obey him, you will go aright. But the messenger has no other charge than to convey (the message), plainly.

24:55 God has promised such of you as believe and do good works that He will surely make them to succeed (the present rulers) in the earth even as He caused those who were before them to succeed others; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has approved for them, and will give them in exchange, safety after their fear. They worship Me. They ascribe no thing as partner to Me. Those who disbelieve henceforth, they are the miscreants.

24:56 Establish worship and pay the poor-due and obey the Messenger, that perhaps you may find mercy.

24:57 Think not that the disbelievers can escape in the land. Fire will be their home, an evil journey's end!

24:58 O you who believe! Let your slaves, and those of you who have not come to puberty, ask leave of you at three times (before they come into your presence): Before the prayer of dawn, and when you lay aside your raiment for the heat of noon, and after the prayer of night. Three times of privacy for you. It is no sin for them or for you at other times, when some of you go round attendant upon others (if they come into your presence without leave). Thus God makes clear the revelations for you. God is Knower, Wise.

24:59 And when the children among you come to puberty then let them ask leave even as those before them used to ask it. Thus God makes clear His revelations for you. God is Knower, Wise.

24:60 As for women past child bearing, who have no hope of marriage, it is no sin for them if they discard their (outer) clothing in such a way as not to show adornment. But to refrain is better for them. God is Hearer, Knower.

24:61 No blame is there upon the blind nor any blame upon the lame nor any blame upon the sick nor on yourselves if you eat from your houses, or the houses of your fathers, or the houses of your mothers, or the houses of your brothers, or the houses of your sisters, or the houses of your fathers' brothers, or the houses of your fathers' sisters, or the houses

of your mothers' brothers, or the houses of your mothers' sisters, or (from that) whereof you hold the keys, or (from the house) of a friend. No sin shall it be for you whether you eat together or apart. But when you enter houses, salute one another with a greeting from God, blessed and sweet. Thus God makes clear His revelations for you, that perhaps you may understand.

24:62 They only are the true believers who believe in God and His Messenger and, when they are with him on some common errand, go not away until they have asked leave of him. Lo! Those who ask leave of you, are those who believe in God and His Messenger. So, if they ask your leave for some affair of theirs, give leave to whom you will of them, and ask for them forgiveness of God. Lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful.

24:63 Make not the calling of the messenger among you as your calling one of another. God knows those of you who steal away, hiding themselves. And let those who conspire to evade orders beware, lest grief or painful punishment befall them.

24:64 Lo! Verily to God belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth. He knows your condition, and (He knows) the Day when they are returned to Him so that He may inform them of what they did. God is Knower of all things.

25. Al-Furqan: The Criterion

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

25:1 Blessed is He Who has revealed to His slave the Criterion (of right and wrong), that he may be a warner to the peoples.

25:2 He to Whom belongs the supreme power of the heavens and the earth. He has chosen no son nor has He any partner in the supreme power. He has created everything and has meted out for it a measure.

25:3 Yet they choose beside Him other gods who create nothing but are themselves created, and possess not hurt nor profit for themselves, and possess not death nor life, nor power to raise the dead.

25:4-6 Those who disbelieve say: This is nothing but a lie that he has invented, and other folk have helped him with it, so that they have produced a slander and a lie. And they say: Fables of the men of old which he has had written down so that they are dictated to him morn and evening. Say (to them O Muhammad): He Who knows the secret of the heavens and the earth has revealed it. Lo! He ever is Forgiving, Merciful.

25:7-9 And they say: What ails this Messenger (of God) that he eats food and walks in the markets? Why is not an angel sent down to him, to be a warner with him? Or why is a treasure not thrown down to him, or why has he not a Paradise to eat from? And the evildoers say: You are but following a man bewitched. See how they coin similitude for you, so that they are all- astray and cannot find a road!

25:10 Blessed is He Who, if He wills, will assign you better than (all) that – Gardens underneath which rivers flow – and will assign you mansions.

25:11-14 Nay, but they deny (the coming of) the Hour, and for those who deny (the coming of) the Hour We have prepared a flame. When it sees them from afar, they hear the cracking and the roar thereof. And when they are flung into a narrow place thereof, chained together, they pray for destruction there. Pray not that Day for one destruction, but pray for much destruction.

25:15-16 Say: Is that (punishment) better or the Garden of Immortality which is promised to those who are pious? It will be their reward and journey's end. Therein abiding, they shall have all that they desire. It is for your Lord a promise that must be fulfilled.

25:17-19 And on the Day when He will assemble them and that which they worship instead of God and will say: Was it you who misled these slaves of Mine, or did they (themselves) wander from the way? They will say: Be You glorified! It was not for us to choose any helpers (and protectors) beside You; but You did give them and their fathers ease till they forgot the warning and became lost folk. Thus they will give you the lie regarding what you say, and then you can neither avert (the punishment) nor obtain help. And whoever among you does wrong, We shall make him taste great torment.

25:20 We never sent before you any messengers but lo! They ate food and walked in the markets. And We have appointed some of you a test for others: Will you be patient? And your Lord is ever Seer.

25:21-23 And those who look not for a meeting with Us say: Why are angels not sent down to us and (why) do we not see our Lord? Assuredly they think too highly of themselves and are scornful with great pride. On the Day when they behold the angels, on that Day there will be no good tidings for the guilty; and they will cry: A forbidding ban! And We shall turn to the work that they did and make it scattered motes.

25:24-26 Those who have earned the Garden on that Day will be better in their home and happier in their place of noonday rest; a day when the heaven with the clouds will be rent asunder and the angels will be sent down, a grand descent. The supreme power on that Day will be the true (power) belonging to the Beneficent One, and it will be a hard day for disbelievers.

25:27-29 On the Day when the wrongdoer gnaws his hands, he will say: Ah, would that I had chosen a way together with the Messenger (of God)! Alas for me! Ah, would that I had never taken such a one for a friend! He verily led me astray from the reminder after it had reached me. Satan was ever man's deserter in the hour of need.

25:30-31 And the Messenger says: O my Lord! Lo! My own folk make this Quran of no account. Even so have We appointed to every Prophet an opposition from among the guilty; but God suffices for a Guide and Helper.

25:32-34 And those who disbelieve say: Why is the

Quran not revealed to him all at once? (It is revealed) thus, that We may strengthen your heart therewith; and We have arranged it in right order. And they bring you no similitude but We bring you the Truth (as against it), and better (than their similitude) as argument. Those who will be gathered on their faces to Hell: such are worse in plight and further from the right road.

25:35-37 We verily gave Moses the Scripture and placed with him his brother Aaron as a henchman. Then We said: Go together to the folk who have denied Our revelations. Then We destroyed them, a complete destruction. And Noah's folk, when they denied the Messengers, We drowned them and made of them a sign for people We have prepared a painful punishment for evildoers.

25:38-40 And (the tribes of) Aad and Thamud, and the dwellers in Ar-Rass, and many generations in between. Each (of them) We warned by examples, and each (of them) We brought to utter ruin. And indeed they have passed by the township whereon was rained the fatal rain. Can it be that they have not seen it? Nay, but they hope for no resurrection.

25:41-42 And when they see you (O Muhammad) they treat you only as a jest (saying): Is this he whom God sends as a Messenger? He would have led us far away from our gods if

we had not been staunch to them. They will know, when they behold the punishment, who is more astray as to the road.

25:43-44 Have you seen him who chooses for his god his own lust? Would you then be guardian over him? Or deem you that most of them hear or understand? They are but as the cattle – nay, but they are farther astray!

25:45-50 Have you not seen how your Lord has spread the shade – And if He willed He could have made it still – then We have made the sun its pilot; then We withdraw it to Us, a gradual withdrawal? And it is He, Who makes night a covering for you, and sleep repose, and makes day a resurrection. And it is He, Who sends the winds, glad tidings heralding His mercy. And We send down purifying water from the sky. That We may give life thereby to a dead land, and We give many beasts and men that which We have created to drink thereof. And verily We have repeated it among them that they may remember, but most of people begrudge anything except

ingratitude.

25:51-52 If We willed, We could raise up a warner in every village. So obey not the disbelievers, but fight hard against them herewith with a great endeavor.

25:53-54 And it is He, Who has given independence to the two seas (though they meet); one palatable, sweet, and the other salty, bitter; and has set a bar and a forbidding ban between them. And it is He Who has created man from water, and has appointed for him kindred by blood and kindred by marriage; for your Lord is ever Powerful.

25:55 Yet they worship instead of God that which can neither benefit them nor hurt them. The disbeliever was ever a partisan against his Lord.

25:56-60 And We have sent you (O Muhammad) only as a bearer of good tidings and a warner. Say: I ask of you no reward for this, except that whoever will may choose a way to his Lord. And trust you in the Living One Who does not die, and hymn His praise. He suffices as the Knower of His bondmen's sins. He Who created the heavens and the earth and all that is between them in six Days, and then He mounted the Throne. The Beneficent! Ask any one informed concerning Him! And when it is said to them: Adore the Beneficent! They say: And what is the Beneficent? Are we to adore whatever you (Muhammad) bid us? And it increases aversion in them.

25:61-62 Blessed be He Who has placed in the heaven mansions of the stars, and has placed therein a great lamp and a moon giving light! And it is He, Who has appointed night and day in succession, for him who desires to remember, or desires thankfulness.

25:63-70 The (faithful) slaves of the Beneficent are they who walk upon the earth modestly, and when the foolish ones address them answer: Peace; and who spend the night before their Lord, prostrate and standing; and who say: Our Lord! Avert from us the punishment of Hell; lo! The punishment thereof is anguish; lo! It is wretched as an abode and station; and those who, when they spend, are neither prodigal nor grudging; and there is ever a firm station between the two; and those who cry not to any other god along with God, nor take the life

which God has forbidden except in (the course of) justice, nor commit adultery – and whoever does this shall pay the penalty; the punishment will be doubled for him on the Day of Resurrection, and he will abide therein disdained forever; except him who repents and believes and does righteous work; as for such, God will change their evil deeds to good deeds. God is ever Forgiving, Merciful.

25:71-76 And whosoever repents and does good, he verily repents toward God with true repentance. And those who will not witness vanity, but when they pass near some evil play

or evil talk, pass by with dignity. And those who, when they are reminded of the revelations of their Lord, fall not deaf and blind thereat. And who say: Our Lord! Give us comfort of our wives and of our offspring, and make us patterns for (all) those who are pious. They will be awarded the high place forasmuch as they were patient, and they will meet therein with welcome and the word of peace, abiding there forever. Happy is it as an abode and station!

25:77 Say (O Muhammad to the disbelievers): My Lord would not concern Himself with you but for your prayer. But now you have denied (the Truth), therefore there will be judgment.

26. Ash-Shu'ara: The Poets

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

26:1-2 *Ta. Sin. Mim.* These are revelations of the Scripture that makes plain.

26:3-6 It may be that you torment yourself (O Muhammad) because they believe not. If We will, We can send down on them from the sky a sign so that their necks would remain bowed before it. Never comes there to them a fresh reminder from the Beneficent One, but they turn away from it. Now they have denied (the Truth); but there will come to them tidings of that whereat they used to scoff.

26:7-9 Have they not seen the earth, how much of every fruitful kind We make to grow therein? Lo! Herein is indeed a sign; yet most of them are not believers. And lo! Your Lord! He is indeed the Mighty, the Merciful.

26:10-14 And when your Lord called Moses, saying: Go to the wrongdoing folk, the folk of Pharaoh. Will they not adopt piety? He said: My Lord! Lo! I fear that they will deny me, and I shall be embarrassed, and my tongue will not speak plainly, therefore send for Aaron (to help me). And they have a crime against me, so I fear that they will kill me.

26:15-17 He said: Nay, verily. So go you twain with Our signs. Lo! We shall be with you, Hearing. And come together to Pharaoh and say: Lo! We bear a message from the Lord of the Worlds (saying): Let the Children of Israel go with us.

26:18-22 (Pharaoh) said (to Moses): Did we not rear you among us as a child? And you did dwell many years of your life among us, and you did that your deed that you did, and you were one of the ingrates. He said: I did it then, when I was of those who are astray. Then I fled from you when I feared you, and my Lord has given me a command and appointed me (of the number) of those sent (by Him). And this is the past favor with which you reproach me: that you have enslaved the Children of Israel.

26:23-27 Pharaoh said: And what is the Lord of the Worlds? (Moses) said: Lord of the heavens and the earth and all that is between them, if you had but sure belief. (Pharaoh) said to those around him: Hear you not? He said: Your Lord and the Lord of your fathers. (Pharaoh) said: Lo! Your Messenger who has been sent to you is indeed a madman!

26:28-31 He said: Lord of the east and the west and all that is between them, if you did but understand. (Pharaoh) said: If you choose a god other than me, I assuredly shall place you among the prisoners. He said: Even though I show you something plain? (Pharaoh) said: Produce it then, if you are of the truthful!

26:32-33 Then he flung down his staff and it became a serpent manifest, and he drew forth his hand and lo! It was white to the beholders.

26:34-37 (Pharaoh) said to the chiefs about him: Lo, this is verily a knowing wizard, who would drive you out of your land by his magic. Now what counsel you? They said: Put him off, (him) and his brother, and send into the cities summoners, who shall bring to you every knowing wizard.

26:38-42 So the wizards were gathered together at a set time on a day appointed. And it was said to the people: Are you (also) gathering? (They said): Aye, so that we may follow the wizards if they are the winners. And when the wizards came they said to Pharaoh: Will there surely be a reward for us if we are the winners? He said: Aye, and you will then surely be of those brought near (to me).

26:43-48 Moses said to them: Throw what you are going to throw! Then they threw down their cords and their staves and said: By Pharaoh's might, lo! We verily are the winners. Then Moses threw his staff and lo! It swallowed that which they did falsely show. And the wizards were flung prostrate, crying: We believe in the Lord of the Worlds, the Lord of Moses and Aaron.

26:49 (Pharaoh) said: You put your faith in him before I give you leave. Lo! He doubtless is your chief who taught you magic! But verily you shall come to know. Verily I will cut off your hands and your feet alternately, and verily I will crucify every one of you.

26:50-51 They said: It is no hurt, for lo! To our Lord we shall return. Lo! We ardently hope that our Lord will

forgive us our sins because we are the first of the believers.

26:52-59 And We inspired Moses, saying: Take away My slaves by night, for you will be pursued. Then Pharaoh sent into the cities summoners, (who said): Lo! These indeed are but a little troop, and lo! They are offenders against us. And lo! We are a ready host. Thus did We take them away from gardens and water springs, and treasures and a fair estate. Thus (were those things taken from them) and We caused the Children of Israel to inherit them.

26:60-62 And they overtook them at sunrise. And when the two hosts saw each other, those with Moses said: Lo! We are indeed caught. He said: Nay, verily! For lo! My Lord is with me. He will guide me.

26:63-68 Then We inspired Moses, saying: Smite the sea with your staff. And it parted, and each part was as a mountain vast. Then brought We near the others to that place. And We saved Moses and those with him, every one; We drowned the others. Lo! Herein is indeed a sign, yet most of them are not believers. And lo, Your Lord! He is indeed the Mighty, the Merciful.

26:69-76 Recite to them the story of Abraham: When he said to his father and his folk: What worship you? They said: We worship idols, and are ever devoted to them. He said: Do they hear you when you cry? Or do they benefit or harm you? They said: Nay, but we found our wise fathers acting in this way. He said: See now that which you worship, you and your forefathers!

26:77-82 Lo! They are (all) an enemy to me, except the Lord of the Worlds. Who created me, and He does guide me, and Who feeds me and waters me. And when I get sick, then He heals me, and Who causes me to die, then gives me life (again), and Who, I ardently hope, will forgive me my sin on the Day of Judgment.

26:83-87 My Lord! Give me wisdom and unite me to the righteous. And give to me a good report in later generations. And place me among the inheritors of the Garden of Delight, and forgive my father. Lo! He is of those who err. And abase me not on the Day when they are raised.

26:88 The Day when wealth and sons avail not (any man),

26:89-95 Except him who brings to God a whole heart. And the Garden will be brought near for those who are pious. And Hell will appear plainly to the erring. And it will be said to them: Where is (all) that you used to worship instead of God? Can they help you or help themselves? Then they will be hurled therein, they and the seducers, and the hosts of Iblis, together.

26:96-102 And they will say, when they are quarrelling therein: By God, of a truth we were in error manifest when we made you equal with the Lord of the Worlds. It was but the guilty who misled us. Now we have neither intercessors nor any loving friend. Oh, that we had another turn (on earth), that we might be of the believers!

26:103-104 Lo! Herein is indeed a sign, yet most of them are not believers! And lo, Your Lord! He is indeed the Mighty, the Merciful. 26:105-110 Noah's folk denied the Messengers (of God), when their brother Noah said to them: Will you not fear (God)? Lo! I am a faithful Messenger to you, so fear God, and obey me. And I ask of you no wage thereof, for; my wage is the concern only of the Lord of the Worlds. So fear God, and obey me.

26:111-115 They said: Shall we put faith in you, when the lowest (of the people) follow you? He said: And what knowledge have I of what they may have been doing (in the past)? Lo! Their reckoning is my Lord's concern, if you but knew; and I am not (here) to repulse believers. I am only a plain warner.

26:116-118 They said: If you cease not, O Noah, you will surely be among those stoned (to death). He said: My Lord! Lo! My own folk deny me. Therefore judge You between us, a (conclusive) judgment, and save me and those believers who are with me.

26:119-122 And We saved him and those with him in the laden ship. Then afterward We drowned the others. Lo! Herein is indeed a sign, yet most of them are not believers. And lo, your Lord, He is indeed the Mighty, the Merciful.

26:123-135 (The tribe of) Aad denied the Messengers (of God), when their brother Hud said to them: Will you not fear (God)? Lo! I am a faithful Messenger to you, so fear God and obey me. And I ask of you no wage thereof, for; my wage is the concern only of the Lord of the Worlds. Build you on every high place a monument for vain delight? And seek you out strongholds that perhaps you may last forever? And if you seize by force, seize you as tyrants? Rather fear God, and obey me. Fear Him Who has aided you with (the good things) that you know, has aided you with cattle and sons. And gardens and water springs. Lo! I fear for you the retribution of an Awful Day.

26:136-138 They said: It is all one to us whether you preach or are not of those who preach; this is but a fable of the men of old, and we shall not be punished.

26:139-140 And they denied him; therefore We destroyed them. Lo! Herein is indeed a sign, yet most of them are not believers. And lo! Your Lord, He is indeed the Mighty, the Merciful.

26:141-152 (The tribe of) Thamud denied the Messengers (of God) when their brother Salih said to them: Will you not fear (God)? Lo! I am a faithful Messenger to you, so fear God and obey me. And I ask of you no wage thereof, for; my wage is the concern only of the Lord of the Worlds. Will you be left secure in that which is here before us, in gardens and water springs, and tilled fields and heavy sheathed palm trees, though you hew out dwellings in the mountain, being skilful? Therefore fear God and obey me, and obey not the command of the prodigal, who spread corruption in the earth, and reform not.

26:153-154 They said: You are but one of the bewitched; you are but a mortal like us. So

bring some sign if you are of the truthful.

26:155-159 He said: (Behold) this she camel. She has the right to drink (at the well), and you have the right to drink, (each) on an appointed day. And touch her not with ill, lest there come on you the retribution of an Awful Day. But they hamstrung her, and then were penitent. So the retribution came on them. Lo! Herein is indeed a sign, yet most of them are not believers. And lo! Your Lord! He is indeed the Mighty, the Merciful.

26:160-166 The folk of Lot denied the Messengers (of God) when their brother Lot said to them: Will you not fear (God)? Lo! I am a faithful Messenger to you, so fear God and obey me. And I ask of you no wage thereof, for; my wage is the concern only of the Lord of the Worlds. What! Of all creatures do you come to the males, and leave the wives your Lord created for you? Nay, but you are transgressing folk.

26:167 They said: If you cease not, O Lot, you will soon be of the outcast.

26:168-175 He said: I am in truth of those who hate your conduct. My Lord! Save me and my household from what they do. So We saved him and his household, every one, except an old woman among those who stayed behind. Then afterward We destroyed the others. And We rained on them a rain. And dreadful is the rain of those who have been warned. Lo! Herein is indeed a sign, yet most of them are not believers. And lo! Your Lord, He is indeed the Mighty, the Merciful.

26:176-184 The dwellers in the wood (of Midian) denied the Messengers (of God) when Shueyb said to them: Will you not fear (God)? Lo! I am a faithful Messenger to you, so fear God and obey me. And I ask of you no wage for it; my wage is the concern only of the Lord of the Worlds. Give full measure, and be not of those who give less (than the due). And weigh with the true balance. Wrong not people in their goods, and do not commit evil, making mischief, in the earth. And keep your duty to Him Who created you and the generations of the men of old.

26:185-187 They said: You are but one of the bewitched; you are but a mortal like us, and lo! We deem you of the liars. Then make fragments of the heaven fall upon us, if you are of the truthful.

26:188-191 He said: My Lord is Best Aware of what you do. But they denied him, so there came on them the retribution of the Day of Gloom. Lo! It was the retribution of an Awful Day. Lo! Herein is indeed a sign; yet most of them are not believers. And lo! Your Lord! He is indeed the Mighty, the Merciful.

26:192-195 And lo! It is a revelation of the Lord of the Worlds, which the True Spirit has brought down upon your heart that you may be (one) of the warners, in plain Arabic speech.

26:196-200 And lo, it is in the Scriptures of the men of old. Is it not a sign for them that the scholars of the Children of Israel know it? And if We had revealed it to one of any other nation than the Arabs, and he had read it to them, they would not have believed in it. Thus do We make it traverse the hearts of the guilty.

26:201-207 They will not believe in it till they behold the painful punishment, so that it will come upon them suddenly, when they perceive not. Then they will say: Are we to be reprieved? Would they (now) hasten on Our punishment? Have you then seen, We content them for (long) years, and then comes that which they were promised, (how) that wherewith they were contented nothing avails them?

26:208-213 And We destroyed no township but it had its warners as a reminder, for We never were oppressors. The satans did not bring it down. It is not appropriate for them, nor is it in their power, lo! Verily they are banished from the hearing. Therefore invoke

not with God another god, lest you be one of the punished.

26:214-217 And warn your tribe of near kindred, and lower your wing (in kindness) to those believers who follow you. And if they (your kinsfolk) disobey you, say: Lo! I am innocent of what they do. And put your trust in the Mighty, the Merciful.

26:218-220 Who sees you when you stand up (to pray) and (sees) your abasement among those who fall prostrate (in worship). Lo! He, only He, is the Hearer, the Knower.

26:221-227 Shall I inform you upon whom the satans descend? They descend on every sinful, false one. They listen eagerly, but most of them are liars. As for poets, the erring ones follow them. Have you not seen how they stray in every valley, and how they say that which they do not? Except those who believe and do good works, and remember God much, and vindicate themselves after they have been wronged. Those who do wrong will come to know by what a (great) reverse they will be overturned!

27. An-Naml: The Ant

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

27:1-3 Ta . Sin. These are revelations of the Quran and a Scripture that makes plain ; a guidance and good tidings for believers who establish worship and pay the poor-due and are sure of the Hereafter.

27:4-5 Lo! As for those who believe not in the Hereafter, We have made their works fair seeming to them so that they are all astray. Those are the ones for whom is the worst of punishment, and in the Hereafter they will be the greatest losers.

27:6 Lo! As for you (O Muhammad), you verily received the Quran from the One Wise, Aware.

27:7-9 (Remember) when Moses said to his household: Lo! I spy far off a fire; I will bring you tidings from there, or bring to you a borrowed flame that you may warm yourselves. But when he reached it, he was called, saying: Blessed is whoever is in the fire and whoever is around about it! And glorified be God, the Lord of the Worlds! O Moses! Lo! It is I, God, the Mighty, the Wise.

27:10-11 And throw down your staff! But when he saw it writhing as it were a demon, he turned to flee headlong; (but it was said to him): O Moses! Fear not! Lo! The emissaries fear not in Me, except him who has done wrong and afterward has changed evil for good. And lo! I am Forgiving, Merciful.

27:12-14 And put your hand into the bosom of your robe, it will come forth white but unhurt. (This will be one) among nine signs to Pharaoh and his people. Lo! They were ever evil living folk. But when Our signs came to them, plain to see, they said: This is mere magic, and they denied them, though their souls acknowledged them, for spite and arrogance. Then see the nature of the consequence for the wrongdoers!

27:15-19 And We verily gave knowledge to David and Solomon, and they said: Praise be to God, Who has preferred us above many of His believing slaves! And Solomon was David's heir. And he said: O people! Lo! We have been taught the language of birds, and have been given (abundance) of all things. This surely is evident favor. And there were gathered together to Solomon his armies of the jinn and humankind, and of the birds, and they were set in battle order; till, when they reached the Valley of the Ants, an ant exclaimed: O ants! Enter your dwellings lest Solomon and his armies crush you, unperceiving. And (Solomon) smiled, laughing at her speech, and said: My Lord, arouse

me to be thankful for Your favor wherewith You have favored me and my parents, and to do good that shall be pleasing to You, and include me in (the number of) Your righteous slaves.

27:20-26 And he sought among the birds and said: How is it that I see not the hoopoe, or is he among the absent? I verily will punish him with hard punishment, or I verily will slay him, or he verily shall bring me a plain excuse. But he was not long in coming, and he said: I have found out (a thing) that you apprehend not, and I come to you from Sheba with sure tidings. Lo! I found a woman ruling over them, and she has been given (abundance) of all things, and hers is a mighty throne. I found her and her people worshipping the sun instead of God; and Satan makes their works fair seeming to them, and debarred them from the way (of Truth), so that they go not aright: So that they worship not God, Who brings forth the hidden in the heavens and the earth, and knows what you hide and what you proclaim, God; none should be worshipped but God alone, the Lord of the Tremendous Throne.

27:27-31 (Solomon) said: We shall see whether you speak truth or whether you are of the liars. Go with this my letter and throw it down to them; then turn away and see what (answer) they return, (the Queen of Sheba) said (when she received the letter): O chieftains! Lo! There has been thrown to me a noble letter. Lo! It is from Solomon, and lo! It is: In the name of God the Beneficent, the Merciful; exalt not yourselves against me, but come to me as those who surrender.

27:32-35 She said: O chieftains! Pronounce for me in my case. I decide no case till you are present with me. They said: We are lords of might and lords of great prowess, but it is for you to command; so consider what you will command. She said: Lo! Kings, when they enter a township, ruin it and make the honor of its people shame. Thus will they do. But lo! I am going to send a present to them, and to see, with what (answer) the messengers return.

27:36-37 So when (the envoy) came to Solomon, (the King) said: What! Would you help me with wealth? But that which God has given me is better than that which He has given you. Nay it is you (and not I) who exult in your gift. Return to them. We verily shall come to them with hosts that they cannot resist, and we shall drive them out from there with shame, and they will be abased.

27:38-40 He said: O chiefs! Which of you will bring me her throne before they come to me, surrendering? A stalwart of the jinn said: I will bring it you before you can rise from your place. Lo! I verily am strong and trusty for such work. One with whom was knowledge of the Scripture said: I will bring it you before your gaze returns to you. And when he saw it set in his presence, (Solomon said: This is of the bounty of my Lord, that He may try me whether I give thanks or am ungrateful. Whosoever gives thanks he only gives thanks for (the good of) his own soul: and whosoever is ungrateful (is ungrateful only to his own soul's hurt). For lo! My Lord is Absolute in independence, Bountiful.

27:41-44 He said: Disguise her throne for her that we may see whether she will go aright or be of those not rightly guided. So, when she came, it was said (to her): Is your throne like this? She said: (It is) as though it were the very one. And (Solomon said): We were given the knowledge before her and we had surrendered (to God). And (all) that she was wont to worship instead of God hindered her, for she came of disbelieving folk. It was said to her: Enter the hall. And when she saw it she deemed it a pool and bared her legs. (Solomon) said: Lo! It is a hall, made smooth, of glass. She said: My Lord! Lo! I have wronged myself, and I surrender with Solomon to God, the Lord of the Worlds.

27:45-46 And We verily sent until Thamud their brother Salih, saying: Worship God. And lo! They (then) became two parties quarrelling. He said: O my people! Why will you hasten on the evil rather than the good? Why will you not ask pardon of God, that you may receive mercy?

27:47-49 They said: We augur evil of you and those with you. He said: Your evil augury is with God. Nay, but you are folk that are being tested. And there were in the city nine persons who made mischief in the land and reformed not. They said: Swear one to another by God that we verily will attack him and his household by night, and afterward we will surely say to his friend: We witnessed not the destruction of his household. And lo! We are truth tellers.

27:50-53 So they plotted a plot: and We plotted a plot, while they perceived not. Then see the nature of the consequence of their plotting, for lo! We destroyed them and their people, every one. See, yonder are their dwellings empty and in ruins because they did wrong. Lo! Herein is indeed a sign for a people who have knowledge. And We saved those who believed and used to fear (God).

27:54-55 And Lot! When he said to his folk: will you commit abomination knowingly? Must your needs lust after men instead of women? Nay, but you are folk who act senselessly.

27:56-58 But the answer of his folk was nothing except that they said: Expel the household of Lot from your township, for they (forsooth) are folk who would keep clean! Then we saved him and his house hold except his wife; We destined her to be of those who stayed behind. And We rained a rain upon them. Dreadful is the rain of those who have been warned.

27:59 Say (O Muhammad): Praise be to God, and peace be on His slaves whom He has chosen! Is God best, or (all) that you ascribe as partners (to Him)?

27:60 Is He not (best), Who created the heavens and the earth, and sends down for you water from the sky with which We cause to spring forth joyous orchards, whose trees you could never otherwise cause to grow. Is there any god beside God? Nay, but they are folk who ascribe equals (to Him)!

27:61 Is not He (best) Who made the earth a fixed abode, and placed rivers in the folds thereof, and placed firm hills therein, and has set a barrier between the two seas? Is there any god beside God? Nay, but most of them know not!

27:62 Is He not (best) Who answers the wronged one when he cries to Him and removes the evil, and has made you viceroys of the earth? Is there any god beside God? Little do they reflect!

27:63 Is He not (best) Who guides you in the darkness of the land and the sea, He Who sends the winds as heralds of His mercy? Is there any god beside God? High exalted be God from all that they ascribe as partner (to Him)!

27:64 Is He not (best) Who produces creation, then reproduces it, and Who provides for you from the heaven and the earth? Is there any god beside God? Say: Bring your proof, if you are truthful!

27:65-66 Say (O Muhammad): None in the heavens and the earth knows the Unseen except God; and they know not when they will be raised (again). Nay, but does their knowledge reach to the Hereafter? Nay, for they are in doubt concerning it. Nay, for they cannot see it.

27:67-68 Yet those who disbelieve say: When we have become dust like our fathers, shall we verily be brought forth (again)? We were promised this, forsooth, we and our fathers. (All) this is nothing but fables of the men of old.

27:69 Say (to them, O Muhammad): Travel in the land and see the nature of the sequel for the guilty!

27:70 And grieve you not for them, nor be in distress because of what they plot (against you).

27:71-72 And they say: When (will) this promise (be fulfilled), if you are truthful? Say: It may be that a part of that which you would hasten on is close behind you.

27:73 Lo! Your Lord is full of bounty for people, but most of them do not give thanks.

27:74-75 Lo! Your Lord knows surely all that their bosoms hide, and all that they proclaim. And there is nothing hidden in the heaven or the earth but it is in a clear Record.

27:76-78 Lo! This Quran narrates to the Children of Israel most of that concerning which they differ. And lo! It is a guidance and a mercy for believers. Lo! Your Lord will judge between them of His wisdom, and He is the Mighty, the Wise.

27:79-81 Therefore (O Muhammad) put your trust in God, for you (stand) on the plain Truth. Lo! You cannot make the dead hear, nor can you make the deaf hear the call when they have turned to flee; nor can you lead the blind out of their error. You can make none hear, except those who believe Our revelations and who are Muslims (have surrendered).

27:82 And when the word is fulfilled concerning them, We shall bring forth a beast of the earth to speak to them because people had not faith in Our revelations.

27:83-84 And (remind them of) the Day when We shall gather out of every nation a host of those who denied Our revelations, and they will be set in array; till, when they come (before their Lord), He will say: Did you deny My revelations when you could not compass them in knowledge, or what was it that you did?

27:85-86 And the Word will be fulfilled concerning them because they have done wrong, and they will not speak. Have they not seen how We have appointed the night that they may rest therein, and the day, sight giving? Lo! Therein verily are signs for a people who believe.

27:87 And (remind them of) the Day, when the Trumpet will be blown, and all who are in the heavens and the earth will start in fear, except him whom God wills. And all come to Him, humbled.

27:88 And you see the hills you deem solid, flying with the flight of clouds. (It is) the doing of God Who perfects all things. Lo! He is informed of what you do.

27:89 Whoever brings a good deed will have better than its worth; and such are safe from fear that Day.

27:90 And whoever brings an ill deed, such will be flung down on their faces in the Fire. Are you rewarded anything except what you did?

27:91-93 (Say:) I (Muhammad) am commanded only to worship the Lord of this land, which He has hallowed, and to Whom all things belong. And I am commanded to be of those who are Muslims, (surrendered to Him), and to recite the Quran. And whoever goes right, goes right only for (the good of) his own soul; and as for him who goes astray (to him) say: Lo! I am only a warner. And say: Praise be to God Who will show you His signs so that you shall know them. And your Lord is not unaware of what you (mortals) do.

28. Al-Qasas: The Story

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

28:1-2 *Ta. Sin. Mim.* These are revelations of the Scripture that makes plain.

28:3-6 We narrate to you (somewhat) of the story of Moses and Pharaoh with truth, for folk who believe. Lo! Pharaoh exalted himself in the earth and made its people castes. A tribe among them he suppressed, killing their sons and sparing their women. Lo! He was of those who work corruption. And We desired to show favor to those who were oppressed in the earth, and to make them examples and to make them the inheritors, and to establish them in the earth, and to show Pharaoh and Haman and their hosts that which they feared from them.

28:7-9 And We inspired the mother of Moses, saying: Suckle him and, when you fear for him, then cast him into the river and fear not nor grieve. Lo! We shall bring him back to you and shall make him (one) of Our Messengers. And the family of Pharaoh took him up, that he might become for them an enemy and a sorrow. Lo! Pharaoh and Haman and their hosts were ever sinning. And the wife of Pharaoh said: (He will be) a consolation for me and for you. Kill him not. Perhaps he may be of use to us, or we may choose him for a son. And they perceived not.

28:10-13 And the heart of the mother of Moses became void, and she would have betrayed him if We had not fortified her heart, that she might be of the believers. And she said to his sister: Trace him. So she observed him from afar, and they perceived not. And We had before forbidden foster-mothers for him, so she said: Shall I show you a household who will rear him for you and take care of him? So We restored him to his mother that she might be comforted and not grieve, and that she might know that the promise of God is true. But most of them know not.

28:14 And when he reached his full strength and was ripe, We gave him wisdom and knowledge. Thus do We reward the good.

28:15-16 And he entered the city at a time of carelessness of its folk, and he found therein two men fighting, one of his own caste, and the other of his enemies; and he who was of his caste asked him for help against him who was of his enemies. So Moses struck him with his fist and killed him. He said: This is of Satan's doing. Lo! He is an enemy, a mere misleader. He said: My Lord! Lo! I have wronged my soul, so forgive me. Then He forgave him. Lo! He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

28:17 He said: My Lord! Forasmuch as You have favored me, I will nevermore be a supporter of the guilty.

28:18-21 And morning found him in the city, fearing, vigilant, when behold! He who had appealed to him the day before cried out to him for help. Moses said to him: Lo! You are indeed a mere hothead. And when he would have fallen upon the man who was an enemy to them both, he said: O Moses! Would you kill me as you did kill a person yesterday? You would be nothing but a tyrant in the land; you would not be of the reformers. And a man came from the uttermost part of the city, running. He said: O Moses! Lo! The chiefs take counsel against you to slay you; therefore escape. Lo! I am of those who give you good advice. So he escaped from there, fearing, vigilant. He said: My Lord! Deliver me from the wrongdoing folk.

