

Sūrah al-A‘rāf³⁶²

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سُورَةُ الْأَعْرَافِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1. Alif, Lām, Meem, Ṣād.³⁶³
2. [This is] a Book revealed to you, [O Muḥammad] – so let there not be in your breast distress therefrom – that you may warn thereby and as a reminder to the believers.
3. Follow, [O mankind], what has been revealed to you from your Lord and do not follow other than Him any allies. Little do you remember.
4. And how many cities have We destroyed, and Our punishment came to them at night or while they were sleeping at noon.
5. And their declaration when Our punishment came to them was only that they said, "Indeed, we were wrongdoers!"
6. Then We will surely question those to whom [a message] was sent, and We will surely question the messengers.
7. Then We will surely relate [their deeds] to them with knowledge, and We were never absent.
8. And the weighing [of deeds] that Day will be the truth. So those whose scales are heavy – it is they who will be the successful.

الْمَصِّ ۝

كَتَبْنَا أَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْقُرْآنَ لِتُدْرِكَ فِيهِ صَدْرَكَ
حَرَجٌ مِّنْهُ لِيُنذِرَ بِهِ وَيُذَكِّرَ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ۝

اتَّبِعُوا مَا أَنْزَلَ إِلَيْكُم مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا
مِن دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَذَكَّرُونَ ۝

وَكَمْ مِّن قَرْيَةٍ أَهْلَكْنَاهَا فَجَاءَهَا بَأْسُنَا
بَيْتًا أَوْ هُمْ قَائِلُونَ ۝

فَمَا كَانَ دَعْوَاهُمْ إِذْ جَاءَهُمْ بَأْسُنَا إِلَّا أَنْ
قَالُوا إِنَّا كُنَّا ظَالِمِينَ ۝

فَلَنَسْأَلَنَّ الَّذِينَ أُرْسِلَ إِلَيْهِمْ
وَلَنَسْأَلَنَّ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ۝

فَلَنَقُصِّنَّ عَلَيْهِمْ بِعِلْمٍ وَمَا كُنَّا غَائِبِينَ ۝

وَالْوِزْنُ يُومِنُ الْحَقُّ فَمَنْ ثَقُلَتْ مَوَازِينُهُ
فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ۝

³⁶²Al-A‘rāf: The Elevations, referring to the partition between Paradise and Hell.

³⁶³See footnote to 2:1.

9. And those whose scales are light – they are the ones who will lose themselves for what injustice they were doing toward Our verses.
10. And We have certainly established you upon the earth and made for you therein ways of livelihood. Little are you grateful.
11. And We have certainly created you, [O mankind], and given you [human] form. Then We said to the angels, "Prostrate to Adam"; so they prostrated, except for Iblees.³⁶⁴ He was not of those who prostrated.
12. [Allāh] said, "What prevented you from prostrating when I commanded you?" [Satan] said, "I am better than him. You created me from fire and created him from clay [i.e., earth]."
13. [Allāh] said, "Descend from it [i.e., Paradise], for it is not for you to be arrogant therein. So get out; indeed, you are of the debased."
14. [Satan] said, "Reprieve me until the Day they are resurrected."
15. [Allāh] said, "Indeed, you are of those reprieved."
16. [Satan] said, "Because You have put me in error, I will surely sit in wait for them [i.e., mankind] on Your straight path.

وَمَنْ حَقَّتْ مَوَازِينُهُ فَأُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ خَسِرُوا
أَنْفُسَهُمْ بِمَا كَانُوا بِآيَاتِنَا يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿٩﴾

وَلَقَدْ مَكَّنَّاكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَجَعَلْنَا لَكُمْ
فِيهَا مَعْيِشًا قَلِيلًا مَا تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿١٠﴾

وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَاكُمْ ثُمَّ صَوَّرْنَاكُمْ ثُمَّ قُلْنَا
لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ اسْجُدُوا لِآدَمَ فَسَجَدُوا إِلَّا
إِبْلِيسَ لَمْ يَكُن مِنَ السَّاجِدِينَ ﴿١١﴾

قَالَ مَا مَنَعَكَ أَلَّا تَسْجُدَ إِذْ أَمَرْتُكَ قَالَ
أَنَا خَيْرٌ مِنْهُ خَلَقْتَنِي مِنْ نَارٍ وَخَلَقْتَهُ مِنْ
طِينٍ ﴿١٢﴾

قَالَ فَاهْبِطْ مِنْهَا فَمَا يَكُونُ لَكَ أَنْ تَتَكَبَّرَ
فِيهَا فَاخْرُجْ إِنَّكَ مِنَ الصَّاغِرِينَ ﴿١٣﴾

قَالَ أَنْظِرْنِي إِلَى يَوْمِ يُبْعَثُونَ ﴿١٤﴾

قَالَ إِنَّكَ مِنَ الْمُنظَرِينَ ﴿١٥﴾

قَالَ فَبِمَا أَعْيَبْتَنِي لَأَقْعُدَنَّ لَهُمْ صِرَاطَكَ
الْمُسْتَقِيمَ ﴿١٦﴾

³⁶⁴Satan. See footnote to 2:34.

17. Then I will come to them from before them and from behind them and on their right and on their left, and You will not find most of them grateful [to You]."

ثُمَّ لَا يَنبَغُهُمْ مِنْ بَيْنِ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ
وَعَنْ أَيْمَانِهِمْ وَعَنْ شَمَائِلِهِمْ وَلَا تَجِدُ
أَكْثَرَهُمْ شَاكِرِينَ ﴿١٧﴾

18. [Allāh] said, "Depart from it [i.e., Paradise], reproached and expelled. Whoever follows you among them – I will surely fill Hell with you, all together."

قَالَ أَخْرَجْ مِنْهَا مَذْمُومًا مَّدْحُورًا لِمَنْ
تَبِعَكَ مِنْهُمْ لَأَمْلَأَنَّ جَهَنَّمَ مِنْكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿١٨﴾

19. And "O Adam, dwell, you and your wife, in Paradise and eat from wherever you will but do not approach this tree, lest you be among the wrongdoers."

وَيَقَادِمُ أَسْكُنُ أَنْتَ وَزَوْجُكَ الْجَنَّةَ فَكُلَا
مِنْ حَيْثُ شِئْتُمَا وَلَا تَقْرَبَا هَذِهِ الشَّجَرَةَ
فَتَكُونَا مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿١٩﴾

20. But Satan whispered to them to make apparent to them that which was concealed from them of their private parts. He said, "Your Lord did not forbid you this tree except that you become angels or become of the immortal."

فَوَسْوَسَ لَهُمَا الشَّيْطَانُ لِيُبْدِيَ لَهُمَا مَا
وُورِيَ عَنْهُمَا مِنْ سَوْءَاتِهِمَا وَقَالَ مَا
نَهَاكُمَا رَبُّكُمَا عَنْ هَذِهِ الشَّجَرَةِ إِلَّا أَنْ
تَكُونَا مَلَائِكَةً أَوْ تَكُونَا مِنَ الْخَالِدِينَ ﴿٢٠﴾

21. And he swore [by Allāh] to them, "Indeed, I am to you from among the sincere advisors."

وَقَاعَسَهُمَا إِلَىٰ لَكُمْ لَعِينٍ النَّصِيحِينَ ﴿٢١﴾

22. So he made them fall, through deception. And when they tasted of the tree, their private parts became apparent to them, and they began to fasten together over themselves from the leaves of Paradise. And their Lord called to them, "Did I not forbid you from that tree and tell you that Satan is to you a clear enemy?"

فَدَلَّلْنَاهُمَا بِغُرُورٍ فَلَمَّا ذَاقَا الشَّجَرَةَ بَدَتْ
لَهُمَا سَوْءَاتُهُمَا وَطَفِقَا مَخْصِفَانِ عَلَيْهِمَا
مِنْ وَرَقِ الْجَنَّةِ وَنَادَاهُمَا رَبُّهُمَا أَلَمْ أَنهَكُمَا
عَنْ تِلْكَ الشَّجَرَةِ وَأَقُلُّ لَكُمْ إِنَّ
الشَّيْطَانَ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ ﴿٢٢﴾

23. They said, "Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves, and if You do not forgive us and have mercy

قَالَ رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا أَنفُسَنَا وَإِنْ لَمْ تَغْفِرْ لَنَا
وَتَرْحَمْنَا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ ﴿٢٣﴾

direct yourselves [to the Qiblah] at every place [or time] of prostration, and invoke Him, sincere to Him in religion." Just as He originated you, you will return [to life] –

عِنْدَ كُلِّ مَسْجِدٍ وَادْعُوهُ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ
الَّذِينَ كَمَا بَدَأَكُمْ تَعُودُونَ ﴿٦٦﴾

30. A group [of you] He guided, and a group deserved [to be in] error. Indeed, they [i.e., the latter] had taken the devils as allies instead of Allāh while they thought that they were guided.

فَرِيقًا هَدَىٰ وَفَرِيقًا حَقَّ عَلَيْهِمُ الضَّلَالَةُ
إِنَّهُمْ أَخَذُوا الشَّيَاطِينَ أَوْلِيَاءَ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ
وَيَحْسُبُونَ أَنَّهُم مُّهْتَدُونَ ﴿٦٧﴾

31. O children of Adam, take your adornment [i.e., wear your clothing] at every masjid,³⁶⁶ and eat and drink, but be not excessive. Indeed, He likes not those who commit excess.

﴿يَا بَنِي آدَمَ خُذُوا زِينَتَكُمْ عِنْدَ كُلِّ
مَسْجِدٍ وَكُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا وَلَا تُسْرِفُوا إِنَّهُ
لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ ﴿٦٨﴾﴾

32. Say, "Who has forbidden the adornment of [i.e., from] Allāh which He has produced for His servants and the good [lawful] things of provision?" Say, "They are for those who believed during the life of this world, exclusively [for them] on the Day of Resurrection." Thus do We detail the verses for a people who know.

قُلْ مَن حَرَّمَ زِينَةَ اللَّهِ الَّتِي أَخْرَجَ لِعِبَادِهِ
وَالطَّيِّبَاتِ مِنَ الرِّزْقِ قُلْ هِيَ لِلَّذِينَ
ءَامَنُوا فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا خَالِصَةً يَوْمَ
الْقِيَامَةِ ﴿٦٩﴾ كَذَلِكَ نَفْصَلُ الْآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ
يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾

33. Say, "My Lord has only forbidden immoralities – what is apparent of them and what is concealed – and sin,³⁶⁷ and oppression without right, and that you associate with Allāh that for which He has not sent down

قُلْ إِنَّمَا حَرَّمَ رَبِّي الْفَوَاحِشَ مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا
وَمَا بَطَّنَ ۖ وَالْإِثْمَ وَالْبَغْيَ بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ وَأَن
تُشْرِكُوا بِاللَّهِ مَا لَمْ يُنَزَّلْ بِهِ سُلْطَنًا وَأَن
تَقُولُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾

³⁶⁶Literally, "place of prostration," meaning any place that a Muslim prays upon the earth.

³⁶⁷The term may also refer specifically to a mosque.

³⁶⁷Any unlawful deed.

authority, and that you say about Allāh that which you do not know."

