

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

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?"

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."

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

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

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.

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?"

الْحَكِيمِينَ ﴿٨٧﴾

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

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 رَبَّنَا افْتَحْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ قَوْمِنَا بِالْحَقِّ وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْفَاصِحِينَ ﴿٩٠﴾

وَقَالَ الْمَلَأُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ قَوْمِهِ لَئِنْ اتَّبَعْتُمْ شُعَيْبًا إِنَّكُمْ إِذًا لَخَسِرُونَ ﴿٩١﴾

فَأَخَذَتْهُمُ الرَّجْفَةُ فَأَصْبَحُوا فِي دَارِهِمْ جِثْمِينَ ﴿٩٢﴾

الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا شُعَيْبًا كَأَنْ لَمْ يَعْنُوا فِيهَا الَّذِينَ كَذَّبُوا شُعَيْبًا كَانُوا هُمُ الْخَاسِرِينَ ﴿٩٣﴾

فَتَوَلَّى عَنْهُمْ وَقَالَ يَنْقُومِ لَقَدْ أَبْلَغْتُكُمْ رِسَالَاتِ رَبِّي وَنَصَحْتُ لَكُمْ فَكَيْفَ ءَأْسَىٰ عَلَىٰ قَوْمٍ كَافِرِينَ ﴿٩٤﴾

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 وَأَتَّقَوْا 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 بَيْنَاتٍ 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﴾

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

³⁸⁴ That they had been tried and tested.

³⁸⁵ Of blame for their sin.

³⁸⁶ i.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
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.
102. And We did not find for most of them any covenant;³⁸⁹ but indeed, We found most of them defiantly disobedient.
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.
104. And Moses said, "O Pharaoh, I am a messenger from the Lord of the worlds
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

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

تِلْكَ الْقُرَى نَقِصُ عَلَيْكَ مِنْ أَنْبَاءِهَا
وَلَقَدْ جَاءَهُمْ رَسُولُهُمْ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ فَمَا
كَانُوا لِيُؤْمِنُوا بِمَا كَذَّبُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ
كَذَلِكَ يَطْبَعُ اللَّهُ عَلَى قُلُوبِ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٣٨٨﴾

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

ثُمَّ بَعَثْنَا مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ مُوسَى بِآيَاتِنَا إِلَى
فِرْعَوْنَ وَمَلَئِهِ فَظَلَمُوا بِهَا فَأَنْظُرْ كَيْفَ
كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الْمُفْسِدِينَ ﴿٣٩٠﴾

وَقَالَ مُوسَى يَنْفِرْعَوْنَ إِنِّي رَسُولٌ مِنْ
رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٣٩١﴾

حَقِيقٌ عَلَى أَنْ لَا أَقُولَ عَلَى اللَّهِ إِلَّا
الْحَقَّ قَدْ جِئْتُكُمْ بِبَيِّنَةٍ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ
فَأَرْسِلْ مَعِيَ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ ﴿٣٩١﴾

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 قَالُوا أَرْجِهْ وَأَخَاهُ وَأَرْسِلْ فِي الْمَدَائِنِ حَاشِرِينَ ﴿٣٩٧﴾
112. Who will bring you every learned magician." يَا تُولَكُ بِكُلِّ سِحْرٍ 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 الْمُقْرَبِينَ ﴿٤٠٠﴾
115. They said, "O Moses, either you throw [your staff], or we will be the ones to throw [first]." قَالُوا يَمُوسَىٰ إِمَّا أَنْ تُلْقِيَ 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

النَّاسِ وَأَسْتَرَّهُهُمُ وَجَاءُوا بِسِحْرِ عَظِيمٍ ﴿٣٩٤﴾

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

﴿ وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ مُوسَىٰ أَنْ أَلْقِ عَصَاكَ ۚ فَإِذَا هِيَ تَلْقَفُ مَا يَأْفِكُونَ ﴾ ﴿٣٩٥﴾

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

﴿ فَوَقَعَ الْحَقُّ وَبَطَلَ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴾ ﴿٣٩٦﴾

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

﴿ فَغَلِبُوا هُنَالِكَ وَانْقَلَبُوا صَغِيرِينَ ﴾ ﴿٣٩٧﴾

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

﴿ وَأَلْقَى السَّحَرَةُ سَجْدِينَ ﴾ ﴿٣٩٨﴾

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

﴿ قَالُوا ءَأَمْنَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴾ ﴿٣٩٩﴾

122. The Lord of Moses and Aaron."

﴿ رَبِّ مُوسَىٰ وَهَارُونَ ﴾ ﴿٤٠٠﴾

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.

﴿ قَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ ءَأَمَنْتُمْ بِمِي قَبْلَ أَنْ ءَاذَنَ لَكُمْ ۗ إِنَّ هَٰذَا لَمَكْرٌ مَكْرُتُمْوهٗ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ لِتُخْرِجُوا مِنهَا أَهْلَهَا ۖ فَسَوْفَ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴾ ﴿٤٠١﴾

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

﴿ لَأَقْطَعَنَّ أَيْدِيَكُمْ وَأَرْجُلَكُمْ مِّنْ خِلْفٍ ۖ ثُمَّ لَأُصَلِّبَنَّكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴾ ﴿٤٠٢﴾

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

﴿ قَالُوا إِنَّا إِلَىٰ رَبِّنَا مُنْقَلِبُونَ ﴾ ﴿٤٠٣﴾

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

﴿ وَمَا تَنْقِمُ مِنَّا إِلَّا أَنْ ءَأَمْنَا بِآيَاتِ رَبِّنَا ﴾ ﴿٤٠٤﴾

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 أَبْنَاءَهُمْ
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 يَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿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.