28:22-24 And when he turned his face toward Midian, he said: Perhaps my Lord will guide me in the right road. And when he came to the water of Midian he found there a whole tribe of men, watering. And he found apart from them two women keeping, back (their flocks). He said: What ails you? The two said: We cannot give (our flocks) to drink till the shepherds return from the water; and our father is a very old man. So he watered (their flock) for them. Then he turned aside into the shade, and said: My Lord! I am needy of whatever good you send down for me.

28:25-26 Then there came to him one of the two women, walking shyly. She said: Lo! My father calls you, that he may reward you with a payment because you did water (the flock) for us. Then, when he came to him and told him the (whole) story, he said: Fear not! You have escaped from the wrongdoing folk. One of the two women said: O my father! Hire him! For the best (man) that you can hire is the strong, the trustworthy.

28:27-28 He said: Lo! I willingly would marry you to one of these two daughters of mine on condition that you hire yourself to me for (the term of) eight pilgrimages. Then if you complete ten it will be of your own accord, for I would not make it hard for you. God willing, you will find me of the righteous. He said: That (is settled) between you and me. Whichever of the two terms I fulfill, there will be no injustice to me, and God is Surety over what we say.

28:29 Then, when Moses had fulfilled the term, and was traveling with his house folk, he saw in the distance a fire and said to his house folk: Bide you (here). Lo! I see in the distance a fire; perhaps I shall bring you tidings from there, or a brand from the fire that you may warm yourselves.

28:30-35 And when he reached it, he was called from the right side of the valley in the blessed field, from the tree: O Moses! Lo! I, Indeed I, am God, the Lord of the Worlds; throw down your staff. And when he saw it writhing as if it had been a demon, he turned to flee headlong, (and it was said to him): O Moses! Draw near and fear not. Lo! You are of those who are secure. Thrust your hand into the bosom of your robe, it will come forth white without hurt. And guard your heart from fear. Then these shall be two proofs from your Lord to Pharaoh and his chiefs: Lo! They are evil doing folk. He said: My Lord! Lo! I killed a man among them and I fear that they will kill me. My brother Aaron is more eloquent than I in speech. Therefore send him with me as a helper to confirm me. Lo! I fear that they will give the lie to me. He said: We will strengthen your arm with your brother, and We will give to you both power so that they cannot reach you for Our signs. You both, and those who follow you, will be the winners.

28:36-39 But when Moses came to them with Our clear signs, they said: This is nothing but invented magic. We never heard of this among our fathers of old. And Moses said: My Lord is best aware of him who brings guidance from Him, and whose will be the sequel of the Home (of bliss). Lo! Wrongdoers will not be successful. And Pharaoh said: O chiefs! I know not that you have a god other than me, so kindle for me (a fire), O Haman, to bake the mud; and set up for me a lofty tower in order that I may survey the god of Moses; and lo! I deem him of the liars. And he and his hosts were haughty in the land without right, and deemed that they would never be

brought back to Us.

28:40-42 Therefore We seized him and his hosts, and abandoned them to the sea. Behold the nature of the consequence for evildoers! And We made them patterns that invite to the Fire, and on the Day of Resurrection they will not be helped. And We made a curse to follow them in this world, and on the Day of Resurrection they will be among the hateful.

28:43 And We verily gave the Scripture to Moses after We had destroyed the generations of old; clear testimonies for people, and a guidance and a mercy, that perhaps they might reflect.

28:44-45 And you (O Muhammad) were not on the western side (of the Mount) when We expounded to Moses the commandment, and you were not among those present; but We brought forth generations, and their lives dragged on for them. And you were not a dweller in Midian, reciting to them Our revelations, but We kept sending (Messengers to men).

28:46-48 And you were not beside the Mount when We called; but (the knowledge of it is)

a mercy from your Lord that you may warn a folk to whom no warner came before you, that perhaps they may give heed. Otherwise, if disaster should afflict them because of that which their own hands have sent before (them), they might say: Our Lord! Why did you not send a Messenger to us, that we might have followed Your revelations and been of the believers? But when there came to them the Truth from Us, they said: Why is he not given the like of what was given to Moses? Did they not disbelieve in that which was given to Moses of old? They say: Two works of magic that support each other and they say: Lo! In both we are disbelievers.

28:49-50 Say (to them, O Muhammad): Then bring a Scripture from God that gives clearer guidance than these two (that) I may follow it, if you are truthful. And if they answer you not, then know that what they follow is their lusts. And who goes farther astray than he who follows his lust without guidance from God. Lo! God guides not wrongdoing folk.

28:51-55 And now verily We have caused the Word to reach them, that perhaps they may give heed. Those to whom We gave the Scripture before it, they believe in it, and when it is recited to them, they say: We believe in it. Lo! It is the Truth from our Lord. Lo! Even before it we were of those who are Muslims (surrendered to God). These will be given their reward twice over, because they are patient and repel evil with good, and spend of that wherewith We have provided them, and when they hear vanity they withdraw from it and say: To us our works and to you your works. Peace be to you! We desire not the ignorant.

28:56 Lo! You (O Muhammad) guide not whom you love, but God guides whom He wills. And He is Best Aware of those who walk aright.

28:57 And they say: If we were to follow the guidance with you we should be torn out of our land. Have We not established for them a sure sanctuary, where the produce of all things is brought (in trade), a provision from Us? But most of them know not.

28:58 And how many a community have We destroyed that was thankless for its means of livelihood! And yonder are their dwellings, which have not been inhabited after them except a little. And We, were the inheritors.

28:59 And never did your Lord destroy the townships, till He had raised up in their mother (town) a Messenger reciting to them Our revelations. And never did We destroy the townships unless the

folk from there were evildoers.

28:60 And whatsoever you have been given is a comfort of the life of the world and an ornament

thereof; and that which God has is better and more lasting. Have you then no sense?

28:61 Is he whom We have promised a fair promise which he will find (true), like him whom We suffer to enjoy a while the comfort of the life of the world, then on the Day of Resurrection he will be of those arraigned?

28:62-64 On the Day when He will call to them and say: Where are My partners whom you imagined? Those concerning whom the Word will have come true will say: Our Lord! These are they whom we led astray. We led them astray even as we ourselves were astray. We declare our innocence before You: us they never worshipped. And it will be said: Cry to your (so called) partners (of God). And they will cry to them, and they will give no answer to them, and they will see the punishment. Ah, if they had but been guided!

28:65-67 And on the Day when He will call to them and say: What answer gave you to the

Messengers? On that Day (all) tidings will be dimmed for them, nor will they ask of one another, but as for him who shall repent and believe and do right, he perhaps may be one of the successful.

28:68 Your Lord brings to pass what He wills and chooses. They have never had any choice. Glorified be God and exalted above all that they associate (with Him)!

28:69 And your Lord knows what their breasts conceal, and what they publish.

28:70 And He is God; none should be worshipped but God alone. His is all praise in the former and the latter (state), and His is the command, and to Him you will be brought back.

28:71 Say: Have you thought, if God made night everlasting for you till the Day of Resurrection, who is a god beside God who could bring you light? Will you not then hear?

28:72-73 Say: Have you thought, if God made day everlasting for you till the Day of Resurrection, who is a god beside God who could, bring you night wherein you rest? Will you not then see? Of His mercy has He appointed for you night and day that therein you may rest, and that you may seek His bounty, and that perhaps you may be thankful.

28:74-75 And on the Day when He shall call to them and say: Where are My partners whom you pretended? And We shall take out from every nation a witness and We shall say: Bring your proof. Then they will know that God has the Truth, and all that they invented will have failed them.

28:76-77 Now Korah was of Moses' folk, but he oppressed them and We gave him so much treasure that the stores thereof would verily have been a burden for a troop of mighty men. When his own folk said to him: Exult not; lo! God loves not the exultant; but seek the abode of the Hereafter in that which God has given you and neglect not your portion of the world, and be you kind even as God has been kind to you, and seek not corruption in the earth; lo! God loves not corrupters.

28:78-80 He said: I have been given it only on account of knowledge I possess. Knew he not that God had destroyed already of the generations before him, men who were mightier than he in strength and greater in respect of following? The guilty are not questioned of their sins. Then went he forth before his people in his pomp. Those who were desirous of the life of the world said: Ah, would that we had the like of what has been given to Korah! Lo! He is lord of rare good fortune. But those who had been given knowledge said: Woe to you! The reward of God for him who believes and does right is better, and only the patient will obtain it.

28:81-82 So We caused the earth to swallow him and his dwelling place. Then he had no host to help him against God, nor was he of those who can save themselves. And morning found those who had coveted his place but yesterday crying: Ah, just as well! God enlarges the provision for whom He wills of His slaves and straitens it (for whom He wills). If God had not been gracious to us He would have caused it to swallow us (also). Ah, just as well! The disbelievers never prosper.

28:83-84 As for that Abode of the Hereafter We assign it to those who seek not oppression in the earth, nor yet corruption. The sequel is for those who are pious. Whoever brings a good deed, he will have better than the same; while as for him who brings an ill deed, those who do ill deeds will be requited only what they did.

28:85-88 Lo! He, Who has given you the Quran for a law will surely bring you borne again. Say: My Lord is Best Aware of he who brings guidance and him who is in error manifest. You had no hope that the Scripture would be inspired in you; but it is a mercy from your Lord, so never be a helper to the disbelievers. And let them not divert you from

the revelations of God after they have been sent down to you; but call (people) to your Lord, and be not of those who ascribe partners (to Him). And cry not to any other god along with God. None should be worshipped but God alone. Everything will perish except His Face. His is the command, and to Him you will be brought back.

29. Al-'Ankabut: The Spider

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

29:1-5 *Alif. Lam. Mim.* Do men imagine that they will be left (at ease) because they say : We believe; and will not be tested with affliction? Lo! We tested those who were before you . Thus God knows those who are sincere, and knows those who feign. Or do those who do ill deeds imagine that they can outstrip Us : Evil (for them) is that which they decide. Whoever looks forward to the meeting with God (let him know that) God's reckoning is surely near, and He is the Hearer, the Knower.

29:6-9 And whosoever fights hard, fights hard only for himself, for lo! God is altogether Independent of (His) creatures. And as for those who believe and do good works, We shall expiate from them their evil deeds and shall repay them the best that they did. We have enjoined on man kindness to parents; but if they fight hard to make you join with Me that of which you have no knowledge, then obey them not. To Me is your return and I shall tell you what you used to do. And as for those who believe and do good works, We verily shall make them enter in among the righteous.

29:10-11 Of people is he who says: We believe in God, but, if he is made to suffer for the sake of God, he mistakes the persecution of people for God's punishment; and then, if victory comes from your Lord, will say: Lo! We were with you (all the while). Is not God Best Aware of what is in the bosoms of (His) creatures? Verily God knows those who believe, and verily He knows the hypocrites.

29:12-13 Those who disbelieve say to those who believe: Follow our way (of religion) and we verily will bear your sins (for you). They cannot bear anything of their sins. Lo! They verily are liars. But they verily will bear their own loads and other loads beside their own, and they verily will be questioned on the Day of Resurrection concerning that which they invented.

29:14-15 And verily We sent Noah (as Our Messenger) to his folk, and he continued with them for a thousand years except fifty years; and the flood engulfed them, for they were wrongdoers. And We rescued him and those with him in the ship, and made of it a sign for the peoples.

29:16-19 And Abraham! (Remember) when he said to his folk: Worship God, and keep your duty to Him; that is better for you if you did but know. You worship instead of God only idols, and you only invent a lie. Lo! Those whom you worship instead of God own no provision for you. So seek your provision from God, and worship Him, and give thanks to Him, (for) to Him you will be brought back. But if you deny, then nations have denied before you. The Messenger is only to convey (the message) plainly. See they not how God produces creation, then reproduces it? Lo! For God that is easy.

29:20 Say (O Muhammad): Travel in the land and see how He originated creation, then God brings forth the later growth. Lo! God is Able to do all things.

29:21-23 He punishes whom He wills and shows mercy to whom He wills, and to Him you will be turned. You cannot escape (from Him) in the earth or in the sky, and beside God there is for you neither guardian (and protector) nor helper. Those who disbelieve in the revelations of God and in (their) meeting with Him, such have no hope of My mercy.

For such there is a painful punishment.

29:24-25 But the answer of his folk was only that they said: `Kill him' or `Burn him'. Then God saved him from the fire. Lo! Herein verily are signs for folk who believe. He said: You have chosen idols instead of God. The love between you is only in the life of the world. Then on the Day of Resurrection you will deny each other and curse each other, and your abode will be the Fire, and you will have no helpers. 29:26 And Lot believed him, and said: Lo! I am an immigrant to my Lord. Lo! He, only He, is the Mighty, the Wise.

29:27 And We bestowed on him Isaac and Jacob, and We established the Prophethood and the Scripture among his seed, and We gave him his reward in the world, and lo! In the Hereafter he verily is among the righteous.

29:28-30 And Lot! (Remember) when he said to his folk: Lo! You commit lewdness such as no creature did before you. For come you not in to males, and cut you not the road (for travelers), and commit you not abomination in your assemblies? But the answer of his folk was only that they said: Bring God's punishment upon us if you are a truth teller! He said: My Lord! Give me victory over folk who work corruption.

29:31-32 And when Our messengers brought Abraham the good news, they said: Lo! We are about to destroy the people of that township, for its people are wrongdoers. He said: Lo! Lot is there. They said: We are best aware of who is there. We are to deliver him and his household, all except his wife, who is of those who stay behind.

29:33-35 And when Our messengers came to Lot, He was troubled upon their account, for he could not protect them; but they said: Fear not, nor grieve! Lo! We are to deliver you and your household, (all) except your wife, who is of those who stay behind. Lo! We are about to bring down upon the folk of this township a fury from the sky because they are evil doers. And verily of that We have left a clear sign for people who have sense.

29:36-37 And to Midian We sent Shueyb, their brother. He said O my people! Worship God, and look forward to the Last Day, and do not evil, making mischief, in the earth. But they denied him, and the dreadful earthquake took them, and morning found them prostrate in their dwelling place.

29:38 And (the tribes of) Aad and Thamud! (Their fate) is manifest to you from their (ruined and deserted) dwellings. Satan made their deeds seem fair to them and so debarred them from the Way, though they were keen observers.

29:39-40 And Korah, Pharaoh and Haman! Moses came to them with clear proofs (of God's supreme power), but they were boastful in the land. And they were not winners (in the race). So We took each one in his sin; of them was he, on who We sent a hurricane, and of them was he, who was overtaken by the (Awful) Cry, and of them was he, who We caused the earth to swallow, and of them was he, who We drowned. It was not for God to wrong them, but they wronged themselves.

29:41-42 The similitude of those who choose other patrons than God is as that of the spider when she takes to herself a house, and lo! The frailest of all houses is the spider's house, if they but knew. Lo! God knows what thing they invoke instead of Him. He is the Mighty, the Wise.

29:43-44 As for these similitude, We coin them for people, but none will grasp their meaning except the wise. God created the heavens and the earth with truth. Lo! Therein is indeed a sign for believers.

29:45 Recite that which has been inspired in you of the Scripture, and establish worship. Lo! Worship preserves from lewdness and iniquity, but verily remembrance of God is

more important. And God knows what you do.

29:46 And argue not with the People of the Scripture unless it be in (a way) that is better, except with such of them as do wrong; and say: We believe in that which has been revealed to us and revealed to you; our God and your God is One, and to Him we surrender (as Muslims).

29:47-49 In a like manner We have revealed to you the Scripture, and those to whom We gave the Scripture before will believe therein; and of these (also) are some who believe therein. And none deny our revelations except the disbelievers. And you (O Muhammad) were not a reader of any Scripture before it, nor did you write it with your right hand, for then might those have doubted, who follow falsehood. But it is clear revelations in the hearts of those who have been given knowledge, and none deny Our revelations except wrongdoers.

29:50-52 And they say: Why are not signs sent down upon him from his Lord? Say: Signs are with God only, and I am but a plain warner. Is it not enough for them that We have sent down to you the Scripture which is read to them? Lo! Herein verily is a mercy, and a reminder for folk who believe. Say (to them, O Muhammad): God suffices for witness between me and you. He knows whatever is in the heavens and the earth. And those who believe in vanity and disbelieve in God, it is they that are the losers.

29:53-55 They bid you hasten on the punishment (of God). And if a term had not been appointed, the punishment would assuredly have come to them (before now). And verily it will come upon them suddenly when they perceive not. They bid you hasten on the punishment, when lo! Hell verily will encompass the disbelievers. On the Day when the punishment will overwhelm them from above them and from underneath their feet, and He will say: Taste what you used to do!

29:56-59 O my bondmen who believe! Lo! My earth is spacious. Therefore worship only Me. Every soul will taste of death. Then to Us you will be returned. Those who believe and do good works, We shall verily house them in lofty dwellings of the Garden underneath which rivers flow. There they will dwell secure. How sweet the guerdon of the toilers, who persevere, and put their trust in their Lord!

29:60 And how many an animal there is that bears not its own provision! God provides for it and for you. He is the Hearer, the Knower.

29:61-62 And if you were to ask them: Who created the heavens and the earth, and constrained the sun and the moon (to their appointed work)? They would say: God. How then are they turned away? God makes the provision wide for whom He wills of His bondmen, and straitens it for whom (He wills). Lo! God is Aware of all things.

29:63-64 And if you were to ask them: Who causes water to come down from the sky, and with it revives the earth after its death? They verily would say: God. Say: Praise be to God! But most of them have no sense. This life of the world is but a pastime and a game. Lo! The home of the Hereafter - that is life, if they but knew.

29:65-66 And when they mount upon the ships they pray to God, making their faith pure for Him only, but when He brings them safe to land, behold! They ascribe partners (to Him), that they may disbelieve in that which We have given them, and that they may take their ease. But they will come to know.

29:67-68 Have they not seen that We have appointed a sanctuary immune (from violence), while people are ravaged all around them? Do they then believe in falsehood and disbelieve in the bounty of God? Who does greater wrong than he who invents a lie concerning God, or denies the truth when it comes to him? Is there not a home in Hell for disbelievers?

29:69 As for those who fight hard in Us, We surely guide them to Our paths, and lo! God is with the good.

30. Ar-Rum: The Romans

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

30:1-5 *Alif. Lam. Mim.* The Romans have been defeated in the nearer land, and they, after their

defeat will be victorious within ten years - God's is the command in the former case and in the latter. and in that day believers will rejoice in God's help to victory. He helps to victory whom He wills . He is the Mighty, the Merciful.

30:6-8 It is a promise of God. God fails not His promise, but most of people knows not. They know only some appearance of the life of the world, and are heedless of the Hereafter. Have they not pondered upon themselves? God created not the heavens and the earth, and that which is between them, except with truth and for a destined end. But truly many of people are disbelievers in the meeting with their Lord.

30:9-10 Have they not traveled in the land and seen the nature of the consequence for those who were before them? They were stronger than these in power, and they dug the earth and built upon it more than these have built. Messengers of their own came to them with clear proofs (of God's supreme power). Surely God wronged them not, but they did wrong themselves. Then evil was the consequence to those who dealt in evil, because they denied the revelations of God and made a mock of them.

30:11 God produces creation, then He reproduces it, then to Him you will be returned.

30:12-13 And in the Day when the Hour rises, the sinful will despair. There will be none to intercede for them of those whom they made equal with God. And they will reject your partners (whom they ascribed to Him).

30:14 In the Day when the Hour comes, that day they will be sundered.

30:15-16 As for those who believed and did good works, they will be made happy in a Garden. But as for those who disbelieved and denied Our revelations, and denied the meeting of the Hereafter, such will be brought to punishment.

30:17-18 So glory be to God when you enter the night and when you enter the morning. To Him be praise in the heavens and the earth! .and at the sun's decline and in the noonday.

30:19 He brings forth the living from the dead, and He brings forth the dead from the living, and He revives the earth after her death. And even so will you be brought forth.

30:20 And of His signs is this: He created you of dust, and behold you were human beings, ranging widely!

30:21 And of His signs is this: He created for you helpmeets from yourselves that you might find rest in them, and He ordained between you love and mercy. Lo! Herein indeed are signs for folk who reflect.

30:22 And of His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the difference of your languages and colors. Lo! Herein indeed are signs for men of knowledge.

30:23 And of His signs is your slumber by night and by day, and your seeking of His bounty. Lo! Herein indeed are signs for folk who take heed.

30:24 And of His signs is this: He shows you the lightning for a fear and for a hope, and sends down water from the sky, and thereby quickens the earth after her death. Lo! Herein indeed are signs for folk who understand.

30:25 And of His signs is this: The heavens and the earth stand fast by His command, and afterward, when He calls you, lo! From the earth you will emerge.

30:26-27 To Him belongs whoever is in the heavens and in the earth. All are obedient to Him. It is He, Who produces creation, then reproduces it and it is easier for Him. His is the Sublime Similitude in the heavens and in the earth. He is the Mighty, the Wise.

30:28-29 He coins for you a similitude of yourselves. Have you, from among those whom your right hands possess, partners in the wealth We have bestowed upon you, equal with you in respect thereof, so that you fear them as you fear each other (that you ascribe to Us partners out of that which We created)? Thus We display the revelations for people who have sense. Nay, but those who do wrong follow their own lusts without knowledge. Who is able to guide him whom God has sent astray? For such there are no helpers.

30:30-32 So set your purpose (O Muhammad) for religion as a man by nature upright - the nature (framed) of God, in which He has created man. There is no altering in (the laws of) God's creation. That is the right religion, but most men know not. turning to Him (only); and be careful of your duty to Him, and establish worship, and be not of those who ascribe partners (to Him); of those who split up their religion and became schismatic, each sect exulting

in its tenets.

30:33-35 And when harm touches men they cry to their, Lord, turning to Him in repentance; then, when they have tasted of His mercy, behold! Some of them attribute partners to their Lord. So as to disbelieve in that which We have given them. (To such it is said:) Enjoy yourselves awhile, but you will come to know. Or have We revealed to them any warrant which speaks of that which they associate with Him?

30:36-37 And when We cause people to taste of mercy they rejoice therein; but if an evil thing befall them as the consequence of their own deeds, lo! They are in despair! See they not that God enlarges the provision for whom He wills, and straitens (it for whom He wills). Lo! Herein indeed are signs for folk who believe.

30:38 So give to the kinsman his due, and to the needy, and to the wayfarer. That is best for those who seek God's Face. And such are they who are successful.

30:39 That which you give in usury in order that it may increase on (other) people's property has no increase with God; but that, which you give in charity, seeking God's Face, has increase manifold.

30:40 God is He Who created you and then sustained you, then causes you to die, then gives life to you again. Is there any of your (so called) partners (of God) that does anything of that? Praised and exalted be He above what they associate (with Him)!

30:41 Corruption does appear on land and sea because of (the evil) which men's hands have done, that He may make them taste a part of that which they have done, in order that they may return.

30:42 Say (O Muhammad to the disbelievers): Travel in the land, and see the nature of the consequence for those who were before you! Most of them were polytheists.

30:43-45 So set your purpose resolutely for the right religion, before the inevitable Day comes from God. On that Day people will be sundered – Whoever disbelieves must (then) bear the consequences of his disbelief, while those who do right make provision for themselves – That He may reward out of His bounty those who believe and do good works. Lo! He loves not the disbelievers (in His guidance).

30:46 And of His signs is this: He sends herald winds to make you taste His mercy, and that the ships may sail at His command, and that you may seek His favor, and that perhaps you may be thankful.

30:47 Verily We sent before you (O Muhammad) Messengers to their own folk. They brought them clear proofs (of God's supreme power). Then We took vengeance upon those who were guilty (in regard to them). To help believers is incumbent upon Us.

30:48-50 God is He Who sends the winds so that they raise clouds, and spreads them along the sky as it pleases Him, and causes them to break and you see the rain pouring down from within them. And when He makes it fall on whom He wills of His bondmen, lo! They rejoice; though before that, even before it was sent down upon them, they were in despair. Look, therefore, at the prints of God's mercy (in creation): how He quickens the earth after her death. Lo! He verily is the Quickener of the dead, and He is Able to do all things.

30:51-53 And if We sent a wind and they beheld it yellow; they verily would still continue in their disbelief. For verily you (O Muhammad) cannot make the dead hear, nor can you make the deaf hear the call when they have turned to flee. Nor can you guide the blind out of their error. You can make none hear except those who believe in Our revelations so that they surrender (to Him as Muslims).

30:54 God is He Who shaped you out of weakness, then appointed after weakness strength, then, after strength, appointed weakness and grey hair. He creates what He wills. He is the Knower, the Mighty.

30:55-57 And on the Day when the Hour rises, the guilty will vow that they did tarry but an hour - thus were they ever deceived. But those to whom knowledge and faith are given, will say: The truth is, you have tarried, by God's decree, until the Day of Resurrection. This is the Day of Resurrection, but you used to know not. In that Day their excuses will not profit those who did injustice, nor will they be allowed to make amends.

30:58-60 Verily We have coined for people in the Quran all kinds of similitude; and indeed if you come to them with a miracle, those who disbelieve would verily exclaim: You are but tricksters! Thus does God seal the hearts of those who know not. So have patience (O Muhammad) God's promise is the very truth, and let not those who have no certainty make you impatient.

31. Luqman (The Wise)

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

31:1-5 *Alif. Lam. Mim.* These are revelations of the Book of Wisdom, a guidance and a mercy for the good, those who establish worship and pay the poor-due and have sure faith in the Hereafter. Such have guidance from their Lord. Such are the successful.

31:6-7 And of people is he who pays for mere pastime of discourse, that he may mislead from God's way without knowledge, and makes it the butt of mockery. For such there is a shameful punishment. And when Our revelations are recited to him he turns away in his arrogance as if he heard them not, as if there were a deafness in his ears. So give him

tidings of a painful punishment.

31:8-9 Lo! Those who believe and do good works, for them are Gardens of Delight, wherein they will abide. It is a promise of God in truth. He is the Mighty, the Wise.

31:10-11 He has created the heavens without supports that you can see, and has cast into the earth firm hills, so that it quakes not with you; and He has dispersed therein all kinds of beasts. And We send down water from the sky and We cause (plants) of every goodly kind to grow therein. This is the Creation of God. Now show me that which those (you worship) beside Him have created. Nay, but the wrongdoers are in error manifest!

31:12 And verily We gave Luqman wisdom, saying: Give thanks to God; and whoever gives thanks, he gives thanks for (the good of) his soul. And whoever refuses - Lo! God is Absolute, Owner of praise.

31:13 And (remember) when Luqman said to his son, when he was exhorting him: O my dear son!

Ascribe no partners to God. Lo! To ascribe partners (to Him) is a tremendous wrong.

31:14-15 And We have enjoined upon man concerning his parents - His mother bears him in weakness upon weakness, and his weaning is in two years - Give thanks to Me and to your parents. To Me is the journeying. But if they fight hard with you to make you ascribe to Me as partner that of which you have no knowledge, then obey them not. Consort with them in the world kindly, and follow the path of him who repents to Me. Then to Me will be your return, and I shall tell you what you used to do.

31:16 O my dear son! Lo! Though it be but the weight of a grain of mustard seed, and though it be in a rock, or in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it forth. God is Subtle, Aware.

31:17-19 O my dear son! Establish worship and enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong, and persevere whatever may befall you. Lo! That is of the patient heart of things. Turn not your cheek in scorn toward folk, nor walk with pertness in the land. Lo! God loves not each braggart boaster. Be modest in your bearing and subdue your voice. Lo! In harshest of all voices is the voice of the donkey.

31:20-21 See you not how God has made serviceable to you whatever is in the skies and whatever is in the earth and has loaded you with His favors both without and within? Yet of people is he who disputes concerning God, without knowledge or guidance or a Scripture giving light. And if it is said to them: Follow that which God has revealed, they say: Nay, but we follow that wherein we found our fathers. What! Even though Satan was inviting them to the punishment of flame?

31:22-23 Whoever surrenders his purpose to God while doing good, he verily has grasped the firm handhold. To God belongs the sequel of all things. And whoever disbelieves, let not his disbelief afflict you (O Muhammad). To Us is their return, and We shall tell them what they did. Lo! God is Aware of what is in the breasts (of men).

31:24-26 We give them comfort for a little, and then We drive them to a heavy punishment. If you should ask them: Who created the heavens and the earth? They would answer: God. Say: Praise be to God! But most of them know not. To God belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth. God, He is the Absolute, the Owner of praise.

31:27 And if all the trees in the earth were pens, and the sea, with seven more seas to help it (were ink), the words of God could not be exhausted. God is Mighty, Wise.

31:28 Your creation and your raising (from the dead) are only as (the creation and the

raising of) a single soul. Lo! God is Hearer, Knower.

31:29-30 Have you not seen how God causes the night to pass into the day and causes the day to pass into the night, and has subdued the sun and the moon (to do their work), each running to an appointed term; and that God is informed of what you do? That (is so) because God, He is the True, and that which they invoke beside Him is the False, and because God, He is the Sublime, the Great.

31:31-32 Have you not seen how the ships glide on the sea by God's grace, that He may show you of His wonders? Lo! Therein indeed are signs for every patient, grateful (heart). And if a wave enshrouds them like awnings, they cry to God, making their faith pure for Him only. But when He brings them safely to land, some of them compromise. None denies Our signs except every traitor ingrate.

31:33 O people! Keep your duty to your Lord and fear a Day when the parent will not be able to avail the child in anything, nor the child to avail the parent. Lo! God's promise is the very truth. Let not the life of the world deceive you, nor let the deceiver deceive you, in regard to God.

31:34 Lo! God! With Him is the knowledge of the Hour. He sends down the rain, and knows that which is in the wombs. No soul knows what it will earn tomorrow, and no soul knows in what land it will die. Lo! God is Knower, Aware.

32. As-Sajdah: The Prostration

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

32:1-3 *Alif. Lam. Mim.* The revelation of the Scripture whereof there is no doubt is from the Lord of the Worlds . Or say they : He has invented it? Nay, but it is the Truth from your Lord that you may warn a folk to whom no warner came before you, that perhaps they may walk aright.

32:4-6 It is God Who created the heavens and the earth, and that which is between them, in six Days. Then He mounted the Throne. You have not, beside Him, a helper (and protector) or mediator. Will you not then remember? He directs the ordinance from the heaven to the earth; then it ascends to Him in a Day, of which the measure is a thousand years of that you reckon. Such is the Knower of the invisible and the visible, the Mighty, the Merciful,

32:7-9 Who made perfect all things which He created, and He began the creation of man from clay; then He made his seed from a draught of despised fluid; then He fashioned him and breathed into him of His spirit; and appointed for you hearing and sight and hearts. Small thanks give you!

32:10-14 And they say: When we are lost in the earth, how can we then be recreated? Nay but they are disbelievers in the meeting with their Lord. Say: The angel of death, who has charge concerning you, will gather you, and afterward to your Lord you will be returned. Could you but see when the guilty hang their heads before their Lord (and say): Our Lord! We have now seen and heard, so send us back; we will do right, now we are sure. And if We had so willed, We could have given every soul its guidance, but the word from Me concerning evildoers took effect: that I will fill Hell with the jinn and people together. So taste (the evil of your deeds). Forasmuch as you forgot the meeting of this your Day, lo! We forget you. Taste the punishment of immortality because of what you used to do.

32:15-16 Only those believe in Our revelations who, when they are reminded of them, fall down prostrate and hymn the praise of their Lord, and they are not arrogant, who forsake

their beds to cry to their Lord in fear and hope, and spend of what we have bestowed on them.

32:17 No soul knows what is kept hidden for them of joy, as a reward for what they used to do.

32:18-22 Is he who is a believer like him who is an evildoer? They are not alike. But as for those who believe and do good works, for them are the Gardens of Retreat - a welcome (in reward) for what they used to do. And as for those who do evil, their retreat is the Fire. Whenever they desire to issue forth from there, they are brought back there. To them it is said: Taste the torment of the Fire, which you used to deny. And verily We make them taste the lower punishment before the greater, that perhaps they may return. And who does greater wrong than he who is reminded of the revelations of his Lord, then turns from them. Lo! We shall requite the guilty.

32:23-25 We verily gave Moses the Scripture; so be not you in doubt of his receiving it; and We appointed it as a guidance for the Children of Israel. And when they became patient and believed firmly in Our revelations, We appointed from among them, leaders who guided by Our command. Lo! Your Lord will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection concerning that wherein they used to differ.

32:26 Is it not a guidance for them (to observe) how many generations He destroyed before them, amid whose dwelling places they do walk? Lo! Therein verily are signs! Will they not then heed?

32:27 Have they not seen how We lead the water to the barren land and with it bring forth crops that their cattle eat, and they themselves? Will they not then see?

32:28-30 And they say: When comes this victory (of yours) if you are truthful? Say (to them): On the day of the victory the faith of those who disbelieve, (and who then will believe), will not avail them, neither will they be reprieved. So withdraw from them (O Muhammad), and await (the event). Lo! They also are awaiting (it)

33. Al-Ahzab: The Clans

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

33:1 O Prophet! Keep your duty to God and obey not the disbelievers and the hypocrites. Lo! God is Knower, Wise.

33:2-3 And follow that which is inspired in you from your Lord. Lo! God is Aware of what you do. And put your trust in God, for God is sufficient as Trustee.

33:4-5 God has not assigned to any man two hearts within his body, nor has he made your wives whom you declare (to be your mothers) your mothers, nor has he made those whom you claim (to be your sons) your sons. This is but a saying of your mouths. But God says the truth and He guides to the right way. Proclaim their real parentage. That will be more equitable in the sight of God. And if you know not their fathers, then (they are) your brethren in the faith, and your clients. And there is no sin for you in the mistakes that you make unintentionally, but what your hearts purpose (that will be a sin for you). God is Forgiving, Merciful.

33:6 The Prophet is closer to the believers than their selves, and his wives are (as) their mothers. And the owners of kinship are closer one to another in the ordinance of God than (other) believers and the immigrants (who migrated from Mecca) except that you should do kindness to your friends. This is written in the Book (of nature).

33:7-8 And when We exacted a covenant from the Prophets, and from you (O Muhammad) and from Noah and Abraham and Moses and Jesus son of Mary. We took from them a solemn covenant; that He may ask the loyal of their loyalty. And He has prepared a painful punishment for the unfaithful.

33:9-14 O you who believe! Remember God's favor to you when there came against you hosts, and We sent against them a great wind and hosts you could not see. And God is ever Seer of what you do. When they came upon you from above you and from below you, and when eyes grew wild and hearts reached to the throats, and you were imagining vain thoughts concerning God. There were the believers sorely tried, and shaken with a mighty shock. And When the hypocrites, and those in whose hearts is a disease, were saying: God and His Messenger promised us nothing but delusion. And when a party of them said: O folk of Yathrib! There is no stand (possible) for you, therefore turn back. And certain of them (even) sought permission of the Prophet, saying: Our homes lie open (to the enemy). And they lay not open. They but wished to flee. If the enemy had entered from all sides and they had been exhorted to treachery, they would have committed it, and would have hesitated thereupon, but little.

33:15-17 And verily they had already sworn to God that they would not turn their backs (to the foe). An oath to God must he answered for. Say: Flight will not avail you if you flee from death or killing, and then you dwell in comfort but a little while. Say: Who is he who can preserve you from God if He intends harm for you, or intends mercy for you. They will not find that they have any protector or helper other than God.

33:18-19 God already knows those of you who hinder, and those who say to their brethren: 'Come you hither to us!' and they come not to the stress of battle except a little, being sparing of their help to you (believers). But when the fear comes, then you (Muhammad) see them regarding you with rolling eyes like one who faints to death. Then, when the fear departs, they scald you with sharp tongues in their greed for wealth (from the spoil). Such have not believed. Therefore God makes their deeds fruitless. And that is easy for God.

33:20 They hold that the clans have not retired (for good); and if the clans should advance (again), they would willingly be in the desert with the wandering Arabs, asking for the news of you and if they were among you, they would not give battle, except a little.

33:21 Verily in the Messenger of God you have a good example for him who looks to God and the last Day, and remembers God much.