34. And for every nation is a [specified] term. So when their time has come, they will not remain behind an hour, nor will they precede [it].
35. O children of Adam, if there come to you messengers from among you relating to you My verses [i.e., scriptures and laws], then whoever fears Allāh and reforms – there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve.
36. But the ones who deny Our verses and are arrogant toward them – those are the companions of the Fire; they will abide therein eternally.
37. And who is more unjust than one who invents about Allāh a lie or denies His verses? Those will attain their portion of the decree³⁶⁸ until, when Our messengers [i.e., angels] come to them to take them in death, they will say, "Where are those you used to invoke besides Allāh?" They will say, "They have departed from us," and will bear witness against themselves that they were disbelievers.
38. [Allāh] will say, "Enter among nations which had passed on before you of jinn and mankind into the Fire." Every time a nation enters,

وَلِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ أَجَلٌ ۖ فَإِذَا جَاءَ أَجْلُهُمْ لَا
يَسْتَأْخِرُونَ سَاعَةً ۖ وَلَا يَسْتَقْدِمُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾

يَنبِئِي ءَادَمَ إِمَّا يَأْتِيَنَّكُمْ رُسُلٌ مِّنكُمْ
يَقُضُونَ عَلَيْكُمْ ۖ أَوْ يَأْتِي ۖ فَمَنِ اتَّقَى وَأَصْلَحَ
فَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾

وَالَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَاسْتَكْبَرُوا عَنْهَا
أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ ۖ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾

فَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنِ افْتَرَىٰ عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا أَوْ
كَذَّبَ بِآيَاتِهِ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ يَنَالُهُمْ نَصِيبُهُم مِّنَ
الْكِتَابِ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَهُمْ رُسُلُنَا يَتَوَفَّوهُمْ
قَالُوا إِنَّ مَا كُنْتُمْ تَدْعُونَ مِن دُونِ اللَّهِ
قَالُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْنَا وَشْهَدُوا عَلَيَّ أَنفُسِهِم أَنَّهُمْ
كَانُوا كٰفِرِينَ ﴿٣٧﴾

قَالَ ادْخُلُوا فِي أُمَمٍ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ
مِنَ الْجِنِّ وَالْإِنسِ فِي النَّارِ ۖ كُلَّمَا دَخَلَتْ

³⁶⁸What is decreed for them.

it will curse its sister³⁶⁹ until, when they have all overtaken one another therein, the last of them³⁷⁰ will say about the first of them,³⁷¹ "Our Lord, these had misled us, so give them a double punishment of the Fire." He will say, "For each is double, but you do not know."

39. And the first of them will say to the last of them, "Then you had not any favor over us, so taste the punishment for what you used to earn."
40. Indeed, those who deny Our verses and are arrogant toward them – the gates of Heaven will not be opened for them, nor will they enter Paradise until a camel enters into the eye of a needle [i.e., never]. And thus do We recompense the criminals.
41. They will have from Hell a bed and over them coverings [of fire]. And thus do We recompense the wrongdoers.
42. But those who believed and did righteous deeds – We charge no soul except [within] its capacity. Those are the companions of Paradise; they will abide therein eternally.
43. And We will have removed whatever is within their breasts of resentment,³⁷² [while] flowing

أُمَّةٌ لَعَنَتْ أُخْتَهَا ۖ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا آدَرَكُوا فِيهَا جَمِيعًا قَالَتْ أُخْرَيْتُمْ لِأَوْلِيَتِهِمْ رَبَّنَا هَؤُلَاءِ أَضَلُّونَا فَعَاقِبْتَهُمْ عَذَابًا ضِعْفًا مِّنَ النَّارِ ۚ قَالَ لِكُلِّ ضِعْفٍ ضِعْفٌ وَلٰكِنْ لَّا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٩﴾

وَقَالَتْ أُولَئِكَ لَئِنْ كُنْتُمْ تَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٤٠﴾

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَاسْتَكْبَرُوا عَنْهَا لَا تُفْتُحُ لَهُمُ أَبْوَابُ السَّمَاءِ وَلَا يَدْخُلُونَ الْجَنَّةَ حَتَّىٰ يَلِجَ الْجَمَلُ فِي سَمِّ الْخِيَاطِ ۗ وَكَذَٰلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُجْرِمِينَ ﴿٤١﴾

هُم مِّنْ جَهَنَّمَ مِهَادٌ وَمِنْ فَوْقِهِمْ غَوَاشٍ ۚ وَكَذَٰلِكَ نَجْزِي الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٤٢﴾

وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَا نُكَلِّفُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا وُسْعَهَا ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ أَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ ۖ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾

وَنَزَعْنَا مَا فِي صُدُورِهِمْ مِّنْ غِلٍّ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهِمُ الْأَنْهَارُ ۖ وَقَالُوا الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي

³⁶⁹The nation preceding it.

³⁷⁰The followers of evil leaders.

³⁷¹Their leaders.

³⁷²i.e., ill will or sense of injury for what was inflicted upon them during worldly life.

beneath them are rivers. And they will say, "Praise to Allāh, who has guided us to this; and we would never have been guided if Allāh had not guided us. Certainly the messengers of our Lord had come with the truth." And they will be called, "This is Paradise, which you have been made to inherit for what you used to do."

44. And the companions of Paradise will call out to the companions of the Fire, "We have already found what our Lord promised us to be true. Have you found what your Lord promised to be true?" They will say, "Yes." Then an announcer will announce among them, "The curse of Allāh shall be upon the wrongdoers

45. Who averted [people] from the way of Allāh and sought to make it [seem] deviant while they were, concerning the Hereafter, disbelievers."

46. And between them will be a partition [i.e., wall], and on [its] elevations are men³⁷³ who recognize all³⁷⁴ by their mark. And they call out to the companions of Paradise, "Peace be upon you." They have not [yet] entered it, but they long intensely.

47. And when their eyes are turned toward the companions of the Fire, they say, "Our Lord, do not

هَدَنَّا لِهَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لِنَهْتَدِيَ لَوْلَا أَنَّ
هَدَانَا اللَّهُ لَقَدْ جَاءَتْ رُسُلٌ رَبِّنَا بِالْحَقِّ
وَوُودُوا أَنْ تُلَكُمُ الْجَنَّةَ أُورِثْتُمُوهَا بِمَا
كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٣٦﴾

وَنَادَى أَصْحَابُ الْجَنَّةِ أَصْحَابَ النَّارِ أَنْ قَدْ
وَجَدْنَا مَا وَعَدَنَا رَبُّنَا حَقًّا فَهَلْ وَجَدْتُمْ
مَا وَعَدَ رَبُّكُمْ حَقًّا قَالُوا نَعَمْ فَأَذَّنَ
مُؤَذِّنٌ بَيْنَهُمْ أَنْ لَعْنَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَى الظَّالِمِينَ
﴿١٣٧﴾

الَّذِينَ يَصُدُّونَ عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَيَبْغُونَهَا
عُوجًا وَهُمْ بِالْآخِرَةِ كَافِرُونَ ﴿١٣٨﴾

وَبَيْنَهُمَا حِجَابٌ وَعَلَى الْأَعْرَافِ رِجَالٌ
يَعْرِفُونَ كُلًّا بِسِيمَانِهِمْ وَنَادَوْا أَصْحَابَ
الْجَنَّةِ أَنْ سَلِّمُوا عَلَيْهِمْ لَمْ يَدْخُلُوهَا وَهُمْ
يَطْمَعُونَ ﴿١٣٩﴾

﴿١٤٠﴾ وَإِذَا صُرِفَتْ أَبْصَارُهُمْ تِلْقَاءَ أَصْحَابِ
النَّارِ قَالُوا رَبَّنَا لَا تَجْعَلْنَا مَعَ الْقَوْمِ

³⁷³Those whose scales are balanced between good and evil deeds.

³⁷⁴Both the inhabitants of Paradise and those of Hell.

place us with the wrongdoing people."

الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٤٧﴾

48. And the companions of the Elevations will call to men [within Hell] whom they recognize by their mark, saying, "Of no avail to you was your gathering³⁷⁵ and [the fact] that you were arrogant."

وَنَادَى أَصْحَابُ الْأَعْرَافِ رِجَالًا يَعْرِفُونَهُمْ
بِسِيمَانِهِمْ قَالُوا مَا أَغْنَىٰ عَنْكُمْ جَمْعُكُمْ
وَمَا كُنْتُمْ تَسْتَكْبِرُونَ ﴿٤٨﴾

49. [Allāh will say], "Are these³⁷⁶ the ones whom you [inhabitants of Hell] swore that Allāh would never offer them mercy? Enter Paradise, [O people of the Elevations]. No fear will there be concerning you, nor will you grieve."

أَهَؤُلَاءِ الَّذِينَ أَقْسَمْتُمْ لَا يَنَالُهُمُ اللَّهُ
بِرَحْمَةٍ ۖ ادْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْكُمْ وَلَا
أَنْتُمْ تَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾

50. And the companions of the Fire will call to the companions of Paradise, "Pour upon us some water or from whatever Allāh has provided you." They will say, "Indeed, Allāh has forbidden them both to the disbelievers

وَنَادَى أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ الَّذِينَ فِيهَا أَصْحَابَ الْجَنَّةِ
أَنْ أفيضوا عَلَيْنَا مِنَ الْمَاءِ أَوْ مِمَّا
رَزَقَكُمُ اللَّهُ قَالُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَرَّمَهَا
عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٥٠﴾

51. Who took their religion as distraction and amusement and whom the worldly life deluded." So today We will forget them just as they forgot the meeting of this Day of theirs and for having rejected Our verses.

الَّذِينَ أَخَذُوا دِينَهُمْ لَهْوًا وَلَعِبًا
وَعَرَّضتُّهُمُ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا قَالَتِ يَوْمَ نَسْنَسُهُمْ
كَمَا نَسُوا لِقَاءَ يَوْمِهِمْ هَذَا وَمَا كَانُوا
بِقَائِنَا يُجَادُونَ ﴿٥١﴾

52. And We had certainly brought them a Book which We detailed by knowledge – as guidance and mercy to a people who believe.

وَلَقَدْ جِئْتَهُم بِكِتَابٍ فَصَّلْنَاهُ عَلَىٰ عِلْمٍ
هُدًى وَرَحْمَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾

³⁷⁵i.e., great numbers or gathering of wealth.

³⁷⁶The humble believers who are now in Paradise. Another interpretation regards them as the people on the elevated partition.

53. Do they await except its result?³⁷⁷
The Day its result comes, those who had ignored it before will say, "The messengers of our Lord had come with the truth, so are there [now] any intercessors to intercede for us or could we be sent back to do other than what we used to do?" They will have lost themselves, and lost from them is what they used to invent.

هَلْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَّا تَأْوِيلَهُ يَوْمَ يَأْتِي تَأْوِيلَهُ
يَقُولُ الَّذِينَ نَسُوهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ قَدْ جَاءَتْ
رُسُلٌ رَبَّنَا بِالْحَقِّ فَهَلْ لَنَا مِنْ شُفَعَاءَ
فَيَشْفَعُوا لَنَا أَوْ نُرَدُّ فَنَعْمَلْ غَيْرَ الَّذِي كُنَّا
نَعْمَلُ قَدْ خَسِرُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَصَلَّ عَنْهُمْ مَا
كَانُوا يَفْتَرُونَ ﴿٣٧٧﴾

54. Indeed, your Lord is Allāh, who created the heavens and earth in six days and then established Himself above the Throne.³⁷⁸ He covers the night with the day, [another night] chasing it rapidly; and [He created] the sun, the moon, and the stars, subjected by His command. Unquestionably, His is the creation and the command; blessed is Allāh, Lord of the worlds.

إِنَّ رَبَّكُمُ اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ
وَالْأَرْضَ فِي سِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ عَلَىٰ
الْعَرْشِ يُغْشَىٰ اللَّيْلَ النَّهَارَ يَطْلُبُهُ حَثِيثًا
وَالشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ وَالنُّجُومَ مُسَخَّرَاتٍ
بِأَمْرِهِ ۗ لَهُ الْخَلْقُ وَالْأَمْرُ تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ
الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٣٧٨﴾

55. Call upon your Lord in humility and privately; indeed, He does not like transgressors.³⁷⁹

ادْعُوا رَبَّكُمْ تَضَرُّعًا وَخُفْيَةً ۚ إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ
الْمُعْتَدِينَ ﴿٣٧٩﴾

56. And cause not corruption upon the earth after its reformation. And invoke Him in fear and aspiration. Indeed, the mercy of Allāh is near to the doers of good.

وَلَا تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ بَعْدَ إِصْلَاحِهَا
وَادْعُوهُ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا ۚ إِنَّ رَحْمَتَ اللَّهِ قَرِيبٌ
مِنَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿٣٨٠﴾

³⁷⁷The fulfillment of what is promised in the Qur'an.

³⁷⁸There are several linguistic meanings of the words "istawā 'alā," among them: to settle upon, to assume ascendancy above, and to assert authority over. However, it is known that all the attributes of Allāh are eternal, i.e., they have always existed and were present before He created. Thus, it cannot be said that He "rose" above the Throne, as Allāh has always been ascendant. Because the Creator may not be compared to His creation, the Prophet's companions and early scholars refused speculation as to how His actions could be interpreted, considering any such attempt unlawful. Similarly, the true nature of the Throne is known only to Allāh, the Exalted.

³⁷⁹In supplication or otherwise.

57. And it is He who sends the winds as good tidings before His mercy [i.e., rainfall] until, when they have carried heavy rainclouds, We drive them to a dead land and We send down rain therein and bring forth thereby [some] of all the fruits. Thus will We bring forth the dead; perhaps you may be reminded.

وَهُوَ الَّذِي يُرْسِلُ الرِّيحَ بُشْرًا بَيْنَ يَدَيْ رَحْمَتِهِ ۗ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا أَقْلَّتْ سَحَابًا ثِقَالًا سُقْنَهُ لِلْبَلَدِ لَيْلِدٍ مَّيْتٍ فَأَنْزَلْنَا بِهِ الْمَاءَ فَأَخْرَجْنَا بِهِ مِنْ كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ ۚ كَذَٰلِكَ نُخْرِجُ الْمَوْتَىٰ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾

58. And the good land – its vegetation emerges by permission of its Lord; but that which is bad – nothing emerges except sparsely, with difficulty. Thus do We diversify the signs for a people who are grateful.

وَالْبَلَدِ الطَّيِّبِ يَخْرُجُ نَبَاتُهُ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِ ۗ وَالَّذِي خَبثَ لَا يَخْرُجُ إِلَّا نَكِدًا ۚ كَذَٰلِكَ نُصَرِّفُ الْآيَاتِ لِقَوْمٍ يَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾

59. We had certainly sent Noah to his people, and he said, "O my people, worship Allāh; you have no deity other than Him. Indeed, I fear for you the punishment of a tremendous Day."

لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا نُوحًا إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ فَقَالَ يَنْقُومِ اعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَهٍ غَيْرُهُ ۗ إِنِّي أَخَافُ عَلَيْكُمْ عَذَابَ يَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ ﴿٥٩﴾

60. Said the eminent among his people, "Indeed, we see you in clear error."

قَالَ الْمَلَأُ مِنْ قَوْمِهِ إِنَّا لَنَرَاكَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿٦٠﴾

61. [Noah] said, "O my people, there is not error in me, but I am a messenger from the Lord of the worlds.

قَالَ يَنْقُومِ لَيْسَ بِي ضَلَالَةٌ وَلَكِنِّي رَسُولٌ مِنْ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٦١﴾

62. I convey to you the messages of my Lord and advise you; and I know from Allāh what you do not know.

أُبَلِّغُكُمْ رِسَالَاتِ رَبِّي وَأَنْصَحُ لَكُمْ وَأَعْلَمُ مِنَ اللَّهِ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾

63. Then do you wonder that there has come to you a reminder from your Lord through a man from among you, that he may warn you

أَوْعَجِبْتُمْ أَنْ جَاءَكُمْ ذِكْرٌ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ عَلَىٰ رَجُلٍ مِنْكُمْ لِيُنذِرَكُمْ وَلِتَتَّقُوا وَلَعَلَّكُمْ

and that you may fear Allāh so you might receive mercy?"

تَرْحَمُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾

64. But they denied him, so We saved him and those who were with him in the ship. And We drowned those who denied Our signs. Indeed, they were a blind people.³⁸⁰

فَكَذَّبُوهُ فَأَنْجَيْنَاهُ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ فِي الْفُلِكِ
وَأَغْرَقْنَا الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا إِنَّهُمْ
كَانُوا قَوْمًا عَمِينَ ﴿٥٦﴾

65. And to the 'Aad [We sent] their brother Hūd. He said, "O my people, worship Allāh; you have no deity other than Him. Then will you not fear Him?"

﴿٥٧﴾ وَإِلَىٰ عَادِ أَخَاهُمْ هُودًا قَالَ يَا قَوْمِ
أَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِن إِلَهِ غَيْرُهُ أَفَلَا
تَتَّقُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾

66. Said the eminent ones who disbelieved among his people, "Indeed, we see you in foolishness, and indeed, we think you are of the liars."

قَالَ الْمَلَأُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِن قَوْمِهِ إِنَّا
لَنَرُكَ فِي سَفَاهَةٍ وَإِنَّا لَنَظُنُّكَ مِنَ
الْكَاذِبِينَ ﴿٥٩﴾

67. [Hūd] said, "O my people, there is not foolishness in me, but I am a messenger from the Lord of the worlds.

قَالَ يَا قَوْمِ لَيْسَ بِي سَفَاهَةٌ وَلَكِنِّي
رَسُولٌ مِّن رَّبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٦٠﴾

68. I convey to you the messages of my Lord, and I am to you a trustworthy adviser.

أُبَلِّغُكُمْ رِسَالَاتِ رَبِّي وَأَنَا لَكُمْ نَاصِحٌ أَمِينٌ ﴿٦١﴾

69. Then do you wonder that there has come to you a reminder from your Lord through a man from among you, that he may warn you? And remember when He made you successors after the people of Noah and increased you in stature extensively. So remember the favors of Allāh that you might succeed."

أَوْعَجِبْتُمْ أَن جَاءَكُمْ ذِكْرٌ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ
عَلَىٰ رَجُلٍ مِّنكُمْ لِيُنذِرَكُمْ وَأَذْكُرُوا
إِذْ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ خُلَفَاءَ مِن بَعْدِ قَوْمِ نُوحٍ
وَإِذْ كُنَّا فِي الْخَلْقِ بَصِطَةً فَأَذْكُرُوا آيَاتِ
اللَّهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَفْلِحُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾

³⁸⁰For a more detailed account, see 11:25-48.

70. They said, "Have you come to us that we should worship Allāh alone and leave what our fathers have worshipped? Then bring us what you promise us,³⁸¹ if you should be of the truthful."

قَالُوا أَجِئْتَنَا لِنَعْبُدَ اللَّهَ وَحْدَهُ وَنَذَرَ مَا
كَانَ يَعْبُدُ آبَاؤُنَا فَآتِنَا بِمَا وَعَدْتَنَا إِنْ
كُنْتَ مِنَ الصّٰدِقِيْنَ ﴿٣٨١﴾

71. [Hūd] said, "Already have defilement and anger fallen upon you from your Lord. Do you dispute with me concerning [mere] names you have named them,³⁸² you and your fathers, for which Allāh has not sent down any authority? Then wait; indeed, I am with you among those who wait."

قَالَ قَدْ وَقَعَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ رِجْسٌ
وَّغَضَبٌ أَتُجَادِلُونِنِي فِيْ أَسْمَاءِ
سَمَّيْتُمُوهَا أَنْتُمْ وَآبَاؤُكُمْ مَا نَزَّلَ اللَّهُ بِهَا
مِن سُلْطٰنٍ ۚ فَاتَّظَرُوا إِنِّي مَعَكُمْ مِّنَ
الْمُنْتَظِرِيْنَ ﴿٣٨٢﴾

72. So We saved him and those with him by mercy from Us. And We eliminated those who denied Our signs, and they were not [at all] believers.

فَأَجَّيْنٰهُ وَالذّٰبِرِيْنَ مَعَهُ بِرَحْمَةٍ مِّنَّا
وَقَطَعْنَا ذٰبِرَ الَّذِيْنَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيٰتِنَا وَمَا
كَانُوْا مُؤْمِنِيْنَ ﴿٣٨٣﴾

73. And to the Thamūd [We sent] their brother Šāliḥ. He said, "O my people, worship Allāh; you have no deity other than Him. There has come to you clear evidence from your Lord. This is the she-camel of Allāh [sent] to you as a sign. So leave her to eat within Allāh's land and do not touch her with harm, lest there seize you a painful punishment.

وَإِلَى ثَمُوْدَ أَخَاهُمْ صٰلِحًا ۗ قَالَ يٰقَوْمِ
أَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِن إِلٰهٍ غَيْرُهُ ۗ قَدْ
جَاءَكُمْ بَيِّنَةٌ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ ۗ هَذِهِ نَاقَةُ اللَّهِ
لَكُمْ ءَايَةٌ ۖ فَذُرُّوهَا تَأْكُلْ فِيْ أَرْضِ اللَّهِ
وَلَا تَمْسُوهَا بِسُوءٍ فَيَأْخُذَكُمْ عَذَابُ أَلِيْمٍ ﴿٣٨٤﴾

74. And remember when He made you successors after the 'Aad and settled you in the land, [and] you take for yourselves palaces from its plains and carve from the

وَأذْكُرُوا إِذْ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ خُلَفَآءَ مِنۢ بَعْدِ عَادٍ
وَبَوَّأَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ تَتَّخِذُونَ مِن
سُهُولِهَا قُصُوْرًا وَتَنْحِتُونَ الْجِبَالَ بُيُوْتًا

³⁸¹i.e., Allāh's punishment.

³⁸²The false objects of worship which you have called "gods."

mountains, homes. Then remember the favors of Allāh and do not commit abuse on the earth, spreading corruption."

فَاذْكُرُوا ءَالَآءَ اللَّهِ وَلَا تَعْتُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ
مُفْسِدِينَ ﴿١١﴾

75. Said the eminent ones who were arrogant among his people to those who were oppressed – to those who believed among them, "Do you [actually] know that Ṣāliḥ is sent from his Lord?" They said, "Indeed we, in that with which he was sent, are believers."

قَالَ الْمَلَأُ الَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا مِنْ
قَوْمِهِ لِلَّذِينَ اسْتَضَعُّوا لِمَنْ ءَامَنَ مِنْهُمْ
أَتَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّ صَالِحًا مُرْسَلٌ مِنْ رَبِّهِ
قَالُوا إِنَّا بِمَا أُرْسِلَ بِهِ مُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١٢﴾

76. Said those who were arrogant, "Indeed we, in that which you have believed, are disbelievers."

قَالَ الَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا إِنَّا بِالَّذِي
ءَامَنتم بِهِ كَافِرُونَ ﴿١٣﴾

77. So they hamstrung the she-camel and were insolent toward the command of their Lord and said, "O Ṣāliḥ, bring us what you promise us, if you should be of the messengers."

فَعَقَرُوا النَّاقَةَ وَعَتَوْا عَنْ أَمْرِ رَبِّهِمْ وَقَالُوا
يَصْلِحُ أَتَيْنَا بِمَا تَعَدْنَا إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مِنَ
الْمُرْسَلِينَ ﴿١٤﴾

78. So the earthquake seized them, and they became within their home [corpses] fallen prone.

فَأَخَذَتُهُمُ الرِّجْفَةُ فَأَصْبَحُوا فِي دَارِهِمْ
جِثْمِينَ ﴿١٥﴾

79. And he [i.e., Ṣāliḥ] turned away from them and said, "O my people, I had certainly conveyed to you the message of my Lord and advised you, but you do not like advisors."

فَتَوَلَّى عَنْهُمْ وَقَالَ يَنْقَوْمٍ لَقَدْ أَبْلَغْتُكُمْ
رِسَالَةَ رَبِّي وَنَصَحْتُ لَكُمْ وَلَكِنْ لَا تُحِبُّونَ
النَّاصِحِينَ ﴿١٦﴾

80. And [We had sent] Lot when he said to his people, "Do you commit such immorality as no one has preceded you with from among the worlds [i.e., peoples]?"

وَلُوطًا إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ ءَاتَا تُونَ الْفَاحِشَةَ مَا
سَبَقَكُمْ بِهَا مِنْ أَحَدٍ مِنَ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٧﴾

81. Indeed, you approach men with desire, instead of women.

إِنَّكُمْ لَتَأْتُونَ الرِّجَالَ شَهْوَةً مِنْ دُونِ

Rather, you are a transgressing people."

82. But the answer of his people was only that they said, "Evict them from your city! Indeed, they are men who keep themselves pure."

83. So We saved him and his family, except for his wife; she was of those who remained [with the evildoers].

84. And We rained upon them a rain [of stones]. Then see how was the end of the criminals.

85. And to [the people of] Madyan [We sent] their brother Shu'ayb. He said, "O my people, worship Allāh; you have no deity other than Him. There has come to you clear evidence from your Lord. So fulfill the measure and weight and do not deprive people of their due and cause not corruption upon the earth after its reformation. That is better for you, if you should be believers.

86. And do not sit on every path, threatening and averting from the way of Allāh those who believe in Him, seeking to make it [seem] deviant. And remember when you were few and He increased you. And see how was the end of the corrupters.