33:22-24 And when the true believers saw the clans, they said: This is that which God and His Messenger promised us. God and His Messenger are true. It did but confirm them in their faith and resignation. Of the believers are men who are true to that which they covenanted with God. Some of them have paid their vow by death (in battle), and some of them still are waiting; and they have not altered in the least; that God may reward the true men for their truth, and punish the hypocrites if He wills, or forgive them (if He wills). Lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful.

33:25 And God repulsed the disbelievers in their wrath; they gained no good. God averted their attack from the believers. God is Strong, Mighty.

33:26-27 And He brought those of the People of the Scripture who supported them down from their strongholds, and cast panic into their hearts. You slew some, and some you made captive. And He caused you to inherit their land and their houses and their wealth, and land you have not trodden. God is Able to do all things.

33:28-30 O Prophet! Say to your wives: If you desire the world's life and its adornment, come! I will content you and will release you with a fair release. But if you desire God and His Messenger and the abode of the Hereafter, then lo! God has prepared for the good

among you an immense reward. O you wives of the Prophet! Whosoever of you commits manifest lewdness, the punishment for her will be doubled, and that is easy for God.

33:31-34 And whosoever of you is submissive to God and His Messenger and does right, We shall give her reward twice over, and We have prepared for her a rich provision. O you wives of the Prophet! You are not like any other women. If you keep your duty (to God), then be not soft of speech, lest he in whose heart is a disease aspire (to you), but speak in an honorable manner. And stay in your houses. Bedizen not yourselves with the bedizenment of the Time of Ignorance. Be regular in prayer, and pay the poor-due, and obey God and His Messenger. God's wish is but to remove impurity (of sin) far from you, O Folk of the Household, and cleanse you with a thorough cleansing. And bear in mind that which is recited in your houses of the revelations of God and wisdom. Lo! God is Subtle, Aware.

33:35 Lo! Men who surrender to God, and women who surrender, and men who believe and women who believe, and men who obey and women who obey, and men who speak the truth and women who speak the truth, and men who persevere (in righteousness) and women who persevere, and men who are humble and women who are humble, and men who give alms and women who give alms, and men who fast and women who fast, and men who guard their modesty and women who guard (their modesty), and men who remember God much and women who remember God much. God has prepared for them forgiveness and a vast reward.

33:36 And it is not for a believing man nor a believing woman, when God and His Messenger have decided an affair (for them), that they should (after that) claim any say in their affair; and whoever is rebellious to God and His Messenger, he verily goes astray in error manifest.

33:37 And when you said to him on whom God has conferred favor and you have conferred favor: Keep your wife to yourself, and fear God. And you did hide in your mind that which God was to bring to light, and you did fear people whereas God had a better right that you should fear Him. So when Zeyd had performed the necessary formality (of divorce) from her, We gave her to you in marriage, so that (henceforth) there may be no sin for believers in respect of wives of their adopted sons, when the latter have performed the necessary formality (of release) from them. The commandment of God must be fulfilled.

33:38-40 There is no reproach for the Prophet in that which God makes his due. That was God's way with those who passed away of old - and the commandment of God is certain destiny - those

who delivered the messages of God and feared Him, and feared none except God. God keeps good account. Muhammad is not the father of any man among you, but he is the Messenger of God and the Seal of the Prophets; and God is Aware of all things.

33:41-43 O you who believe! Remember God with much remembrance. And glorify Him early and late. It is He Who blesses you, and His angels (bless you), that He may bring you forth from darkness to light; and He is Merciful to the believers.

33:44 Their salutation on the Day when they shall meet Him will be: Peace. And He has prepared for them a goodly recompense.

33:45-48 O Prophet! Lo! We have sent you as a witness and a bringer of good tidings and a warner And as a summoner to God by His permission, and as a lamp that gives light. And announce to the believers the good tidings that they will have great bounty from God. And incline not to the disbelievers and the hypocrites. Disregard their noxious talk, and put your trust in God. God is sufficient as Trustee.

33:49 O you who believe! If you wed believing women and divorce them before you have touched them, then there is no period that you should reckon. But content them and release them handsomely.

33:50 O Prophet! Lo! We have made lawful to you your wives to whom you have paid their dowries, and those whom your right hand possesses of those whom God has given you as spoils of war, and the daughters of your uncle on the father's side and the daughters of your aunts on the father's side, and the daughters of your uncles on the mother's side who emigrated with you, and a believing woman if she gives herself to the Prophet and the Prophet desires to ask her in marriage – a privilege for you only, not for the (rest of) believers – We are aware of that which We enjoined upon them concerning their wives and those whom their right hands possess. that you may be free from blame, for God is Forgiving, Merciful.

33:51 You can defer whom you will of them and receive to you whom you will, and whomsoever you desire of those whom you have set aside (temporarily), it is no sin for you (to receive her again); that is better; that they may be comforted and not grieved, and may all be pleased with what you give them. God knows what is in your hearts (O men) and God is Forgiving, Forbearing.

33:52 It is not allowed for you to take (other) women henceforth nor that you should change them for other wives even though their beauty pleased you, except those whom your right hand possesses. And God is Watcher over all things.

33:53-54 O you who believe! Enter not the dwellings of the Prophet for a meal without waiting for the proper time, unless permission be granted to you. But if you are invited, enter, and, when, your meal is ended, then disperse. Linger not for conversation. Lo! That would cause annoyance to the Prophet, and he would be shy of (asking) you (to go); but God is not shy of the truth. And when you ask of them (the wives of the Prophet) anything, ask it of them from behind a curtain. That is purer for your hearts and for their hearts. And it is not for you to cause annoyance to the Messenger of God, nor that you should ever marry his wives after him. Lo! That in God's sight would be an enormity. Whether you divulge a thing or keep it hidden, lo! God is ever Knower of all things.

33:55 It is no sin for them (your wives) (to converse freely) with their fathers, or their sons: or their brothers, or their brother's sons, or the sons of their sisters or of their own women, or their slaves. O women! Keep your duty to God. Lo! God is Witness over all things.

33:56 Lo! God and His angels shower blessings on the Prophet. O you who believe! Ask blessings on him and salute him with a worthy salutation.

33:57-58 Lo! Those who malign God and His Messenger, God has cursed them in the world and the Hereafter, and has prepared for them the punishment of the disdained. And those who malign believing men and believing women undeservedly, they bear the guilt of slander and manifest sin.

33:59 O Prophet! Tell your wives and your daughters and the women of the believers to draw their cloaks close round them (when they go abroad). That will be better, so that they may be recognized and not annoyed. God is ever Forgiving, Merciful.

33:60-62 If the hypocrites, and those in whose hearts is a disease, and the alarmists in the city do not cease, We verily shall urge you on against them, then they will be your neighbors in it but a little while. Accursed, they will be seized wherever found and slain with a (fierce) slaughter. That was the way of God in the case of those who passed away of old; you will not find for the way of God anything of power to change.

33:63 Men ask you of the Hour. Say: The knowledge of it is with God only. What can

convey (the knowledge) to you? It may be that the Hour is near.

33:64-68 Lo! God has cursed the disbelievers, and has prepared for them a flaming fire, wherein they will abide forever. They will find (then) neither protector nor helper. On the Day when their faces are turned over in the fire, they say: Oh, would that we had obeyed God and had obeyed His Messenger! And they say: Our Lord! Lo! We obeyed our princes and great men, and they misled us from the Way. Our Lord! Oh, give them double torment and curse them with a mighty curse.

33:69 O you who believe! Be not as those who slandered Moses, but God proved his innocence of that which they alleged, and he was well esteemed in God's sight.

33:70-71 O you who believe! Guard your duty to God, and speak words straight to the point; He will adjust your works for you and will forgive you your sins. Whosoever obeys God and His Messenger, he verily has gained a signal victory.

33:72 Lo! We offered the trust to the heavens and the earth and the hills, but they shrank from bearing it and were afraid of it. And man assumed it. Lo! He has proved a tyrant and a fool.

33:73 God punishes hypocritical men and hypocritical women, and polytheistic men and polytheistic women. But God pardons believing men and believing women, and God is Forgiving, Merciful.

34. Saba: Sheba

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

34:1 Praise be to God, to Whom belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth. His is the praise in the Hereafter, and He is the Wise, the Aware.

34:2 He knows that which goes down into the earth and that which comes forth from it, and that which descends from the heaven and that which ascends into it. He is the Merciful, the Forgiving.

34:3-5 Those who disbelieve say: The Hour will never come to us. Say: Nay, by my Lord, but it is coming to you surely. (He is) the Knower of the Unseen. Not an atom's weight, or less than that or greater, escapes Him in the heavens or in the earth, but it is in a clear Record, that He may reward those who believe and do good works. For them is pardon and a rich provision. But those who strive against Our revelations, challenging (Us), theirs will be a painful punishment of wrath.

34:6 Those who have been given knowledge see that what is revealed to you from your Lord is the truth and guides to the path of the Mighty, the Owner of praise.

34:7-8 Those who disbelieve say: Shall we show you a man who will tell you (that) when you have become dispersed in dust with a most complete dispersal, still, even then, you will be created anew? Has he invented a lie concerning God, or is there in him madness? Nay, but those who disbelieve in the Hereafter are in torment and far error.

34:9 Have they not observed what is before them and what is behind them of the sky and the earth? If We will, We can make the earth swallow them, or cause obliteration from the sky to fall on them. Lo! Herein surely is a sign for every slave who turns (to God) repentant.

34:10-11 And assuredly We gave David grace from Us (saying): O you hills and birds, echo his psalms of praise! And We made the iron supple to him, saying: Make you long coats of mail and measure the links (thereof). And do you right. Lo! I am Seer of what you

do.

34:12-13 And to Solomon (We gave) the wind, whereof the morning course was a month's journey and the evening course a month's journey, and We caused the fount of copper to gush forth for him, and (We gave him) certain of the jinn who worked before him by permission of his Lord. And such of them as deviated from Our command, them We caused to taste the punishment of flaming fire. They made for him what he willed: synagogues and statues, basins like wells and boilers built into the ground. Give thanks, O House of David! Few of My bondmen are thankful.

34:14 And when We decreed death for him, nothing showed his death to them except a creeping creature of the earth which gnawed away his staff. And when he fell the jinn saw clearly how, if they had known the unseen, they would not have continued in despised toil.

34:15-17 There was indeed a sign for Sheba in their dwelling place: Two gardens on the right hand and the left (as who should say): Eat of the provision of your Lord and render thanks to Him. A fair land and an indulgent Lord! But they were froward, so We sent on them the flood of the dam, and in exchange for their two gardens gave them two gardens bearing bitter fruit, the tamarisk and here and there a lote tree. This We awarded them because of their ingratitude. Punish We ever any except the ingrates?

34:18-19 And We set, between them and the towns which We had blessed, towns easy to be seen, and We made the stage between them easy (saying): Travel in them safely both by night and day. But they said: Our Lord! Make the stage between our journeys longer. And they wronged themselves, therefore We made them bywords (in the land) and scattered them abroad, a total scattering. Lo! Herein verily are signs for each patient, grateful (heart).

34:20-23 And Satan indeed found his calculation true concerning them, for they follow him, all except a group of true believers. And he had no warrant whatsoever against them, except that We would know him who believes in the Hereafter from him who is in doubt thereof; and your Lord (O Muhammad) takes note of all things. Say (O Muhammad): Call upon those whom you set up beside God! They possess not an atom's weight either in the heavens or the earth, nor have they any share either, nor has He an auxiliary among them. No intercession avails with Him except for him whom He permits. Yet, when fear is banished from their hearts, they say: What was it that your Lord said? They say: The Truth. And He is the Sublime, the Great.

34:24-26 Say: Who gives you provision from the sky and the earth? Say: God. Lo! We or you assuredly are rightly guided or in error manifest. Say: You will not be asked of what we committed, nor shall we be asked of what you do. Say: Our Lord will bring us all together, and then He will judge between us with truth. He is the All-Knowing Judge.

34:27 Say: Show me those whom you have joined to Him as partners. Nay (you dare not)! For He is God, the Mighty, the Wise.

34:28 And We have not sent you (O Muhammad) except as a bringer of good tidings and a warner to all people; but most of people knows not.

34:29-30 And they say: When is this promise (to be fulfilled) if you are truthful? Say (O Muhammad): Yours is the promise of a Day, which you cannot postpone nor hasten by an hour.

34:31 And those who disbelieve say: We believe not in this Quran nor in that which was before it; but oh, if you could see, when the wrongdoers are brought up before their Lord, how they cast the blame one to another; how those who were despised (in the earth) say to those who were proud: But for you, we should have been believers.

34:32 And those who were proud say to those who were despised: Did we drive you away from the guidance after it had come to you? Nay, but you were guilty.

34:33 Those who were despised say to those who were proud: Nay but (it was your) scheming night and day, when you commanded us to disbelieve in God and set up rivals to Him. And they are filled with remorse when they behold the punishment; and We place shackles on the necks of those who disbelieved. Are they requited anything except what they did?

34:34-35 And We sent not to any township a warner, but its pampered ones declared: Lo! We are disbelievers in that which you bring to us. And they say: We are more (than you) in wealth and children. We are not the punished!

34:36-38 Say (O Muhammad): Lo! My Lord enlarges the provision for whom He wills and narrows it (for whom He wills). But most of people knows not. And it is not your wealth nor your children that will bring you near to Us, but he who believes and does good (he draws near). As for such, theirs will be twofold reward for what they did, and they will dwell secure in lofty halls. And as for those who strive against Our revelations, challenging, they will be brought to the punishment.

34:39 Say: Lo! My Lord enlarges the provision for whom He wills of His bondmen, and narrows (it) for him. And whatsoever you spend (for good) He replaces it. And He is the Best of providers.

34:40-42 And on the Day when He will gather them all together, He will say to the angels: Did these worship you? They will say: Be You glorified. You are our Protector from them! Nay, but they worshipped the jinn; most of them were believers in them. That Day you will possess no use nor hurt one for another. And We shall say to those who did wrong: Taste the punishment of the Fire which you used to deny.

34:43 And if Our revelations are recited to them in plain terms, they say: This is nothing else than a man who would turn you away from what your fathers used to worship; and they say: This is nothing else than an invented lie. Those who disbelieve say of the truth when it reaches them: This is nothing either than mere magic.

34:44-45 And We have given them no Scriptures, which they study, nor sent We to them, before you, any warner. Those before them denied, and these have not attained a tithe of that which We bestowed on them (of old); yet they denied My Messengers. How intense then was My abhorrence (of them)!

34:46 Say (to them, O Muhammad): I exhort you to one thing only: that you awake, for God's sake, by twos and singly, and then reflect: There is no madness in your comrade. He is nothing else than a warner to you in face of a terrific punishment.

34:47 Say: Whatever reward I might have asked of you is yours. My reward is the affair of God only. He is Witness over all things.

34:48 Say: Lo! My Lord hurls the truth. (He is) the Knower of Things Hidden.

34:49-50 Say: The truth has come, and falsehood shows not its face and will not return. Say: If I err, I err only to my own loss, and if I am rightly guided it is because of that which my Lord has revealed to me. Lo! He is Hearer, Near.

34:51-54 Could you but see when they are terrified with no escape, and are seized from near at hand. And say: We (now) believe therein. But how can they reach (faith) from afar off, when they disbelieved in it of yore. They aim at the unseen from afar off. And a gulf is set between them and that which they desire, as was done for people of their kind of old. Lo! They were in hopeless doubt.

35. Al-Mala'ikah: The Creator of Angels

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

35:1 Praise be to God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, who appoints the angels messengers having wings two, three and four. He multiplies in creation what He wills. Lo! God is Able to do all things.

35:2 That which God opens to people of mercy none can withhold it; and that which He withholds none can release thereafter. He is the Mighty, the Wise.

35:3-4 O people! Remember God's grace toward you! Is there any creator other than God who provides for you from the sky and the earth? None should be worshipped but God alone. Where then are you turned? And if they deny you, (O Muhammad), Messengers (of God) were denied before you. To God all things are brought back.

35:5-6 O people! Lo! The promise of God is true. So let not the life of the world deceive you, and let not the (avowed) deceiver (Satan) deceive you with regard to God. Lo! Satan is an enemy for you, so treat him as an enemy. He only summons his faction to be inhabitants of the flaming Fire.

35:7 Those who disbelieve, theirs will be an awful punishment; and those who believe and do good works, theirs will be forgiveness and a great reward.

35:8 Is he, the evil of whose deeds is made fair seeming to him so that he deems it good, (other than Satan's dupe)? God verily sends whom He wills astray, and guides whom He wills, so let not your soul expire in sighing for them. Lo! God is Aware of what they do!

35:9 And it is God Who sends the winds and they raise a cloud; then We lead it to a dead land and revive therewith the earth after its death. Such is the Resurrection.

35:10 Whoever desires power (should know that) all power belongs to God. To Him good words ascend, and the pious deed does He exalt; but those who plot iniquities, theirs will be an awful punishment; and the plotting of such (folk) will come to nothing.

35:11 God created you from dust, and then from a little fluid, and then He made you pairs (the male and female). No female bears or brings forth except with His knowledge. And no one grows old who grows old, nor is anything lessened of his life, but it is recorded in a Book. Lo! That is easy for God.

35:12 And two seas are not alike: this, fresh, sweet, good to drink, this (other) bitter salt. And from them both you eat fresh meat and derive the ornaments that you wear. And you see the ship cleaving them with its prow that you may seek of His bounty, and that perhaps you may give thanks.

35:13-14 He makes the night to pass into the day and He makes the day to pass into the night. He has subdued the sun and moon to service. Each runs to an appointed term. Such is God, your Lord; His is the supreme power; and those to whom you pray instead of Him own not so much as the white spot on a date stone. If you pray to them they hear not your prayer, and if they heard they could not grant it to you. On the Day of Resurrection they will disown association with you. None can inform you like Him Who is Aware.

35:15 O people! You are poor in your relation to God. And God! He is the Absolute, the Owner of praise.

35:16-17 If He will, He can be rid of you and bring (instead of you) some new creation. That is not a hard thing for God.

35:18 And no burdened soul can bear another's burden, and if one heavy laden cries for (help with) his load, nothing of it will be lifted even though he (to whom he cries) be of kin. You warn only those who fear their Lord in secret, and have established worship. He who grows (in goodness), grows only for himself, (he cannot by his merit redeem others). To God is the journeying.

35:19-22 The blind man is not equal with the seer; nor is darkness (tantamount to) light; nor is the shadow equal with the sun's full heat; nor are the living equal with the dead. Lo! God makes whom He wills to hear. You cannot reach those who are in the graves.

35:23-26 You are but a warner. Lo! We have sent you with the Truth, a bearer of glad tidings and a warner; and there is not a nation but a warner has passed among them. And if they deny you: those before them also denied. Their Messengers came to them with clear proofs (of God's supreme power), and with the Psalms and the Scripture giving light. Then seized I those who disbelieved, and how intense was My abhorrence!

35:27-28 Have you not seen that God causes water to fall from the sky, and We produce therewith fruit of diverse hues; and among the hills are streaks white and red, of diverse hues, and (others) raven black; and of men and beasts and cattle, in like manner, diverse hues? The erudite among His bondsmen fear God alone. Lo! God is Mighty, Forgiving.

35:29-30 Lo! Those who read the Scripture of God, and establish worship, and spend of that which We have bestowed on them secretly and openly, they look forward to imperishable gain, that He will pay them their wages and increase them of His grace. Lo! He is Forgiving, Responsive.

35:31 As for that which We inspire in you of the Scripture, it is the Truth confirming that which was (revealed) before it. Lo! God is indeed Observer, Seer of his slaves.

35:32-35 Then We gave the Scripture as inheritance to those whom We elected of our bondmen. But of them are some who wrong themselves and of them are some who are lukewarm and of them are some who outstrip (others) through good deeds, by God's leave. That is the great favor! Gardens of Eden! They enter them wearing armlets of gold and pearl and their raiment therein is silk. And they say: Praise be to God who has put grief away from us. Lo! Our Lord is Forgiving, Bountiful, Who, of His grace, has installed us in the mansion of eternity, where toil touches us not nor can weariness affect us.

35:36-38 But as for those who disbelieve, for them is the fire of Hell; it takes not complete effect upon them so that they can die, nor is its torment lightened for them. Thus We punish every ingrate. And they cry for help there (saying): Our Lord! Release us; we will do right, not (the wrong) that we used to do. Did not We grant you a life long enough for who reflected to reflect therein? And the warner came to you. Now taste (the flavor of your deeds), for evildoers have no helper. Lo! God is the Knower of the Unseen of the heavens and the earth. Lo! He is Aware of the secret of (men's) breasts.

35:39 It is He Who has made you regents in the earth; so he who disbelieves, his disbelief be on his own head. Their disbelief increases for the disbelievers, in their Lord's sight, nothing except abhorrence. Their disbelief increases for the disbelievers nothing except loss.

35:40-41 Say: Have you seen your partner gods to whom you pray beside God? Show me what they created of the earth! Or have they any portion in the heavens? Or have We given them a Scripture so that they act on clear proof therefrom? Nay, the evildoers promise one another only to deceive. Lo! God grasps the heavens and the earth that they deviate not, and if they were to deviate there is not one that could grasp them after Him.

Lo! He is ever Forbearing, Forgiving.

35:42-43 And they swore by God, their most binding oath, that if a warner came to them they would be more tractable than any of the nations; yet, when a warner came to them it aroused in them nothing except repugnance, (shown in their) behaving arrogantly in the land and plotting evil; and the evil plot encloses but the men who make it. Then, can they expect anything except the treatment of the folk of old? You will not find for God's way of treatment any substitute, nor will you find for God's way of treatment anything of power to change.

35:44 Have they not traveled in the land and seen the nature of the consequence for those who were before them, and they were mightier than these in power? God is not such that anything in the heavens or in the earth escapes Him. Lo! He is the Wise, the Mighty.

35:45 If God took people to task by that which they deserve, He would not leave a living creature on the surface of the earth; but He reprieves them to an appointed term, and when their term comes – then verily (they will know that) God is ever Seer of His slaves.

36. Ya-Sin (Abbreviated Letters)

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

36:1-6 *Ya Sin*. By the Quran full of wisdom, lo! You are of those sent on a straight path, a revelation of the Mighty, the Merciful, that you may warn a folk whose fathers were not warned, so they are heedless.

36:7-11 Already has the word proved true of most of them, for they believe not. Lo! We have put on their necks shackles reaching to the chins, so that they are made stiff necked. And We have set a bar before them and a bar behind them, and (thus) have covered them so that they see not. Whether you warn them or you warn them not, it is alike for them, for they believe not. You warn only him who follows the Reminder and fears the Beneficent in secret. To him bear tidings of forgiveness and a rich reward.

36:12 Lo! We it is Who bring the dead to life. We record that which they send before (them), and their footprints. And all things We have kept in a clear register.

36:13-19 Coin for them a similitude: The people of the city when those sent (from God) came to them; when We sent to them both, and they denied them both, so We reinforced them with a third, and they said; Lo! We have been sent to you. They said: You are but mortals like to us. The Beneficent has revealed nothing. You do but lie! They answered: Our Lord knows that we are indeed sent to you, and our duty is but plain conveyance (of the message). (The people of the city) said: We augur ill of you. If you desist not, we shall surely stone you, and grievous torture will befall you at our hands. They said: Your evil augury be with you! Is it because you are reminded (of the truth)? Nay, but you are froward folk?

36:20-27 And there came from the uttermost part of the city a man running. He cried: O my people! Follow those who have been sent! Follow those who ask of you no fee, and who are rightly guided. For what cause should I not worship Him Who has created me, and to Whom you will be brought back? Shall I take (other) gods in place of Him when, if the Beneficent should wish me any harm, their intercession will avail me nothing, nor can they save? Then truly I should be in error manifest. Lo! I have believed in your Lord, so hear me! It was said (to him): Enter Paradise. He said: Would that my people knew with what (munificence) my Lord has pardoned me and made me of the honored ones!

36:28-32 We sent not down against his people after him a host from heaven, nor do We

ever send. It was but one shout, and lo! They were extinct. Ah, the anguish for the bondmen! Never came there to them a Messenger but they did mock him! Have they not seen how many generations We destroyed before them, which indeed return not to them; but all, without exception, will be brought before Us.

36:33-36 A sign to them is the dead earth. We revive it, and We bring forth from it grain so that they eat thereof; and We have placed therein gardens of the date palm and grapes, and We have caused springs of water to gush forth therein. That they may eat of the fruit thereof, and their hand made it not. Will they not, then, give thanks? Glory be to Him Who created all the sexual pairs, of that which the earth grows, and of themselves, and of that which they know not!

36:37-38 A sign to them is night. We strip it of the day, and lo! They are in darkness. And the sun runs on to a resting place for him. That is the measuring of the Mighty, the Wise.

36:39-40 And for the moon We have appointed mansions till she return like an old shriveled palm leaf. It is not for the sun to overtake the moon, nor does the night outstrip the day. They float each in an orbit.

36:41-45 And a sign to them is that We bear their offspring in the laden ship, and have created for them of the like thereof whereon they ride. And if We will, We drown them, and there is no help for them, neither can they be saved; unless by mercy from Us and as comfort for a while. When it is said to them: Beware of that which is before you and that which is behind you, that perhaps you may find mercy (they are heedless).

36:46-48 Never came a sign of the signs of their Lord to them, but they did turn away from it! And when it is said to them: Spend of that wherewith God has provided you, those who disbelieve say to those who believe: Shall we feed those whom God, if He willed, would feed? You are in nothing else than error manifest. And they say: When will this promise be fulfilled, if you are truthful?

36:49-52 They await but one shout, which will surprise them while they are disputing. Then they cannot make bequest, nor can they return to their own folk. And the Trumpet is blown and lo! From the graves they come to their Lord, crying: Woe upon us! Who has raised us from our place of sleep? This is that which the Beneficent did promise, and the Messengers spoke truth.

36:53-54 It is but one shout, and behold them brought together before Us! This Day no soul is wronged in anything; nor are you requited anything except what you used to do.

36:55-58 Lo! Those who merit Paradise this day are happily employed, they and their wives, in pleasant shade, on thrones reclining; theirs the fruit (of their good deeds) and theirs (all) that they ask; the word from a Merciful Lord (for them) is: Peace!

36:59-64 O you guilty ones stand apart this day! Did I not charge you, O you sons of Adam, that you worship not Satan – Lo! He is your open foe! – but that you worship Me? That was the right path. Yet he has led astray of you a great multitude. Had you then no sense? This is Hell, which you were promised (if you followed him). Burn therein this Day for that you disbelieved.

36:65-68 This Day We seal up mouths, and hands speak out and feet bear witness as to what they used to earn. And had We willed, We verily could have quenched their eyesight so that they should struggle for the way. Then how could they have seen? And had We willed, We verily could have fixed them in their place, making them powerless to go forward or turn back. He whom We bring to old age, We reverse him in creation (making him go back to weakness after strength). Have you then no sense?

36:69-70 And we have not taught him (Muhammad) poetry, nor is it appropriate for him.

This is nothing else than a Reminder and a Lecture making plain, to warn whosoever lives, and that the word may be fulfilled against the disbelievers.

36:71-73 Have they not seen how We have created for them of Our handiwork the cattle, so that they are their owners, and have subdued them to them, so that some of them they have for riding, some for food? Benefits and (diverse) drinks have they from them. Will they not then give thanks?

36:74-75 And they have taken (other) gods beside God, in order that they may be helped. It is not in their power to help them; but they (the worshippers) are to them a host in arms.

36:76 So let not their speech grieve you (O Muhammad). Lo! We know what they conceal and what proclaim.

36:77-81 Has not man seen that We have created him from a drop of seed? Yet lo! He is an open opponent. And he has coined for Us a similitude, and has forgotten the fact of his creation, saying: Who will revive these bones when they have rotted away? Say: He will revive them Who produced them at the first, for He is Knower of every creation, Who has appointed for you fire from the green tree, and behold! You kindle from it. Is not He Who created the heavens and the earth Able to create the like of them? Aye, that He is! For He is the All-Wise Creator,

36:82-83 But His command, when He intends a thing, is only that he says to it: Be! And it is. Therefore glory be to Him in Whose Hand is the dominion over all things! To Him you will be brought back.

37. As-Saffat: Those Who Set The Ranks

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

37:1-5 By those who set the ranks in battle order, and those who drive away (the wicked) with reproof, and those who read (the Word) for a reminder, lo! Your Lord is surely One. Lord of the heavens and of the earth and all that is between them, and Lord of the sun's risings.

37:6-10 Lo! We have adorned the lowest heaven with an ornament, the planets: With security from every froward devil. They cannot listen to the Highest Chiefs for they are pelted from every side, outcast, and theirs is a perpetual torment; except him who snatches a fragment, and there pursues him a piercing flame.

37:11-17 Then ask them (O Muhammad): Are they stronger as a creation, or those (others) whom We have created? Lo! We created them of plastic clay. Nay, but you do marvel when they mock, and heed not when they are reminded, and seek to scoff when they behold a sign. And they say: lo! This is mere magic; when we are dead and have become dust and bones, shall we then, forsooth, be raised (again)? And our forefathers?

37:18 Say (O Muhammad): Yes, in truth; and you will be brought low.

37:19-21 There is but one shout, and lo! They behold and say: Ah, woe for us! This is the Day of Judgment. This is the Day of Separation, which you used to deny.

37:22-27 (And it is said to the angels:) Assemble those who did wrong, together with their wives and what they used to worship instead of God, and lead them to the path to Hell; and stop them, for they must be questioned. What ails you that you help not one another? Nay, but this Day they make full submission. And some of them draw near to others,

mutually questioning.

37:28-32 They say: Lo! You used to come to us, imposing, (swearing that you spoke the truth). They answer: Nay, but you (yourselves) were not believers. We had no power over you, but you were wayward folk. Now the Word of our Lord has been fulfilled concerning us. Lo! We are about to taste (the punishment). Thus we misled you. Lo! We were (ourselves) astray.

37:33-36 Then lo! This Day they (both) are sharers in the punishment. Lo! Thus deal We with the guilty. For when it was said to them, none should be worshipped but God alone, they were arrogant. And said: Shall we forsake our gods for a mad poet?

37:37-49 Nay, but he brought the Truth, and he confirmed those sent (before him). Lo! (Now) verily you taste the painful punishment – You are requited nothing except what you did – except single-minded slaves of God; for them there is a known provision, fruits. And they will be honored in the Gardens of Delight, on couches facing one another; a cup from a gushing spring is brought round for them, white, delicious to the drinkers, wherein there is no headache nor are they made mad thereby. And with them are those of modest gaze, with lovely eyes, (pure) as they were hidden eggs (of the ostrich).

37:50-57 And some of them draw near to others, mutually questioning. A speaker of them says: Lo! I had a comrade who used to say: Are you in truth of those who put faith (in his words)? Can we, when we are dead and have become mere dust and bones. can we (then) verily be brought to book? He says: Will you look? Then looks he and sees him in the depth of Hell. He says: By God, you verily did all but cause my ruin, and had it not been for the favor of my Lord, I too had been of those haled forth (to punishment).

37:58-61 Are we then not to die except our former death, and are we not to be punished? Lo! This is the supreme triumph. For the like of this, then, let the workers work.

37:62-68 Is this better as a welcome, or the tree of Zaqqum? Lo! We have appointed it a torment for wrongdoers. Lo! It is a tree that springs in the heart of Hell ; its crop is as it were the heads of devils. And lo! They verily must eat thereof , and fill (their) bellies therewith. And afterward, lo! Thereupon they have a drink of boiling water. And afterward, lo! Their return is surely to Hell. 37:69-74 They indeed found their fathers astray, but they make haste (to follow) in their footsteps. And verily most of the men of old went astray before them, and verily We sent among them warners. Then see the nature of the consequence for those warned, except singled-minded slaves of God.

37:75-82 And Noah verily prayed to Us, and gracious was the Hearer of his prayer. And We saved him and his household from the great distress, and made his seed the survivors, and left for him among the later folk (the salutation): Peace be to Noah among the peoples! Lo! Thus do We reward the good. Lo! He is one of Our believing slaves. Then We did drown the others.

37:83-113 And lo! Of his persuasion verily was Abraham. When he came to his Lord with a whole heart; when he said to his father and his folk: What is it that you worship? Is it a falsehood – gods beside God – that you desire? What then is your opinion of the Lord of the Worlds? And he glanced a glance at the stars. Then said: Lo! I feel sick! And they turned their backs and went away from him. Then turned he to their gods and said: Will you not eat? What ails you that you speak not? Then he attacked them, striking with his right hand. And (his people) came toward him, hastening. He said: Worship you that which you yourselves do carve when God has created you and what you make? They said: Build for him a building and fling him in the red hot fire. And they designed a snare for him, but We made them the undermost. And he said: Lo! I am going to my Lord Who will guide me. My Lord! Give me of the righteous. So We gave him tidings of a gentle son – And when (his son) was old enough to walk with him, (Abraham) said: O my dear son, I have seen in a dream that I must sacrifice you. So look, what think you? He said: O my

father! Do that which you are commanded. God willing, you shall find me of the patient. Then, when they had both surrendered (to God), and he had flung him down upon his face, We called to him: O Abraham: You have already fulfilled the vision. Lo! Thus do We reward the good. Lo! That verily was a clear test. Then We ransomed him with a tremendous victim. And We left for him among the later folk (the salutation): Peace be to Abraham! Thus do We reward the good. Lo! He is one of Our believing slaves. And We gave him tidings of the birth of Isaac, a Prophet of the righteous. And We blessed him and Isaac. And of their seed are some who do good, and some who plainly wrong themselves.

37:114-122 And We verily gave grace to Moses and Aaron, and saved them and their people from the great distress, and helped them so that they became the victors. And We gave them the clear Scripture, and showed them the right path. And We left for them, among the later folk (the salutation): Peace be to Moses and Aaron! Lo! Thus do We reward the good. Lo! They are two of our believing slaves.

37:123-132 And lo! Elias was of those sent (to warn), when he said to his folk: Will you not fear (God)? Will you cry to Baal and forsake the Best of Creators, God, your Lord and Lord of your forefathers? But they denied him, so they surely will be haled forth (to the punishment) except single-minded slaves of God. And we left for him among the later folk (the salutation): Peace be to Elias! Lo! Thus do We reward the good. Lo! He is one of our believing slaves.

37:133-138 And lo! Lot verily was of those sent (to warn), when We saved him and his household, every one, except an old woman among those who stayed behind; then We destroyed the others. And Lo! You verily pass by (the ruin of) them in the morning and at night time; have you then no sense?

37:139-148 And lo! Jonah verily was of those sent (to warn) when he fled to the laden ship, and then drew lots and was of those rejected; and the fish swallowed him while he was blameworthy; and had he not been one of those who glorify (God), he would have tarried in its belly till the Day when they are raised; then We cast him on a desert shore while he was sick; and We caused a tree of gourd to grow above him; and We sent him to a hundred thousand (folk) or more and they believed, therefore We gave them comfort for a while.

37:149-157 Now ask them (O Muhammad): Has your Lord daughters whereas they have sons? Or created We the angels females while they were present? Lo! It is of their falsehood that they say: God has begotten. And lo! Verily they tell a lie. (And again of their falsehood): He has preferred daughters to sons. What ails you? How judge you? Will you not then reflect? Or have you a clear warrant? Then produce your writ, if you are truthful.

37:158-163 And they imagine kinship between him and the jinn, whereas the jinn know well that they will be brought before (Him). Glorified be God from that which they attribute (to Him), except single-minded slaves of God. Lo! Verily, you and that which you worship, you cannot excite (anyone) against Him except him who is to burn in Hell.

37:164-166 There is not one of us but has his known position. Lo! We, even we are they who set the ranks. Lo! We, even we are they who hymn His praise.

37:167-173 And indeed they used to say: If we had but a reminder from the men of old, we would be single-minded slaves of God. Yet (now that it has come) they disbelieve therein: but they will come to know. And verily Our Word went forth of old to Our bondsmen sent (to warn) that they verily would be helped, and that Our host, they verily would be the victors.

37:174-177 So withdraw from them (O Muhammad) awhile and watch, for they will

(soon) see. Would they hasten on Our punishment? But when it comes home to them, then it will be an evil morn for those who have been warned.