87. And if there should be a group among you who has believed in that with which I have been sent and a group that has not believed, then be patient until Allāh judges

الْيَسَاءِ بَلْ أَنْتُمْ قَوْمٌ مُّسْرِفُونَ ﴿٨١﴾

وَمَا كَانَتْ جَوَابَ قَوْمِهِ إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا
أَخْرِجُوهُمْ مِنْ قَرْيَتِكُمْ إِنَّهُمْ أَنَاسٌ
يَتَطَهَّرُونَ ﴿٨٢﴾

فَأَنْجَيْنَاهُ وَأَهْلَهُ إِلَّا أُمَّرَأَتَهُ كَانَتْ مِنَ
الْغَابِرِينَ ﴿٨٣﴾

وَأَمْطَرْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ مَطَرًا فَأَنْظَرْ كَيْفَ
كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الْمُجْرِمِينَ ﴿٨٤﴾

وَإِلَىٰ مَدْيَنَ أَخَاهُمْ شُعَيْبًا قَالَ يَا قَوْمِ
أَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مَا لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَهٍ غَيْرُهُ قَدْ
جَاءَتْكُمْ بَيِّنَةٌ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ فَأَوْفُوا
الْكَيْلَ وَالْمِيزَانَ وَلَا تَبْخُسُوا النَّاسَ
أَشْيَاءَهُمْ وَلَا تَفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ بَعْدَ
إِصْلَاحِهَا ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ
مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٨٥﴾

وَلَا تَقْعُدُوا بِكُلِّ صِرَاطٍ تُوعِدُونَ
وَتَصُدُّونَ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ مَنْ ءَامَنَ
بِهِ وَتَبْغُونَهَا عِوَجًا وَأَذْكُرُوا إِذْ
كُنْتُمْ قَلِيلًا فَكَثَّرَكُمْ وَانظُرُوا كَيْفَ
كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الْمُفْسِدِينَ ﴿٨٦﴾

وَإِنْ كَانَ طَآئِفَةٌ مِّنْكُمْ ءَامَنُوا بِالَّذِي
أُرْسِلْتُ بِهِ وَطَآئِفَةٌ لَّمْ يُؤْمِنُوا فَاصْبِرُوا
حَتَّىٰ تَحْكُمَ اللَّهُ بَيْنَنَا وَهُوَ خَيْرُ

between us. And He is the best of judges."

الْحَكِيمِينَ ﴿٨٧﴾

88. Said the eminent ones who were arrogant among his people, "We will surely evict you, O Shu'ayb, and those who have believed with you from our city, or you must return to our religion." He said, "Even if we were unwilling?"

﴿٨٨﴾ قَالَ الْمَلَأُ الَّذِينَ اسْتَكْبَرُوا مِنْ قَوْمِهِ لَنُخْرِجَنَّكَ يَشْعِيبَ وَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مَعَكَ مِنْ قَرْيَتِنَا أَوْ لَتَعُودَنَّ فِي مِلَّتِنَا قَالَ أَوْلَوْ كُنَّا كَرِهِينَ ﴿٨٩﴾

89. We would have invented against Allāh a lie if we returned to your religion after Allāh had saved us from it. And it is not for us to return to it except that Allāh, our Lord, should will. Our Lord has encompassed all things in knowledge. Upon Allāh we have relied. Our Lord, decide between us and our people in truth, and You are the best of those who give decision."

﴿٩٠﴾ قَدِ افْتَرَيْنَا عَلَى اللَّهِ كَذِبًا إِنْ عُدْنَا فِي مِلَّتِكُمْ بَعْدَ إِذْ نَجَّيْنَا اللَّهُ مِنْهَا وَمَا يَكُونُ لَنَا أَنْ نَعُودَ فِيهَا إِلَّا أَنْ يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ رَبُّنَا وَسِعَ رَبُّنَا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا عَلَى اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْنَا رَبُّنَا أَفَتَحِيبُنَا وَبَيْنَ قَوْمِنَا بِالْحَقِّ وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْفَاصِحِينَ ﴿٩١﴾

90. Said the eminent ones who disbelieved among his people, "If you should follow Shu'ayb, indeed, you would then be losers."

﴿٩٢﴾ وَقَالَ الْمَلَأُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ قَوْمِهِ لَئِنِ اتَّبَعْتُمْ شُعَيْبًا إِنَّكُمْ إِذًا لَخَسِرُونَ ﴿٩٣﴾

91. So the earthquake seized them, and they became within their home [corpses] fallen prone.

﴿٩٤﴾ فَأَخَذَتْهُمُ الرَّجْفَةُ فَأَصْبَحُوا فِي دَارِهِمْ جِثْمِينَ ﴿٩٥﴾

92. Those who denied Shu'ayb – it was as though they had never resided there. Those who denied Shu'ayb – it was they who were the losers.

﴿٩٦﴾ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا شُعَيْبًا كَأَنْ لَمْ يَعْنُوا فِيهَا الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا شُعَيْبًا كَانُوا هُمُ الْخَاسِرِينَ ﴿٩٧﴾

93. And he [i.e., Shu'ayb] turned away from them and said, "O my people, I had certainly conveyed to you the messages of my Lord and advised you, so how could I grieve for a disbelieving people?"

﴿٩٨﴾ فَتَوَلَّى عَنْهُمْ وَقَالَ يَنْقُومِ لَقَدْ أَبْلَغْتُكُمْ رِسَالَاتِ رَبِّي وَنَصَحْتُ لَكُمْ فَكَيْفَ ءَأْسَىٰ عَلَىٰ قَوْمٍ كَافِرِينَ ﴿٩٩﴾

94. And We sent to no city a prophet [who was denied] except that We seized its people with poverty and hardship that they might humble themselves [to Allāh].
- وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا فِي قَرْيَةٍ مِّن نَّبِيٍّ إِلَّا أَخَذْنَا أَهْلَهَا بِالْبِئْسَاءِ وَالضَّرَاءِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَضَّرَّعُونَ ﴿٩٤﴾
95. Then We exchanged in place of the bad [condition], good, until they increased [and prospered] and said, "Our fathers [also] were touched with hardship and ease."³⁸³ So We seized them suddenly while they did not perceive.³⁸⁴
- ثُمَّ بَدَّلْنَا مَكَانَ السَّيِّئَةِ الْحَسَنَةَ حَتَّىٰ عَفَوْا وَقَالُوا قَدْ مَسَّ آبَاءَنَا الضَّرَّاءُ وَالسَّرَّاءُ فَأَخَذْنَاهُمْ بَغْتَةً وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٩٥﴾
96. And if only the people of the cities had believed and feared Allāh, We would have opened [i.e., bestowed] upon them blessings from the heaven and the earth; but they denied [the messengers], so We seized them for what they were earning.³⁸⁵
- وَلَوْ أَنَّ أَهْلَ الْقُرَىٰ ءَامَنُوا وَاتَّقَوْا لَفَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِم بَرَكَاتٍ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَلَٰكِن كَذَّبُوا فَأَخَذْنَاهُم بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ ﴿٩٦﴾
97. Then, did the people of the cities feel secure from Our punishment coming to them at night while they were asleep?
- أَفَأَمِنَ أَهْلُ الْقُرَىٰ أَن يَأْتِيَهُمْ بَأْسُنَا بَيِّنًا وَهُمْ نَائِمُونَ ﴿٩٧﴾
98. Or did the people of the cities feel secure from Our punishment coming to them in the morning while they were at play?³⁸⁶
- أَوَأَمِنَ أَهْلُ الْقُرَىٰ أَن يَأْتِيَهُمْ بَأْسُنَا ضُحًى وَهُمْ يَلْعَبُونَ ﴿٩٨﴾
99. Then, did they feel secure from the plan of Allāh? But no one feels secure from the plan of Allāh except the losing people.
- أَفَأَمِنُوا مَكْرَ اللَّهِ ۗ فَلَا يَأْمَنُ مَكْرَ اللَّهِ إِلَّا الْقَوْمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٩٩﴾

³⁸³Instead of being grateful to Allāh for His blessings, they merely attributed them to the changing fortunes of time.

³⁸⁴That they had been tried and tested.

³⁸⁵Of blame for their sin.

³⁸⁶i.e., occupied with such activities that have no benefit.

100. Has it not become clear to those who inherited the earth after its [previous] people that if We willed, We could afflict them for their sins? But We seal over their hearts so they do not hear.³⁸⁷

أَوَلَمْ يَهْدِ لِلَّذِينَ يَرِثُونَ الْأَرْضَ مِنْ
بَعْدِ أَهْلِهَا أَنْ لَوْ نَشَاءُ أَصَبْنَاهُمْ بِذُنُوبِهِمْ
وَنَطْبَعُ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ فَهُمْ لَا يَسْمَعُونَ ﴿٣٨٧﴾

101. Those cities – We relate to you, [O Muḥammad], some of their news. And certainly did their messengers come to them with clear proofs, but they were not to believe in that which they had denied before.³⁸⁸ Thus does Allāh seal over the hearts of the disbelievers.

تِلْكَ الْقُرَىٰ نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ مِنْ أَنْبَاءِهَا
وَلَقَدْ جَاءَهُمْ رُسُلُهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَمَا
كَانُوا لِيُؤْمِنُوا بِمَا كَذَّبُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ
كَذَلِكَ يَطْبَعُ اللَّهُ عَلَى قُلُوبِ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٣٨٨﴾

102. And We did not find for most of them any covenant;³⁸⁹ but indeed, We found most of them defiantly disobedient.

وَمَا وَجَدْنَا لِأَكْثَرِهِمْ مِنْ عَهْدٍ وَإِن
وَجَدْنَا أَكْثَرَهُمْ لَفَاسِقِينَ ﴿٣٨٩﴾

103. Then We sent after them Moses with Our signs to Pharaoh and his establishment, but they were unjust toward them.³⁹⁰ So see how was the end of the corrupters.

ثُمَّ بَعَثْنَا مِنْ بَعْدِهِم مُوسَىٰ بِآيَاتِنَا إِلَىٰ
فِرْعَوْنَ وَمَلَئِهِ فَظَلَمُوا بِهَا فَأَنْظَرْنَا كَيْفَ
كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الْمُفْسِدِينَ ﴿٣٩٠﴾

104. And Moses said, "O Pharaoh, I am a messenger from the Lord of the worlds

وَقَالَ مُوسَىٰ يَنْفِرْعَوْنَ إِنِّي رَسُولٌ مِنْ
رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٣٩١﴾

105. [Who is] obligated not to say about Allāh except the truth. I have come to you with clear evidence from your Lord, so send with me the Children of Israel.³⁹¹

حَقِيقٌ عَلَىٰ أَنْ لَا أَقُولَ عَلَى اللَّهِ إِلَّا
الْحَقَّ قَدْ جِئْتُكُمْ بِبَيِّنَةٍ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ
فَأَرْسِلْ مَعِيَ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ ﴿٣٩٢﴾

³⁸⁷They do not benefit from what they hear.

³⁸⁸i.e., they persistently denied every warning given them.

³⁸⁹i.e., they were found to be unfaithful and negligent of Allāh's covenant.

³⁹⁰i.e., they rejected and opposed the signs.

³⁹¹i.e., free them from oppression and allow them to emigrate.

106. [Pharaoh] said, "If you have come with a sign, then bring it forth, if you should be of the truthful." قَالَ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ جِئْتُمْ بِآيَةٍ فَآتِ بِهَا إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مِنَ الصَّادِقِينَ ﴿٣٩٢﴾
107. So he [i.e., Moses] threw his staff, and suddenly it was a serpent, manifest.³⁹² فَأَلْقَى عَصَاهُ فَإِذَا هِيَ ثُعْبَانٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿٣٩٣﴾
108. And he drew out his hand; thereupon it was white [with radiance] for the observers. وَنَزَعَ يَدَهُ فَإِذَا هِيَ بَيْضَاءُ لِلنَّاظِرِينَ ﴿٣٩٤﴾
109. Said the eminent among the people of Pharaoh, "Indeed, this is a learned magician" قَالَ أَلْمَلَأُ مِنْ قَوْمِ فِرْعَوْنَ إِنَّ هَذَا لَسَاحِرٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٣٩٥﴾
110. Who wants to expel you from your land [through magic], so what do you instruct?" يُرِيدُ أَنْ يُخْرِجَكُمْ مِنْ أَرْضِكُمْ ۖ فَمَاذَا تَأْمُرُونَ ﴿٣٩٦﴾
111. They said,³⁹³ "Postpone [the matter of] him and his brother and send among the cities gatherers قَالَوْا أَرْجِهْ وَأَخَاهُ وَأَرْسِلْ فِي الْمَدَائِنِ حَاشِرِينَ ﴿٣٩٧﴾
112. Who will bring you every learned magician." يَا تُولَكُ بِكُلِّ سَاحِرٍ عَلِيمٍ ﴿٣٩٨﴾
113. And the magicians came to Pharaoh. They said, "Indeed for us is a reward if we are the predominant." وَجَاءَ السَّحَرَةُ فِرْعَوْنَ قَالُوا إِنَّ لَنَا لَأَجْرًا إِنْ كُنَّا نَحْنُ الْغَالِبِينَ ﴿٣٩٩﴾
114. He said, "Yes, and, [moreover], you will be among those made near [to me]." قَالَ نَعَمْ وَإِنَّكُمْ لَمِنَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ ﴿٤٠٠﴾
115. They said, "O Moses, either you throw [your staff], or we will be the ones to throw [first]." قَالُوا يَمُوسَىٰ إِمَّا أَنْ تُلْقَىٰ وَإِمَّا أَنْ نَكُونَ نَحْنُ الْمُلْقِينَ ﴿٤٠١﴾
116. He said, "Throw," and when they threw, they bewitched the eyes of قَالَ أَلْقُوا ۖ فَلَمَّا أَلْقَوْا سَحَرُوا أَعْيُنَ

³⁹²i.e., genuine and not imagined, as a miracle from Allāh.

³⁹³After mutual consultation and agreement.

the people and struck terror into them, and they presented a great [feat of] magic.³⁹⁴

117. And We inspired to Moses, "Throw your staff," and at once it devoured what they were falsifying.

118. So the truth was established, and abolished was what they were doing.

119. And they [i.e., Pharaoh and his people] were overcome right there and became debased.

120. And the magicians fell down in prostration [to Allāh].

121. They said, "We have believed in the Lord of the worlds,

122. The Lord of Moses and Aaron."

123. Said Pharaoh, "You believed in him³⁹⁵ before I gave you permission. Indeed, this is a conspiracy which you conspired in the city to expel therefrom its people. But you are going to know.

124. I will surely cut off your hands and your feet on opposite sides; then I will surely crucify you all."

125. They said, "Indeed, to our Lord we will return.

126. And you do not resent us except because we believed in the signs

النَّاسِ وَأَسْتَرْهَبُوهُمْ وَجَاءُوا بِسِحْرٍ عَظِيمٍ ﴿١١٧﴾

﴿١١٧﴾ وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ مُوسَىٰ أَنْ أَلْقِ عَصَاكَ ﴿١١٨﴾
فَإِذَا هِيَ تَلْقَفُ مَا يَأْفِكُونَ ﴿١١٩﴾

﴿١١٩﴾ فَوَقَعَ الْحَقُّ وَبَطَلَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٢٠﴾

﴿١٢٠﴾ فَغَلِبُوا هُتَالِكَ وَانْقَلَبُوا صَغِيرِينَ ﴿١٢١﴾

﴿١٢١﴾ وَأَلْقَى السَّحَرَةُ سَجْدِينَ ﴿١٢٢﴾

﴿١٢٢﴾ قَالُوا ءَأَمَنَّا بِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٢٣﴾

﴿١٢٣﴾ رَبِّ مُوسَىٰ وَهَارُونَ ﴿١٢٤﴾

﴿١٢٤﴾ قَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ ءَأَمَنْتُمْ بِمِىَ قَبْلَ أَنْ ءَاذَنَ لَكُمْ ﴿١٢٥﴾
إِنَّ هَذَا لَمَكْرٌ مَّكْرُتُمْوهٖ فِى الْمَدِينَةِ ﴿١٢٦﴾
لِنُخْرِجُوها مِنْهَا أَهْلِها فَسَوْفَ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٢٧﴾

﴿١٢٧﴾ لَأُقَطِّعَنَّ أَيْدِيَكُمْ وَأَرْجُلَكُمْ مِّنْ خِلْفٍ ثُمَّ
لَأُصَلِّبَنَّكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿١٢٨﴾

﴿١٢٨﴾ قَالُوا إِنَّا إِلَىٰ رَبِّنَا مُنْقَلِبُونَ ﴿١٢٩﴾

﴿١٢٩﴾ وَمَا نَتَّقِمُ مِّنْآ إِلَآ أَنْ ءَأَمَنَّا بِبَآئِتِ رَبِّنَا

³⁹⁴Their staffs and ropes appeared as writhing snakes.

³⁹⁵i.e., in Moses, avoiding the mention of Allāh (*subhānahu wa ta'ālā*).

of our Lord when they came to us. Our Lord, pour upon us patience³⁹⁶ and let us die as Muslims [in submission to You]."

لَمَّا جَاءَتْنَا رَبَّنَا أَفْرَغَ عَلَيْنَا صَبْرًا وَتَوَفَّنَا
مُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٣٩٦﴾

127. And the eminent among the people of Pharaoh said, "Will you leave Moses and his people to cause corruption in the land and abandon you and your gods?" [Pharaoh] said, "We will kill their sons and keep their women alive; and indeed, we are subjugators over them."

وَقَالَ الْمَلَأُ مِنْ قَوْمِ فِرْعَوْنَ أَتَدْرُ مُوسَى
وَقَوْمَهُ لِيُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَيَذَرَكَ
وَأَهْلِكَ قَالَ سُنُقِتِلْ أبنَاءَهُمْ
وَنَسْتَحْيِ نِسَاءَهُمْ وَإِنَّا فَوْقَهُمْ قَاهِرُونَ ﴿٣٩٧﴾

128. Said Moses to his people, "Seek help through Allāh and be patient. Indeed, the earth belongs to Allāh. He causes to inherit it whom He wills of His servants. And the [best] outcome is for the righteous."

قَالَ مُوسَى لِقَوْمِهِ اسْتَعِينُوا بِاللَّهِ وَأَصْبِرُوا
إِنَّ الْأَرْضَ لِلَّهِ يُورِثُهَا مَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ
عِبَادِهِ وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ ﴿٣٩٨﴾

129. They said, "We have been harmed before you came to us and after you have come to us." He said, "Perhaps your Lord will destroy your enemy and grant you succession in the land and see how you will do."

قَالُوا أُوذِينَا مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ تَأْتِيَنَا وَمِنْ بَعْدِ
مَا جِئْتَنَا قَالَ عَسَى رَبُّكُمْ أَنْ يُهْلِكَ
عَدُوَّكُمْ وَيَسْتَخْلِفَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ
فَيَنْظُرَ كَيْفَ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٣٩٩﴾

130. And We certainly seized³⁹⁷ the people of Pharaoh with years of famine and a deficiency in fruits that perhaps they would be reminded.

وَلَقَدْ أَخَذْنَا آلَ فِرْعَوْنَ بِالسِّنِينَ وَنَقْصِ
مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَذَّكَّرُونَ ﴿٤٠٠﴾

131. But when good [i.e., provision] came to them, they said, "This is ours [by right]." And if a bad

فَإِذَا جَاءَتْهُمْ الْحَسَنَةُ قَالُوا لَنَا هَذِهِ وَإِنْ
تُصِيبَهُمْ سَيِّئَةٌ سَيَأْتِيَنَّاهُمْ بِمُوسَى وَمَنْ مَعَهُ

³⁹⁶To endure the torture to which we will be subjected.

³⁹⁷Imposed on them by way of trial and warning.

[condition] struck them, they saw an evil omen in Moses and those with him. Unquestionably, their fortune is with Allāh, but most of them do not know.

132. And they said, "No matter what sign you bring us with which to bewitch us, we will not be believers in you."

133. So We sent upon them the flood and locusts and lice and frogs and blood as distinct signs, but they were arrogant and were a criminal people.

134. And when the punishment descended upon them, they said, "O Moses, invoke for us your Lord by what He has promised you. If you [can] remove the punishment from us, we will surely believe you, and we will send with you the Children of Israel."

135. But when We removed the punishment from them until a term which they were to reach,³⁹⁸ then at once they broke their word.

136. So We took retribution from them, and We drowned them in the sea because they denied Our signs and were heedless of them.

137. And We caused the people who had been oppressed to inherit the eastern regions of the land and the western ones, which We had blessed. And the good word [i.e.,

أَلَّا إِنَّمَا طَئِرُهُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَلَنِكَرَّ
أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٣٢﴾

وَقَالُوا مَهْمَا تَأْتِنَا بِهِ مِنْ آيَةٍ لِيَتَسَحَّرَنَا
بِهَا فَمَا نَحْنُ لَكَ بِمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٣٣﴾

فَأَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الطُّوفَانَ وَالْجَرَادَ وَالْقُمَّلَ
وَالضَّفَادِعَ وَالْدَّمَ آيَاتٍ مُفْصَلَتٍ
فَاسْتَكْبَرُوا وَكَانُوا قَوْمًا مُجْرِمِينَ ﴿١٣٤﴾

وَلَمَّا وَقَعَ عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّجْزُ قَالُوا يَا مُوسَى
ادْعُ لَنَا رَبَّكَ بِمَا عَهِدَ عِنْدَكَ لَئِن
كَشَفْتَ عَنَّا الرِّجْزَ لَنُؤْمِنَنَّ لَكَ وَلَنُرْسِلَنَّ
مَعَكَ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ ﴿١٣٥﴾

فَلَمَّا كَشَفْنَا عَنْهُمُ الرِّجْزَ إِلَى أَجَلٍ هُمْ
بَلَغُوهُ إِذَا هُمْ يَنْكُتُونَ ﴿١٣٦﴾

فَأَنْتَقَمْنَا مِنْهُمْ فَأَغْرَقْنَاهُمْ فِي الْيَمِّ بِآيِهِمْ
كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَكَانُوا عَنْهَا غَافِلِينَ ﴿١٣٧﴾

وَأَوْرَثْنَا الْقَوْمَ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا
يُسْتَضْعَفُونَ مَشْرِقَ الْأَرْضِ وَمَغْرِبَهَا
الَّتِي بَرَكْنَا فِيهَا وَتَمَّتْ كَلِمَتُ رَبِّكَ

³⁹⁸i.e., a specified term which would end with their reversion to disobedience and disbelief.

decree] of your Lord was fulfilled for the Children of Israel because of what they had patiently endured. And We destroyed [all] that Pharaoh and his people were producing and what they had been building.

الْحُسْنَىٰ عَلَىٰ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ بِمَا صَبَرُوا
وَدَمَّرْنَا مَا كَانُوا يَصْنَعُونَ فِرْعَوْنَ
وَقَوْمَهُ، وَمَا كَانُوا يَعْرِشُونَ ﴿٦٧﴾

138. And We took the Children of Israel across the sea; then they came upon a people intent in devotion to [some] idols of theirs. They [the Children of Israel] said, "O Moses, make for us a god just as they have gods." He said, "Indeed, you are a people behaving ignorantly.

وَجَوَّزْنَا بِبَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ الْبَحْرَ فَأَتَوْا عَلَىٰ
قَوْمٍ يَعْبُكُونَ عَلَىٰ أَصْنَامِهِمْ قَالُوا
يَمُوسَىٰ اجْعَلْ لَنَا إِلَهًا كَمَا لَهُمْ آلِهَةٌ
قَالَ إِنَّكُمْ قَوْمٌ تَجْهَلُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾

139. Indeed, those [worshippers] – destroyed is that in which they are [engaged], and worthless is whatever they were doing."

إِنَّ هَٰؤُلَاءِ مُتَّبِعُونَ مَا هُم بِبِطِلُونَ
كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾

140. He said, "Is it other than Allāh I should desire for you as a god³⁹⁹ while He has preferred you over the worlds?"

قَالَ أَغَيْرَ اللَّهِ أَبْغِيكُمْ إِلَهًا وَهُوَ
فَضَّلَكُمْ عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٧٠﴾

141. And [recall, O Children of Israel], when We saved you from the people of Pharaoh, [who were] afflicting you with the worst torment – killing your sons and keeping your women alive. And in that was a great trial from your Lord.