37:178-182 Withdraw from them awhile and watch, for they will (soon) see. Glorified be your Lord, the Lord of majesty, from that which they attribute (to Him). And peace be to those sent (to warn). And praise be to God, Lord of the Worlds!

38. Sad (Abbreviated Letter)

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

38:1 *Sad* . By the renowned Quran, nay, but those who disbelieve are in false pride and schism.

38:3-11 How many a generation We destroyed before them, and they cried out when it was no longer the time for escape! And they marvel that a warner from among themselves has come to them, and the disbelievers say: This is a wizard, a charlatan. Makes he the gods One God? Lo! That is an astounding thing. The chiefs among them go about, exhorting: Go and be staunch to your gods! Lo! This is a thing designed. We have not heard of this in later religion. This is nothing but an invention. Has the reminder been revealed to him (alone) among us? Nay, but they are in doubt concerning My reminder; nay but they have not yet tasted My punishment. Or are theirs the treasures of the mercy of your Lord, the Mighty, the Bestower? Or is the kingdom of the heavens and the earth and all that is between them theirs? Then let them ascend by ropes! A defeated host are (all) the factions that are there.

38:12-16 The folk of Noah before them denied (their Messenger) and (so did the tribe of) Aad, and Pharaoh firmly planted, and (the tribe of) Thamud; and the folk of Lot, and the dwellers in the wood: these were the factions. Not one of them but did deny the Messengers, therefore My punishment was justified, these wait for but one shout, there will be no second thereto. They say: Our Lord! Hasten on for us our fate before the Day of Reckoning.

38:17-20 Have patience with what they say, and remember Our bondsman David, lord of might. Lo! He was ever turning in repentance (toward God). Lo! We subdued the hills to hymn the praises (of their Lord) with him at nightfall and sunrise, and the birds assembled; all were turning to Him. We made his kingdom strong and gave him wisdom and decisive speech.

38:21-26 And has the story of the litigants come to you? How they climbed the wall into the royal chamber; how they burst in upon David, and he was afraid of them. They said Be not afraid (We are) two litigants, one of whom has wronged the other, therefore judge aright between us; be not unjust; and guide us to the fair way. Lo! This brother of mine has ninety and nine ewes while I had one ewe; and he said: Entrust it to me, and he conquered me in speech. (David) said: He has wronged you in demanding your ewe in addition to his ewes, and lo! Many partners oppress one another, except such as believe and do good works, and they are few. And David guessed that We had tried him, and he sought forgiveness of his Lord, and he bowed himself and fell down prostrate and repented. So We forgave him that; and lo! He had access to Us and a happy journey's end. (And it was said to him): O David! Lo! We have set you as a viceroy in the earth; therefore judge aright between people, and follow not desire that it deceive you from the way of God. Lo! Those who wander from the way of God have an awful punishment, forasmuch as they forgot the Day of Reckoning.

38:27 And We created not the heaven and the earth and all that is between them in vain. That is the opinion of those who disbelieve. And woe to those who disbelieve, from the

Fire!

38:28 Shall We treat those who believe and do good works as those who spread corruption in the earth; or shall We treat the pious as the wicked?

38:29 (This is) a Scripture that We have revealed to you, full of blessing, that they may ponder its revelations, and that men of understanding may reflect.

38:30-40 And We bestowed on David, Solomon. How excellent a slave! Lo! He was ever turning in repentance (toward God). When there were shown to him at eventide light-footed coursers and he said: Lo! I have preferred the good things (of the world) to the remembrance of my Lord; till they were taken out of sight behind the curtain. (Then he said:) Bring them back to me, and fell to slashing (with his sword their) legs and necks. And verily We tried Solomon, and set upon his throne a (mere) body. Then did he repent. He said: My Lord! Forgive me and bestow on me kingdom such shall not belong to any after me. Lo! You are the Bestower. So We made the wind subservient to him, setting fair by his command wherever he intended. And the unruly, every builder and diver (made We subservient), and others linked together in chains, (saying:) This is Our gift, so bestow you, or withhold, without reckoning. And lo! He has favor with Us, and a happy journey's end.

38:41-44 And make mention (O Muhammad) of Our bondman Job, when he cried to his Lord (saying): Lo! Satan does afflict me with distress and torment. (And it was said to him:) Strike the ground with your foot. This (spring) is a cool bath and a refreshing drink. And We bestowed on him (again) his household and therewith the like thereof, a mercy from Us, and a memorial for men of understanding. And (it was said to him): Take in your hand a branch and smite therewith, and break not your oath. Lo! We found him patient, how excellent a slave! Lo! He was ever turning in repentance (to his Lord).

38:45-47 And make mention of our bondsmen, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, men of parts and vision. Lo! We purified them with a pure thought, remembrance of the Home (of the Hereafter). Lo! In Our sight they are verily of the elect, the excellent.

38:48-49 And make mention of Ishmael and Elisha and Dhul-Kifl. All are of the chosen. This is a reminder. And lo! For the pious is a happy journey's end.

38:50-55 Gardens of Eden, whereof the gates are opened for them. Wherein, reclining, they call for plenteous fruit and cool drink (that is) therein. And with them are those of modest gaze, companions. This it is that you are promised for the Day of Reckoning. Lo! This in truth is Our provision, which will never waste away. This (is for the righteous). And lo! For the transgressors there will be an evil journey's end.

38:56-59 Hell, where they will burn, an evil resting place. Here is a boiling and an ice-cold draught, so let them taste it, and other (torment) of the kind in pairs (the two extremes)! Here is an army rushing blindly with you. (Those who are already in the Fire say:) No word of welcome for them. Lo! They will roast at the Fire.

38:60-64 They say: Nay, but you (misleaders), for you there is no word of welcome. You prepared this for us (by your misleading). Now evil is the plight. They say: Our Lord! Whoever did prepare this for us, oh; give him double portion of the Fire! And they say: What ails us that we behold not men whom we were wont to count among the wicked? Did we take them (wrongly) for a laughing stock, or have our eyes missed them? Lo! that is very truth: the wrangling of the dwellers in the Fire.

38:65 Say (to them, O Muhammad): I am only a warner, and none should be worshipped but God alone, the One, the Absolute,

38:66 Lord of the heavens and the earth and all that is between them, the Mighty, the

Pardoning.

38:67-70 Say: It is tremendous tidings whence you turn away! I had no knowledge of the Highest Chiefs when they disputed; it is revealed to me only that I may be a plain warner.

38:71-74 When your Lord said to the angels: lo! I am about to create a mortal out of mire, and when I have fashioned him and breathed into him of My spirit, then fall down before him prostrate, the angels fell down prostrate, every one. Except Iblis, he was arrogant and became one of the disbelievers.

38:75-85 He said: O Iblis! What hinders you from falling prostrate before that which I have created with both My hands? Are you too proud or are you of the high exalted? He said: I am better than him. You created me of fire, while him You did create of clay. He said: Go forth from hence, for lo! You are outcast, and lo! My curse is on you till the Day of Judgment. He said: My Lord! Reprieve me till the Day when they are raised. He said: Lo! You are of those reprieved until the day of the time appointed. He said: Then, by Your might, I surely will deceive them every one, except Your single-minded slaves among them. He said: The truth is, and the truth I speak, that I shall fill Hell with you and with such of them as follow you, together.

38:86-88 Say (O Muhammad to people): I ask of you no fee for this, and I am no impostor. Lo! It is nothing else than a reminder for all peoples. And you will come in time to know the truth thereof.

39. Az-Zumar: The Troops

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

39:1 The revelation of the Scripture is from God, the Mighty, the Wise.

39:2-3 Lo! We have revealed the Scripture to you (O Muhammad) with truth; so worship God, making religion pure for Him (only). Surely pure religion is for God only. And those who choose helpers (and protectors) beside Him (say): We worship them only that they may bring us near to God. Lo! God will judge between them concerning that wherein they differ. Lo! God guides not him who is a liar, an ingrate.

39:4 If God had willed to choose a son, he could have chosen what he would of that which He has created. Be He glorified! He is God, the One, the Absolute.

39:5 He has created the heavens and the earth with truth. He makes night to succeed day, and He makes day to succeed night, and He constrains the sun and the moon to give service, each running on for an appointed term. Is not He the Mighty, the Forgiver?

39:6 He created you from one being, then from that (being) He made its mate; and He has provided for you of cattle eight kinds. He created you in the wombs of your mothers, creation after creation, in a threefold gloom. Such is God, your Lord. His is the supreme power. None should be worshipped but God alone. How then are you turned away?

39:7 If you are thankless, yet God is Independent of you, though He is not pleased with thanklessness for His bondmen; and if you are thankful He is pleased therewith for you. No laden soul will bear another's load. Then to your Lord is your return; and He will tell you what you used to do. Lo! He knows what is in the breasts (of men).

39:8 And when some hurt touches man, he cries to his Lord, turning to Him (repentant). Then, when He grants him a boon from Him, he forgets that for which he cried to Him before, and sets up rivals to God that he may deceive (men) from His way. Say (O

Muhammad, to such a one): Take pleasure in your disbelief a while. Lo! You are of the inhabitants of the Fire.

39:9 Is he who pays adoration in the watches of the night, prostrate and standing, beware of the Hereafter and hoping for the mercy of his Lord, (to be accounted equal with a disbeliever)? Say (to them, O Muhammad): Are those who know equal with those who know not? But only men of understanding will pay heed.

39:10 Say: O My bondmen who believe! Observe your duty to your Lord. For those who do good in this world there is good, and God's earth is spacious. Verily the patient will be paid their wages without limit.

39:11-12 Say (O Muhammad): Lo! I am commanded to worship God, making religion pure for Him (only). And I am commanded to be the first of Muslims (those who surrender to Him).

39:13-14 Say: Lo! If I should disobey my Lord, I fear the punishment of a tremendous Day. Say: God I worship, making my religion pure for Him (only).

39:15-16 Then worship what you will beside Him. Say: The losers will be those who lose themselves and their house folk on the Day of Resurrection. Ah, that will be the manifest loss! They have an awning of fire above them and beneath them a dais (of fire). With this does God appall His bondmen. O My bondmen, therefore fear Me!

39:17-18 And those who put away false gods lest they should worship them and turn to God in repentance, for them there are glad tidings. Therefore give good tidings (O Muhammad) to my bondmen who hear advice and follow the best thereof. Such are those whom God guides, and such are men of understanding.

39:19-20 Is he on whom the Word of punishment is fulfilled (to be helped), and can you (O Muhammad) rescue him who is in the Fire? But those who keep their duty to their Lord, for them are lofty halls with lofty halls above them, built (for them), beneath which rivers flow. (It is) a promise of God. God fails not His promise.

39:21 Have you not seen how God has sent down water from the sky and has caused it to penetrate the earth as water springs, and afterward thereby produces crops of diverse hues; and afterward they wither and you see them turn yellow; then He makes them chaff. Lo! Herein verily is a reminder for men of understanding.

39:22 Is he whose bosom God has expanded for Islam (surrender to Him), so that he follows a light from His Lord, (as he who disbelieves)? Then woe to those whose hearts are hardened against remembrance of God. Such are in plain error.

39:23 God has now revealed the best of Scriptures, a Book with parts resembling each other (and)

frequently repeated, which raises the hair on the skins of those who fear their Lord, so that their flesh and their hearts soften to the remembrance of God. That is the guidance of God, He guides with it whom He pleases; and whom God leaves astray, for him there is no guide.

39:24 Is he then, who will strike his face against the awful punishment upon the Day of Resurrection (as he who does right)? And it will be said to the wrongdoers: Taste what you used to earn.

39:25-26 Those before them denied, and so the punishment came on them whence they knew not. Thus God made them taste humiliation in the life of the world, and verily the punishment of the Hereafter will be greater if they did but know.

39:27-28 And verily We have coined for people in this Quran all kinds of similitudes, that perhaps they may reflect; a Lecture in Arabic, containing no crookedness, that perhaps they may adopt piety.

39:29 God coins a similitude: A man in relation to whom are several part-owners, quarrelling, and a man belonging wholly to one man. Are the two equal in similitude? Praise be to God! But most of them know not.

39:30-31 Lo! You will die, and lo! They will die; then lo! On the Day of Resurrection, before your Lord you will dispute.

39:32 And who does greater wrong than he who tells a lie against God, and denies the truth when it reaches him? Will not the home of disbelievers be in Hell?

39:33-31 And whoever brings the truth and believes therein – such are the dutiful. They shall have what they will of their Lord's bounty. That is the reward of the good: That God will expiate from them the worst of what they did, and will pay them for reward of the best they used to do. Will not God defend His slave? Yet they would frighten you with those beside Him. He whom God sends astray, for him there is no guide. And he whom God guides, for him there can be no misleader. Is not God Mighty, Able to requite (the wrong)?

39:38 And verily, if you should ask them: Who created the heavens and the earth? They will say: God. Say: Do you think then of those you worship beside God, if God willed some hurt for me, could they remove from me His hurt; or if He willed some mercy for me, could they restrain His mercy? Say: God is my all. In Him do (all) the trusting put their trust.

39:39-40 Say: O my people! Act in your manner. I too am acting. Thus you will come to know who it is to whom comes a punishment that will abase him, and on whom there falls everlasting punishment.

39:41 Lo! We have revealed to you (Muhammad) the Scripture for people with truth. Then whosoever goes right it is for his soul, and whosoever strays, strays only to his hurt. And you are not a warder over them.

39:42 God receives (men's) souls at the time of their death, and that (soul), which dies not (yet) in its sleep. He keeps that (soul) for which He has ordained death and dismisses the rest till an

appointed term. Lo! Herein verily are signs for people who take thought.

39:43-44 Or choose they intercessors other than God? Say: What! Even though they have power over nothing and have no intelligence? Say: To God belongs all intercession. His is the supreme power of the heavens and the earth. And afterward to Him you will be brought back.

39:45-46 And when God alone is mentioned, the hearts of those who believe not in the Hereafter are repelled, and when those (whom they worship) beside Him are mentioned, behold! They are glad. Say: O God! Creator of the heavens and the earth! Knower of the invisible and the visible! You will judge between Your slaves concerning that wherein they used to differ.

39:47-48 And though those who do wrong possess all that is in the earth, and as much again, they verily will seek to ransom themselves therewith on the Day of Resurrection from the awful punishment; and there will appear to them, from their Lord, that wherewith they never reckoned. And the evils that they earned will appear to them, and that whereat they used to scoff will surround them.

39:49-53 Now when hurt touches a man he cries to Us, and afterward when We have granted him a boon from Us, he says: Only by force of knowledge I obtained it. Nay, but it is a test. But most of them know not. Those before them said it, yet (all) that they had earned availed them not; but the evils that they earned smote them; and such of these as do wrong, the evils that they earn will smite them; they cannot escape. Know they not that God enlarges providence for whom He wills, and straitens it (for whom He wills). Lo! Herein verily are signs for people who believe. Say: My slaves who have been prodigal to their own hurt! Despair not of the mercy of God, Who forgives all sins. Lo! He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

39:54-59 Turn to Him repentant, and surrender to Him (as a Muslim), before there comes to you the punishment, when you cannot be helped. And follow the better (guidance) of that which is revealed to you from your Lord, before the punishment comes on you suddenly when you know not, lest any soul should say: Alas, my grief that I was unmindful of God, and I was indeed among the scoffers! Or should say: if God had but guided me I should have been among the dutiful! Or should say, when it sees the punishment: Oh, that I had but a second chance that I might be among the righteous! (But now the answer will be): Nay, for My revelations came to you, but you did deny them and were arrogant and were among the disbelievers.

39:60 And on the Day of Resurrection you (Muhammad) see those who lied concerning God with their faces blackened. Is not the home of the arrogant in Hell?

39:61-62 And God delivers those who adopt piety because of their deserts. Evil touches them not, nor do they grieve. God is Creator of all things, and He is Guardian over all things.

39:63 His are the keys of the heavens and the earth, and they who disbelieve the revelations of God. such are they who are the losers.

39:64-66 Say (O Muhammad, to the disbelievers): Do you bid me worship other than God? O you fools! And verily it has been revealed to you as to those before you (saying): If you ascribe a partner to God your work will fail and you indeed will be among the losers. Nay, but God must you worship, and be among the thankful!

39:67 And they esteem not God as He has the right to be esteemed, when the whole earth is His handful on the Day of Resurrection, and the heavens are rolled in His right Hand. Glorified is He and High Exalted from all that they ascribe as partner (to Him).

39:68-70 And the Trumpet is blown, and all who are in the heavens and the earth swoon away, except him whom God wills. Then it is blown a second time, and behold them standing and waiting! And the earth shines with the light of her Lord, and the Book is set up, and the Prophets and the witnesses are brought, and it is judged between them with truth, and they are not wronged. And each soul is paid in full for what it did. And He is Best Aware of what they do.

39:71-72 And those who disbelieve are driven into Hell in troops till, when they reach it and the gates thereof are opened, and the warders thereof say to them: Came there not to you Messengers of your own, reciting to you the revelations of your Lord and warning you of the meeting of this your Day? They say: Yes, verily. But the Word of punishment for disbelievers is fulfilled. It is said (to them): Enter you the gates of Hell to dwell therein. Thus evil is the journey's end of the arrogant.

39:73-74 And those who keep their duty to their Lord are driven to the Garden in troops till, when they reach it, and the gates thereof are opened, and the warders thereof say to them: Peace be to you! You are good, so enter you (the Garden of Delight), to dwell therein; they say: Praise be to God, Who has fulfilled His promise to us and has made us inherit the land, sojourning in the Garden where we will! So bounteous is the wage of

workers.

39:75 And you (O Muhammad) see the angels thronging round the Throne, hymning the praises of their Lord. And they are judged aright. And it is said: Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds!

40. Ghafir: Forgiver

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

40:1-3 *Ha. Mim.* The revelation of the Scripture is from God, the Mighty, the Knower, the Forgiver of sin, the Acceptor of repentance, the Stern in punishment, the Bountiful. None should be worshipped but God alone. To Him is the journeying.

40:4-6 None argue concerning the revelations of God except those who disbelieve, so let not their turn of fortune in the land deceive you (O Muhammad). The folk of Noah and the factions after them denied (their Messengers) before these, and every nation purposed to seize their Messenger and argued falsely, (thinking) thereby to refute the Truth. Then I seized them, and how (awful) was My punishment. Thus was the word of your Lord concerning those who disbelieve fulfilled: that they are inhabitants of the Fire.

40:7-8 Those who bear the Throne, and all who are round about it, hymn the praises of their Lord and believe in Him and ask forgiveness for those who believe (saying): Our Lord! You comprehend all things in mercy and knowledge, therefore forgive those who repent and follow Your way. Ward off from them the punishment of Hell, Our Lord! And make them enter the Gardens of Eden which You have promised them, with such of their fathers and their wives and their descendants as do right. Lo! You, only You, are the Mighty, the Wise.

40:9 And ward off from them ill deeds; and he from whom You ward off ill deeds that Day, him verily have You taken into mercy. That is the supreme triumph.

40:10-12 Lo! (On that Day) those who disbelieve are informed by proclamation: Verily God's abhorrence is more terrible than your abhorrence one of another, when you were called to the faith but did refuse. They say: Our Lord! Twice have You made us die, and twice have You made us live. Now we confess our sins. Is there any way to go out? (It is said to them:) This is (your plight) because, when God only was invoked, you disbelieved, but when some partner was ascribed to Him you were believed. But the command belongs only to God, the Sublime, and the Majestic.

40:13-14 It is He Who shows you His signs, and sends down for you provision from the sky. None pays heed except him who turns (to Him) repentant. Therefore (O believers) pray to God, making religion pure for Him (only), however much the disbelievers are averse.

40:15-16 The Exalter of ranks, the Lord of the Throne. He casts the Spirit of His command upon whom He wills of His slaves, that He may warn of the Day of Meeting, the Day when they come forth, nothing of them being hidden from God. Whose is the supreme power this Day? It is God's, the One, the Almighty.

40:17 This Day is each soul requited that which it has earned; no wrong (is done) this Day. Lo! God is Swift at reckoning.

40:18-20 Warn them (O Muhammad) of the Day of the approaching (punishment), when the hearts will be choking the throats, (when) there will be no friend for the wrongdoers, nor any intercessor who will be heard. He knows the traitor of the eyes, and that which

the bosoms hide. God judges with truth, while those to whom they cry instead of Him, judge not at all. Lo! God, He is the Hearer, the Seer.

40:21-22 Have they not traveled in the land to see the nature of the consequence for those who disbelieved before them? They were mightier than these in power and (in the) traces (which they left behind them) in the earth. Yet God seized them for their sins, and they had no protector from God. That was because their Messengers kept bringing them clear proofs (of God's supreme power) but they disbelieved; so God seized them. Lo! He is Strong, Severe in punishment.

40:23-27 And verily We sent Moses with Our revelations and a clear warrant to Pharaoh and Haman and Korah, but they said: A lying sorcerer! And when he brought them the Truth from Us, they said: Slay the sons of those who believe with him, and spare their women. But the plot of disbelievers is in nothing but error. And Pharaoh said: Leave me to kill Moses, and let him cry to his Lord. Lo! I fear that he will alter your religion or that he will cause confusion in the land. Moses said: Lo! I seek refuge in my Lord and your Lord from every arrogant person who believes not in The Day of Reckoning.

40:28-31 And a believing man of Pharaoh's family, who hid his faith, said: Would you kill a man because he says: My Lord is God, and has brought you clear proofs from your Lord? If he is lying, then his lie is upon him; and if he is truthful then some of that wherewith he threatens you will strike you. Lo! God guides not one who is a prodigal, a liar. O my people! Yours is the kingdom today, you being uppermost in the land. But who would save us from the wrath of God should it reach us? Pharaoh said: I do but show you what I think, and I do but guide you to wise policy. And he who believed said: O my people! Lo! I fear for you a fate like that of the factions (of old); a plight like that of Noah's folk, and Aad and Thamud, and those after them, and God wills no injustice for (His) slaves.

40:32-35 And, O my people! Lo! I fear for a Day of Summoning, a Day when you will turn to flee, having no preserver from God: and he whom God sends astray, for him there is no guide. And verily Joseph brought you clear proofs of old, yet you ceased not to be in doubt concerning what he brought you till, when he died, he said: God will not send any Messenger after him. Thus God deceives him who is a prodigal, a doubter. Those who wrangle concerning the revelations of God without any warrant that has come to them, it is greatly hateful in the sight of God and in the sight of those who believe. Thus does God print on every arrogant, disdainful heart.

40:36-37 And Pharaoh said: O Haman! Build for me a tower that perhaps I may reach the roads, the roads of the heavens, and may look upon the God of Moses, though verily I think him a liar. Thus was the evil that he did make fair seeming to Pharaoh, and he was debarred from the (right) way. The plot of Pharaoh ended but in (his) ruin.

40:38-42 And he who believed said: O my people! Follow, me. I will show you the way of right conduct. O my people! Lo! This life of the world is but a passing comfort, and lo! The Hereafter, that is the enduring home. Whoever does an ill deed, he will be repaid the like thereof, while whoever does right, whether male or female, and is a believer, (all) such will enter the Garden, where they will be nourished without limit. And, O my people! What ails me that I call you to deliverance when you call me to the Fire? You call me to disbelieve in God and ascribe to Him as partners that whereof I have no knowledge, while I call you to the Mighty, the Forgiver.

40:43-44 Assuredly that whereto you call me has no claim in the world or in the Hereafter, and our return will be to God, and the prodigals will be inhabitants of the Fire. And you will remember what I say to you. I confide my cause to God. Lo! God is Seer of (His) slaves.

40:45-50 So God warded off from him the evils that they plotted, while a dreadful

punishment encompassed Pharaoh's folk. The Fire; they are exposed to it morning and evening; and on the Day when the Hour up rises (it is said): Cause Pharaoh's folk to enter the most awful punishment. And when they wrangle in the Fire, the weak say to those who were proud: Lo! We were a following to you: will you therefore rid us of a portion of the Fire? Those who were proud say: Lo! We are all (together) herein. Lo! God has judged between (His) slaves. And those in the Fire say to the guards of Hell: Entreat your Lord that He relieve us of a day of the torment. They say: Came not your Messengers to you with clear proofs? They say: Yes, verily. They say: Then do you pray, although the prayer of disbelievers is in vain.

40:51-52 Lo! We verily do help Our Messengers, and those who believe, in the life of the world and on the Day when the witnesses arise, the Day when their excuse avails not the evildoers, and theirs is the curse, and theirs is the ill abode.

40:53-54 And we verily gave Moses the guidance, and We caused the Children of Israel to inherit the Scripture, a guide and a reminder for men of understanding.

40:55 Then have patience (O Muhammad). Lo! The promise of God is true. And ask forgiveness of your sin, and hymn the praise of your Lord at the fall of night and in the early hours.

40:56 Lo! Those who wrangle concerning the revelations of God without a warrant having come to them, there is nothing else in their breasts except arrogance which they will never attain. So take you refuge in God. Lo! He, only He, is the Hearer, the Seer.

40:57 Assuredly the creation of the heavens and the earth is greater than the creation of humankind; but most of people knows not.

40:58-59 And the blind man and the man that can see are not equal, neither are those who believe and do good works (equal with) the evildoer. Little do you reflect! Lo! The Hour is surely coming, there is no doubt thereof; yet most of people believe not.

40:60 And your Lord has said: Pray to Me and I will hear your prayer. Lo! Those who scorn My worship, they will enter Hell, disgraced.

40:61-63 God it is Who has appointed for you night that you may rest therein, and day for seeing. Lo! God is the Lord of bounty for people, yet most of people gives not thanks. Such is God, your Lord, and the Creator of all things. None should be worshipped but God alone. How then are you perverted? Thus are they perverted who deny the revelations of God.

40:64 It is God that appointed for you the earth for a dwelling place and the sky for a canopy, and fashioned you and perfected your shapes, and has provided you with good things. Such is God, your Lord. Then blessed be God, the Lord of the Worlds!

40:65 He is the Living One. None should be worshipped but God alone. So pray to Him, making religion pure for Him (only). Praise be to God, the Lord of the Worlds!

40:66 Say (O Muhammad): I am forbidden to worship those to whom you cry beside God since there has come to me clear proofs from my Lord, and I am commanded to surrender (as a Muslim) to the Lord of the Worlds.

40:67 It is He that created you from dust, then from a drop (of seed) then from a clot, then brings you forth as a child, then (ordains) that you attain full strength and afterward that you become old men. though some among you die before – and that you reach an appointed term, that perhaps you may understand.

40:68 It is He Who quickens and gives death. When He ordains a thing, He says to it only:

Be! And it is.

40:69-76 Have you not seen those who wrangle concerning the revelations of God, how they are turned away? Those who deny the Scripture and that wherewith we send Our Messengers. But they will come to know, when shackles are about their necks and chains. They are dragged through boiling waters; then they are thrust into the Fire. Then it is said to them: Where are (all) that you used to make partners (in the supreme power) beside God? They say: They have failed us: but we used not to pray to anything before. Thus does God send astray the disbelievers (in His guidance). (And it is said to them): This is because you exulted in the earth without right, and because you were petulant. Enter you the gates of Hell, to dwell therein. Evil is the habitation of the arrogant.

40:77-78 Then have patience (O Muhammad). Lo! The promise of God is true. And whether We let you see a part of that which We promise them, or (whether) We cause you to die, still to us they will be brought back. Verily We sent Messengers before you, among them those of whom We have told you, and some of whom We have not told you; and it was not given to any Messenger that he should bring a sign except by God's leave, but when God's commandment comes (the cause) is judged aright, and the followers of vanity will then be lost.

40:79-81 It is God Who has appointed for you cattle, that you may ride on some of them, and eat of some.(many) benefits you have from them – and that you may attain by way of conveyance upon them that for which your hearts find a need, and upon them and upon ships you are carried.. And He shows you His signs. Which, then, of the signs of God do you deny?

40:82-85 Have they not traveled in the land to see the nature of the consequence for those before them? They were more numerous than these, and mightier in power and (in the) traces (which they left behind them) in the earth. But all that they used to earn availed them not. And when their Messengers brought them clear proofs (of God's supreme power) they exulted in the knowledge they (themselves) possessed. And that which they were wont to mock befell them. Then, when they saw Our punishment, they said: We believe in God only and reject (all) that we used to associate (with Him). But their faith could not avail them when they saw Our punishment. This is God's law, which has ever taken course for His bondsmen. And then the disbelievers will be ruined.

41. Fussilat: Expounded

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

41:1-5 *Ha. Mim.* A revelation from the Beneficent, the Merciful, a Scripture whereof the verses are expounded, a Lecture in Arabic for people who have knowledge . Good tidings and a warning. But most of them turn away so that they hear not. And they say : Our hearts are protected from that to which you (O Muhammad) call us, and in our ears there is a deafness , and between us and you there is a veil. Act , then . Lo! We also shall be acting.

41:6-8 Say (to them, O Muhammad): I am only a mortal like you. It is inspired in me that your God is One God, therefore take the straight path to Him and seek forgiveness of Him. And woe to the polytheists, who give not the poor-due, and who are disbelievers in the Hereafter. Lo! As for those who believe and do good works, for them is a reward enduring.

41:9-12 Say (O Muhammad, to the polytheists): Disbelieve you verily in Him Who created the earth in two Days, and ascribe you to Him rivals? He (and none else) is the Lord of the Worlds. He placed therein firm hills rising above it, and blessed it and measured

therein its sustenance in four Days, alike for (all) who ask; then turned He to the heaven when it was smoke, and said to it and to the earth: Come both of you, willingly or loath. They said: We come, obedient. Then He ordained them seven heavens in two Days and inspired in each heaven its mandate; and we decked the nether heaven with lamps, and rendered it inviolable. That is the measuring of the Mighty, the Knower.

41:13-14 But if they turn away, then say: I warn you of a thunderbolt like the thunderbolt (which fell of old upon the tribes) of Aad and Thamud; when their Messengers came to them from before them and behind them, saying: Worship none but God! They said: If our Lord had willed, He surely would have sent down angels (to us), so lo! We are disbelievers in that wherewith you have been sent.

41:15-16 As for Aad, they were arrogant in the land without right, and they said: Who is mightier than us in power? Could they not see that God Who created them, He was Mightier than them in power? And they denied Our revelations. Therefore We let loose on them a raging wind in evil days, that We might make them taste the torment of disgrace in the life of the world. And verily the punishment of the Hereafter will be more shameful, and they will not be helped.

41:17-18 And as for Thamud, We gave them guidance, but they preferred blindness to the guidance, so the bolt of the punishment of humiliation overtook them because of what they used to earn. And We delivered those who believed and used to keep their duty to God.

41:19-21 And (make mention of) the Day when the enemies of God are gathered to the Fire, they are driven on till, when they reach it, their ears and their eyes and their skins testify against them as to what they used to do. And they say to their skins: Why testify you against us? They say: God has given us speech God gives speech to all things, and He created you at the first, and to Him you are returned.

41:22-23 You did not hide yourselves lest your ears and your eyes and your skins should testify against you, but you deemed that God knew not much of what you did. That your thoughts which you did think about your Lord, has ruined you; and you find yourselves (this Day) among the lost.

41:24-25 Even if they bear patiently, the Fire will be their abode; and if they ask for favor, they are not of those to whom favor shall be allowed. And We assigned them comrades (in the world), who made their present and their past fair seeming to them. And the Word concerning nations of the jinn and humankind who passed away before them has effect for them. Verily they are the losers.

41:26-28 Those who disbelieve say: Heed not this Quran, and talk noisily while it is being recited; perhaps you may conquer. But verily We shall cause those who disbelieve to taste an awful punishment, and verily We shall requite them the worst of what they used to do. That is the reward of God's enemies: the Fire. Therein is their immortal home; payment forasmuch as they denied Our revelations.

41:29 And those who disbelieve will say: Our Lord! Show us those who deceived us of the jinn and humankind. We will place them underneath our feet that they may be among the nethermost.

41:30-32 Lo! Those who say: Our Lord is God, and afterward are upright, the angels descend upon them, saying: Fear not nor grieve, but hear good tidings of the Paradise which you are promised. We are your helpers (and protectors) in the life of the world and in the Hereafter. There you will have (all) that your souls desire, and there you will have (all) for which you pray. A gift of welcome from the Forgiving, the Merciful.

41:33 And who is better in speech than him who prays to his Lord and does right, and

says: Lo! I am of those who are Muslims (surrender to Him).

41:34-36 The good deed and the evil deed are not alike. Repel the evil deed with one, which is better, then lo! He, between whom and you there was enmity (will become) as though he was a bosom friend. But none is granted it except those who are patient, and none is granted it except the owner of great happiness. And if a whisper from Satan reaches you (O Muhammad) then seek refuge in God. Lo! He is the Hearer, the Knower.

41:37-38 And of His signs are the night and the day and the sun and the moon. Adore neither the sun nor the moon; but adore God Who created them, if it is in truth Him whom you worship. But if they are too proud – still those who are with your Lord glorify Him night and day, and tire not.

41:39 And of His signs (is this): that you see the earth barren and desolate, but when We send down water thereon, it thrills and grows. Lo! He Who quickens it is verily the Quickener of the dead. Lo! He is Able to do all things.

41:40 Lo! Those who distort Our revelations are not hidden from Us. Is he who is hurled into the Fire better, or he who comes secure on the Day of Resurrection? Do what you will. Lo! He is Seer of what you do.

41:41-42 Lo! Those who disbelieve in the Reminder when it comes to them (are guilty), for lo! It is an unassailable Scripture. Falsehood cannot come at it from before it or behind it. (It is) a revelation from the Wise, the Owner of praise.

41:43 Nothing is said to you (O Muhammad) except what was said to the Messengers before you. Lo! Your Lord is Owner of forgiveness, and Owner (also) of dire punishment.

41:44 And if We had appointed it a Lecture in a foreign tongue they would assuredly have said: If only its verses were expounded (so that we might understand)? What! A foreign tongue and an Arab? – Say to them (O Muhammad): For those who believe it is a guidance and a healing; and as for those who disbelieve, there is a deafness in their ears, and it is blindness for them. Such are called to from afar.

41:45 And We verily gave Moses the Scripture, but there has been dispute concerning it; and but for a Word that had already gone forth from your Lord, it would ere now have been judged between them; but lo! They are in hopeless doubt concerning it.

41:46 Whoever does right it is for his soul, and whoever does wrong it is against his soul. And your Lord is not at all a tyrant to His slaves.

41:47-48 To Him is referred (all) knowledge of the Hour. And no fruits burst forth from their sheaths, and no female carries or brings forth but with His knowledge. And on the Day when He calls to them: Where are now My partners? They will say: We confess to You, not one of us is a witness (for them). And those to whom they used to cry of old have failed them, and they perceive they have no place of refuge.

41:49-51 Man tires not of praying for good, and if ill touches him, then he is disheartened, and desperate. And verily, if We cause him to taste mercy after some hurt that has touched him, he will say: This is my own; and I deem not that the Hour will ever rise, and if I am brought back to my Lord, I surely shall be better off with Him – But We verily shall tell those who disbelieve (all) that they did, and We verily shall make them taste hard punishment. When We show favor to man, he withdraws and turns aside, but when ill touches him then he abounds in prayer.

41:52 Have you not considered: If it is from God and you reject it – Who is further astray than one who is at open feud (with God)?

41:53 We shall show them Our signs on the horizons and within themselves until it will be manifest to them that it is the Truth. Does not your Lord suffice, since He is Witness over all things?

41:54 How! Are they still in doubt about the meeting with their Lord? Lo! Is not He surrounding all things?

42. Ash-Shura: Counsel

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

42:1-4 *Ha. Mim. Ain. Sin. Qaf.* Thus God the Mighty, the Knower inspires you (O Muhammad) as (He inspired) those before you. To Him belong all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth, and He is the Sublime, the Tremendous.

42:5 The heavens above might almost be rent asunder while the angels hymn the praise of their Lord and ask forgiveness for those on the earth. Lo! God is the Forgiver, the Merciful.

42:6-7 And as for those who choose helpers (and protectors) beside Him, God is Warden over them, and you are in no ways a guardian over them. And thus We have inspired in you a Lecture in Arabic, that you may warn the mother town and those around it, and may warn of a Day of Assembling whereof there is no doubt. A host will be in the Garden, and a host of them in the Flame.

42:8-9 Had God willed, He could have made them one community, but God brings whom He wills into His mercy. And the wrongdoers have neither protector nor helper. Or have they chosen helpers (and protectors) besides Him? But God, He (alone) is the Guardian (and Protector). He quickens the dead, and He is Able to do all things.

42:10-11 And in whatsoever you differ, the verdict therein belongs to God. Such is my Lord, in Whom I put my trust, and to Whom I turn. The Creator of the heavens and the earth. He has made for you pairs of yourselves, and of the cattle also pairs, whereby He multiplies you. Nothing is as His likeness; and He is the Hearer, the Seer.

42:12 His are the keys of the heavens and the earth. He enlarges providence for whom He wills and straitens (it for whom He wills). Lo! He is Knower of all things.

42:13 He has ordained for you that religion which He had ordained to Noah, and that which We inspire in you (O Muhammad), and that which We commended to Abraham and Moses and Jesus,

saying: Establish the religion, and be not divided therein. Dreadful for the polytheists is that to which you call them. God chooses for Himself whom He wills, and guides to Himself him who turns (toward Him).

42:14 And they were not divided until after the knowledge came to them, through rivalry among themselves; and had it not been for a Word that had already gone forth from your Lord for an appointed term, it surely had been judged between them. And those who were made to inherit the Scripture after them are verily in hopeless doubt concerning it.

42:15 To this, then, summon (O Muhammad). And be you upright as you are commanded, and follow not their lusts, but say: I believe in whatever Scripture God has sent down, and I am commanded to be just among you. God is our Lord and your Lord. To us our works and to you your works; no argument between us and you. God will bring us together, and to Him is the journeying.

42:16-18 And those who argue concerning God after He has been acknowledged, their argument has no weight with their Lord, and wrath is upon them and theirs will be an awful punishment. It is God Who has revealed the Scripture with truth, and the Balance. How can you know? It may be that the Hour is near. Those who believe not therein seek to hasten it, while those who believe are fearful of it and know that it is the Truth. Are not they who dispute, in doubt concerning the Hour, far astray?

42:19 God is Gracious to His slaves. He provides for whom He wills. And He is the Strong, the Mighty.

42:20-21 Whoever desires the harvest of the Hereafter, We give him increase in its harvest. And whoever desires the harvest of the world, We give him thereof, and he has no portion in the Hereafter. Or have they partners (of God) who have made lawful for them in religion that which God allowed not? And but for a decisive word (gone forth already), it would have been judged between them. Lo! For wrongdoers is a painful punishment.

42:22-23 You see the wrongdoers fearful of that which they have earned, and it will surely befall them; while those who believe and do good works (will be) in flowering meadows of the Gardens,

having what they wish from their Lord. This is the great preferment. It is this that God announces to His bondmen who believe and do good works. Say (O Muhammad to people): I ask of you no fee thereof, except loving kindness among kinsfolk. And whoever scores a good deed We add to its good for him. Lo! God is Forgiving, Responsive.

42:24 Or say they: He has invented a lie concerning God? If God willed, He could have sealed your heart (against them). And God will wipe out the lie and will vindicate the truth by His Words. Lo! He is Aware of what is hidden in the breasts (of men).

42:25-27 And He it is Who accepts repentance from His bondmen, and pardons the evil deeds, and knows what you do. And accepts those who do good works, and gives increase to them of His bounty. And as for disbelievers, theirs will be an awful punishment. And if God were to enlarge the provision for His slaves they would surely rebel in the earth, but He sends down by measure as He wills. Lo! He is informed, a Seer of His bondmen.

42:28 And it is He Who sends down the saving rain after they have despaired, and spreads out His mercy. He is the Guardian (and Protector), the Praiseworthy.

42:29 And of His signs is the creation of the heaven and the earth, and of whatever beasts He has dispersed therein. And He is Able to gather them when He wills.

42:30 Whatever of misfortune strikes you, it is what your right hands have earned. And He forgives much.

42:31 You cannot escape in the earth, for beside God you have neither protector nor any helper.

42:32-33 And of His signs are the ships, like banners on the sea; if He wills He calms the wind so that they keep still upon its surface – Lo! Herein verily are signs for every patient grateful (heart).

42:34-35 Or he causes them to perish on account of that which they have earned – And He forgives much – and that those who argue concerning Our revelations may know they have no refuge.

42:36-40 Now whatever you have been given is but a passing comfort for the life of the world, and that which God has is better and more lasting for those who believe and put

their trust in their Lord. And those who shun the worst of sins and indecencies and, when they are wroth, forgive, and those who answer the call of their Lord and establish worship, and whose affairs are a matter of counsel, and who spend of what We have bestowed on them, and those who, when great wrong is done to them, defend themselves, the guerdon of an ill deed is an ill the like thereof. But whosoever pardons and amends, his wage is the affair of God. Lo! He loves not

wrongdoers.

42:41-42 And whoever defends himself after he has suffered wrong – for such, there is no way (of blame) against them. The way (of blame) is only against those who oppress people, and wrongfully rebel in the earth. For such there is a painful punishment.

42:43 And verily whoever is patient and forgives. lo! That, verily, is (of) the patient heart of things.

42:44-46 He whom God sends astray, for him there is no helper (and protector) after Him. And you (O Muhammad) will see the evildoers when they see the punishment, (how) they say: Is there any way of return? And you will see them exposed to (the Fire), made humble by disgrace, and looking with veiled eyes. And those who believe will say: Lo! The (eternal) losers are they who lose themselves and their house folk on the Day of Resurrection. Lo! Are not the wrongdoers in perpetual torment? And they will have no helpers (and protectors) to help them instead of God. He whom God sends astray, for him there is no road.

42:47 Answer the call of your Lord before there comes to you from God a Day for which there is no averting. You have no refuge on that Day, nor have you any (power of) refusal.

42:48 But if they are averse, We have not sent you as a warder over them. Yours is only to convey (the message). And lo! When We cause man to taste of mercy from Us he exults therefore. And if some evil strikes them because of that which their own hands have sent before, then lo! Man is an ingrate.

42:49-50 To God belongs the supreme power of the heavens and the earth. He creates what He wills. He bestows female (offspring) upon whom He wills, and bestows male (offspring) upon whom He wills; or He mingles them, males and females, and He makes barren whom He wills. Lo! He is Knower, Powerful.

42:51 And it was not (given) to any mortal that God should speak to him unless (it be) by revelation or from behind a veil, or (that) He sends a Messenger to reveal what He will by His leave. Lo! He is Exalted, Wise.

42:52-53 And thus have We inspired in you (O Muhammad) a Spirit of Our command. You knew not what the Scripture was, nor the Faith. But We have made it a light whereby We guide whom We will of Our bondmen. And lo! You verily do guide to a right path. The path of God, to Whom belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth. Do not all things reach God at last?

43. Az-Zukhruf: Ornaments of Gold

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

43:1-5 *Ha. Mim.* By the Scripture which makes plain, lo! We have appointed it a Lecture in Arabic that perhaps you may understand. And lo! In the Source of Decrees, which We possess, it is indeed sublime, decisive; shall We utterly ignore you because you are a wanton folk?

43:6-8 How many a Prophet did We send among the men of old! And never came there to them a Prophet but they used to mock him. Then we destroyed men mightier than these in prowess; and the example of the men of old has gone (before them).

43:9-14 And if you (O Muhammad) ask them: Who created the heavens and the earth, they will surely answer: The Mighty, the Knower created them; who made the earth a resting place for you, and placed roads for you therein, that perhaps you may find your way; and who sends down water from the sky in (due) measure, and We revive a dead land therewith. Even so will you be brought forth, He who created all the pairs, and appointed for you ships and cattle whereupon you ride. That you may mount upon their backs, and may remember your Lord's favor when you mount thereon, and may say: Glorified be He Who has subdued these to us, and we were not capable (of subduing them), and lo! To our Lord we are returning.

43:15-19 And they allot to Him a portion of His bondmen! Lo! Man is verily a mere ingrate. Or chooses He daughters of all that He has created, and honors He you with sons? And if one of them has tidings of that which he likens to the Beneficent One, his face becomes black and he is full of inward rage. (Liken they then to God) that which is bred up in outward show, and in dispute cannot make itself plain? And they make the angels, who are the slaves of the Beneficent, females. Did they witness their creation? Their testimony will be recorded and they will be questioned.

43:20-25 And they say: If the Beneficent One had (so) willed, we should not have worshipped them. They have no knowledge whatsoever of that. They do but guess. Or have We given them any Scripture before (this Quran) so that they are holding fast thereto? Nay, for they say only: Lo! We found our fathers following a religion, and we are guided by their footsteps. And even so We sent not a warner before you (O Muhammad) into any township but its luxurious ones said: Lo! We found our fathers following a religion, and we are following their footprints. (And the warner) said: What! Even though I bring you better guidance than that you found your fathers following? They answered: Lo! In what you bring we are disbelievers. So We requited them. Then see the nature of the consequence for the rejecters!

43:26-28 And when Abraham said to his father and his folk: Lo! I am innocent of what you worship except Him Who did create me, for He will surely guide me. And he made it a Word enduring among his seed that perhaps they might return.

43:29-31 Nay, but I let these and their fathers enjoy life (only) till there should come to them the Truth and a Messenger making plain. And now that the Truth has come to them they say: This is mere magic, and lo! We are disbelievers therein. And they say: If only this Quran had been revealed to some great man of the two towns?

43:32 Is it they who apportion their Lord's mercy? We have apportioned among them their livelihood in the life of the world, and raised some of them above others in rank that some of them may take labor from others; and the mercy of your Lord is better than (the wealth) that they amass.

43:33-35 And were it not that people would have become one community, We might well have appointed, for those who disbelieve in the Beneficent, roofs of silver for their houses and stairs (of silver) whereby to mount, and for their houses, doors (of silver) and couches of silver whereon to recline, and ornaments of gold. Yet all that would have been but a provision of the life of the world. And the Hereafter with your Lord would have been for those who are pious.

43:36-39 And he whose sight is dim to the remembrance of the Beneficent, We assign to him a devil who becomes his comrade, and lo! They surely turn them from the way of God, and yet they deem that they are rightly guided; till, when he comes to Us, he says (to his comrade): Ah, would that between me and you there were the distance of the two

horizons – an evil comrade! And it profits you not this Day, because you did wrong, that you would be sharers in the punishment.

43:40-45 Can you (O Muhammad) make the deaf hear, or can you guide the blind or him who is in error manifest? And if We take you away, We surely shall take vengeance on them, or (if) We show you that with which We threaten them; for lo! We have complete command of them. So hold you fast to that which is inspired in you. Lo! You are on a right path. And lo! It is in truth a Reminder for you and for your folk; and you will be questioned. And ask those of Our Messengers whom We sent before you: Did We ever appoint gods to be worshipped beside the Beneficent?

43:46-56 And verily We sent Moses with Our revelations to Pharaoh and his chiefs, and he said: I am a Messenger of the Lord of the Worlds. But when he brought them Our signs, behold! They laughed at them. And every sign that We showed them was greater than its sister (sign), and we grasped them with the torment, that perhaps they might turn again. And they said: O wizard; Entreat your Lord for us by the pact that He has made with you. Lo! We verily will be guided. But when We eased them of the torment, behold! They broke their word. And Pharaoh caused a proclamation to be made among his people saying: O my people! Is not mine the kingdom of Egypt and these rivers flowing under me? Can you not then discern? I am surely better than this fellow, who is despicable, and can hardly make (his meaning) plain! Why, then, have armlets of gold not been set upon him, or angels sent along with him? Thus he persuaded his people to make light (of Moses), and they obeyed him. Lo! They were a wanton folk. So, when they angered Us, We punished them and drowned them, every one. And We made them a thing past, and an example for those after (them).

43:57-62 And when the son of Mary is quoted as an example, behold! The folk laugh out, and say: Are our gods better, or is he? They raise not the objection except for argument. Nay! But they are a contentious folk. He is nothing but a slave on whom We bestowed favor, and We made him a pattern for the Children of Israel. And had We willed We could have set among you angels to be viceroys in the earth. And lo! Verily there is knowledge of the Hour. So doubt you not concerning it, but follow Me. This is the right path. And let not Satan turn you aside. Lo! He is an open enemy for you.

43:63-67 When Jesus came with clear proofs (of God's supreme power), he said: I have come to you with wisdom, and to make plain some of that concerning which you differ. So keep your duty to God, and obey me. Lo! God, He is my Lord and your Lord. So worship Him. This is a right path. But the factions among them differed. Then woe to the wrongdoers from the punishment of a painful day. Await they anything except the Hour that it shall come upon them suddenly, when they know not? Friends on that Day will be foes to one another, except those who kept their duty (to God).

43:68-73 O My slaves! For you there is no fear this Day, nor is it you who grieve; (you) who believed Our revelations and were Muslims, enter the Garden, you and your wives, to be made glad. Therein are brought round for them trays of gold and goblets, and therein is all that souls desire and eyes find sweet. And you are immortal therein. This is the Garden, which you are made to inherit because of what you used to do. Therein for you is fruit in plenty from which to eat.

43:74-78 Lo! The guilty are immortal in Hell's torment. It is not relaxed for them, and they despair therein. We wronged them not, but they it was who did the wrong. And they cry: O master! Let your Lord make an end of us. He says: Lo! Here you must remain. We verily brought the Truth to you, but you were, most of you, averse to the Truth.

43:79-80 Or do they determine any thing (against the Prophet)? Lo! We (also) are determining. Or deem they that We cannot hear their secret thoughts and private confidences? Nay, but Our envoys, present with them, records.

43:81-82 Say (O Muhammad): The Beneficent One has no son. I am first among the worshippers. Glorified be the Lord of the heavens and the earth, the Lord of the Throne, from that which they ascribe (to Him)!

43:83-84 So let them flounder (in their talk) and play until they meet the Day, which they are promised. And it is He Who in the heaven is God, and in the earth God. He is the Wise, the Knower.

43:85 And blessed be He to Whom belongs the supreme power of the heavens and the earth and all that is between them, and with Whom is knowledge of the Hour, and to Whom you will be returned.

43:86-87 And those to whom they cry instead of Him possess no power of intercession, except him who bears witness to the Truth knowingly. And if you ask them who created them, they will surely say: God. How then are they turned away?

43:88-89 And he said: O my Lord! Lo! Those are a folk who believe not. Then bear with them (O Muhammad) and say: Peace. But they will come to know.

44. Ad-Dukhan: Smoke

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

44:1-6 *Ha. Mim.* By the Scripture that makes plain. Lo! We revealed it on a blessed night – Lo! We are ever warning – wherein every matter is decreed in precise detail. As a command from Us – Lo! We are ever sending – a mercy from your Lord. Lo! He is the Hearer, the Knower.

44:7-8 Lord of the heavens and the earth and all that is between them, if you would be sure. None should be worshipped but God alone. He quickens and gives death, your Lord and Lord of your forefathers.

44:9-12 Nay, but they play in doubt. But watch you (O Muhammad) for the Day when the sky will produce visible smoke that will envelop the people. This will be a painful torment. (Then they will say:) Our Lord relieve us of the torment. Lo! We are believers.

44:13-16 How can there be remembrance for them, when a Messenger making plain (the truth) had already come to them, and they had turned away from him and said: One taught (by others), a

madman. Lo! We withdraw the torment a little. Lo! You return (to disbelief). On the Day when We shall seize them with the greater seizure (then), in truth We shall punish.

44:17-29 And verily We tried before them, Pharaoh's folk, when there came to them a noble Messenger, saying: Give up to me the slaves of God. Lo! I am a faithful Messenger to you. And saying: Be not proud against God. Lo! I bring you a clear warrant. And lo! I have sought refuge in my Lord and your Lord lest you stone me to death. And if you put no faith in me, then let me go. And he cried to his Lord (saying): These are a guilty folk. Then (his Lord commanded): Take away my slaves by night. Lo! You will be followed, And leave the sea behind at rest, for lo! They are a drowned host. How many were the gardens and the water springs that they left behind, and the cornfields and the goodly sites, and pleasant things wherein they took delight! Even so (it was), and We made it an inheritance for other folk; and the heaven and the earth wept not for them, nor were they reprieved.

44:30-36 And We delivered the Children of Israel from the shameful punishment; (We

delivered them) from Pharaoh. Lo! He was a tyrant of the wanton ones. And We chose them, purposely, above (all) creatures. And We gave them signs wherein was a clear trial. Lo! These, forsooth, are saying: There is nothing but our first death, and we shall not be raised again. Bring back our fathers, if you speak the truth!

44:37 Are they better, or the folk of Tubba and those before them? We destroyed them, for surely they were guilty.

44:38-42 And We created not the heavens and the earth, and all that is between them, in play. We created them not except with truth; but most of them know not. Assuredly the Day of Decision is the term of all of them, a Day no friend can in nothing avail friend, nor can they be helped, except him on whom God has mercy. Lo! He is the Mighty, the Merciful.

44:43-46 Lo! The tree of Zaqqum, the food of the sinner! Like molten brass, it seethes in their bellies as the seething of boiling water.

44:47-50 (And it will be said): Take him and drag him to the midst of Hell, then pour upon his head the torment of boiling water. (Saying:) Taste! Lo! You were forsooth the mighty, the noble! Lo! This is that whereof you used to doubt.

44:51-57 Lo! Those who kept their duty will be in a place secure amid gardens and water springs, attired in silk and silk embroidery, facing one another. Even so (it will be). And We shall wed them to fair ones with wide lovely eyes. They call therein for every fruit in safety. They taste not death therein, except the first death. And He has saved them from the punishment of Hell, a bounty from your Lord. That is the supreme triumph.

44:58-59 And We have made (this Scripture) easy in your language only that they may heed. Wait then (O Muhammad!). Lo! They (too) are waiting.

45. Al-Jathiyah: The Kneeling

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

45:1-2 *Ha. Mim.* The revelation of the Scripture is from God, the Mighty, the Wise.

45:3-6 Lo! In the heavens and the earth are signs for believers. And in your creation, and all the beasts that He scattered in the earth, are signs for a folk whose faith is sure. And the difference of night and day and the provision that God sends down from the sky and thereby quickens the earth after her death, and the ordering of the winds, are signs for a people who have sense. These are the signs of God which We recite to you (O Muhammad) with truth. Then in what fact, after God and His signs, will they believe?

45:7-8 Woe to each sinful liar, who hears the revelations of God recited to him, and then continues in arrogance as though he heard them not. Give him tidings of a painful punishment.

45:9 And when he knows anything of Our revelations he makes it a jest. For such there is a shameful punishment.

45:10 Beyond them there is Hell, and that which they have earned will not avail them, or those whom they have chosen for helpers (and protectors) beside God. Theirs will be an awful punishment.

45:11 This is guidance. And those who disbelieve the revelations of their Lord, for them there is a painful punishment of wrath.

45:12-13 It is God Who has made the sea of service to you that the ships may run upon it by His command, and that you may seek of His bounty, and that perhaps you may be thankful; and has made of service to you whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth; it is all from Him. Lo! Herein verily are signs for people who reflect.

45:14 Tell those who believe to forgive those who hope not for the days of God; in order that He may requite folk what they used to earn.

45:15 Whoever does right, it is for his soul, and whoever does wrong, it is against it. And afterward to your Lord you will be brought back.

45:16-17 And verily We gave the Children of Israel the Scripture and the Command and the Prophethood, and provided them with good things and favored them above (all) peoples; and gave them plain commandments. And they differed not until after the knowledge came to them, through rivalry among themselves. Lo! Your Lord will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection concerning that wherein they used to differ.

45:18-19 And now have We set you (O Muhammad) on a clear road of (Our) commandment; so follow it, and follow not the whims of those who know not. Lo! They can avail you nothing against God. And lo! As for the wrongdoers, some of them are helpers (and protectors) of others; and God is the Guardian (and Protector) of those who are pious.

45:20-21 This is clear indication for people, and a guidance and a mercy for a folk whose faith is sure. Or do those who commit ill deeds suppose that We shall make them as those who believe and do good works, the same life and death? Bad is their judgment!

45:22 And God has created the heavens and the earth with truth, and that every soul may be repaid what it has earned. And they will not be wronged.

45:23-24 Have you seen him who makes his desire his god, and God sends him astray purposely, and seals up his hearing and his heart, and sets on his sight a covering? Then who will lead him after God (has condemned him)? Will you not then heed? And they say: There is nothing but our life of the world; we die and we live, and nothing destroys us except time; when they have no knowledge whatsoever of (all) that; they do but guess.

45:25-26 And when Our clear revelations are recited to them their only argument is that they say: Bring (back) our fathers then, if you are truthful. Say (to them, O Muhammad): God gives life to you, then causes you to die, then gathers you to the Day of Resurrection of which there is no doubt. But most of people know not.

45:27 And to God belongs the supreme power of the heavens and the earth; and on the Day when the Hour rises, on that Day those who follow falsehood will be lost.

45:28-29 And you will see each nation crouching, each nation summoned to its record. (And it will be said to them:) This Day you are requited what you used to do. This Our Book pronounces against you with truth. Lo! We have caused (all) that you did to be recorded.

45:30 Then, as for those who believed and did good works, their Lord will bring them in to His mercy. That is the evident triumph.

45:31 And as for those who disbelieved (it will be said to them): Were not Our revelations recited to you? But you were arrogant and became a guilty folk.

45:32 And when it was said: Lo! God's promise is the truth, and there is no doubt of the Hour's coming, you said: We know not what the Hour is. We deem it nothing but a conjecture, and we are by no means convinced.

45:33-35 And the evils of what they did will appear to them, and that which they used to deride will befall them: And it will be said: This Day We forget you, even as you forgot the meeting of this your Day; and your habitation is the Fire, and there is none to help you. This, forasmuch as you made the revelations of God a jest, and the life of the world deceived you. Therefore this Day they come not forth from there, nor can they make amends.

45:36-37 Then praise be to God, Lord of the heavens and Lords of the earth, the Lord of the Worlds. And to Him (alone) belongs Majesty in the heavens and the earth, and He is the Mighty, the Wise.

46. Al-Ahqaf: The Wind-Curved Sand-Hills

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

46:1-2 *Ha. Mim.* The revelation of the Scripture is from God, the Mighty, and the Wise .

46:3-4 We created not the heavens and the earth and all that is between them except with truth, and for a term appointed. But those that disbelieve turn away from that whereof they are warned. Say (to them, O Muhammad): Have you thought on all that you invoke beside God? Show me what they have created of the earth. Or have they any portion in the heavens? Bring me a Scripture before this (Scripture), or some vestige of knowledge (in support of what you say), if you are truthful.

46:5-6 And who is further astray than those who, instead of God, pray to such as hear not their prayer until the Day of Resurrection, and are unconscious of their prayer, and when people are gathered (to the Judgment) will become enemies for them, and will become deniers of having been worshipped.

46:7-8 And when Our clear revelations are recited to them, who disbelieve say of the Truth when it reaches them: This is mere magic. Or say they: He has invented it? Say (O Muhammad): If I have invented it, still you have no power (to protect me) against God. He is Best Aware of what you say among yourselves concerning it. He suffices for a witness between me and you, And He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.

46:9-10 Say: I am no new thing among the Messengers (of God), nor know I what will be done with me or with you. I do but follow that which is inspired in me, and I am but a plain warner. Have you not considered: If it is from God and you disbelieve therein, and a witness of the Children of Israel has already testified to the like thereof and has believed, and you are too proud (what plight is yours)? Lo! God, guides not wrongdoing folk.

46:11-12 And those who disbelieve say of those who believe: If it had been (any) good, they would not have been before us in attaining it. And since they will not be guided by it, they say: This is an ancient lie; when before it there was the Scripture of Moses, an example and a mercy; and this is a confirming Scripture in the Arabic language, that it may warn those who do wrong and bring good tidings for the righteous.

46:13-14 Lo! Those who say: our Lord is God, and thereafter walks aright, no fear shall come upon them neither shall they grieve. Such are rightful inhabitants of the Garden, immortal thereafter as a reward for what they used to do.

46:15-16 And We have commended to man kindness toward parents. His mother bears him with hardship, and brings him forth with hardship, and the bearing of him and the weaning of him is thirty months, till, when he attains full strength and reaches forty years, he says: My Lord! Arouse me that I may give thanks for the favor with which You have favored me and my parents, and that I may do right, acceptable to You. And be gracious

to me in the matter of my seed. Lo! I have turned to You repentant, and lo! I am of the Muslims (those who surrender to You). Those are they from whom We accept the best of what they do, and overlook their evil deeds. (They are) among the inhabitants of the Garden. This is the true promise, which they were promised (in the world).

46:17-18 And whoever says to his parents: Fie upon you both! Do you threaten me that I shall be brought forth (again) when generations before me have passed away? And they both cry to God for help (and say): Woe to you! Believe! Lo! The promise of God is true. But he said: This is nothing except fables of the men of old. Such are those on whom the Word concerning nations of the jinn and humankind, which have passed away before them has effect. Lo! They are the losers.

46:19-20 And for all there will be ranks from what they do, that He may pay them for their deeds! And they will not be wronged. And on the Day when those who disbelieve are exposed to the Fire (it will be said): You squandered your good things in the life of the world and sought comfort therein. Now this day you are rewarded with the punishment of humiliation because you were disdainful in the land without a right and because you used to transgress.

46:21-25 And make mention (O Muhammad) of the brother of Aad when he warned his folk among the wind-curved sand hills – and verily warners came and went before and after him – saying: Worship none but God. Lo! I fear for you the punishment of a tremendous Day. They said: Have you come to turn us away from our gods? Then bring upon us that wherewith you threaten us, if you are of the truthful. He said: The knowledge is with God only. I convey to you that with which I have been sent, but I see you are a folk that know not. Then when they beheld, it a dense cloud coming toward their valleys, they said: Here is a cloud bringing us rain. Nay, but it is that which you did seek to hasten, a wind wherein is painful torment, destroying all things by commandment of its Lord. And morning found them so that nothing could be seen except their

dwelling. Thus do We reward the guilty folk.

46:26 And verily We had empowered them with that wherewith We have not empowered you, and had assigned them ears and eyes and hearts; but their ears and eyes and hearts availed them nothing since they denied the revelations of God; and what they used to mock befell them.

46:27-28 And verily We have destroyed townships round about you, and displayed (for them) Our revelation, that perhaps they might return. Then why did those whom they had chosen for gods as a way of approach (to God) not help them? Nay, but they did fail them utterly. And (all) that was their lie, and what they used to invent.

46:29-32 And when We inclined toward you (O Muhammad) certain of the jinn, who wished to hear the Quran and, when they were in its presence, said: Give ear! And, when it was finished, turned back to their people, warning. They said: O our people! Lo! We have heard a Scripture, which has been revealed after Moses, confirming that which was before it, guiding to the truth and a right road. O our people! Respond to God's summoner and believe in Him. He will forgive you some of your sins and guard you from a painful punishment. And whoever responds not to God's summoner he cannot escape in the earth, and you (can find) no helpers (and protectors) instead of Him. Such are in error manifest.

46:33 Have they not seen that God, Who created the heavens and the earth and was not wearied by their creation, is Able to give life to the dead? Aye, He verily is Able to do all things.

46:34 And on the Day when those who disbelieve are exposed to the Fire (they will be asked): Is not this real? They will say: Yes, by our Lord. He will say: Then taste the

punishment for that you disbelieved.

46:35 Then have patience (O Muhammad) even as the stout of heart among the Messengers (of old) had patience, and seek not to hasten on the punishment for them. On the Day when they see that which they are promised (it will seem to them) as though they had tarried but an hour of daylight. A clear message. Shall any be destroyed except evil doing folk?

47. Muhammad (The Praise One)

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

47:1-3 Those who disbelieve and turn (men) from the way of God, He renders their actions vain. And those who believe and do good works and believe in that which is revealed to Muhammad – and it is the truth from their Lord – He rids them of their ill deeds and improves their state. That is because those who disbelieve follow falsehood and because those who believe follow the truth from their Lord. Thus God coins their similitudes for people.

47:4-6 Now when you meet in battle those who disbelieve, then it is smiting of the necks until, when you have routed them, then making fast of bonds; and afterward either grace or ransom till the war lays down its burdens. That (is the ordinance). And if God willed He could have punished them (without you) but (thus it is ordained) that He may try some of you by means of others. And those who are slain in the way of God, He renders not their actions vain. He will guide them and improve their state, and bring them into the Garden, which He has made known to them.

47:7-9 O you who believe! If you help God, He will help you and will make your foothold firm. And those who disbelieve, perdition is for them, and He will make their actions vain. That is because they are averse to that which God has revealed, therefore makes He their action fruitless.

47:10-12 Have they not traveled in the land to see the nature of the consequence for those who were before them? God wiped them out. And for the disbelievers there will be the like thereof. That is because God is patron of those who believe, and because the disbelievers have no patron. Lo! God will cause those who believe and do good works to enter Gardens underneath which rivers flow; while those who disbelieve take their comfort in this life and eat even as the cattle eat, and the Fire is their habitation.

47:13-14 And how many a township stronger than your township (O Muhammad), which has cast you out, have We destroyed, and they had no helper! Is he who relies on a clear proof from his Lord like those for whom the evil that they do is beautified while they follow their own lusts?

47:15 A similitude of the Garden which those who keep their duty (to God) are promised: Therein are rivers of water unpolluted, and rivers of milk whereof the flavor changes not, and rivers of wine delicious to the drinkers, and rivers of clear-run honey; therein for them is every kind of fruit, with pardon from their Lord. (Are those who enjoy all this) like those who are immortal in the Fire and are given boiling water to drink so that it tears their bowels?

47:16 Among them are some who give ear to you (O Muhammad) till, when they go forth from your presence, they say to those who have been given knowledge: What was that he said just now? Those are they whose hearts God has sealed, and they follow their own lusts.

47:17 While as for those who walk aright, He adds to their guidance, and gives them piety.

47:18 Await they anything except the Hour that it should come upon them unawares? And the beginnings thereof have already come. But how, when it has come upon them, can they take their

warning?

47:19 So know (O Muhammad) that none should be worshipped but God alone, and ask forgiveness for your sin and for believing men and believing women. God knows (both) your place of turmoil and your place of rest.

47:20 And those who believe say: If only a chapter were revealed! But when a decisive chapter is revealed and war is mentioned therein, you see those in whose hearts is a disease looking at you with the look of men fainting to death. Therefore woe to them!

47:21 Obedience and a civil word. Then, when the matter is determined, if they are loyal to God it will be well for them.

47:22-24 Would you then, if you were given the command, work corruption in the land and sever your ties of kinship? Such are they whom God curses so that he deafens them and makes blind their eyes. Will they then not meditate on the Quran, or are there locks on their hearts?

47:25-26 Lo! Those who turn back after the guidance has been manifested to them, Satan has seduced them, and He gives them the rein. That is because they say to those who hate what God has revealed: We will obey you in some matters; and God knows their secret talk.

47:27-28 Then how (will it be with them) when the angels gather them, smiting their faces and their backs! That will be because they followed that which angers God, and hated that which pleases Him. Therefore He has made their actions vain.

47:29-30 Or do those in whose hearts is a disease deem that God will not bring to light their (secret) hates? And if We would, We could show them to you (O Muhammad) so that you should know them surely by their marks. And you shall know them by the burden of their talk. And God knows your deeds.

47:31 And verily We shall try you till We know those of you who fight hard (for the cause of God) and the patient, and till We test your record.

47:32 Lo! Those who disbelieve and turn from the way of God and oppose the Messenger after the guidance has been manifested to them, they hurt God not a jot, and He will make their actions fruitless.

47:33 O you who believe! Obey God and obey the Messenger, and render not your actions vain.

47:34 Lo! Those who disbelieve and turn from the way of God and then die disbelievers, God surely will not pardon them.

47:35 So do not falter and cry out for peace when you (will be) the uppermost, and God is with you, and He will not grudge (the reward of) your actions.

47:36-37 The life of the world is but a sport and a pastime. And if you believe and fear (God), He will give you your wages, and will not ask of you, your worldly wealth. If He should ask it of you and importune you, you would hoard it, and He would bring to light your (secret) hates.

47:38 Lo! You are of those who are called to spend in the way of God, yet among you there are some who hoard. And as for him who hoards, he hoards only from his soul. And God is the Rich, and you are poor. And if you turn away He will exchange you for some other folk, and they will not be the likes of you.

48. Al-Fath: Victory

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

48:1-3 Lo! We have given you (O Muhammad) a signal victory, that God may forgive you of your sin that which is past and that which is to come, and may perfect His favor to you, and may guide you on a right path, and that God may help you with strong help.

48:4 It is He Who sent down peace of reassurance into the hearts of the believers that they might add faith to their faith. God's are the hosts of the heavens and the earth, and God is ever Knower, Wise.

48:5 That He may bring the believing men and the believing women into Gardens underneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide, and may expiate from them their evil deeds – That, in the sight of God, is the supreme triumph.

48:6 And may punish the hypocritical men and the hypocritical women, and the polytheist men and the polytheist women, who think an evil thought concerning God. For them is the evil turn of fortune, and God is wroth against them and has cursed them, and has made ready for them Hell, an evil journey's end.

48:7 God's are the hosts of the heavens and the earth, and God is ever Mighty, Wise.

48:8-9 Lo! We have sent you (O Muhammad) as a witness and a bearer of good tidings and a warner, that you (people) may believe in God and His Messenger, and may honor him, and may revere him, and may glorify Him at early dawn and at the close of day.

48:10 Lo! Those who swear allegiance to you (O Muhammad), swear allegiance only to God. The

Hand of God is above their hands. So whosoever breaks his oath breaks it only to his soul's hurt; while whosoever keeps his covenant with God, on him will He bestow immense reward.

48:11 Those of the wandering Arabs who were left behind will tell you: Our possessions and our

households occupied us, so ask forgiveness for us! They speak with their tongue that which is not in their hearts. Say: Who can avail you anything against God, if he intends you hurt or intends you

profit? Nay, but God is ever Aware of what you do.

48:12-13 Nay, but you deemed that the Messenger and the believers would never return to their own folk, and that was made fair seeming in your hearts, and you did think an evil thought, and you were worthless folk. And as for him who believes not in God and His Messenger – Lo! We have prepared a flame for disbelievers.

48:14 And God's is the supreme power of the heavens and the earth. He forgives whom He wills,

and punishes whom He wills. And God is ever Forgiving, Merciful.

48:15-16 Those who were left behind will say, when you set forth to capture booty: Let us go with you. They would gladly change the verdict of God. Say (to them, O Muhammad): You shall not go with us. Thus has God said beforehand. Then they will say: You are envious of us. Nay, but they understand not, except a little. Say to those of the wandering Arabs who were left behind: You will be called against a folk of mighty prowess, to fight them until they surrender; and if you obey, God will give you a fair reward; but if you turn away as you have turned away before, He will punish you with a painful punishment.

48:17 There is no blame for the blind, nor is there blame for the lame, nor is there blame for the sick (that they go not forth to war). And whoever obeys God and His Messenger, He will make him enter Gardens underneath which rivers flow; and whoever turns back, He will punish him with a painful punishment.

48:18-19 God was well pleased with the believers when they swore allegiance to you beneath the tree, and He knew what was in their hearts, and He sent down peace of reassurance on them, and has rewarded them with a near victory; and much booty that they will capture. God is ever Mighty, Wise.

48:20-21 God promises you much booty that you will capture, and has given you this in advance, and has withheld men's hands from you, that it may be a sign for the believers, and that He may guide you on a right path. And other (gain), which you have not been able to achieve, God will compass it. God is Able to do all things.

48:22 And if those who disbelieve join battle with you they will take to flight, and afterward they will find neither protector nor helper.

48:23 It is the law of God, which has taken course before. You will not find for the law of God anything of power to change.

48:24 And it is He Who has withheld men's hands from you, and has withheld your hands from them, in the valley of Mecca, after He had made you victors over them. God is Seer of what you do.