وَإِذْ أَخْرَجْنَاكُمْ مِنَ آلِ فِرْعَوْنَ يَسُومُونَكُمْ
سُوءَ الْعَذَابِ يُقْتُلُونَ أَبْنَاءَكُمْ وَيَسْتَحْيُونَ
نِسَاءَكُمْ وَفِي ذَٰلِكُمْ بَلَاءٌ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ
عَظِيمٌ ﴿٧١﴾

142. And We made an appointment with Moses for thirty nights and perfected them by [the addition of] ten; so the term of his Lord

﴿ وَوَعَدْنَا مُوسَىٰ ثَلَاثِينَ لَيْلَةً وَأَتَمَّمْنَاهَا
بِعَشْرٍ فَتَمَّ مِيقَاتُ رَبِّهِ أَرْبَعِينَ لَيْلَةً ﴾

³⁹⁹An object of worship.

was completed as forty nights. And Moses said to his brother Aaron, "Take my place among my people, do right [by them],⁴⁰⁰ and do not follow the way of the corrupters."

143. And when Moses arrived at Our appointed time and his Lord spoke to him, he said, "My Lord, show me [Yourself] that I may look at You." [Allāh] said, "You will not see Me,⁴⁰¹ but look at the mountain; if it should remain in place, then you will see Me." But when his Lord appeared to the mountain, He rendered it level,⁴⁰² and Moses fell unconscious. And when he awoke, he said, "Exalted are You! I have repented to You, and I am the first [among my people] of the believers."⁴⁰³

144. [Allāh] said, "O Moses, I have chosen you over the people with My messages and My words [to you]. So take what I have given you and be among the grateful."

145. And We wrote for him on the tablets [something] of all things – instruction and explanation for all things, [saying], "Take them with determination and order your people to take the best of it. I will show you the home of the defiantly disobedient."⁴⁰⁴

وَقَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِأَخِيهِ هَارُونَ أَخْلِفْ فِي قَوْمِي وَأَصْلِحْ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ سَبِيلَ الْمُفْسِدِينَ ﴿٤٠٠﴾

وَلَمَّا جَاءَ مُوسَىٰ لِمِيقَاتِنَا وَكَلَّمَهُ رَبُّهُ قَالَ رَبِّ أَرِنِي أَنظُرْ إِلَيْكَ قَالَ لَنْ نَرِنِي وَلَكِن نَّانظُرْ إِلَى الْجَبَلِ فَإِنِ اسْتَقَرَّ مَكَانَهُ فَسَوْفَ تَرِنِي فَلَمَّا كَجَلَّى رَبُّهُ لِلْجَبَلِ جَعَلَهُ دَكًّا وَخَرَّ مُوسَىٰ صَعِقًا فَلَمَّا أَفَاقَ قَالَ سُبْحَانَكَ تُبْتُ إِلَيْكَ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٤٠١﴾

قَالَ يَمُوسَىٰ إِنِّي اصْطَفَيْتَكَ عَلَى النَّاسِ بِرِسَالَاتِي وَبِكَوَلَّمِي فَخُذْ مَا آتَيْتَكَ وَكُن مِّنَ الشَّاكِرِينَ ﴿٤٠٢﴾

وَكَتَبْنَا لَهُ فِي الْأَلْوَابِ مِن كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مَّوعِظَةً وَتَفْصِيلًا لِّكُلِّ شَيْءٍ فَخَذَهَا بِقُوَّةٍ وَأَمَرَ قَوْمَكَ بِأَخْذِهَا بِحَسْبِهَا سَأُورِيكُمْ دَارَ الْفَاسِقِينَ ﴿٤٠٣﴾

⁴⁰⁰ i.e., keep their affairs in order.

⁴⁰¹ During the life of this world.

⁴⁰² It crumbled to dust.

⁴⁰³ That no one can see Allāh in this life.

⁴⁰⁴ This is a severe warning from Allāh against rebellion.

146. I will turn away from My signs those who are arrogant upon the earth without right; and if they should see every sign, they will not believe in it. And if they see the way of consciousness,⁴⁰⁵ they will not adopt it as a way; but if they see the way of error, they will adopt it as a way. That is because they have denied Our signs and they were heedless of them.
147. Those who denied Our signs and the meeting of the Hereafter – their deeds have become worthless. Are they recompensed except for what they used to do?
148. And the people of Moses made, after [his departure], from their ornaments a calf – an image having a lowing sound. Did they not see that it could neither speak to them nor guide them to a way? They took it [for worship], and they were wrongdoers.
149. And when regret overcame them⁴⁰⁶ and they saw that they had gone astray, they said, "If our Lord does not have mercy upon us and forgive us, we will surely be among the losers."
150. And when Moses returned to his people, angry and grieved, he said, "How wretched is that by which you have replaced me after [my departure]. Were you
- سَأَصْرِفُ عَنْ آيَاتِيَ الَّذِينَ يَتَكَبَّرُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ بِغَيْرِ الْحَقِّ وَإِنْ يَرَوْا كُلَّ آيَةٍ لَا يُؤْمِنُوا بِهَا وَإِنْ يَرَوْا سَبِيلَ الرُّشْدِ لَا يَتَّخِذُوهُ سَبِيلًا وَإِنْ يَرَوْا سَبِيلَ الْغَيِّ يَتَّخِذُوهُ سَبِيلًا ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَكَانُوا عَنْهَا غَافِلِينَ ﴿٤٦﴾
- وَالَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَلِقَاءِ الْآخِرَةِ حَبِطَتْ أَعْمَالُهُمْ هَلْ يُجْزَوْنَ إِلَّا مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾
- وَاتَّخَذَ قَوْمُ مُوسَىٰ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ مِنْ خُلْيُوبِهِمْ عِجْلًا جَسَدًا لَّهُ خَوَارٌ أَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّهُ لَا يُكَلِّمُهُمْ وَلَا يَهْتَدِيهِمْ سَبِيلًا اتَّخَذُوهُ وَكَانُوا ظَالِمِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾
- وَلَمَّا سَقَطَ فِي أَيْدِيهِمْ وَرَأَوْا أَنَّهُمْ قَدْ ضَلُّوا قَالُوا لَئِنْ لَمْ يَرْحَمْنَا رَبُّنَا وَيَغْفِرْ لَنَا لَتَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ ﴿٤٩﴾
- وَلَمَّا رَجَعَ مُوسَىٰ إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ غَضَبَيْنَ أَسْفًا قَالَ بئسما حلفتُموني من بَعْدِي أَعَجَلْتُمْ أَمْرَ رَبِّكُمْ وَأَلْقَى الْأَلْوَاحَ وَأَخَذَ

⁴⁰⁵ i.e., reason and integrity.

⁴⁰⁶ Literally, "When their hands had been descended upon," i.e., bitten by them out of severe regret.

impatient over the matter of your Lord?" And he threw down the tablets and seized his brother by [the hair of] his head, pulling him toward him. [Aaron] said, "O son of my mother, indeed the people overpowered me and were about to kill me, so let not the enemies rejoice over me⁴⁰⁷ and do not place me among the wrongdoing people."

151. [Moses] said, "My Lord, forgive me and my brother and admit us into Your mercy, for You are the most merciful of the merciful."

152. Indeed, those who took the calf [for worship] will obtain anger from their Lord and humiliation in the life of this world, and thus do We recompense the inventors [of falsehood].

153. But those who committed misdeeds and then repented after them and believed – indeed your Lord, thereafter, is Forgiving and Merciful.

154. And when the anger subsided in Moses, he took up the tablets; and in their inscription was guidance and mercy for those who are fearful of their Lord.

155. And Moses chose from his people seventy men for Our appointment.⁴⁰⁸ And when the earthquake seized them,⁴⁰⁹ he said,

بِرَأْسِ أَخِيهِ يَجُرُّهُ إِلَيْهِ قَالَ ابْنَ أُمَّ إِنَّ الْقَوْمَ اسْتَضَعُّوْنِي وَكَادُوا يَكْتُلُونِي فَلَا تُشْمِتْ بِيَ الْأَعْدَاءَ وَلَا تَجْعَلْنِي مَعَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٤٧﴾

قَالَ رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِأَخِي وَأَدْخِلْنَا فِي رَحْمَتِكَ وَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ أَخَذُوا الْعِجْلَ سَيَنَالُهُمْ غَضَبٌ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ وَذَلَّةٌ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَكَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُفْتَرِينَ ﴿٤٩﴾

وَالَّذِينَ عَمِلُوا السَّيِّئَاتِ ثُمَّ تَابُوا مِنْ بَعْدِهَا وَآمَنُوا إِنَّ رَبَّكَ مِنْ بَعْدِهَا لَغَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٥٠﴾

وَلَمَّا سَكَتَ عَنْ مُوسَى الْغَضَبُ أَخَذَ الْأَلْوَابَ فِي نُسْخَاتِهَا هُدًى وَرَحْمَةً لِلَّذِينَ هُمْ لِرَبِّهِمْ يَرْهَبُونَ ﴿٥١﴾

وَاخْتَارَ مُوسَى قَوْمَهُ سَبْعِينَ رَجُلًا لِمِيقَاتِنَا فَلَمَّا أَخَذَتْهُمُ الرَّجْفَةُ قَالَ رَبِّ

⁴⁰⁷i.e., over your humiliation of me.

⁴⁰⁸Whereupon they were to apologize to Allāh for having worshipped the calf.

⁴⁰⁹Upon reaching the appointed place, they said to Moses, "We will not believe until we see Allāh outright." So the mountain convulsed, killing them.

"My Lord, if You had willed, You could have destroyed them before and me [as well]. Would You destroy us for what the foolish among us have done? This is not but Your trial by which You send astray whom You will and guide whom You will. You are our Protector, so forgive us and have mercy upon us; and You are the best of forgivers.

لَوْ شِئْتَ أَهْلَكْتَهُمْ مِّن قَبْلُ وَإِنِّي أَهْلِكُنَا
بِمَا فَعَلْنَا السَّفَهَاءَ مِمَّا إِن هِيَ إِلَّا فِتْنَتُكَ
تُضِلُّ بِهَا مَن تَشَاءُ وَتَهْدِي مَن تَشَاءُ
أَنْتَ وَلِيُّنَا فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا وَارْحَمْنَا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ
الْغَافِرِينَ ﴿٦٥﴾

156. And decree for us in this world [that which is] good and [also] in the Hereafter; indeed, we have turned back to You." [Allāh] said, "My punishment – I afflict with it whom I will, but My mercy encompasses all things." So I will decree it [especially] for those who fear Me and give zakāh and those who believe in Our verses –

﴿٦٥﴾ وَأَكْتَبْنَا لَنَا فِي هَذِهِ الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً
وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ إِنَّا هُنَا وَإِلَيْكَ ءَقَالُ عَذَابِي
أُصِيبُ بِهِ مَن أَشَاءُ وَرَحْمَتِي وَسَّعَتْ كُلَّ
شَيْءٍ فَسَاكُنْهَا لِلَّذِينَ يَتَّقُونَ وَيُؤْتُونَ
الزَّكَاةَ وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ بِآيَاتِنَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٦٦﴾

157. Those who follow the Messenger, the unlettered prophet, whom they find written [i.e., mentioned] in what they have of the Torah and the Gospel, who enjoins upon them what is right and forbids them what is wrong and makes lawful for them the good things and prohibits for them the evil and relieves them of their burden⁴¹⁰ and the shackles which were upon them.⁴¹¹ So they who have believed in him, honored him, supported him and followed the light which was sent down

الَّذِينَ يَتَّبِعُونَ الرَّسُولَ النَّبِيَّ الْأُمِّيَّ
الَّذِي يَخْدُونَهُ مَكْنُوتًا عِنْدَهُمْ فِي التَّوْرَةِ
وَالْإِنْجِيلِ يَأْمُرُهُم بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَاهُمْ عَنِ
الْمُنْكَرِ وَيُحِلُّ لَهُمُ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَيُحَرِّمُ
عَلَيْهِمُ الْخَبَائِثَ وَيَضَعُ عَنْهُمْ إِصْرَهُمْ
وَالْأَغْلَالَ الَّتِي كَانَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ ءَالَّذِينَ
آمَنُوا بِهِ وَعَزَّرُوهُ وَنَصَرُوهُ وَاتَّبَعُوا
النُّورَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ مَعَهُ ءَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ

⁴¹⁰Difficulties in religious practice.

⁴¹¹i.e., extreme measures previously required for repentance, and retribution without recourse to compensation.

with him – it is those who will be the successful.

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158. Say, [O Muḥammad], "O mankind, indeed I am the Messenger of Allāh to you all, [from Him] to whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. There is no deity except Him; He gives life and causes death." So believe in Allāh and His Messenger, the unlettered prophet, who believes in Allāh and His words, and follow him that you may be guided.

قُلْ يَتَّيِّهَا النَّاسُ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا الَّذِي لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ فَآمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ الَّذِي يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَكَلِمَاتِهِ وَاتَّبِعُوهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ ﴿١٥٨﴾

159. And among the people of Moses is a community⁴¹² which guides by truth and by it establishes justice.

وَمِن قَوْمِ مُوسَى أُمَّةٌ يَهْتَدُونَ بِالْحَقِّ وَيُبْهِنُونَ ﴿١٥٩﴾

160. And We divided them into twelve descendant tribes⁴¹³ [as distinct] nations. And We inspired to Moses when his people implored him for water, "Strike with your staff the stone," and there gushed forth from it twelve springs. Every people [i.e., tribe] knew its watering place. And We shaded them with clouds and sent down upon them manna and quails, [saying], "Eat from the good things with which We have provided you." And they wronged Us not, but they were [only] wronging themselves.

وَقَطَعْنَاهُمْ فِي عَشْرَةِ آسَابِطٍ أُمَّمًا وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ مُوسَىٰ إِذِ اسْتَسْقَنَهُ قَوْمُهُ أَنْ اصْرَبِ بِعَصَاكَ الْحَجَرَ فَانْبَجَسَتْ مِنْهُ اثْنَا عَشْرَةَ عَيْنًا قَدْ عَلِمَ كُلُّ أُنَاسٍ مَّشْرَبَهُمْ وَظَلَّلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الْغَمَمَ وَأَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الْمَنَّاءَ وَالسَّلْوَىٰ كُلُّوا مِنْ طَيِّبَاتِ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ وَمَا ظَلَمُونَا وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿١٦٠﴾

161. And [mention, O Muḥammad], when it was said to them, "Dwell

وَإِذْ قِيلَ لَهُمْ اسْكُوبَا هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةَ

⁴¹²Those of them who accepted and followed the final prophet, Muḥammad (ﷺ).

⁴¹³From the twelve sons of Jacob.

in this city [i.e., Jerusalem] and eat from it wherever you will and say, 'Relieve us of our burdens [i.e., sins],' and enter the gate bowing humbly; We will [then] forgive you your sins. We will increase the doers of good [in goodness and reward]."

وَكُلُوا مِنْهَا حَيْثُ شِئْتُمْ وَقُولُوا حِطَّةٌ
وَادْخُلُوا الْبَابَ سُجَّدًا نَعْفِرْ لَكُمْ
خَطِيئَتِكُمْ سَنَزِيدُ الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿١٦٥﴾

162. But those who wronged among them changed [the words] to a statement other than that which had been said to them. So We sent upon them a punishment from the sky for the wrong that they were doing.

فَبَدَّلَ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْهُمْ قَوْلًا غَيْرَ
الَّذِي قِيلَ لَهُمْ فَأَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ رِجْزًا
مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ بِمَا كَانُوا يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿١٦٦﴾

163. And ask them about the town that was by the sea – when they transgressed in [the matter of] the sabbath – when their fish came to them openly on their sabbath day, and the day they had no sabbath they did not come to them. Thus did We give them trial because they were defiantly disobedient.

وَسَأَلْنَهُمْ عَنِ الْقَرْيَةِ الَّتِي كَانَتْ حَاضِرَةً
الْبَحْرِ إِذْ يَعْدُونَ فِي آلَسَبْتِ إِذْ تَأْتِيهِمْ
حَيْثَ أَنْتُمْ يَوْمَ سَبْتِهِمْ شُرْعًا وَيَوْمَ لَا
يَسْتَوُونَ لَا تَأْتِيهِمْ كَذَلِكَ نَبْلُوهُمْ
بِمَا كَانُوا يَفْسُقُونَ ﴿١٦٧﴾

164. And when a community among them said, "Why do you advise [or warn] a people whom Allāh is [about] to destroy or to punish with a severe punishment?" they [the advisors] said, "To be absolved before your Lord and perhaps they may fear Him."

وَإِذْ قَالَتْ أُمَّةٌ مِّنْهُمْ لِمَ تَعِظُونَ قَوْمًا اللَّهُ
مُهْلِكُهُمْ أَوْ مُعَذِّبُهُمْ عَذَابًا شَدِيدًا قَالُوا
مَعذِرَةٌ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكُمْ وَلَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٦٨﴾

165. And when they [i.e., those advised] forgot that by which they had been reminded, We saved those who had forbidden evil and seized those who wronged, with a wretched punishment, because they were defiantly disobeying.

فَلَمَّا نَسُوا مَا ذُكِّرُوا بِهِمُ أَخَذْنَا الَّذِينَ
يَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ السُّوْءِ وَأَخَذْنَا الَّذِينَ
ظَلَمُوا بِعَذَابٍ بَئِيسٍ بِمَا كَانُوا
يَفْسُقُونَ ﴿١٦٩﴾

166. So when they were insolent about that which they had been forbidden, We said to them, "Be apes, despised."

فَلَمَّا عَتَوْا عَنْ مَا نُهُوا عَنْهُ قُلْنَا لَهُمْ كُونُوا قِرَدَةً خَاسِئِينَ ﴿١٦٦﴾

167. And [mention] when your Lord declared that He would surely [continue to] send upon them until the Day of Resurrection those who would afflict them with the worst torment. Indeed, your Lord is swift in penalty; but indeed, He is Forgiving and Merciful.

وَإِذْ تَأَذَّرَ رَبُّكَ لَيَبْعَثَنَّ عَلَيْهِمْ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ مَنْ يَسُومُهُمْ سُوءَ الْعَذَابِ ۗ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَسَرِيعُ الْعِقَابِ ۗ وَإِنَّهُ لَغَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٦٧﴾

168. And We divided them throughout the earth into nations. Of them some were righteous, and of them some were otherwise. And We tested them with good [times] and bad that perhaps they would return [to obedience].

وَقَطَعْنَاهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ أُمَّمًا مِّنْهُمْ آلِصَّالِحُونَ وَمِنْهُمْ دُونَ ذَلِكَ وَبَلَوْنَاهُم بِالْحَسَنَاتِ وَالسَّيِّئَاتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿١٦٨﴾

169. And there followed them successors who inherited the Scripture [while] taking the commodities⁴¹⁴ of this lower life and saying, "It will be forgiven for us." And if an offer like it⁴¹⁵ comes to them, they will [again] take it. Was not the covenant of the Scripture [i.e., the Torah] taken from them that they would not say about Allāh except the truth, and they studied what was in it? And the home of the Hereafter is better for those who fear Allāh, so will you not use reason?

فَخَلَفَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ خَلْفٌ وَرِثُوا الْكِتَابَ يَأْخُذُونَ عَرَضَ هَذَا الْأَدْنَىٰ وَيَقُولُونَ سَيُغْفَرُ لَنَا وَإِنْ يَأْتِهِمْ عَرَضٌ مِّثْلُهَا يَأْخُذُوهَا ۗ أَلَمْ يُوْحَدْ عَلَيْهِمْ مِيثَاقُ الْكِتَابِ أَنْ لَا يَقُولُوا عَلَىٰ اللَّهِ إِلَّا الْحَقَّ وَدَرَسُوا مَا فِيهِ ۗ وَالْدَارُ الْآخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ لِّلَّذِينَ يَتَّقُونَ ۗ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ ﴿١٦٩﴾

170. But those who hold fast to the Book [i.e., the Qur'ān] and

وَالَّذِينَ يُمَسِّكُونَ بِالْكِتَابِ وَأَقَامُوا

⁴¹⁴i.e., unlawful gains and pleasures.

⁴¹⁵i.e., a similar temptation.

establish prayer – indeed, We will not allow to be lost the reward of the reformers.

﴿الصَّلَاةَ إِنَّا لَا نَضِيعُ أَجْرَ الْمُصَلِّينَ﴾

171. And [mention] when We raised the mountain above them as if it was a dark cloud and they were certain that it would fall upon them,⁴¹⁶ [and Allāh said], "Take what We have given you with determination and remember what is in it that you might fear Allāh."

﴿وَإِذْ نَتَقْنَا الْجَبَلَ فَوْقَهُمْ كَأَنَّهُ ظُلَّةٌ وَظَنُّوا أَنَّهُ وَاقِعٌ بِهِمْ خُذُوا مَا آتَيْنَكُم بِقُورَةٍ وَأَذْكُرُوا مَا فِيهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ﴾

172. And [mention] when your Lord took from the children of Adam – from their loins – their descendants and made them testify of themselves, [saying to them], "Am I not your Lord?" They said, "Yes, we have testified." [This] – lest you should say on the Day of Resurrection, "Indeed, we were of this unaware."

﴿وَإِذْ أَخَذَ رَبُّكَ مِن بَنِي آدَمَ مِنْ ظُهُورِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَأَشْهَدَهُمْ عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ أَلَسْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ شَهِدْنَا أَنزِلْنَا قَوْلًا يَوْمَ الْأَقِيمَةِ إِنَّا كُنَّا عَنْ هَذَا غَافِلِينَ﴾

173. Or [lest] you say, "It was only that our fathers associated [others in worship] with Allāh before, and we were but descendants after them. Then would You destroy us for what the falsifiers have done?"

﴿أَوْ تَقُولُوا إِنَّمَا أَشْرَكَ آبَاؤُنَا مِن قَبْلُ وَكُنَّا ذُرِّيَّةً مِّن بَعْدِهِمْ أَفَتُهْلِكُنَا بِمَا فَعَلَ الْمُبْطِلُونَ﴾

174. And thus do We [explain in] detail the verses, and perhaps they will return.⁴¹⁷

﴿وَكَذَٰلِكَ نُفَصِّلُ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ﴾

175. And recite to them, [O Muḥammad], the news of him⁴¹⁸ to whom We gave [knowledge of]

﴿وَأَنزَلْنَا عَلَيْهِم نَبَأَ الَّذِي آتَيْنَاهُ آيَاتِنَا فَاسْتَلَخَ مِنْهَا فَأَتْبَعَهُ الشَّيْطَانُ فَكَانَ مِنَ

⁴¹⁶For their rebellion and disobedience.

⁴¹⁷To the way of Allāh (*subḥānahu wa ta'ālā*), from their diversions and deviations.

⁴¹⁸A man from the Children of Israel at the time of Moses.

Our signs, but he detached himself from them; so Satan pursued him, and he became of the deviators.⁴¹⁹

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176. And if We had willed, We could have elevated him thereby,⁴²⁰ but he adhered [instead] to the earth⁴²¹ and followed his own desire. So his example is like that of the dog: if you chase him, he pants, or if you leave him, he [still] pants. That is the example of the people who denied Our signs.⁴²² So relate the stories that perhaps they will give thought.

وَلَوْ شِئْنَا لَرَفَعْنَاهُ بِهَا وَلَنْكَنُهُ أَخْلَدَ إِلَى
الْأَرْضِ وَاتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ فَمَثَلُهُ كَمَثَلِ
الْكَلْبِ إِنْ تَحْمِلَ عَلَيْهِ يَلْهَثْ أَوْ تَتْرَكْهُ
يَلْهَثُ ذَلِكَ مَثَلُ الْقَوْمِ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا
بِآيَاتِنَا فَاقْصُصِ الْقَصَصَ لَعَلَّهُمْ
يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٢٢٠﴾

177. How evil an example [is that of] the people who denied Our signs and used to wrong themselves.

سَاءَ مَثَلًا الْقَوْمِ الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا
وَأَنْفُسُهُمْ كَانُوا بِظُلْمٍ مِّنَ
﴿٢٢١﴾

178. Whoever Allāh guides – he is the [rightly] guided; and whoever He sends astray⁴²³ – it is those who are the losers.

مَنْ يَهْدِ اللَّهُ فَهُوَ الْمُهْتَدِيٌّ وَمَنْ يُضِلَّ
فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٢٢٢﴾

179. And We have certainly created for Hell many of the jinn and mankind. They have hearts with which they do not understand, they have eyes with which they do not see, and they have ears with which they do not hear. Those are like livestock; rather, they are more astray.⁴²⁴ It is they who are the heedless.