48:25 They are the ones who disbelieved and debarred you from the Inviolable Place of Worship, and debarred the offering from reaching its goal. And if it had not been for believing men and believing women, whom you know not – lest you should tread them underfoot and thus incur guilt for them unknowingly; that God might bring into His mercy whom He will – If (the believers and the disbelievers) had been clearly separated We verily had punished those of them who disbelieved with painful punishment.

48:26 When those who disbelieve had set up in their hearts zealotry, the zealotry of the Age of Ignorance, then God sent down His peace of reassurance upon His Messenger and upon the believers and imposed on them the word of piety, for they were worthy of it and suitable for it. And God is Aware of all things.

48:27 God has fulfilled the vision for His Messenger in very truth. You shall indeed enter the Inviolable Place of Worship, if God wills, secure, (having your hair) shaven and cut, not fearing. But He knows that which you know not, and has given you a near victory beforehand.

48:28 It is He Who has sent His Messenger with the guidance and the religion of truth, that He may cause it to prevail over all religions. And God suffices as a witness.

48:29 Muhammad is the Messenger of God. And those with him are hard against the disbelievers and merciful among themselves. You (O Muhammad) see them bowing and falling prostrate (in worship), seeking bounty from God and (His) acceptance. The mark

of them is on their foreheads from the traces of prostration. Such is their similitude in the Torah and their similitude in the Gospel – as sown corn that sends forth its shoot and strengthens it and rises firm upon its stalk, delighting the sowers – that He may enrage the disbelievers with (the sight of) them. God has promised, to such of them as believe and do good works, forgiveness and immense reward.

49. Al-Hujurat: The Private Apartments

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

49:1 O you who believe! Be not forward in the presence of God and His Messenger, and keep your duty to God. Lo! God is Hearer, Knower.

49:2-3 O you who believe! Lift not up your voices above the voice of the Prophet, nor shout when speaking to him as you shout to one another, lest your works be rendered vain while you perceive not. Lo! They who subdue their voices in the presence of the Messenger of God, those are they whose hearts God has proven to righteousness. Theirs will be forgiveness and immense reward.

49:4-5 Lo! Those who call you from behind the private apartments, most of them have no sense. And if they had patience till you came forth to them, it had been better for them. And God is Forgiving, Merciful.

49:6 O you who believe! If an evildoer brings you tidings, verify it, lest you smite some folk in ignorance and afterward repent for what you did.

49:7-8 And know that the Messenger of God is among you. If he were to obey you in much of the government, you would surely be in trouble; but God has endeared the faith to you and has beautified it in your hearts, and has made disbelief and lewdness and rebellion hateful to you. Such are they who are rightly guided. (It is) a bounty and a grace from God; and God is Knower, Wise.

49:9 And if two parties of believers fall to fighting, then make peace between them. And if one party of them does wrong to the other, fight you that which does wrong till it returns to the ordinance of God; then, if it returns, make peace between them justly, and act equitably. Lo! God loves the equitable.

49:10 The believers are nothing other than brothers. Therefore make peace between your brethren and observe your duty to God that perhaps you may obtain mercy.

49:11 O you who believe! Let not a folk deride a folk who may be better than they (are), or let women (deride) women who may be better than they are; neither defame one another, nor insult one another by nicknames. Bad is the name of lewdness after faith. And whoever turns not in repentance, such are evildoers.

49:12 O you who believe! Shun much suspicion; for lo! Suspicion in some cases is a sin. And spy not, neither backbite one another. Would one of you love to eat the flesh of his dead brother? You abhor that (so abhor the other)! And keep your duty (to God). Lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful.

49:13 O people! Lo! We have created you male and female, and have made you nations and tribes that you may know one another. Lo! The noblest of you, in the sight of God, is the best in conduct. Lo! God is Knower, Aware.

49:14 The wandering Arabs say: We believe. Say (to them, O Muhammad): You believe not, but rather say 'We submit,' for faith has not yet entered into your hearts. Yet, if you

obey God and His Messenger, He will not withhold from you anything of (the reward of) your deeds. Lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful.

49:15 The (true) believers are those only who believe in God and His Messenger and afterward doubt not, but fight hard with their wealth and their lives for the cause of God. Such are the sincere.

49:16 Say (to them, O Muhammad): Would you teach God your religion, when God knows all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth, and God is Aware of all things?

49:17-18 They make it a favor to you (O Muhammad) that they have surrendered (to Him). Say: Deem not your surrender a favor to me; nay, but God does confer a favor on you, inasmuch as He has guided you to faith, if you are earnest. Lo! God knows the Unseen of the heavens and the earth. And God is Seer of what you do.

50. Qaf: (Abbreviated Letter)

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

50:1-3 *Qaf.* By the glorious Quran, nay, but they marvel that a warner of their own has come to them ; and the disbelievers say : This is a strange thing : When we are dead and have become dust (shall we be brought back again)? That would be a far return!

50:4-5 We know that which the earth takes of them, and with Us is a recording Book. Nay, but they have denied the truth when it came to them; therefore they are now in a troubled case.

50:6-11 Have they not then observed the sky above them, how We have constructed it and beautified it, and how there are no rifts therein? And the earth have We spread out, and have flung firm hills therein, and have caused of every lovely kind to grow thereon, a vision and a reminder for every penitent slave. And We send down from the sky blessed water whereby We give growth to gardens and the grain of crops, and lofty date palms with ranged clusters, provision (made) for men; and therewith We quicken a dead land. Even so will be the resurrection of the dead.

50:12-14 The folk of Noah denied (the truth) before them, and (so did) the dwellers at Ar-Rass and (the tribe of) Thamud, and (the tribe of) Aad, and Pharaoh, and the brethren of Lot, and the dwellers in the wood, and the folk of Tubba: every one denied their Messengers, therefore My threat took effect.

50:15-16 Were We then worn out by the first creation? Yet they are in doubt about a new creation. We verily created a man and We know what his soul whispers to him, and We are nearer to him than his jugular vein.

50:17-19 When the two receivers receive (him) seated on the right hand and on the left, he utters no word but there is with him an observer ready. And the agony of death comes in truth. (And it is said to him): This is that which you were wont to shun.

50:20-29 And the Trumpet is blown. This is the threatened Day. And every soul comes, along with it a driver and a witness, (and to the evildoer it is said:) you were in heedlessness of this. Now We have removed from you your covering, and piercing is your sight this Day. And (to the evildoer) his comrade says: This is that which I have ready (as testimony). (And it is said:) Do you both hurl to Hell each rebel ingrate, hinderer of good, transgressor, doubter, who sets up another god along with God. Do you both hurl him to the dreadful punishment? His comrade says: Our Lord! I did not cause him to rebel, but he was (himself) far gone in error. He says: Contend not in My presence, when I had

already proffered to you the warning. The sentence that comes from Me cannot be changed, and I am in no way a tyrant to the slaves.

50:30 On the Day when We say to Hell: Are you filled? And it says: Can there be more to come?

50:31-35 And the Garden is brought near for those who kept from evil, no longer distant. (And it is said): This is that which you were promised. (It is) for every penitent and heedful one, who fears the Beneficent in secret and comes with a contrite heart. Enter it in peace. This is the Day of immortality. There they have all that they desire, and there is more with Us.

50:36-37 And how many a generation We destroyed before them, who were mightier than these in prowess so that they overran the lands! Had they any place of refuge (when the judgment came)? Lo! Therein verily is a reminder for him who has a heart, or gives ear with full intelligence.

50:38 And verily We created the heavens and the earth, and all that is between them, in six Days, and nothing of weariness touched Us.

50:39-40 Therefore (O Muhammad) have patience with what they say, and hymn the praise of your Lord before the rising and before the setting of the sun; and in the nighttime hymn His praise: And after the (prescribed) prostrations.

50:41-44 And listen on the Day when the crier cries from a near place, the Day when they will hear the (Awful) Cry in truth. That is the Day of coming forth (from the graves). Lo! We it is Who quicken and give death, and to Us is the journeying. On the Day when the earth splits asunder from them, hastening forth (they come). That is a gathering easy for Us (to make).

50:45 We are Best Aware of what they say, and you (O Muhammad) are in no way a compeller over them. But warn by the Quran him who fears My threat.

51. Adh-Dhariyat: The Winnowing Winds

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

51:1-6 By those that winnow with a winnowing, and those that bear the burden (of the rain), and those that glide with ease (upon the sea), and those who distribute (blessings) by command, lo! That wherewith you are threatened is indeed true, and lo! The judgment will indeed befall.

51:7-14 By the heaven full of paths, lo! You, forsooth, are of various opinions (concerning the truth). He is made to turn away from it who is (himself) averse. Accursed be the conjecturers, who are careless in an abyss! They ask: When is the Day of Judgment? (It is) the Day when they will be tormented at the Fire, (and it will be said to them): Taste your torment (which you inflicted). This is what you sought to hasten.

51:15-19 Lo! Those who are pious will dwell amid gardens and water springs. Taking that which their Lord gives them, for lo! Before they were doers of good; they used to sleep but little of the night, and ere the dawning of each day would seek forgiveness, and in their wealth the beggar and the outcast had due share.

51:20-21 And in the earth are signs for those whose faith is sure, and (also) in yourselves. Can you then not see?

51:22-23 And in the heaven is your providence and that which you are promised; and by the Lord of the heavens and the earth, it is the truth, even as (it is true) that you speak.

51:24-30 Has the story of Abraham's honored guests reached you (O Muhammad)? When they came in to him and said: Peace! He answered: Peace! (And thought:) Folk unknown (to me). Then he went apart to his house folk so that they brought a fatted calf; and he set it before them, saying: Will you not eat? Then he conceived a fear of them. They said: Fear not! And gave him tidings of (the birth of) a wise son. Then his wife came forward, making moan, and smote her face, and cried: A barren old woman! They said: Even so says your Lord. Lo! He is the Wise, the Knower.

51:31-37 (Abraham) said: And (afterward) what is your errand, O you sent (from God)? They said: Lo! We are sent to a guilty folk, that we may send upon them stones of clay, marked by your Lord for (the destruction of) the wanton. Then We brought out such believers as were there (in the cities). But We found therein but one house of Muslims (those surrendered to God). And We left behind therein a sign for those who fear a painful punishment.

51:38-40 And in Moses (too, there is a sign) when We sent him to Pharaoh with clear warrant, but he withdrew (confiding) in his might, and said: A wizard or a madman. So We seized him and his hosts and flung them in the sea, for he was a reprobate.

51:41-42 And in (the tribe of) Aad (there is a sign) when We sent the fatal wind against them. It spared nothing that it reached, but made it (all) as dust.

51:43-45 And in (the tribe of) Thamud (there is a sign) when it was told to them: Take your ease awhile. But they rebelled against their Lord's decree, and so the thunderbolt overtook them even while they gazed; and they were neither able to rise up, nor could they help themselves.

51:46 And the folk of Noah before. Lo! They were licentious folk.

51:47-48 We have built the heaven with might, and We it is Who make the vast extent (thereof). And the earth have We laid out, how Gracious was the Spreader (thereof)!

51:49 And all things We have created by pairs, that perhaps you may reflect.

51:50-51 Therefore flee to God, lo! I am a plain warner to you from Him, and set not any other god along with God, lo! I am a plain warner to you from Him.

51:52-55 Even so there came no Messenger to those before them but they said: A wizard or a madman! Have they handed down (the saying) as an heirloom one to another? Nay, but they are froward folk. So withdraw from them (O Muhammad), for you are in no way blameworthy, and warn, for warning profits believers.

51:56-58 I created the jinn and humankind only that they might worship Me. I seek no livelihood from them, nor do I ask that they should feed Me. Lo! God! It is He that gives livelihood, the Lord of unbreakable might.

51:59-60 And lo! For those who (now) do wrong there is an evil day like to the evil day (which came for) their likes (of old); so let them not ask Me to hasten on (that day). And woe to those who disbelieve, from (that) their Day, which they are promised.

52. At-Tur: Mount Sinai

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

52:1-8 By the Mount, and a Scripture inscribed, on fine parchment unrolled, and the House frequented, and the roof exalted, and the sea kept filled, lo! The punishment of your Lord will surely come to pass; there is none that can ward it off.

52:9-16 On the Day when the heaven will heave with (awful) heaving, and the mountains move away with (awful) movement, then woe that Day to the deniers, who play in talk of grave matters; the Day when they are thrust with a (disdainful) thrust, into the fire of Hell. (And it is said to them): This is the Fire, which you were wont to deny. Is this magic, or do you not see? Endure the heat thereof, and whether you are patient of it or impatient of it is all one for you. You are only being paid for what you used to do.

52:17-21 Lo! Those who kept their duty dwell in Gardens and delight, happy because of what their Lord has given them, and (because) their Lord has warded off from them the torment of Hell-fire. (And it is said to them): Eat and drink in health (as reward) for what you used to do, reclining on ranged couches. And We wed them to fair ones with wide lovely eyes. And they who believe and whose seed follow them in faith, We cause their seed to join them (there), and We deprive them of nothing of their (life's) work. Every man is a pledge for that which he has earned.

52:22-28 And We provide them with fruit and meat such as they desire. There they pass from hand to hand a cup wherein is neither vanity nor cause of sin. And there go round, waiting on them menservants of their own, as they were hidden pearls. And some of them draw near to others, questioning, saying: Lo! Of old, when we were with our families, we were ever anxious; but God has been gracious to us and has preserved us from the torment of the breath of Fire. Lo! We used to pray to Him of old. Lo! He is the Benign, the Merciful.

52:29-32 Therefore warn (them, O Muhammad). By the grace of God you are neither a soothsayer nor a madman. Or say they: (he is) a poet, (one) for whom we may expect the accident of time? Say (to them): Expect (your fill)! Lo! I am with you among the expectant Do their minds command them to do this, or are they an outrageous folk?

52:33-38 Or say they: He has invented it? Nay, but they will not believe! Then let them produce speech the like thereof, if they are truthful. Or were they created out of nothing? Or are they the creators? Or did they create the heavens and the earth? Nay, but they are sure of nothing! Or do they own the treasures of your Lord? Or have they been given charge (thereof)? Or have they any stairway (to heaven) by means of which they overhear (decrees). Then let their listener produce warrant manifest!

52:39-43 Or has He daughters whereas you have sons? Or ask you (O Muhammad) a fee from them so that they are plunged in debt? Or possess they the Unseen so that they can write (it) down? Or seek they to ensnare (the Messenger)? But those who disbelieve, they are the ensnared! Or have they any god beside God? Glorified be God from all that they ascribe as partner (to Him)!

52:44-47 And if they were to see a fragment of the heaven falling, they would say: A heap of clouds. Then let them be (O Muhammad), till they meet their Day, in which they will be thunder-stricken, a Day in which their guile will not avail them, nor will they be helped. And verily, for those who do wrong, there is a punishment beyond that. But most of them know not.

52:48-49 So wait patiently (O Muhammad) for your Lord's decree, for surely you are in Our sight; and hymn the praise of your Lord when you arise. And in the nighttime also hymn His praise, and at the setting of the stars.

53. An-Najm: The Stars

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

53:1-12 By the star when it sets, your comrade errs not, nor is he deceived; nor does he speak of (his own) desire. It is nothing except an inspiration that is inspired, which one of mighty powers (Gabriel), has taught him, one vigorous; and he grew clear to view when he was on the uppermost horizon. Then he drew near and came down till he was (distant) two bows' length or even nearer, and he revealed to His (gods) slave that which He revealed. The heart lied not (in seeing) what it saw. Will you then dispute with him concerning what he sees?

53:13-18 And verily he saw him, yet another time. By the lote tree of the utmost boundary, near to which is the Garden of Abode. When that which shrouds did enshroud the lote tree, the eye turned not aside nor yet was overbold. Verily he saw one of the greater revelations of his Lord.

53:19-24 Have you thought upon Al-Lat and Al-Uzza, and Manat, the third, the other? Are yours the males and His the females? That indeed is an unfair division! They are but names, which you have named, you and your fathers, for which God has revealed no warrant. They follow but a guess and that which (they) themselves desire. And now the guidance from their Lord has come to them. Or shall man have what he covets?

53:25-28 But to God belongs the after (life), and the former. And how many angels are in the heavens whose intercession avails nothing except after God gives leave to whom He chooses and then accepts! Lo! It is those who disbelieve in the Hereafter who name the angels with the names of females. And they have no knowledge thereof. They follow but a guess, and lo! A guess can never take the place of the truth.

53:29-30 Then withdraw (O Muhammad) from him who flees from Our remembrance and desires but the life of the world. Such is their sum of knowledge. Lo! Your Lord is Best Aware of him who strays, and He is Best Aware of him who goes right.

53:31 And to God belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth, that He may reward those who do evil with that which they have done, and reward those who do good with goodness.

53:32 Those who avoid enormities of sin and abominations, except the unwilling offences.(for them) lo! Your Lord is of vast mercy. He is Best Aware of you (from the time) when He created you from the earth, and when you were hidden in the bellies of your mothers. Therefore ascribe not purity to yourselves. He is Best Aware of him who wards off (evil).

53:33-35 Did you (O Muhammad) observe him who turned away, and gave a little, then was grudging? Has he knowledge of the Unseen so that he sees?

53:36-42 Or has he not had news of what is in the Books of Moses and Abraham who paid his debt: That no laden one shall bear another's load, and that man has only that for which he makes effort, and that his effort will be seen, and afterward he will be repaid for it with fullest payment; and that to your Lord, is the goal.

53:43-49 And that it is He Who makes (one) laugh, and makes (one) weep, and that it is He Who gives death and gives life; and that He creates the two spouses, the male and the female, from a drop (of seed) when it is poured forth; and that He has ordained the second bringing forth; and that it is He Who enriches and makes content, and that it is He Who is the Lord of Sirius.

53:50-54 And that He destroyed the former (tribe of) Aad, and (the tribe of) Thamud He spared not; and the folk of Noah before, lo! They were more unjust and more rebellious; and the overthrown cities He destroyed so that there covered them that which did cover.

53:55 Concerning which then, of the bounties of your Lord, can you dispute?

53:56-61 This is a warner of the warners of old. The threatened Hour is near. None beside God can disclose it. Marvel you then at this statement, and laugh and not weep, while you amuse yourselves?

53:62 Rather prostrate yourselves before God and worship Him.

54. Al-Qamar: The Moon

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

54:1-5 The Hour drew near and the moon was rent in two. And if they behold a sign they turn away and say: prolonged illusion. They denied (the Truth) and followed their own lusts. Yet everything will come to a decision, and surely there has come to them news whereof the purport should deter, effective wisdom; but warnings avail not.

54:6-8 So withdraw from them (O Muhammad). On the Day when the Summoner summons to a painful thing. With downcast eyes, they come forth from the graves as if they were locusts spread abroad, hastening toward the Summoner; the disbelievers say: This is a hard Day.

54:9-15 The folk of Noah denied before them, yes, they denied Our slave and said: A madman; and he was repulsed. So he cried to his Lord, saying: I am vanquished, so give help. Then opened We the gates of heaven with pouring water, and caused the earth to gush forth springs, so that the waters met for a predestined purpose. And We carried him upon a thing of planks and nails, that ran (upon the waters) in Our sight, as a reward for him who was rejected. And verily We left it as a sign; but is there any that remembers?

54:16-17 Then see how (dreadful) was My punishment after My warnings! And in truth We have made the Quran easy to remember; but is there any that remembered?

54:18-20 (The tribe of) Aad rejected warnings. Then how (dreadful) was My punishment after My warnings. Lo! We let loose on them a raging wind on a day of constant calamity, sweeping men away as though they were uprooted trunks of palm trees.

54:21-22 Then see how (dreadful) was My punishment after My warnings! And in truth We have made the Quran easy to remember; but is there any that remembers?

54:23-29 (The tribe of) Thamud rejected warnings, for they said: Is it a mortal man, alone among us that we are to follow? Then indeed we should fall into error and madness. Has the remembrance been given to him alone among us? Nay, but he is a rash liar. (To their warner it was said:) Tomorrow they will know who is the rash liar. Lo! We are sending the she-camel as a test for them; so watch them and have patience; and inform them that the water is to be shared between (her and) them. Every drinking will be witnessed. But they called their comrade and he took and hamstrung (her).

54:30-32 Then see how (dreadful) was My punishment after My warnings! Lo! We sent upon them one Shout, and they became as the dry twigs (rejected by) the builder of a cattle fold. And in truth

We have made the Quran easy to remember; but is there any that remembers?

54:33-38 The folk of Lot rejected warnings. Lo! We sent a storm of stones upon them (all) except the family of Lot, whom We rescued in the last watch of the night, as grace from Us. Thus We reward him who gives thanks. And he indeed had warned them of Our

blow, but they did doubt the warnings. They even asked of him his guests for an ill purpose. Then We blinded their eyes (and said): Taste now My punishment after My warnings! And in truth the punishment decreed befell them early in the morning.

54:39-40 Now taste My punishment after My warnings! And in truth We have made the Quran easy to remember; but is there any that remembers?

54:41-42 And warnings came in truth to the house of Pharaoh who denied Our revelations, every one. Therefore We grasped them with the grasp of the Mighty, the Powerful.

54:43-48 Are your disbelievers better than those, or have you some immunity in the Scriptures? Or say they: We are a host victorious? The hosts will all be routed and will turn and flee. Nay, but the Hour (of Judgment) is their appointed time, and the Hour will be more wretched and more bitter (than their earthly failure). Lo! The guilty are in error and madness. On the Day when they are dragged into the Fire upon their faces (it is said to them): Feel the touch of Hell.

54:49-53 Lo! We have created every thing by measure. And Our commandment is but one (commandment), as the twinkling of an eye. And verily We have destroyed your fellows; but is there any that remembers? And every thing they did is in the Records, and every small and great thing is recorded.

54:54-55 Lo! The righteous will dwell among Gardens and Rivers, in the abode of Truth in the favor of a Mighty King.

55. Ar-Rahman: The Beneficent

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

55:1-6 The Beneficent has made known the Quran. He has created man. He has taught him utterance. The sun and the moon are made punctual. The stars and the trees worship.

55:7-9 And the sky He has uplifted; and He has set the measure, that you exceed not the measure, but observe the measure with equity, nor fall short thereof.

55:10-13 And He has appointed the earth for (His) creatures, wherein are fruit and sheathed palm trees, husked grain and scented herb. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:14-16 He created man of clay like the potter's, and the jinn did He create of smokeless fire. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:17-18 Lord of the two easts (places of sunrise), and Lord of the two wests (places of sunset)! Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:19-21 He has released the two seas and they meet. There is a barrier between them and they encroach not (upon one another). Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:22-23 There comes forth from both of them the pearl and coral stone. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:24-25 His are the ships displayed upon the sea like banners. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:26-28 Everyone that is thereon will pass away; there remains but the Face of your Lord of Might and Glory. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:29-30 All that are in the heavens and the earth entreat Him. Every day He exercises (universal) power. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:31-32 We shall dispose of you, O you two dependents (man and jinn). Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:33-34 O company of jinn and men, if you have power to penetrate (all) regions of the heavens and the earth; then penetrate (them). You will never penetrate them except with (Our) sanction. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:35-36 There will be sent, against you both, heat of fire and flash of brass, and you will not escape. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:37-38 And when the heaven splits asunder and becomes rosy like red hide. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:39-40 On that Day neither man nor jinn will be questioned for his sin. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:41-42 The guilty will be known by their marks, and will be taken by the forelocks and the feet. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:43-45 This is Hell, which the guilty deny. They go circling round between it and fierce, boiling water. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:46-47 But for him who fears the standing before his Lord there are two Gardens. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:48-49 Of spreading branches. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:50-51 Wherein are two fountains flowing. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:52-53 Wherein is every kind of fruit in pairs. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:54-55 Reclining upon couches lined with silk brocade, the fruit of both Gardens near to hand.

Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:56-57 Therein are those of modest gaze, whom neither man nor jinn will have touched before them. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:58-59 (In beauty) like the ruby and the coral stone. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:60-61 Is the reward of goodness anything except goodness? Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:62-63 And beside them are two other Gardens. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:64-65 Dark green with foliage. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:66-67 Wherein are two abundant springs. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:68-69 Wherein is fruit, the date palm and pomegranate. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:70-71 Wherein (are found) the good and beautiful. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:72-73 Fair ones, close-guarded in pavilions. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:74-75 Whom neither man nor jinn will have touched before them. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:76-77 Reclining on green cushions and fair carpets. Which is it, of the favors of your Lord that you deny?

55:78 Blessed be the name of your Lord, Mighty and Glorious!

56. Al-Waqi'ah: The Event

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

56 :1-6 When the event befalls – There is no denying that it will befall – abasing (some) , exalting (others) ; when the earth is shaken with a shock , and the hills are ground to powder so that they

become a scattered dust.

56:7-10 And you will be three kinds: (First) those on the right hand; what of those on the right hand? And (then) those on the left hand; what of those on the left hand? And the foremost in the race, the foremost in the race:

56:11-26 Those are they who will be brought near in Gardens of Delight; a multitude of those of old and a few of those of later time on lined couches, reclining therein face-to-face. There wait on them immortal youths with bowls and ewers and a cup from a pure spring wherefrom they get no aching of the head nor any madness, and fruit that they prefer, and flesh of fowls that they desire, and (there are) fair ones with wide lovely eyes, like hidden pearls, reward for what they used do. There hear they nor vain speaking nor recrimination, (naught) but the saying: Peace, (and again) Peace.

56:27-40 And those on the right hand; what of those on the right hand? Among thornless lote trees and clustered plantains, and spreading shade, and water gushing, and fruit in plenty, neither out of reach nor yet forbidden, and raised couches. Lo! We have created them a (new) creation and made them virgins, lovers, friends, for those on the right hand; a multitude of those of old and a multitude of those of later time.

56:41-56 And those on the left hand: What of those on the left hand? In scorching wind and scalding water, and shadow of black smoke, neither cool nor refreshing. Lo! Before that they were effete with luxury, and used to persist in the awful sin. And they used to say: When we are dead and have become dust and bones, shall we then, forsooth, be raised again, and also our forefathers? Say (to them, O Muhammad): Lo! Those of old and those of later time will all be brought together to the meeting of an appointed Day. Then lo! You, the erring, the deniers, you verily will eat of a tree called Zaqqum and will fill your bellies therewith ; and thereon you will drink of boiling water, drinking even as the camel

drinks. This will be their welcome on the Day of Judgment.

56:57 We created you. Will you then admit the truth?

56:58-62 Have you seen that which you emit? Do you create it or are We the Creator? We mete out death among you, and We are not to be outrun, that We may transfigure you and make you what you know not. And verily you know the first creation. Why, then, do you not reflect?

56:63-67 Have you seen that which you cultivate? Is it you who foster it, or are We the Fosterer? If We willed, We verily could make it chaff, then would you cease not to exclaim: Lo! We are laden with debt! Nay, but we are deprived!

56:68-70 Have you observed the water, which you drink? Is it you who shed it from the rain cloud, or are We the Shedder? If We willed We verily could make it bitter. Why, then, give you not thanks?

56:71-73 Have you observed the fire which you strike out; was it you who made the tree thereof to grow, or were We the Grower? We, indeed We, appointed it a memorial and a comfort for the dwellers in the wilderness.

56:74 Therefore (O Muhammad), praise the name of your Lord, the Tremendous.

56:75-82 Nay, I swear by the places of the stars – And lo! That verily is a tremendous oath, if you but knew that (this) is indeed a noble Quran in a Book kept hidden which none touches except the purified, a revelation from the Lord of the Worlds. Is it this Statement that you scorn, and make denial thereof your livelihood?

56:83-87 Why, then, when (the soul) comes up to the throat (of the dying), and you are at that moment looking – And We are nearer to him than you are, but you see not – Why then, if you are not in bondage (to Us), do you not force it back, if you are truthful?

56:88 Thus if he is of those brought near,

56:89 Then breath of life, and plenty, and a Garden of Delight.

56:90-95 And if he is of those on the right hand, then (the greeting) 'Peace be to you' from those on the right hand. But if he is of the rejecters, the erring, then the welcome will be boiling water and roasting at Hell-fire. Lo! This is certain truth.

56:96 Therefore (O Muhammad) praise the name of your Lord, the Tremendous.

57. Al-Hadid: Iron

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

57:1 All that is in the heavens and the earth glorifies God and He is the Mighty, the Wise.

57:2 His is the supreme power of the heavens and the earth; He quickens and He gives death; and He is Able to do things.

57:3 He is the First and the Last, and the Outward and the Inward; and He is Knower of all things.

57:4 It is He Who created the heavens and the earth in six Days; then He mounted the Throne. He knows all that enters the earth and all that emerges from it and all that comes

down from the sky and all that ascends therein; and He is with you wherever you may be. And God is Seer of what you do.

57:5-6 His is the supreme power of the heavens and the earth and, to God (all) things are brought back. He causes the night to pass into the day, and He causes the day to pass into the night, and He is Knower of all that is in the breasts.

57:7 Believe in God and His Messenger, and spend of that whereof He has made you trustees; and such of you as believe and spend (aright), theirs will be a great reward.

57:8-9 What ails you that you believe not in God, when the Messenger calls you to believe in your Lord, and He has already made a covenant with you, if you are believers? It is He Who sends down clear revelations to His slave, that He may bring you forth from darkness to light; and lo! For you, God is full of pity, Merciful.

57:10 And what ails you that you spend not in the way of God, when to God belongs the inheritance of the heavens and the earth? Those who spent and fought before the victory are not upon a level (with the rest of you). Such are greater in rank than those who spent and fought afterwards. To each has God promised good. And God is informed of what you do.

57:11 Who is he that will lend to God a goodly loan, that He may double it for him and his may be a rich reward?

57:12 On the Day when you (Muhammad) will see the believers, men and women, their light shining forth before them and on their right hands, (and will hear it said to them): Glad news for you this Day: Gardens underneath which rivers flow, wherein you are immortal. That is the supreme triumph.

57:13 On the Day when the hypocrite men and the hypocrite women will say to those who believe: Look on us that we may borrow from your light! It will be said: Go back and seek for light! Then there will separate them a wall wherein is a gate, the inner side whereof contains mercy, while the outer side thereof is toward the punishment.

57:14-15 They will cry to them (saying): Were we not with you? They will say: Yes, verily; but you tempted one another, and hesitated, and doubted, and vain desires deceived you till the ordinance of God came to pass; and the deceiver deceived you concerning God; so this Day no ransom can be taken from you nor from those who disbelieved. Your home is the Fire; that is your patron, and an evil journey's end.

57:16 Is not the time ripe for the hearts of those who believe to be humble before God's reminder and to the Truth, which is revealed, that they become not as those who received the Scripture of old but the term was prolonged for them and so their hearts were hardened, and many of them are evildoers.

57:17-19 Know that God quickens the earth after its death. We have made clear Our revelations for you, that perhaps you may understand. Lo! Those who give alms, both men and women, and lend to God a goodly loan, it will be doubled for them, and theirs will be a rich reward. And those who believe in God and His Messengers, they are the truthful; and the martyrs are with their Lord; they have their reward and their light; while as for those who disbelieve and deny Our revelations, they are inhabitants of Hell-fire.

57:20 Know that the life of this world is only play, and idle talk, and pageantry, and boasting among you, and rivalry in respect of wealth and children; as the similitude of vegetation after rain, whereof the growth is pleasing to the husbandman, but afterward it dries up and you see it turning yellow then it becomes straw. And in the Hereafter there is grievous punishment, and (also) forgiveness from God and His good pleasure, whereas the life of the world is but a matter of illusion.

57:21 Race one with another for forgiveness from your Lord and a Garden whereof the breadth is as the breadth of the heavens and the earth, which is in store for those who believe in God and His Messengers. Such is the bounty of God, which He bestows upon whom He wills, and God is of infinite bounty.

57:22-24 No disaster befalls in the earth or in yourselves but it is in a Book before We bring it into being – Lo! That is easy for God – That you grieve not for the sake of that which has scaped you, nor yet exult because of that which has been given. God loves not all prideful boasters, who hoard and who enjoin upon the people avarice. And whosoever turns away, still God is the Absolute, the Owner of praise.

57:25 We verily sent Our Messengers with clear proofs, and revealed with them the Scripture and the Balance, that people may keep up justice; and He revealed iron, wherein is mighty power and (many) uses for people, and that God may know him who helps Him and His Messengers, though unseen. Lo! God is Strong, Almighty.

57:26 And We verily sent Noah and Abraham and placed the Prophethood and the Scripture among their seed, and among them there is he who is guided, but many of them are evildoers.

57:27 Then We caused Our Messengers to follow in their footsteps; and We caused Jesus, son of Mary, to follow, and gave him the Gospel, and placed compassion and mercy in the hearts of those who followed him. But monasticism they invented – We ordained it not for them – only seeking God's pleasure, and they observed it not with right observance. So We give those of them who believe their reward, but many of them are evildoers.

57:28 O you who believe! Be mindful of your duty to God and put faith in His Messenger. He will give you twofold of His mercy and will appoint for you a light wherein you shall walk, and will forgive you. God is Forgiving, Merciful;

57:29 That the People of the Scripture may know that they control nothing of the bounty of God, but that the bounty is in God's Hand to give to whom He wills. And God is of infinite bounty.

58. Al-Mujadilah: The Dispute

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

58:1 God has heard the saying of her that disputes with you (O Muhammad) concerning her husband, and complains to God. And God hears your colloquy. Lo! God is Hearer, Knower.

58:2 Such of you as put away your wives (by saying they are as their mothers). They are not their mothers; none are their mothers except those who gave them birth – they indeed utter an ill word and a lie. And lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful.

58:3-4 Those who put away their wives (by saying they are as their mothers) and afterward would go back on that which they have said; (the penalty) in that case (is) the freeing of a slave before they touch one another. To this you are exhorted; and God is informed of what you do. And he who finds not (the wherewithal), let him fast for two successive months before they touch one another; and for him who is unable to do so (the penance is) the feeding of sixty needy ones. This, that you may put trust in God and His Messenger. Such are the limits (imposed by God); and for disbelievers is a painful punishment.

58:5-6 Those who oppose God and His Messenger will be abased as even those before

them were abased; and We have sent down clear signs, and for disbelievers is a shameful punishment on the Day when God will raise them all together and inform them of what they did. God has kept account of it while they forgot it. And God is Witness over all things.

58:7 Have you not seen that God knows all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth? There is no secret conference of three but He is their fourth, nor of five but He is their sixth, nor of less than that or more but He is with them wherever they may be; and afterward, on the Day of Resurrection, He will inform them of what they did Lo! God is Knower of all things.

58:8 Have you not observed those who were forbidden conspiracy and afterward returned to that which they had been forbidden, and (now) conspire together in sin, transgression, and disobedience towards the Messenger? And when they come to you they greet you with a greeting wherewith God greets you not, and say within themselves: Why does not God punish us for what we say? Hell will suffice them; they will feel the heat thereof – an evil journey's end!

58:9-10 O you who believe! When you conspire together, conspire not together in sin, transgression, and disobedience towards the Messenger, but conspire together for piety and self-restraint, and keep your duty, toward God, to whom you will be gathered. Lo! Conspiracy is only of Satan, that he may vex those who believe; but he can harm them not at all unless by God's leave. In God let believers put their trust.

58:11 O you who believe! When it is said: Make room! In assemblies, then make room; God will make way for you (hereafter). And when it is said: Come up higher! Go up higher; God will exalt those who believe among you, and those who have knowledge, to high ranks. God is informed of what you do.

58:12 O you who believe! When you hold conference with the Messenger, offer alms before your conference. That is better and purer for you. But if you cannot find (the wherewithal) then lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful.

58:13 Fear you to offer alms before your conference? Then, when you do it not and God has forgiven you, establish worship and pay the poor-due and obey God and His Messenger. And God is Aware of what you do.

58:14-19 Have you not seen those who take for friends a folk with whom God is wroth? They are neither of you nor of them, and they swear a false oath knowingly. God has prepared for them a dreadful punishment. Evil indeed is that which they are wont to do. They make a shelter of their oaths and turn (men) from the way of God; so theirs will be a shameful punishment. Their wealth and their children will avail them nothing against God. Such are rightful inhabitants of the Fire; they will abide therein. On the Day when God will raise them all together, then will they swear to Him as they (now) swear to you, and they will fancy that they have some standing. Lo! Is it not they who are the liars? Satan has engrossed them and so has caused them to forget remembrance of God. They are Satan's party. Lo! Is it not Satan's party who will be the losers?