وَلَقَدْ ذَرَأْنَا لِجَهَنَّمَ كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الْجِنِّ
وَالإِنسِ هُمْ قُلُوبٌ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ بِهَا
وَهُمْ أَعْيُنٌ لَا يُبْصِرُونَ بِهَا وَهُمْ
يَسْمَعُونَ بِهَا أُولَئِكَ كَالْإِطْرَافِ
أَضَلُّ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْغَافِلُونَ ﴿٢٢٣﴾

⁴¹⁹Those who deliberately persist in error to the point of destruction.

⁴²⁰i.e., through the revelations, signs or evidences of which he had been given knowledge.

⁴²¹i.e., its worldly pleasures.

⁴²²Whether or not they have been exposed to Allāh's signs or warnings, it is all the same: they will not believe.

⁴²³As a result of persistence in evil and rejection of truth.

⁴²⁴The reference is to their inability (i.e., refusal) to think and reason, while blindly following (as they are accustomed).

180. And to Allāh belong the best names, so invoke Him by them. And leave [the company of] those who practice deviation concerning His names.⁴²⁵ They will be recompensed for what they have been doing.
- وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ فَادْعُوهُ بِهَا وَذَرُوا الَّذِينَ يُلْحِدُونَ فِي أَسْمَائِهِ سَيُجْزَوْنَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٨٠﴾
181. And among those We created is a community⁴²⁶ which guides by truth and thereby establishes justice.
- وَمِمَّنْ خَلَقْنَا أُمَّةٌ يَهْدُونَ بِالْحَقِّ وَبِهِ يَعْدِلُونَ ﴿١٨١﴾
182. But those who deny Our signs – We will progressively lead them [to destruction]⁴²⁷ from where they do not know.
- وَالَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا سَنَسْتَدْرِجُهُم مِّنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٨٢﴾
183. And I will give them time. Indeed, My plan is firm.
- وَأَمَلِي لَهُمْ إِنَّ كَيْدِي مَتِينٌ ﴿١٨٣﴾
184. Then do they not give thought? There is in their companion [i.e., Muḥammad (ﷺ)] no madness. He is not but a clear warner.
- أَوَلَمْ يَتَفَكَّرُوا مَا بِصَاحِبِهِمْ مِنْ جِنَّةٍ إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿١٨٤﴾
185. Do they not look into the realm of the heavens and the earth and everything that Allāh has created and [think] that perhaps their appointed time has come near? So in what statement [i.e., message] hereafter will they believe?
- أَوَلَمْ يَنْظُرُوا فِي مَلَكُوتِ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ مِنْ شَيْءٍ وَأَنْ عَسَىٰ أَنْ يَكُونَ قَدِ اقْتَرَبَ أَجَلُهُمْ فَبِأَيِّ حَدِيثٍ بَعْدَهُ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿١٨٥﴾
186. Whoever Allāh sends astray – there is no guide for him. And He leaves them in their transgression, wandering blindly.
- مَنْ يُضَلِلِ اللَّهُ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ وَيَذَرُهُمْ فِي طُغْيَانِهِمْ يَعْمَهُونَ ﴿١٨٦﴾

⁴²⁵i.e., use them improperly or deny them.

⁴²⁶The followers of Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ).

⁴²⁷Allāh will test them with one favor after another in spite of their disobedience, which only increases them in arrogance and sin.

187. They ask you, [O Muhammad], about the Hour: when is its arrival?⁴²⁸ Say, "Its knowledge is only with my Lord. None will reveal its time except Him. It lays heavily⁴²⁹ upon the heavens and the earth. It will not come upon you except unexpectedly." They ask you as if you are familiar with it. Say, "Its knowledge is only with Allāh, but most of the people do not know."

يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ السَّاعَةِ أَيَّانَ مُرْسَلُهَا قُلْ
إِنَّمَا عِلْمُهَا عِنْدَ رَبِّي لَا يُجَلِّيهَا لِوَقْتِهَا إِلَّا
هُوَ ثَقُلَتْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ لَا
تَأْتِيكُمْ إِلَّا بَغْتَةً يَسْأَلُونَكَ كَأَنَّكَ حَفِيٌّ
عَنْهَا قُلْ إِنَّمَا عِلْمُهَا عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَلَكِنَّ
أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾

188. Say, "I hold not for myself [the power of] benefit or harm, except what Allāh has willed. And if I knew the unseen, I could have acquired much wealth, and no harm would have touched me. I am not except a warner and a bringer of good tidings to a people who believe."

قُلْ لَا أَمْلِكُ لِنَفْسِي نَفْعًا وَلَا ضَرًّا إِلَّا
مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ وَلَوْ كُنْتُ أَعْلَمُ الْغَيْبِ
لَاَسْتَكْرَمْتُ مِنَ الْخَيْرِ وَمَا مَسْنِيَ السُّوءُ
إِن أَنَا إِلَّا نَذِيرٌ وَبَشِيرٌ لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٤٨﴾

189. It is He who created you from one soul and created from it its mate that he⁴³⁰ might dwell in security with her. And when he [i.e., man] covers her,⁴³¹ she carries a light burden [i.e., a pregnancy] and continues therein. And when it becomes heavy, they both invoke Allāh, their Lord, "If You should give us a good⁴³² [child], we will surely be among the grateful."

هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ
وَجَعَلَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا لِيَسْكُنَ إِلَيْهَا فَلَمَّا
تَغَشَّيْهَا حَمَلَتْ حَمْلًا خَفِيفًا فَمَرَّتْ بِهِ
فَلَمَّا أَثْقَلَتْ دَعَوَا اللَّهَ رَبَّهُمَا لَئِن آتَيْتَنَا
صَلِحًا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الشَّاكِرِينَ ﴿٤٩﴾

190. But when He gives them a good [child], they⁴³³ ascribe partners to

فَلَمَّا آتَيْنَهُمَا صَالِحًا جَعَلَا لَهُ شُرَكَاءَ

428 Literally, "resting" or "establishment."

429 i.e., it is a source of concern, worry or fear.

430 i.e., man or every descendent of Adam.

431 An allusion to sexual intercourse.

432 Physically sound or righteous.

433 The ungrateful man and woman or the polytheistic man and woman.

Him concerning that which He has given them. Exalted is Allāh above what they associate with Him.

191. Do they associate with Him those who create nothing and they are [themselves] created?
192. And they [i.e., the false deities] are unable to [give] them help, nor can they help themselves.
193. And if you [believers] invite them to guidance, they will not follow you. It is all the same for you whether you invite them or you are silent.
194. Indeed, those you [polytheists] call upon besides Allāh are servants [i.e., creations] like you. So call upon them and let them respond to you, if you should be truthful.
195. Do they have feet by which they walk? Or do they have hands by which they strike? Or do they have eyes by which they see? Or do they have ears by which they hear? Say, [O Muḥammad], "Call your 'partners' and then conspire against me and give me no respite.
196. Indeed, my protector is Allāh, who has sent down the Book; and He is an ally to the righteous.
197. And those you call upon besides Him are unable to help you, nor can they help themselves."
198. And if you invite them to guidance, they do not hear; and you see

فِيمَا ءَاتَيْنَهُمَا فَتَعَلَىٰ اللَّهُ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿١٩١﴾

أَبْنُرُكُونَ مَا لَا يَخْلُقُ شَيْئًا وَهُمْ يُخْلَقُونَ ﴿١٩٢﴾

وَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ هُمْ نَصْرًا وَلَا أَنْفُسَهُمْ يَنْصُرُونَ ﴿١٩٣﴾

وَإِنْ تَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَىٰ الْهُدَىٰ لَا يَتَّبِعُوكُمْ سَوَاءٌ عَلَيْكُمْ أَدَعَوْتُمُوهُمْ أَمْ أَنْتُمْ صَمِيمُونَ ﴿١٩٤﴾

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ عِبَادٌ أَمْثَالُكُمْ فَادْعُوهُمْ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿١٩٥﴾

أَلَهُمْ أَرْجُلٌ يَمْشُونَ بِهَا أَمْ لَهُمْ أَيْدٍ يَبْطِشُونَ بِهَا أَمْ لَهُمْ أَعْيُنٌ يُبْصِرُونَ بِهَا أَمْ لَهُمْ آذَانٌ يَسْمَعُونَ بِهَا قُلْ آدَعُوا شُرَكَاءَكُمْ ثُمَّ كِيدُوا فَلَا تُنظِرُونَ ﴿١٩٦﴾

إِنَّ وِلِيَّ اللَّهِ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ الْكِتَابَ وَهُوَ يَتَوَلَّى الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿١٩٧﴾

وَالَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ نَصْرَكُمْ وَلَا أَنْفُسَهُمْ يَنْصُرُونَ ﴿١٩٨﴾

وَإِنْ تَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَىٰ الْهُدَىٰ لَا يَسْمَعُوا

- them looking at you while they do not see.
199. Take what is given freely,⁴³⁴ enjoin what is good, and turn away from the ignorant.
200. And if an evil suggestion comes to you from Satan, then seek refuge in Allāh. Indeed, He is Hearing and Knowing.
201. Indeed, those who fear Allāh – when an impulse touches them from Satan, they remember [Him] and at once they have insight.
202. But their brothers⁴³⁵ – they [i.e., the devils] increase them in error; then they do not stop short.
203. And when you, [O Muḥammad], do not bring them a sign [i.e., miracle], they say, "Why have you not contrived it?" Say, "I only follow what is revealed to me from my Lord. This [Qur'ān] is enlightenment from your Lord and guidance and mercy for a people who believe."
204. So when the Qur'ān is recited, then listen to it and pay attention that you may receive mercy.
205. And remember your Lord within yourself in humility and in fear without being apparent in speech – in the mornings and the evenings. And do not be among the heedless.
- وَتَرْنَهُمْ يَنْظُرُونَ إِلَيْكَ وَهُمْ لَا يُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٢٠٠﴾
- خُذِ الْعَفْوَ وَأْمُرْ بِالْعُرْفِ وَأَعْرِضْ عَنِ الْجَاهِلِينَ ﴿٢٠١﴾
- وَأَمَّا يَنْزَغَنَّكَ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ نَزْغٌ فَاسْتَعِذْ بِاللَّهِ إِنَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٠٢﴾
- إِنَّ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا إِذَا مَسَّهُمْ طَئِفٌ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ تَذَكَّرُوا فَإِذَا هُمْ مُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٢٠٣﴾
- وَإِخْوَانُهُمْ يَمُدُّوهُمْ فِي الْغَيِّ ثُمَّ لَا يُقْصِرُونَ ﴿٢٠٤﴾
- وَإِذَا لَمْ تَأْتِهِمْ بَيِّنَةٌ قَالُوا لَوْلَا أُنزِلَتْ آيَاتُكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ هَذَا بَصَائِرٌ مِنْ رَبِّكَمْ وَهَدًى وَرَحْمَةً لِقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٢٠٥﴾
- وَإِذَا قُرِئَ الْقُرْآنُ فَاسْتَمِعُوا لَهُ وَأَنْصِتُوا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿٢٠٦﴾
- وَأَذْكُرْ رَبَّكَ فِي نَفْسِكَ تَضَرُّعًا وَخِيفَةً وَدُونَ الْجَهْرِ مِنَ الْقَوْلِ بِالْغُدُوِّ وَالْآصَالِ وَلَا تَكُنْ مِنَ الْغَافِلِينَ ﴿٢٠٧﴾

⁴³⁴From the dispositions of men or from their wealth. In other words, be easy in dealing with them and avoid causing them difficulty.

⁴³⁵Those among mankind who listen to the devils and obey their orders.

206. Indeed, those who are near your Lord [i.e., the angels] are not prevented by arrogance from His worship, and they exalt Him, and to Him they prostrate.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ لَا يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ
عِبَادَتِهِ وَيُسَبِّحُونَهُ وَلَهُ يَسْجُدُونَ ﴿٢٠٦﴾