58:20-21 Lo! Those who oppose God and His Messenger, they will be among the lowest. God has decreed: Lo! I verily shall conquer, I and My Messengers. Lo! God is Strong, Almighty.

58:22 You will not find folk who believe in God and the Last Day loving those who oppose God and His Messenger: even though they be their fathers or their sons or their brethren or their clan. As for such, He has written faith upon their hearts and has strengthened them with a Spirit from Him, and He will bring them into Gardens underneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide. God is well pleased with them, and they are well pleased with Him. They are God's party. Lo! Is it not God's party who are

the successful?

59. Al-Hashr: Exile

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

59:1 All that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth glorifies God, and He is the Mighty, the Wise.

59:2-4 It is He Who has caused those of the People of the Scripture who disbelieved to go forth from their homes to the first exile. You deemed not that they would go forth, while they deemed that their strongholds would protect them from God. But God reached them from a place whereof they reckoned not, and cast terror in their hearts so that they ruined their houses with their own hands and the hands of the believers. So learn a lesson, O you who have eyes! And if God had not decreed migration for them, He verily would have punished them in this world, and theirs in the Hereafter is the punishment of the Fire. That is because they were opposed to God and His Messenger; and whoever is opposed to God, (for him) verily, God is stern in reprisal.

59:5-6 Whatsoever palm trees you cut down or left standing on their roots, it was by God's leave, in order that He might disgrace the evildoers. And that which God gave as booty to His Messenger from them, you urged not any horse or riding camel for the sake thereof, but God gives His Messenger lordship over whom He wills. God is Able to do all things.

59:7 That which God gives as booty to His Messenger from the people of the townships, it is for God and His Messenger and for the near of kin and the orphans and the needy and the wayfarer, that it become not a commodity between the rich among you. And whatsoever the Messenger gives you, take it. And whatsoever he forbids, abstain (from it). And keep your duty to God. Lo! God is stern in reprisal.

59:8-10 And (it is) for the poor immigrants who have been driven out from their homes and their belongings, who seek bounty from God and help God and His Messenger. They are the loyal. Those who entered the city and the faith before them love these who migrated to them for refuge, and find in their breasts no need for that which has been given them, but prefer (the immigrants) above themselves though poverty become their lot. And whoever is saved from his own avarice – such are they who are successful. And those who came (into the faith) after them say: Our Lord! Forgive us and our brethren who were before us in the faith, and place not in our hearts any rancor toward those who believe. Our Lord! You are full of pity, Merciful.

59:11-12 Have you not observed those who are hypocrites, (how) they tell their brethren who disbelieve among the People of the Scripture: If you are driven out, we surely will go out with you, and we will never obey anyone against you, and if you are attacked we verily will help you. And God bears witness that verily they are liars. (For) indeed if they are driven out they go not out with them, and indeed if they are attacked they help not, and indeed if they had helped them they would have turned and fled, and then they would not have been victorious.

59:13-14 You are more awful as a fear in their bosoms than God. That is because they are a folk who understand not. They will not fight against you in a body except in fortified villages or from behind walls. Their adversity among themselves is very great. You think of them as a whole whereas their hearts are diverse. That is because they are a folk who have no sense.

59:15-16 On the likeness of those (who suffered) a short time before them, they taste the

ill effects of their conduct, and theirs is painful punishment. (And the hypocrites are) on the likeness of Satan when he tells man to disbelieve, then, when he disbelieves says: Lo! I am quit of you. Lo! I fear God, the Lord of the Worlds.

59:17 And the consequence for both will be that they are in the Fire, therein abiding. Such is the reward of the evildoers.

59:18-19 O you who believe! Observe your duty to God. And let every soul look to that which it sends on before for the morrow. And observe your duty to God! Lo! God is informed of what you do. And be not you as those who forgot God, therefore He caused them to forget their souls. Such are the evildoers.

59:20 Not equal are the inhabitants of the Fire and the inhabitants of the Garden. The inhabitants of the Garden, they are the victorious.

59:21 If We had caused this Quran to descend upon a mountain, you (O Muhammad) verily had seen it humbled, rent asunder by the fear of God. Such similitude coin We for people that perhaps they may reflect.

59:22 He is God, other than whom there is no other god, the Knower of the invisible and the visible. He is the Beneficent, the Merciful.

59:23 He is God, other than Whom there is no other god, the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One, Peace, the Giver of Security, the Guardian, the Majestic, the Compeller, the Supreme. Glorified be God from all that they ascribe as partner (to Him).

59:24 He is God, the Creator, the Shaper out of nothing, the Fashioner. His are the most beautiful names. All that is in the heavens and the earth glorifies Him, and He is the Mighty, the Wise.

60. Al- Mumtahanah: She that is to be examined

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

60:1-2 O you who believe! Choose not My enemy and your enemy for helpers (and protectors). Do you give them friendship when they disbelieve in that truth which has come to you, driving out the Messenger and you because you believe in God, your Lord? If you have come forth to fight hard in My way and seeking My good pleasure, (show them not friendship). Do you show friendship to them in secret, when I am Best Aware of what you hide and what you proclaim? And whosoever does it among you; he verily has strayed from the right way. If they have the upper hand of you, they will be your foes, and will stretch out their hands and their tongues toward you with evil (intent), and they long for you to disbelieve.

60:3 Your ties of kindred and your children will avail you nothing upon the Day of Resurrection. He will part you. God is Seer of what you do.

60:4 There is a goodly pattern for you in Abraham and those with him, when they told their folk, Lo! We are guiltless of you and all that you worship beside God. We have done with you. And there has arisen between us and you hostility and hate forever until you believe in God only – except that which Abraham promised his father (when he said): I will ask forgiveness for you, though I own nothing for you from God – Our Lord! In You we put our trust, and to You we turn repentant, and to You is the journeying.

60:5 Our Lord! Make us not a prey for those who disbelieve, and forgive us, our Lord! Lo! You, only You, are the Mighty, the Wise.

60:6 Verily you have in them a goodly pattern for anyone who looks to God and the Last Day. And whosoever may turn away, lo! Still God, He is the Absolute, the Owner of praise.

60:7 It may be that God will ordain love between you and those of them with whom you are at enmity. God is Mighty, and God is Forgiving, Merciful.

60:8 God forbids you not those who warred not against you on account of religion and drove you not out from your homes that you should show them kindness and deal justly with them. Lo! God loves the just dealers.

60:9 God forbids you only those who warred against you on account of religion and have driven you out from your homes and helped to drive you out, that you make friends of them. Whosoever makes friends of them.(All) such are wrongdoers.

60:10 O you who believe! When believing women come to you as fugitives, examine them. God is Best Aware of their faith. Then, if you know them for true believers, send them not back to the disbelievers. They are not lawful for the disbelievers, nor are the disbelievers lawful for them. And give the disbelievers that which they have spent (upon them). And it is no sin on you to marry such women when you have given them their dues. And hold not to the ties of disbelieving women; and ask for (the return of) that which you have spent; and let the disbelievers ask for that which they have spent. That is the judgment of God. He judges between you. God is Knower, Wise.

60:11 And if any of your wives have gone from you to the disbelievers and afterward you have your turn (of triumph), then give to those whose wives have gone the like of that which they have spent, and keep your duty to God in whom you are believers.

60:12 O Prophet! If believing women come to you, taking an oath of allegiance to you that they will ascribe nothing as partner to God, and will neither steal nor commit adultery nor kill their children, nor produce any lie that they have devised between their hands and feet, nor disobey you in what is right, then accept their allegiance and ask God to forgive them. Lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful.

60:13 O you who believe! Be not friendly with a folk with whom God is wroth, (a folk) who have despaired of the Hereafter as the disbelievers despair of those who are in the graves.

61. As-Saff: The Ranks

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

61:1 All that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth glorifies God, and He is the Mighty, the Wise.

61:2-3 O you who believe! Why say you that which you do not? It is most hateful in the sight of God that you say that which you do not do.

61:4 Lo! God loves those who battle for His cause in ranks, as if they were a solid structure.

61:5 And (remember) when Moses said to his people: O my people! Why persecute you me, when you well know that I am God's Messenger to you? So when they went astray God sent their hearts astray. And God guides not the evildoing folk.

61:6 And when Jesus son of Mary said: O Children of Israel! Lo! I am the Messenger of

God to you, confirming that which was (revealed) before me in the Torah, and bringing good tidings of a Messenger who comes after me, whose name is the 'Praised One'. Yet when he has come to them with clear proofs, they say: This is mere magic.

61:7 And who does greater wrong than he who invents a lie against God when he is summoned to Islam. And God guides not wrongdoing folk.

61:8 Gladly would they put out the light of God with their mouths, but God will perfect His light however much the disbelievers are averse.

61:9 He It is Who has sent His Messenger with the guidance and the religion of truth, that He may make it conqueror of all religion however much polytheists may be averse.

61:10-12 O you who believe! Shall I show you a commerce that will save you from a painful punishment? You should believe in God and His Messenger, and should fight hard for the cause of God with your wealth and your lives. That is better for you, if you did but know. He will forgive you your sins and bring you into Gardens underneath which rivers flow, and pleasant dwellings in Gardens of Eden. That is the supreme triumph.

61:13 And (He will give you) another blessing which you love: help from God and present victory. Give good tidings (O Muhammad) to the believers.

61:14 O you who believe! Be God's helpers, even as Jesus son of Mary said to the disciples: Who are my helpers for God? They said: We are God's helpers. And a party of the Children of Israel believed, while a party disbelieved. Then We strengthened those who believed against their foe, and they became the uppermost.

62. Al-Jumu'ah: Friday

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

62:1 All that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth glorifies God, the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One, the Mighty, the Wise.

62:2-3 He it is Who has sent among the unlettered ones a Messenger of their own, to recite to them His revelations and to purify them of their sin, and to teach them the Scripture and Wisdom, though before that they were indeed in error manifest, along with others of them who have not yet joined them. He is the Mighty, the Wise.

62:4 That is the bounty of God; which he gives to whom He wills. God is of infinite bounty.

62:5 The similitude of those who are entrusted with the Law of Moses, yet apply it not, are as that of the donkey carrying books. Wretched is the similitude of folk who deny the revelations of God. And God guides not wrongdoing folk.

62:6-8 Say (O Muhammad): O you who are Jews! If you claim that you are favored by God apart from (all) people, then long for death if you are truthful. But they will never long for it because of all that their own hands have sent before, and God is Aware of the evildoers. Say (to them, O Muhammad): Lo! The death from which you shrink will surely meet you, and afterward you will be returned to the Knower of the invisible and the visible, and He will tell you what you used to do.

62:9-11 O you who believe! When the call is heard for the prayer of the day of congregation, haste to remembrance of God and leave your trading. That is better for you if you did but know. And when the prayer is ended, then disperse in the land and seek of

God's bounty, and remember God much, that you may be successful. But when they spy some merchandise or pastime they break away to it and leave you standing. Say: That which God has is better than pastime and better than merchandise, and God is the Best of providers.

63. Al-Munafiqun: The Hypocrites

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

63:1 When the hypocrites come to you (O Muhammad), they say: We bear witness that you are indeed God's Messenger. And God knows that you are indeed His Messenger, and God bears witness that the hypocrites are speaking falsely.

63:2-3 They make their faith a pretext that they may turn (men) from the way of God. Verily evil is that which they are wont to do, that is because they believed, and then disbelieved, therefore their hearts are sealed so that they understand not.

63:4 And when you see them, their figures please you; and if they speak, you give ear to their speech. (They are) as though they were blocks of wood in striped cloaks. They deem every shout to be against them. They are the enemy, so beware of them. God confound them! How they are perverted!

63:5-6 And when it is said to them: Come! The Messenger of God will ask forgiveness for you! They avert their faces and you see them turning away, arrogant. Whether you ask forgiveness for them or ask not forgiveness for them, God will not forgive them. Lo! God guides not the evildoing folk.

63:7 They are the ones say: Spend not on behalf of those (who dwell) with God's Messenger that they may disperse (and go away from you); when God's are the treasures of the heavens and the earth; but the hypocrites comprehend not.

63:8 They say: Surely, if we return to Al-Madinah, the mightier will soon drive out the weaker; when might belongs to God and to His Messenger and the believers; but the hypocrites know not.

63:9 O you who believe! Let not your wealth nor your children distract you from remembrance of God. Those who do so, they are the losers.

63:10-11 And spend of that wherewith We have provided you before death comes to one of you and he says: My Lord! If only you would relieve me for a little while, then I would give alms and be among the righteous. But God relieves no soul when its term comes, and God is Aware of what you do.

64. At-Taghabun: Mutual Disillusion

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

64:1 All that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth glorifies God; to Him belongs supreme power and to Him belongs praise, and He is Able to do all things.

64:2 It is He Who created you, but one of you is a disbeliever and one of you is a believer, and God is Seer of what you do.

64:3 He created the heavens and the earth with truth, and He shaped you and made good

your shapes, and to Him is the journeying.

64:4 He knows all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth, and He knows what you conceal and what you reveal. And God is Aware of what is in the breasts (of men).

64:5-6 Has not the story reached you of those who disbelieved of old and so did taste the ill effects of their conduct, and theirs will be a painful punishment. That was because their Messengers (from God) kept coming to them with clear proofs (of God's supreme power), but they said: Shall mere mortals guide us? So they disbelieved and turned away, and God was independent (of them). God is Absolute, Owner of praise.

64:7-8 Those who disbelieve assert that they will not be raised again. Say (to them, O Muhammad): Yes, verily, by my Lord! You will be raised again and then you will be informed of what you did; and that is easy for God. So believe in God and His Messenger and the light, which We have revealed. And God is Aware of what you do.

64:9 The day when He shall gather you to the Day of Assembling, that will be a Day of Deprivation. And whoever believes in God and does right, He will expiate from him his evil deeds and will bring him into Gardens underneath which rivers flow, therein to abide forever. That is the supreme triumph.

64:10 But those who disbelieve and deny Our revelations, such are inhabitants of the Fire; they will abide therein – an evil journey's end!

64:11 No calamity befalls, except by God's leave. And whosoever believes in God, He guides his heart. And God is Knower of all things.

64:12-13 Obey God and obey His Messenger; but if you turn away, then the duty of Our Messenger is only to convey (the message) plainly. God! There is no God except Him. In God, therefore, let believers put their trust.

64:14 O you who believe! Lo! Among your wives and your children there are enemies for you, therefore beware of them. And if you efface and overlook and forgive, then lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful.

64:15 Your wealth and your children are only a temptation, whereas God! With Him is an immense reward.

64:16 So keep your duty to God as best you can, and listen, and obey, and spend, that is better for your souls. And whoever is saved from his own greed, such are the successful.

64:17 If you lend to God a goodly loan, He will double it for you and will forgive you, for God is Responsive, Forbearing,

64:18 Knower of the invisible and the visible, the Mighty, the Wise.

65. At-Talaq: Divorce

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

65:1 O Prophet! When you (men) put away women, put them away for their (legal) period and reckon the period, and keep your duty to God, your Lord. Expel them not from their houses nor let them go forth unless they commit open immorality. Such are the limits (imposed by) God; and whoever transgresses God's limits, he verily wrongs his soul. You know not: it may be that God will afterward bring some new thing to pass.

65:2-3 Then, when they have reached their term, take them back in kindness or part from them in a reasonable manner, and call to witness two just men among you, and keep your testimony upright for God. Whoever believes in God and the Last Day is exhorted to act thus. And whosoever keeps his duty to God, God will appoint a way out for him, and will provide for him from (a quarter) wherefrom he has no expectation. And whosoever puts his trust in God,

He will suffice him. Lo! God brings His command to pass. God has set a measure for all things.

65:4 And for such of your women as despair of menstruation, if you doubt, their period (of waiting) shall be three months along with those who have it not. And for those with child, their period shall be till they bring forth their burden. And whosoever keeps his duty to God; He makes his course easy for him.

65:5 That is the commandment of God, which He reveals to you. And whoever keeps his duty to God; He will expiate from him his evil deeds and magnify reward for him.

65:6-7 Lodge them where you dwell, according to your wealth, and harass them not so as to straiten life for them. And if they are with child, then spend on them till they bring forth their burden. Then, if they give suckle for you, give them their due payment and consult together in a reasonable manner; but if you make difficulties for one another, then let some other woman suckle for him (the father of the child). Let him who has abundance spend of his abundance, and he whose provision is measured, let him spend of that which God has given him. God asks nothing of any soul except that which He has given it. God will give, after hardship, ease.

65:8-9 And how many a community revolted against the ordinance of its Lord and His Messenger, and we called it to a stern account and punished it with a dire punishment, so that it tasted the ill effects of its conduct, and the consequence of its conduct was loss.

65:10-11 God has prepared for them stern punishment, so keep your duty to God, O men of understanding! O you who believe! Now God has sent down to you a reminder, a Messenger reciting to you the revelations of God made plain, that He may bring forth those who believe and do good works from darkness to light. And whosoever believes in God and does right, He will bring him into Gardens underneath which rivers flow, therein to abide forever. God has made good provision for him.

65:12 It is God Who has created seven heavens, and of the earth the like thereof. The commandment comes down among them slowly, that you may know that God is Able to do all things, and that God surrounds all things in knowledge.

66. At-Tahrim: The Banning

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

66:1 O Prophet! Why ban you that which God has made lawful for you, seeking to please your wives? And God is Forgiving, Merciful.

66:2 God has made lawful for you (Muslims) absolution from your oaths (of such a kind), and God is your Protector. He is the Knower, the Wise.

66:3 When the Prophet confided a fact to one of his wives and when she afterward divulged it and God apprised him thereof, he made known part thereof and passed over part. And when he told it to her she said: Who has told you? He said: The Knower, the Aware has told me.

66:4-5 If you two turn to God repentant, (you have cause to do so) for your hearts desired (the ban); and if you aid one another against him (Muhammad) then lo! God, indeed He, is his Guardian (and Protector), and Gabriel and the righteous among the believers; and furthermore the angels are his helpers. It may happen that his Lord, if he divorces you, will give him in your stead wives better than you, submissive (to God), believing, pious, penitent, devout in worship, inclined to fasting, widows and maids.

66:6 O you who believe! Ward off from yourselves and your families a fire whereof the fuel is men and stones, over which are set angels strong, severe, who resist not God in that which He commands them, but do that which they are commanded.

66:7 (Then it will be said:) O you who disbelieve! Make no excuses for yourselves this Day. You are only being paid for what you used to do.

66:8 O you who believe! Turn to God in sincere repentance! It may be that your Lord will expiate from you your evil deeds and bring you into Gardens underneath which rivers flow, on the Day when God will not abase the Prophet and those who believe with him. Their light will run before them and on their right hands: they will say: Our Lord! Perfect our light for us, and forgive us! Lo! You are Able to do all things.

66:9 O Prophet! Fight hard against the disbelievers and the hypocrites, and be stern with them. Hell will be their home, an evil journey's end.

66:10 God cites an example for those who disbelieve: the wife of Noah and the wife of Lot, who were under two of our righteous slaves yet betrayed them so that they (the husbands) availed them nothing against God and it was said (to them): Enter the Fire along with those who enter.

66:11 And God cites an example for those who believe: the wife of Pharaoh when she said: My Lord! Build for me a home with You in the Garden, and deliver me from Pharaoh and his work, and deliver me from evildoing folk;

66:12 And Mary, daughter of Imran, whose body was chaste, therefore, We breathed therein something of Our Spirit. And she put faith in the Words of her Lord and His Scriptures, and was of the obedient.

67. Al-Mulk: Supreme Power

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

67:1 Blessed is He in Whose Hand is the supreme power, and He is Able to do all things.

67:2 Who has created life and death that He may try you, which of you is best in conduct; and He is the Mighty, Forgiving,

67:3-6 Who has created seven heavens in harmony. You (O Muhammad) can see no fault in the Beneficent One's creation; then look again: Can you see any rifts? Then look again and yet again, your sight will return to you weakened and made dim. And verily We have beautified the world's heaven with lamps, and We have made them missiles for the satans, and for them We have prepared the punishment of flame. And for those who disbelieve in their Lord theirs is the punishment of Hell, an evil journey's end!

67:7-11 When they are flung therein they hear its roaring as it boils up, as if it would burst with rage. Whenever a (fresh) host is flung therein the wardens thereof ask them: Came there to you no warner? They say: Yes, verily, a warner came to us; but we denied and said: God has revealed nothing; you are in nothing but a great error. And they say: Had we

been wont to listen or have sense, we had not been among the dwellers in the flames. So they acknowledge their sins; but far removed (from mercy) are the dwellers in the flames.

67:12 Lo! Those who fear their Lord in secret, theirs will be forgiveness and a great reward.

67:13-14 And keep your opinion secret or proclaim it, lo! He is Knower of all that is in the breasts (of men). Should He not know what He created? And He is the Subtle, the Aware.

67:15-18 He it is Who has made the earth subservient to you, so walk in the paths thereof and eat of His providence. And to Him will be the resurrection (of the dead). Have you taken security from Him Who is in the heaven that He will not cause the earth to swallow you when lo! It is convulsed? Or have you taken security from Him Who is in the heaven that He will not let loose on you a hurricane? But you shall know the manner of My warning. And verily those before them denied, then (see) the manner of My wrath (with them)!

67:19 Have they not seen the birds above them spreading out their wings and closing them? Nothing upholds them except the Beneficent. Lo! He is Seer of all things.

67:20-22 Or who is he that will be an army to you to help you instead of the Beneficent? The disbelievers are in nothing but illusion. Or who is he that will provide for you if He should withhold His providence? Nay, but they are set in pride and frowardness. Is he who goes groping on his face more rightly guided, or he who walks upright on a straight road?

67:23-25 Say (to them, O Muhammad): It is He Who gave you being, and has assigned to you ears and eyes and hearts. Small thanks give you! Say, it is He Who multiplies you in the earth, and to Whom you will be gathered. And they say: When (will) this promise (be fulfilled), if you are truthful?

67:26-27 Say: The knowledge is with God only, and I am but a plain warner; but when they see it near, the faces of those who disbelieve will be awry, and it will be said (to them): This is that for which you used to call.

67:28 Say (O Muhammad): Have you thought: Whether God causes me (Muhammad) and those with me to perish or has mercy on us, still, who will protect the disbelievers from a painful punishment?

67:29 Say: He is the Beneficent. In Him we believe and in Him we put our trust. And you will soon know who it is that is in error manifest.

67:30 Say: Have you thought: If (all) your water were to disappear into the earth, who then could bring you gushing water?

68. Al-Qalam: The Pen

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

68:1-2 Nun . By the pen and that which they write (therewith) , you are not , for your Lord's favor to you, a madman.

68:3-7 And lo! Yours verily will be a reward unfailing. And lo! You are of a tremendous nature. And you will see and they will see which of you is the demented. Lo! Your Lord is Best Aware of him who strays from his way, and He is Best Aware of those who are guided.

68:8-13 Therefore obey not you the rejecters who would have had you compromise, that they may compromise. Neither obey you each feeble oath monger, detractor, spreader abroad of slanders, hinderer of the good, sinful transgressor, greedy therewithal, intrusive.

68:14-16 It is because he is possessed of wealth and children that, when Our revelations are recited to him, he says: Mere fables of the men of old. We shall brand him on the nose.

68:17-33 Lo! We have tried them as We tried the owners of the garden when they vowed they would pluck its fruit next morning. And made no exception (for the will of God); then a visitation came upon it while they slept and in the morning it was as though plucked. And they cried out one to another in the morning, saying: Run to your field if you would pluck (the fruit). So they went off, saying one to another in low tones: No needy man shall enter it today against you. They went betimes, strong in (this) purpose. But when they saw it, they said: Lo! We are in error! Nay, but we are desolate! The best among them said: Did I not say to you: Why glorify you not (God)? They said: Glorified be our Lord! Lo! We have been wrongdoers. Then some of them drew near to others, self-reproaching. They said: Alas for us! In truth we were outrageous. It may be that our Lord will give us better than this in place thereof. Lo! We beseech our Lord. Such was the punishment. And verily the punishment of the Hereafter is greater if they did but know.

68:34-40 Lo! For the pious are Gardens of Bliss with their Lord. Shall We then treat those who are Muslims (have surrendered) as We treat the guilty? What ails you? How foolishly you judge! Or have you a Scripture wherein you learn that you shall indeed have all that you choose? Or have you a covenant, an oath from Us that reaches to the Day of Judgment, that yours shall be all that you ordain? Ask them (O Muhammad) which of them will vouch for that!

68:41-45 Or have they other gods? Then let them bring their other gods if they are truthful on the Day when it befalls in earnest, and they are ordered to prostrate themselves but are not able, with eyes downcast, abasement stupefying them. And they had been summoned to prostrate themselves while they were yet unhurt. Leave Me (to deal) with those who give the lie to this pronouncement. We shall lead them on by steps from whence they know not. Yet I bear with them, for lo! My scheme is firm.

68:46 Or do you (O Muhammad) ask a fee from them so that they are heavily taxed?

68:47 Or is the Unseen theirs that they can write (thereof)?

68:48-50 But wait patiently you for your Lord's decree, and be not like him of the fish, who cried out in despair. Had it not been that favor from his Lord had reached him, he surely would have been cast into the wilderness while he was reprobate. But his Lord chose him and placed him among the righteous.

68:51-52 And lo! Those who disbelieve would gladly disconcert you with their eyes when they hear the Reminder, and they say: Lo! He is indeed mad; when it is nothing else than a Reminder to creation.

69. Al-Haqqah: The Reality

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

69:1-3 The Reality! What is the Reality? Ah, what will convey to you what the Reality is!

69:4-8 (The tribes of) Thamud and Aad disbelieved in the judgment to come. As for Thamud, they were destroyed by the lightning. And as for Aad, they were destroyed by a

fierce roaring wind, which He imposed on them for seven long nights and eight long days so that you might have seen men lying overthrown, as they were hollow trunks of palm trees. Can you (O Muhammad) see any remnant of them?

69:9-10 And Pharaoh and those before him, and the communities that were destroyed, brought error, and they disobeyed the Messenger of their Lord, therefore did He grip them with a tightening grip.

69:11-12 Lo! When the waters rose, We carried you upon the ship that We might make it a memorial for you, and that remembering ears, (that heard the story) might remember.

69:13-15 And when the Trumpet shall sound one blast, and the earth with the mountains shall be lifted up and crushed with one crash, then, on that Day will the Event befall.

69:16-18 And the heaven will split asunder, for that Day it will be frail. And the angels will be on the sides thereof, and eight will uphold the Throne of their Lord that Day, above them. On that Day you will be exposed; not a secret of yours will be hidden.

69:19-24 Then, as for him who is given his record in his right hand, he will say: Take, read my record! Surely I knew that I should have to meet my reckoning. Then he will be in blissful state in a high Garden whereof the clusters are in easy reach. (And it will be said to those therein:) Eat and drink at ease for that which you sent on before you in past days.

69:25-37 But as for him who is given his record in his left hand, he will say: Oh, would that I had not been given my book, and knew not what my reckoning is! Oh, would that it had been death! My wealth has not availed me; my power has gone from me. (It will be said:) Take him and fetter him and then expose him to Hell-fire and then insert him in a chain whereof the length is seventy cubits. Lo! He used not to believe in God the Tremendous, and urged not on the feeding of the wretched, therefore he has no devoted friend here this Day, nor any food except filth, which none but sinners eat.

69:38-43 But nay! I swear by all that you see and all that you see not, that it is indeed the speech of an illustrious Messenger. It is not poet's speech – little is it that you believe! Nor diviner's speech – little is it that you remember! It is a revelation from the Lord of the Worlds.

69:44-47 And if he had invented false sayings concerning Us, We assuredly had taken him by the right hand and then severed his life artery, and not one of you could have held Us off from him.

69:48-52 And lo! It is a warrant to those who are pious. And lo! We know that some among you will deny (it). And lo! It is indeed an anguish for the disbelievers. And lo! It is absolute truth. So glorify the name of your Tremendous Lord.

70. Al-Ma`arij: The Ascending Stairways

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

70:1-4 A questioner questioned concerning the punishment about to fall upon the disbelievers, which none can repel, from God, Lord of the Ascending Stairways, (whereby) the angels and the Spirit ascend to Him in a Day whereof the span is fifty thousand years.

70:5-7 But be patient (O Muhammad) with a patience fair to see. Lo! They behold it afar off while We behold it near:

70:8-14 The Day when the sky will become as molten copper, and the hills become as

flakes of wool, and no familiar friend will ask a question of his friend, though they will be given sight of them. The guilty man will long to be able to ransom himself from the punishment of that Day at the price of his children, and his spouse and his brother, and his kin that harbored him, and all that are in the earth, if then it might deliver him.

70:15-18 But nay! For lo! It is the fire of Hell eager to roast; it calls him who turned and fled (from truth), and hoarded (wealth) and withheld it.

70:19-35 Lo! Man was created anxious, fretful when evil befalls him, and, when good befalls him, grudging; except worshippers, who are constant at their worship, and in whose wealth there is a right acknowledged, for the beggar and the destitute; and those who believe in the Day of Judgment, and those who are fearful of their Lord's punishment – Lo! The punishment of their Lord is that before which, none can feel secure – and those who preserve their chastity, except with their wives and those whom their right hands possess, for thus they are not blameworthy; but whoever seeks more than that, those are they who are transgressors; and those who keep their pledges and their covenant. And those who stand by their testimony and those who are attentive at their worship, those will dwell in Gardens, honored.

70:36-38 What ails those who disbelieve, that they keep staring toward you (O Muhammad), open eyed, on the right and on the left, in groups? Does every man among them hope to enter the Garden of Delight?

70:39-41 Nay, verily. Lo! We created them from what they know. But nay! I swear by the Lord of the rising places and the setting places of the planets that We are Able to replace them by (others) better than them. And We are not to be outrun.

70:42-44 So let them chat and play until they meet their Day, which they are promised, the Day when they come forth from the graves in haste. As if racing to a goal, with downcast eyes, abasement stupefying them: Such is the Day, which they are promised.

71. Nuh: Noah

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

71:1 Lo! We sent Noah to his people (saying): Warn your people ere the painful punishment come to them.

71:2-4 He said: O my people! Lo! I am a plain warner to you (bidding you): Worship God and keep your duty to Him and obey me, so that He may forgive you somewhat of your sins and respite you to an appointed term. Lo! The term of God, when it comes, cannot be delayed, if you but knew.

71:5-9 He said: My Lord! Lo! I have called to my people night and day, but my entire calling does but add to their repugnance; and lo! Whenever I call to them that You may pardon them they thrust their fingers in their ears and cover themselves with their garments and persist (in their refusal) and magnify themselves in pride. And lo! I have called to them aloud, and lo! I have made public proclamation to them, and I have appealed to them in private.

71:10-12 And I have said: Seek pardon of your Lord. Lo! He is ever Forgiving. He will let loose the sky for you in plenteous rain, and will help you with wealth and sons, and will assign to you Gardens and will assign to you rivers.

71:13-20 What ails you that you hope not toward

God for dignity, when He created you by (diverse) stages? See you not how God has created seven heavens in harmony, and has made the moon a light therein, and made the sun a lamp? And God has caused you to grow as a growth from the earth, and afterward He makes you return thereto, and He will bring you forth again, a (new) bringing forth. And God has made the earth a wide expanse for you that you may tread the valley ways thereof.

71:21-24 Noah said: My Lord! They have disobeyed me and followed one whose wealth and children increase him in nothing except ruin; and they have plotted a mighty plot, and they have said: Forsake not your gods. Forsake not (your gods) Wadd, nor Suwa, nor Yaghuth and Yauq and Nasr. And they have led many astray, and You increase the wrongdoers in nothing except error.

71:25 Because of their sins they were drowned, and then made to enter a Fire. And they found they had no helpers in place of God.

71:26-28 And Noah said: My Lord! Leave not one of the disbelievers in the land. If You should leave them, they will mislead Your slaves and will beget none except lewd ingrates. My Lord! Forgive me and my parents and him who enters my house believing, and believing men and believing women, and increase not the wrongdoers in anything except ruin.

72. Al-Jinn: The Jinn

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

72:1-5 Say (O Muhammad): It is revealed to me that a company of the jinn gave ear, and they said: Lo! It is a marvelous Quran, which guides to righteousness, so we believe in it and we ascribe no partner to our Lord. And (we believe) that He, exalted be the glory of our Lord! – has taken neither wife nor son, and that the foolish one among us used to speak concerning God an atrocious lie. And lo! We had supposed that humankind and jinn would not speak a lie concerning God.

72:6-7 And indeed (O Muhammad) individuals of humankind used to invoke the protection of individuals of the jinn so that they increased them in revolt (against God); and indeed they supposed, even as you suppose, that God would not raise anyone (from the dead).

72:8-15 And (the jinn who had listened to the Quran said): We had sought the heaven but had found it filled with strong warders and meteors. And we used to sit on places (high) therein to listen. But he who listened now finds a flame in wait for him; and we know not whether harm is boded to all who are in the earth, or whether their Lord intends guidance for them. And among us there are righteous folk and among us there are far from that. We are sects having different rules. And we know that we cannot escape from God in the earth, nor can we escape by flight. And when we heard the guidance, we believed therein, and whoever believes in his Lord, he fears neither loss nor oppression. And there are among us are some Muslims (who have surrendered to God) and there are among us some who are unjust. And whoever has embraced Islam (surrendered to God), such have taken the right path purposefully. And as for those who are unjust, they are firewood for Hell.

72:16-17 If they (the idolaters) tread the right path, We shall give them to drink of water in abundance that We may test them thereby, and whoever turns away from the remembrance of his Lord; He will thrust him into ever growing torment.

72:18 And the places of worship are only for God, so pray not to anyone along with God.

72:19 And when the slave of God stood up in prayer to Him, they crowded on him, almost stifling.

72:20-24 Say (to them, O Muhammad): I pray to God only, and ascribe to Him no partner. Say: Lo! I control not hurt nor benefit for you. Say: Lo! None can protect me from God, nor can I find any refuge beside Him. (Mine is) but conveyance (of the truth) from God, and His messages; and whoever disobeys God and His Messenger, lo! His is the fire of Hell, wherein such dwell for ever. Till (the Day) when they shall behold that which they are promised (they may doubt); but then they will know for certain) who is weaker in allies and less in multitude.

72:25-28 Say (O Muhammad to the disbelievers): I know not whether that which you are promised is near, or if my Lord has set a distant term for it. (He is) the Knower of the Unseen, and He reveals to none His secret, except to a Messenger whom he has chosen, and then He makes a guard to go before him and a guard behind him that He may know that they have indeed Conveyed the messages of their Lord. He surrounds all their doings, and He keeps count of all things.

73. Al-Muzzammil: The Wrapped One

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

73:1-5 O you wrapped up in your raiment! Keep vigil the night long, except a little – A half thereof, or abate a little thereof, or add (a little) thereto – and chant the Quran in measure, for We shall charge you with a word of weight.

73:6-10 Lo! The vigil of the night is (a time) when impression is more keen and speech more certain. Lo! You have by day a chain of business. So remember the name of your Lord and devote

yourself with a complete devotion – Lord of the east and the west; none should be worshipped but God alone; so choose you Him alone for your defender – and bear with patience what they utter, and part from them with a fair leave-taking.

73:11-14 Leave Me to deal with the deniers, lords of ease and comfort (in this life); and do you respite them awhile. Lo! With Us are heavy fetters and a raging Fire, and food which chokes (the partaker), and a painful punishment. On the Day when the earth and the hills rock, and the hills become a heap of running sand.

73:15-19 Lo! We have sent to you a Messenger as witness against you, even as We sent to Pharaoh a Messenger. But Pharaoh rebelled against the Messenger, whereupon We seized him with no gentle grip. Then how, if you disbelieve, will you protect yourselves upon the Day, which will turn

children grey, the very heaven being then rent asunder. His promise is to be fulfilled. Lo! This is

a Reminder. Let him who will, then, choose a way to his Lord.

73:20 Lo! Your Lord knows how you keep vigil sometimes nearly two thirds of the night, or (sometimes) half or a third thereof, as do a party of those with you. God measures the night and the day. He knows that you count it not, and turns to you in mercy. Recite, then of the Quran that which is easy for you. He knows that there are sick folk among you, while others travel in the land in search of God's bounty, and others (still) are fighting for the cause of God. So recite of it that which is easy (for you), and establish worship and pay the poor-due and (so) lend to God a goodly loan. Whatsoever good you send before

you for your souls, you will surely find it with God, better and greater in the recompense. And seek forgiveness of God. Lo! God is Forgiving, Merciful.

74. *Al-Muddaththir: The Cloaked One*

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

74:1-5 O you enveloped in your cloak, arise and warn! Your Lord magnify, your raiment purify, pollution shun!

74:6-7 And show not favor, seeking worldly gain! For the sake of your Lord, be patient!

74:8-10 For when the Trumpet shall sound, surely that Day will be a Day of anguish, not of ease, for disbelievers.

74:11-29 Leave Me (to deal) with him whom I created lonely, and then bestowed upon him ample means, and sons abiding in his presence, and made (life) smooth for him. Yet he desires that I should give more. Nay! For lo! he has been stubborn to Our revelations. On him I shall impose a fearful punishment. For lo! He did consider; then he planned.(Self-) destroyed is he, how he planned! Again (self-) destroyed is he, how he planned! Then looked he, then frowned he and showed displeasure. Then turned he away in pride, and said: This is nothing else than magic of old; this is nothing else than speech of mortal man. Him shall I fling to the burning – Ah, what will convey to you what that burning is! .It leaves nothing; it spares nothing. It shrivels the man.

74:30-31 Above it are nineteen. We have appointed only angels to be wardens of the Fire, and their number have We made to be a stumbling block for those who disbelieve; that those to whom the Scripture has been given may have certainty, and that believers may increase in faith; and that those to whom the Scripture has been given and believers may not doubt; and that those in whose hearts there is disease, and disbelievers, may say: What means God by this similitude? Thus God sends astray whom He wills, and whom He wills He guides. None knows the hosts of your Lord except Him. This is nothing else than a Reminder to mortals.

74:32-37 Nay, by the moon, and the night when it withdraws, and the dawn when it shines forth. Lo! This is one of the greatest (signs) as a warning to men, to him of you who will advance or hang back.

74:38-47 Every soul is a pledge for its own deeds; except those who will stand on the right hand. In Gardens they will ask one another concerning the guilty: What has brought you to this burning? They will answer: We were not of those who prayed nor did we feed the wretched. We used to wade (in vain dispute) with(all) waders, and we used to deny the Day of Judgment, till the inevitability of death came to us.

74:48-54 The mediation of no mediators will avail them then. Why now turn they away from the admonishment as if they were frightened asses fleeing from a lion? Nay, but every one of them desires that he should be given open pages (from God). Nay, verily. They fear not the Hereafter. Nay, verily. Lo! This is an admonishment.

74:55-56 So whosoever wills may heed. And they will not heed unless God wills (it). He is worthy of our piety and the One Who forgives.

75. *Al-Qiyamah: Resurrection*

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

75:1-4 Nay, I swear by the Day of Resurrection; nay, I swear by the accusing soul (that this Scripture is true). Thinks man that We shall not assemble his bones? Yes, verily. Yes, We are Able to restore his very fingers!

75:5-12 But man would gladly deny what is before him. He asks: When will be this Day of Resurrection? But when sight is confounded, and the moon is eclipsed, and sun and moon are united, on that Day man will cry: Where to flee! Alas! No refuge! To your Lord is the recourse that Day.

75:13-15 On that Day man is told the tale of that which he has sent before and left behind. Oh, but man is a telling witness against himself, although he tenders his excuses.

75:16-19 Stir not your tongue herewith to hasten it. Lo! Upon Us (rests) the putting together thereof and the reading thereof. And when We read it, follow you the reading; then lo! Upon Us (rests) the explanation thereof.

75:20-25 Nay, but you do love the fleeting now and neglect the Hereafter. That Day will faces be

resplendent, looking toward their Lord; and that Day will other faces be despondent, you will know that some great disaster is about to fall on them.

75:26-30 Nay, but when the life comes up to the throat, and men say: Where is the wizard (who can save him now)? And he knows that it is the parting; and agony is heaped on agony; to your Lord that Day will be the driving.

75:31-35 For he neither trusted, nor prayed. But he denied and flouted. Then went he to his folk with glee. Nearer to you and nearer, again nearer to you and nearer (is the punishment).

75:36-40 Thinks man that he is to be left aimless? Was he not a drop of fluid, which gushed forth? Then he became a clot; then (God) shaped and fashioned, and made of him a pair, the male and female. Is not He (Who does so) Able to bring the dead to life?

76. *Al-Insan or Ad-Dahr: Man or Time**In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful*

76:1-4 Has there come upon man (ever) any period of time in which he was a thing unremembered? Lo! We create man from a drop of thickened fluid to test him; so We make him hearing, knowing. Lo! We have guided him to the way, whether he be grateful or disbelieving. Lo! We have prepared for disbelievers manacles and shackles and a raging Fire.

76:5-10 Lo! The righteous shall drink of a cup whereof the mixture is of water of camphor, a spring wherefrom the slaves of God drink, making it gush forth abundantly, because they perform the vow and fear a Day whereof the evil is wide-spreading, and feed with food the needy wretch, the orphan and the prisoner, for love of Him, (saying:) We feed you, for the sake of God only. We wish for neither reward nor thanks from you; lo! We fear from our Lord a Day of frowning and of fate.

76:11-22 Therefore God has warded from them the evil of that Day, and has made them find brightness and joy; and has awarded them for all that they endured, a Garden and silk attire; reclining therein upon couches, they will find there neither (heat of) a sun nor bitter

cold. The shade thereof is close upon them and the clustered fruits thereof bow down. Goblets of silver are brought round for them, and beakers (as) of glass, (bright as) glass but (made) of silver, which they (themselves) have measured to the measure (of their deeds). There are they watered with a cup whereof the mixture is of ginger, the water of a spring therein, named Salsabil. There wait on them immortal youth, whom, when you see, you would take for scattered pearls. When you see, you will see there bliss and high estate. Their raiment will be fine green silk and gold embroidery.

Bracelets of silver will they wear. Their Lord will slake their thirst with a pure drink. (And it will be said to them :) Lo! This is a reward for you. Your endeavor (upon earth) has found acceptance.

76:23-24 Lo! We, indeed We, have revealed to you the Quran, a revelation; so submit patiently to your Lord's command, and obey not of them any guilty one or disbeliever.

76:25-26 Remember the name of your Lord at morn and evening. And worship Him (a portion) of the night. And glorify Him through the long night.

76:27 Lo! These love fleeting life, and put behind them (the remembrance of) a grievous Day.

76:28 We, indeed We, created them, and strengthened their frame. And when We will, We can replace them, bringing others like them in their stead.

76:29-30 Lo! This is an admonishment, that whosoever wills may choose a way to his Lord. Yet you will not, unless God wills. Lo! God is Knower, Wise.

76:31 He makes whom He wills to enter His mercy, and for evildoers has prepared a painful punishment.

77. Al-Mursalat: The Emissaries

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

77:1-7 By the emissary winds (sent) one after another; by the raging hurricanes; by those which cause earth's vegetation to revive; by those who winnow with a winnowing; by those who bring down the Reminder, to excuse or to warn; surely that which you are promised will befall.

77:8-15 So when the stars are put out, and when the sky is driven asunder, and when the mountains are blown away, and when the Messengers' time has come – For what Day is the time appointed? For the Day of Decision. And what will convey to you what the Day of Decision is! Woe to the repudiators on that Day!

77:16-19 Destroyed We not the former folk, then caused the latter folk to follow after? Thus deal We ever with the guilty. Woe to the repudiators on that Day!

77:20-24 Did We not create you from a base fluid, which We laid up in a safe abode for a known term? Thus We arranged. How excellent is Our arranging! Woe to the repudiators on that Day!

77:25-28 Have We not made the earth a receptacle both for the living and the dead, and placed therein high mountains and given you to drink sweet water therein? Woe to the repudiators on that Day!

77:29-34 (It will be said to them:) Depart to that (punishment) which you used to deny; depart to the shadow falling threefold. (Which yet is) neither relief nor shelter from the flame. Lo! It throws up sparks like the castles, (or) as it might be camels of bright yellow hue. Woe to the repudiators on that Day!

77:35-37 This is a Day wherein they speak not, nor are they suffered to put forth excuses. Woe to the repudiators on that Day!

77:38-40 This is the Day of Decision, We have brought you and the men of old together. If now you have any wit, outwit Me. Woe to the repudiators on that Day!

77:41-45 Lo! Those who kept their duty are amid shade and fountains, and fruits such as they desire. (To them it is said:) Eat, drink and welcome, O you blessed, in return for what you did. Thus do We reward the good. Woe to the repudiators on that Day!

77:46-47 Eat and take your ease (on earth) a little. Lo! You are guilty. Woe to the repudiators on that Day!

77:48-49 When it is said to them: Bow down they bow not down! Woe to the repudiators on that Day!

77:50 In what statement, after this, will they believe?

78. An-Naba: The Tidings

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

78:1-5 Whereof do they question one another? (It is) of the awful tidings, concerning which, they are in disagreement. Nay, but they will come to know! Nay, again, but they will come to know!

78:6-11 Have We not made the earth an expanse, and the high hills bulwarks? And We have created you in pairs, and have appointed your sleep for repose, and have appointed the night as a cloak, and have appointed the day for livelihood.

78:12-16 And We have built above you seven strong (heavens), and have appointed a dazzling lamp, and have sent down from the rainy clouds abundant water, thereby to produce grain and plant, and gardens of thick foliage.

78:17-20 Lo! The Day of Decision is a fixed time, a Day when the Trumpet is blown, and you come in multitudes, and the heaven is opened and becomes as gates, and the hills are set in motion and become as a mirage.

78:21-26 Lo! Hell lurks in ambush, a home for the rebellious. They will abide therein for ages. Therein they taste neither coolness nor (any) drink except boiling water and a paralyzing cold: Reward proportioned (to their evil deeds).

78:27 For lo! They looked not for a reckoning;

78:28-30 they called Our revelations false with a strong denial. Everything have We recorded in a Book. So taste (of that which you have earned). No increase do We give you except of torment.

78:31-37 Lo! For the dutious is achievement. Gardens enclosed and vineyards, and maidens for companions, and a full cup. There hear they never vain discourse, nor lying – Requital from your Lord – a gift in payment – Lord of the heavens and the earth, and (all)

that is between them, the Beneficent; with Whom none can converse.

78:38-39 On the Day when the angels and the Spirit stand arrayed, they speak not, except him whom the Beneficent allows and who speaks right. That is the True Day. So whoever wills should seek recourse to his Lord.

78:40 Lo! We warn you of a punishment at hand, a Day whereon a man will look on that which his own hands have sent before, and the disbeliever will cry: Would that I were dust!

79. An-Nazi`at: Those Who drag forth

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

79:1-9 By those who drag forth to destruction, by the meteors rushing, by the lone stars floating, by the angels hastening, and those who govern the event, on the Day when the first Trumpet resounds, and the second follows it, on that Day hearts beat painfully, while eyes are downcast.

79:10-14 (Now) they are saying: Shall we really be restored to our first state, even after we are crumbled bones? They say: Then that would be a vain proceeding. Surely it will need but one shout, and lo! They will be awakened.

79:15-26 Has there come to you the history of Moses? How his Lord called him in the holy vale of Tuwa, (saying:) Go you to Pharaoh – Lo! He has rebelled, and say (to him): Have you (will) to purify yourself? Then I will guide you to your Lord and you shall fear (Him). And he showed him the tremendous sign. But he denied and disobeyed, then turned he away in haste, then gathered he (his people) and summoned and proclaimed: I (Pharaoh) am your lord the highest. So God seized him (and made him) an example for the after (life) and for the former. Lo! Herein is indeed a lesson for him who fears.

79:27-33 Are you the harder to create, or is the heaven that He built? He raised the height thereof and proportioned it; and He darkened the night thereof, and He extracted its brightness. And after that He spread the earth, and produced from it its water and its pasture and He made fast the hills, as a provision for you and for your cattle.

79:34-41 But when the great disaster comes, the Day when man will call to mind his (whole) endeavor, and Hell will stand forth visible to him who sees, then, as for him who rebelled and chose the life of the world, lo! Hell will be his home. But as for him who feared to stand before his Lord and restrained his soul from lust, lo! The Garden will be his home.

79:42-45 They ask you of the Hour: when will it come to port? Why (ask they)? What have you to tell them thereof? To your Lord belongs (knowledge of) the term thereof. You are but a warner to him who fears it.

79:46 On the Day when they behold it, it will be as if they had but tarried for an evening or the morn thereof.

80. Abasa: He Frowned

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

80:1-4 He frowned and turned away because the blind man came to him. What could

inform you that perhaps he might become pure of his sin or take heed and so the reminder might avail him?

80:5-10 As for him who thinks himself independent, to him you pay regard. Yet it is not your concern if he becomes not pure of his sin. But as for him who comes to you with earnest purpose and has fear, from him you are distracted.

80:11-16 Nay, but verily it is an admonishment, so let whosoever will pay heed to it, on honored leaves exalted, purified, (set down) by scribes noble and righteous.

80:17-19 Man is (self-) destroyed: how ungrateful! From what thing does He create him? From a drop of seed. He creates him and proportions him,

80:20-23 Then makes the way easy for him, then causes him to die, and buries him; then, when He wills, He brings him to life again. Nay, but (man) has not done what He commanded him.

80:24-32 Let man consider his food: How We pour water in showers, then split the earth in clefts and cause the grain to grow therein, and grapes and green fodder, and olive trees and palm trees, and garden-closes of thick foliage, and fruits and grasses: Provision for you and your cattle.

80:33-37 But when the Shout comes on the Day when a man flees from his brother, and his mother and his father, and his wife and his children, every man that Day will have concern enough to make him heedless (of others).

80:38-42 On that Day faces will be bright as dawn, laughing, rejoicing at good news; and other faces, on that Day, with dust upon them, veiled in darkness, those are the disbelievers, the wicked.

81. At-Takwir: The Overthrowing

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

81:1-14 When the sun is overthrown, and when the stars fall, and when the hills are moved, and when the camels big with young are abandoned, and when the wild beasts are herded together, and when the seas rise, and when souls are reunited, and when the girl-child that was buried alive is asked for what sin she was slain, and when the pages are laid open, and when the sky is torn away, and when Hell is lighted, and when the garden is brought near (then) every soul will know what it has made ready.

81:15-21 Oh, but I call to witness the planets, the stars which rise and set, and the close of night, and the breath of morning that this is in truth the word of an honored messenger, owner of power (and high rank) with the Lord of the Throne, (one) to be obeyed, and trustworthy.

81:22-25 And your comrade is not mad. Surely he beheld him on the clear horizon. And he is not avid of the Unseen. Nor is this the utterance of a devil worthy to be stoned.

81:26-29 Whither then go you? This is nothing else than a reminder to creation, to whomsoever of you wills to walk straight. And you will not, unless (it be) that God wills it, the Lord of creation.

82. Al-Infitar: The Cleaving

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

82:1-5 When the heaven is cleft asunder, when the planets are dispersed, when the seas are poured forth, and the sepulchres are overturned, a soul will know what it has sent before (it) and what left behind.

82:6-9 O man! What has made you careless concerning your Lord, the Bountiful, Who created you, then fashioned, then proportioned you into whatsoever form He wills, He casts you? Nay, but they deny the Judgment.

82:10-12 Lo! There are above you guardians, generous and recording, who know (all) that you do.

82:13-16 Lo! The righteous verily will be in Delight, and lo! The wicked verily will be in Hell; they will burn therein on the Day of Judgment, and will not be absent thence.

82:17 Ah, what will convey to you what the Day of Judgment is!

82:18 Again, what will convey to you what the Day of Judgment is!

82:19 A Day on which no soul has power at all for any (other) soul. The (absolute) command on that Day is God's.

83. Al-Mutaffifin: Defrauding*In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful*

83:1-6 Woe to the defrauders: Those who when they take the measure from people demand it full, but if they measure to them or weigh for them, they cause them loss. Do such (men) not consider that they will be raised again to an Awful Day, the Day when (all) people will stand before the Lord of the Worlds?

83:7-17 Nay, but the record of the vile is in Sijjin – Ah! what will convey to you what Sijjin is! – a written record. Woe to the repudiators on that Day! Those who deny the Day of Judgment which none denies except each sinful transgressor, who, when you read to him Our revelations, says: (Mere) fables of the men of old. Nay, but that which they have earned is rust upon their hearts. Nay, but surely on that Day they will be covered from (the mercy of) their Lord. Then lo! They verily will burn in Hell, and it will be said (to them) : This is that which you used to deny.

83:18-28 Nay, but the record of the righteous is in Iliyin – Ah, what will convey to you what Iliyin is!. A written record, attested by those who are brought near (to their Lord). Lo! The righteous are verily in Delight, on couches, gazing, you will know in their faces the radiance of delight. They are given to drink of a pure wine, sealed, whose seal is musk – For this let (all) those strive who strive for bliss – and mixed with water of Tasnim, a spring from which those brought near to God drink.

83:29-35 Lo! The guilty used to laugh at those who believed, and wink one to another when they passed them; and when they returned to their own folk, they returned jesting; and when they saw them they said: Lo! These have gone astray. Yet they were not sent as guardians over them. This Day it is those who believe who have the last laugh on the disbelievers, on high couches, gazing.

83:36 Are not the disbelievers paid for what they used to do?

84. Al-Inshiqaq: The Sundering*In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful*

84:1-6 When the heaven is split asunder and attentive to her Lord in fear, and when the earth is spread out and has cast out all that was in her, and is empty, and attentive to her Lord in fear! You verily, O man, are working toward your Lord a work, which you will meet (before Him).

84:7-15 Then whoever is given his account in his right hand, he truly will receive an easy reckoning, and will return to his folk in joy. But whoever is given his account behind his back, he surely will invoke destruction and be thrown to the scorching Fire. He verily lived joyous with his folk; he verily deemed that he would never return (to God). Nay, but lo! His Lord is ever looking on him!

84:16-19 Oh, I swear by the afterglow of sunset, and by the night and all that it enshrouds, and by the moon when she is at the full that you shall journey on from plain to plain.

84:20-25 What ails them, then, that they believe not, and when the Quran is recited to them, worship not (God)? Nay, but those who disbelieve will deny; and God knows best what they are hiding. So give them tidings of a painful punishment, except those who believe and do good works, for theirs is a reward unailing.

85. Al-Buruj: The Mansions of the Stars*In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful*

85:1-3 By the heaven, holding mansions of the stars, and by the Promised Day. And by the witness and that whereto he bears testimony.

85:4-7 (Self-) destroyed were the owners of the ditch of the fuel-fed fire, when they sat by it, and were themselves the witnesses of what they did to the believers.

85:8-9 They had nothing against them except that they believed in God, the Mighty, the Owner of

praise, Him to Whom belongs the supreme power of the heavens and the earth; and God is of all things the Witness.

85:10 Lo! They who persecute believing men and believing women and repent not, theirs verily will be the punishment of Hell, and theirs the punishment of burning.

85:11 Lo! Those who believe and do good works, theirs will be Gardens underneath which rivers flow. That is the Great Success.

85:12 Lo! The punishment of your Lord is stern.

85:13-16 Lo! It is He Who produces, then reproduces, and He is the Forgiving, the Loving, Lord of the Throne of Glory, Doer of what He wills.

85:17-18 Has there come to you the story of the hosts of Pharaoh and (the tribe of) Thamud?

85:19-20 Nay, but those who disbelieve live in denial. And God, all unseen, surrounds them.

85:21-22 Nay, but it is a glorious Quran on a guarded tablet.

86. At-Tariq: The Morning Star

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

86:1-3 By the heaven and the morning star – Ah, what will tell you what the morning star is!. The piercing star!

86:4-7 There is no human soul but it has a guardian over it. So let man consider from what he is created. He is created from a gushing fluid that issued from between the loins and ribs.

86:8-12 Lo! He verily is Able to return him (to life) on the Day when hidden thoughts shall be searched out. Then he (man) will have neither might nor any helper. By the heaven, which gives the returning rain, and the earth, which splits (with the growth of trees and plants).

86:13-14 Lo! This (Quran) is a conclusive Word, it is no pleasantry.

86:15-17 Lo! They plot a plot (against you, O Muhammad), and I plot a plot (against them). So give a respite to the disbelievers. Deal you gently with them for a while.

87. Al-A'la: The Most High

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful .

87:1-5 Praise the name of your Lord the Most High, Who creates, then disposes; Who measures, then guides; Who brings forth the pasturage, then turns it to russet stubble.

87:6-9 We shall make you read (O Muhammad) so that you shall not forget, except that which God wills. Lo! He knows the disclosed and that which still is hidden; and We shall ease your way to the state of ease. Therefore remind (men), for of use is the reminder.

87:10-15 He who fears will heed, but the most evil will flout it, he who will be flung to the great Fire wherein he will neither die nor live. He is successful who grows, and remembers the name of his Lord, so prays.

87:16-19 But you prefer the life of the world although the Hereafter is better and more lasting. Lo! This is in the former scrolls, the Book of Abraham and Moses.

88. Al-Ghashiyah: The Overwhelming

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

88:1-7 Has there come to you tidings of the Overwhelming? On that Day (many) faces will be downcast, toiling, weary, scorched by burning Fire, drinking from a boiling spring, no food for them except bitter thorn fruit, which does not nourish nor release from hunger.

88:8-16 In that Day other faces will be calm, glad for their past effort, in a high Garden where they hear no idle speech, wherein is a gushing spring, wherein are couches raised, and goblets set at hand, and cushions ranged, and silken carts spread.

88:17-20 Will they not regard the camels, how they are created? And the heaven, how it is raised? And the hills, how they are set up? And the earth, how it is spread?

88:21-22 Remind them, for you are but a reminder, you are not at all a warder over them.

88:23-24 But whoever is averse and disbelieves, God will punish him with direst punishment.

88:25-26 Lo! To Us is their return and Ours their reckoning.

89. Al-Fajr: The Dawn

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

89:1-5 By the dawn, and ten nights, and the Even and the Odd, and the night when it departs, there surely is an oath for those who possess understanding.

89:6-12 Do you not consider how your Lord dealt with (the tribe of) Aad, with many-columned Iram, the like of which was not created in the lands; and with (the tribe of) Thamud, who clove the rocks in the valley; and with Pharaoh, firm of might, who (all) were rebellious (to God) in these lands, and multiplied iniquity therein?

89:13-14 Therefore your Lord poured on them the disaster of His punishment. Lo! Your Lord is ever Watchful.

89:15-16 As for man, whenever his Lord tries him by honoring him, and is gracious to him, he says: My Lord honors me. But whenever He tries him by straitening his means of life, he says: My Lord despises me.

89:17-20 Nay, but you (for your part) honor not the orphan, and urge not on the feeding of the poor, and you devour heritages with devouring greed, and love wealth with abounding love.

89:21-26 Nay, but when the earth is ground to atoms, grinding, grinding, and your Lord shall come with angels, rank on rank, and Hell is brought near that Day; on that Day man will remember, but how will the remembrance (then avail him)? He will say: Ah, would that I had sent before me (some provision) for my life! None punishes as He will punish on that Day! None binds as He then will bind.

89:27-30 But ah! Your soul at peace! Return to your Lord, content in His good pleasure! Enter you among My bondmen! Enter you My Garden!

90. Al-Balad: The City

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

90:1-4 Nay, I swear by this city – And you are free in this city – and by the father and his offspring, We verily have created man in an atmosphere.

90:5-10 Thinks he that none has power over him? And he says: I have destroyed vast wealth. Thinks he that none beholds him? Did We not assign to him two eyes and a tongue and two lips, and guide him to the parting of the mountain ways?

90:11-18 But he has not attempted the Ascent – Ah, what will convey to you what the Ascent is! (it is) to free a slave, and to feed in the day of hunger an orphan near of kin, or some poor wretch in misery, and to be of those who believe and exhort one another to patience and exhort one another to pity. Their place will be on the right hand.

90:19-20 But those who disbelieve Our revelations, their place will be on the left hand. Fire will be an awning over them.

91. *Ash-Shams: The Sun*

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

91:1-8 By the sun and its brightness, and the moon when it follows it, and the day when it reveals, and the night when it enshrouds, and the heaven and Him Who built it, and the earth and Him Who spread it, and a soul and Him Who perfected it and inspired it to understand the way of iniquity and the way of piety.

91:9-10 He is indeed successful who purifies himself of his sin, and he is indeed a failure who stunts it.

91:11-15 (The tribe of) Thamud denied (the truth) in their rebellious pride. When the basest of them broke forth, and the Messenger of God said: It is the she-camel of God, so let her drink! But they denied him, and they hamstrung her, so God punished them for their sin and razed (their dwellings). He dreads not the sequel (of events).

92. *Al-Lail: The Night*

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

92:1-4 By the night enshrouding, and the day resplendent, and Him Who has created male and female. Lo! Your effort is dispersed (toward diverse ends).

92:5-7 As for him who gives and is dutiful (toward God) and believes in goodness; surely We will ease his way to the state of ease.

92:8-11 But as for him who hoards and deems himself independent, and disbelieves in goodness; surely We will ease his way to adversity. His riches will not save him when he perishes.

92:12-16 Lo! Ours it is (to give) the guidance. And lo! To Us belong the latter portion and the former. Therefore have I warned you of the flaming Fire, which only the most wretched must endure, he who denies and turns away.

92:17-21 Far removed from it will be the righteous, who gives his wealth that he may increase in purification of his sin, and none has with him any favor for reward, except as seeking (to fulfill) the purpose of his Lord Most High. He verily will be content.

93. *Ad-Duha: The Morning Hours*

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

93:1-5 By the morning hours and by the night when it is still, your Lord has not forsaken you nor does He hate you, and verily the latter portion will be better for you than the former, and verily your Lord will give to you so that you will be content.

93:6-8 Did He not find you an orphan and protect (you)? Did He not find you wandering and guide (you)? Did He not find you destitute and enrich (you)?

93:9-11 Therefore the orphan oppress not, therefore the beggar drive not away, therefore of the bounty of your Lord be your discourse.

94. Ash-Sharh: Solace*In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful*

94:1-4 Have We not caused your bosom to dilate, and eased you of the burden, which weighed down your back; and exalted your fame?

94:5-8 But lo! With hardship goes ease, lo! With hardship goes ease; so when you are relieved, still toil and strive to please your Lord.

95. At-Tin: The Fig*In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful*

95:1-4 By the fig and the olive, by Mount Sinai, and by this land made safe; surely We created man of the best stature.

95:5-8 Then We reduced him to the lowest of the low, except those who believe and do good works, and theirs is a reward unfailing. So who henceforth will give the lie to you about the judgment? Is not God the Most Conclusive of all judges?

96. Al-'Alaq: The Clot*In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful*

96:1-2 Read: In the name of your Lord Who creates, creates man from a clot.

96:3-5 Read: And your Lord is the Most Bounteous, Who teaches by means of the pen, teaches man that which he knew not.

96:6-8 Nay, but verily man is rebellious, that he thinks himself independent! Lo! To your Lord is the return.

96:9-14 Have you seen him who dissuades a slave when he prays? Have you seen if he (relies) on the guidance (of God) or enjoins piety? Have you seen if he denies (God's guidance) and is froward? Is he then unaware that God sees?

96:15-18 Nay, but if he ceases not, We will seize him by the forelock – The lying, sinful forelock – then let him call upon his henchmen! We will call the guards of Hell.

96:19 Nay! Obey not you him. But prostrate yourself, and draw near (to God).

97. Al-Qadr: Power

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

97:1-2 Lo! We revealed it on the Night of Power. Ah, what will convey to you what the Night of Power is!

97:3-5 The Night of Power is better than a thousand months. The angels and the Spirit descend therein, by the permission of their Lord, with all decrees. (That night is) peace until the rising of the dawn.

98. Al-Baiyinah: The Clear Proof

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

98:1-3 Those who disbelieve among the People of the Scripture and the polytheists could not have left off (erring) till the clear proof came to them, a Messenger from God, reading purified pages containing correct Scriptures.

98:4-6 Nor were the People of the Scripture divided until after the clear proof came to them. And they are ordered nothing else except to worship God, keeping religion pure for Him, as men by nature upright, and to establish worship and to pay the poor-due. That is true religion. Lo! Those who disbelieve, among the People of the Scripture and the polytheists, will abide in fire of Hell. They are the worst of created beings.

98:7-8 (And) lo! Those who believe and do good works are the best of created beings. Their reward is with their Lord: Gardens of Eden underneath which rivers flow, wherein they dwell forever. God has pleasure in them and they have pleasure in Him. This is (in store) for him who fears his Lord.

99. Az-Zalzalah: The Earthquake

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

99:1-3 When the earth is shaken with her (final) earthquake, and the earth yields up her burdens, and man says: What ails her?

99:4-5 That Day she will relate her chronicles, because your Lord will inspire her.

99:6-8 That Day people will issue forth in scattered groups to be shown their deeds. And whoever does good an atom's weight will see it then, and whoever does ill an atom's weight will see it then.

100. Al-'Adiyat: The Coursers

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

100:1-5 By the snorting coursers striking sparks of fire, and scouring to the raid at dawn, then, therewith, with their trail of dust, cleaving, as one, the center (of the foe).

100:6-8 Lo! Man is an ingrate to his Lord, and lo! He is a witness to that; and lo! In the love of wealth he is violent.

100:9-11 Knows he not that, when the contents of the graves are poured forth and the secrets of the breasts are made known? On that Day will their Lord be perfectly informed concerning them.

101. Al-Qari`ah: The Calamity

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

101:1-3 The Calamity! What is the Calamity? Ah, what will convey to you what the Calamity is!

101:4-5 A Day wherein people will be as thickly scattered moths, and the mountains will become as carded wool.

101:6-7 Then, as for him whose Scales are heavy (with good works), he will live a pleasant life.

101:8-11 But as for him whose Scales are light, the Bereft and Hungry One will be his mother. Ah, what will convey to you what she is! – Raging Fire.

102. At-Takathur : Rivalry in Worldly Increase

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

102:1-2 Rivalry in worldly increase distracts you until you come to the graves.

102:3 Nay, but you will come to know! 102:4 Nay, but you will come to know!

102:5 Nay, would that you knew (now) with certainty of mind!

102:6-7 For you will behold Hell-fire. Aye, you will behold it with certainty of sight.

102:8 Then, on that Day, you will be asked concerning pleasure.

103. Al-'Asr: The Declining Day

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

103:1-3 By the declining day, lo! Man is in a state of loss, except those who believe and do good works, and exhort one another to truth and exhort one another to patience.

104. Al-Humazah: The Traducer

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

104:1-3 Woe to every slandering traducer, who has gathered wealth (of this world) and arranged it. He thinks that his wealth will render him immortal.

104:4-5 Nay, but verily he will be flung to the Consuming One. Ah, what will convey to you what the Consuming One is!

104:6-9 (It is) the fire of God, kindled, which leaps up over the hearts (of men). Lo! It is closed in on them in outstretched columns.

105. Al-Fil: The Elephant

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

105:1-5 Have you not seen how your Lord dealt with the owners of the Elephant? Did He not bring their stratagem to nothing, and send against them swarms of flying creatures, which pelted them with stones of baked clay, and made them like green crops devoured (by cattle)?

106. Quraysh: Quraysh Tribe

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

106:1-4 For the taming of Quraysh, for their taming (We cause) the caravans to set forth in winter and summer. So let them worship the Lord of this House, Who has fed them against hunger and has made them safe from fear.

107. Al-Ma'un: Small Kindnesses

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

107:1-7 Have you observed him who belies religion? That is he who repels the orphan, and urges not the feeding of the needy. Ah, woe to worshippers who are heedless of their prayer; who would be seen (at worship), yet refuse small kindnesses!

108. Al-Kauthar: Abundance

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

108:1-3 Lo! We have given you Abundance; so pray to your Lord, and sacrifice. Lo! It is your insulter (and not you) who is without posterity.

109. Al-Kafirun: The Disbelievers

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

109:1-6 Say: O disbelievers! I worship neither that which you worship; nor worship you that which I worship. And I shall not worship that which you worship. Nor will you worship that which I worship. To you your religion, and to me my religion.

110. An-Nasr: Succor

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

110:1-3 When God's succor and the triumph comes. And you see people entering the religion of God in troops. Then hymn the praises of your Lord, and seek forgiveness of Him. Lo! He is ever ready to show mercy.

111. Al-Masad: Palm Fiber

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

111:1-5 The power of Abu Lahab will perish, and he will perish. His wealth and gains will not exempt him. He will be plunged in flaming Fire, and his wife, the wood carrier; she will have upon her neck a halter of palm fiber.

112. Al-Ikhlās: The Sincerity

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

112:1-4 Say: He is God, the One! God, the eternally Besought of all! He begets not nor was begotten. And there is none comparable to Him.

113. Al-Falaq: The Daybreak

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

113:1-5 Say: I seek refuge in the Lord of daybreak from the evil of that which He created; from the evil of the darkness when it is intense, and from the evil of malignant witchcraft, and from the evil of the envier when he envies.

114. An-Nas: People

In the Name of God, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

114:1-6 Say: I seek refuge in the Lord of people, the King of people, the God of people, from the evil of the sneaking whisperer, who whispers in the hearts of people, of the jinn and of humankind.

Arabic Names and their English Equivalents

The following list shows the Arabic names and their English equivalents:

Arabic Names	English Equivalent
Allah	God
Adam	Adam
Ayyub	Job
Dawood	David
Firon	Pharaoh
Habeel	Abel
Haroun	Aaron
Ibrahim	Abraham
Ilyas	Elias
Imran	Amran
Injeel	Gospel
Ishaq	Isaac
Ismail	Ishmael
Isa	Jesus
Jalut	Goliath
Jibreel	Gabriel
Qabeel	Cain
Lut	Lot
Majuj	Magog
Maryam	Mary
Masjid	Mosque
Mikaeel	Michael
Misr	Egypt
Musa	Moses
Nasrani	Christian
Nuh	Noah
Qarun	Korah
Saba	Sheba
Sulaiman	Solomon
Talut	Saul
Taurat	Torah
Uzair	Ezra
Yahudi	Jew
Yahya	John the Baptist
Yajuj	Gog
Yaqoub	Jacob
Yunus	Jonah
Yusuf	Joseph

M. Marmaduke Pickthall

He was born William Pickthall in 1875 in London, to an Anglican clergyman, and spent his formative years in rural Suffolk. He was contemporary of Winston Churchill at Harrow, the famous private school. During intervals from living a sedentary life in Suffolk, Pickthall traveled extensively in the Arab world and Turkey. In 1917, Pickthall reverted to Islam and soon became a leader among the emerging group of British Muslims.

In 1919, Pickthall worked for the London-based Islamic Information Bureau that among other things published the weekly *Muslim Outlook*. After completing his last novel the *Early Hours* in 1920, he departed for his new assignment in India to serve as the editor of the *Bombay Chronicle*. Pickthall devoted considerable interest in the independent Islamic empire of India that was gradually eroded through a string of British conspiracies.

In 1927, Pickthall took over as the editor of *Islamic Culture*, a new quarterly journal published under the patronage of the Nizam of Hyderabad. He gave eight lectures on several aspects of Islamic civilization at the invitation of the Committee of "*Madras Lectures on Islam*" in Madras, India. His lectures were published under the title "*The Culture Side of Islam*" in 1961 by .m. Ashraf Publishers, Lahore.

The mission of 'translating' the Quran had preoccupied Pickthall's mind since he reverted to Islam. He saw that there was an obligation for all Muslims to know the Quran intimately. In 1930, Pickthall published *The Meaning of the Glorious Koran* (A.A. Knopf, New York). Pickthall maintained that the Quran being the Word of God could not be translated.

Pickthall returned to England in early 1935, and died a year later on May 19 at St. Ives. He is buried in the Muslim cemetery at Brookwood, Surrey, near Woking.