أَلَا إِنَّمَا طَئِرُهُمْ عِندَ اللَّهِ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٣١﴾

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

وَقَالُوا مَهْمَا تَأْتِنَا بِهِ مِنْ آيَةٍ لِيَتَسَحَّرَنَا بِهَا فَمَا نَحْنُ لَكَ بِمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٣٢﴾

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.

فَأَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الطُّوفَانَ وَالْجَرَادَ وَالْقُمَّلَ وَالضَّفَادِعَ وَالِدَّمَ ءآيَاتٍ مُفَصَّلَاتٍ فَاسْتَكْبَرُوا وَكَانُوا قَوْمًا مُجْرِمِينَ ﴿١٣٣﴾

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."

وَلَمَّا وَقَعَ عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّجْزُ قَالُوا يَا مُوسَى ادْعُ لَنَا رَبَّكَ بِمَا عَهِدَ عِنْدَكَ لَئِن كَشَفْتَ عَنَّا الرِّجْزَ لنُؤْمِنَنَّ لَكَ وَلَنُرْسِلَنَّ مَعَكَ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ ﴿١٣٤﴾

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.

فَلَمَّا كَشَفْنَا عَنْهُمُ الرِّجْزَ إِلَى أَجَلٍ هُمْ بِلِعْوِهِ إِذَا هُمْ يَنْكُتُونَ ﴿١٣٥﴾

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

فَأَنْتَقَمْنَا مِنْهُمْ فَأَغْرَقْنَاهُمْ فِي الْيَمِّ بِآيِهِمْ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا وَكَانُوا عَنْهَا غَافِلِينَ ﴿١٣٦﴾

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.,

وَأَوْرَثْنَا الْقَوْمَ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا يُسْتَضْعَفُونَ مَشْرِقًا مِشْرِقَهَا وَنَحْنُ بِذَلِكَ الْبَرِّ بَرَكْنَا فِيهَا وَنَمَّتْ كَلِمَتَ 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 يَعْكُفُونَ 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 أَنْجَيْنَاكُمْ مِنْ آلِ فِرْعَوْنَ يَسُومُونَكُمْ
سُوءَ الْعَذَابِ يُقْتُلُونَ أَبْنَاءَكُمْ وَيَسْتَحْيُونَ
نِسَاءَكُمْ وَفِي ذَٰلِكُمْ بَلَاءٌ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ
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 وَأَتَمَمْنَاهَا
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 مُوسَى لِأَخِيهِ هَارُونَ
قَوْمِي وَأَصْلِحْ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ سَبِيلَ الْمُفْسِدِينَ
﴿٤٠٠﴾

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

قَالَ يَمُوسَىٰ إِنِّي اصْطَفَيْتَكَ عَلَى النَّاسِ
بِرِسَالَتِي وَبِكَلِمِي فَخُذْ مَا آتَيْتَكَ وَكُنْ
مِنَ الشَّاكِرِينَ ﴿٤٠٢﴾

وَكَتَبْنَا لَهُ فِي الْأَلْوَاحِ مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
مَوْعِظَةً وَتَفْصِيلًا لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ فَخُذْهَا بِقُوَّةٍ
وَأْمُرْ قَوْمَكَ يَا خُدُوًّا بِأَحْسَنِهَا سَأُرِيكُمْ
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 خُلْيُوعِهِمْ عَجَلًا جَسَدًا لَهُ خُورٌ أَلْمَ يَرَوْنَ أَنَّهُ لَا يُكَلِّمُهُمْ وَلَا يَهْدِيهِمْ سَبِيلًا اتَّخَذُوهُ وَكَانُوا ظَالِمِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾
- وَلَمَّا سَقَطَ فِي أَيْدِيهِمْ وَرَأَوْا أَنَّهُمْ قَدْ ضَلُّوا قَالُوا لَئِن لَّمْ يَرْحَمْنَا رَبُّنَا وَيَغْفِرْ لَنَا لَتَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ ﴿٤٩﴾
- وَلَمَّا رَجَعَ مُوسَىٰ إِلَىٰ قَوْمِهِ غَضَبَيْنَ أَسْفًا قَالَ بَيْسًا مِمَّا خَلَفْتُمُونِي مِنْ بَعْدِي أَعَجِلْتُمْ أَمْرَ رَبِّكُمْ وَأَلْقَى الْأَلْوَاخَ 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 اسْتَضَعُّونِي وَكَادُوا يَقْتُلُونِي 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
مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَذَلَّةٌ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَكَذَلِكَ
نَجْزِي الْمُفْتَرِينَ ﴿٤٩﴾

وَالَّذِينَ عَمِلُوا السَّيِّئَاتِ ثُمَّ تَابُوا مِن
بَعْدِهَا وَآمَنُوا إِنَّ رَبَّكَ مِن بَعْدِهَا لَغَفُورٌ
رَّحِيمٌ ﴿٥٠﴾

وَلَمَّا سَكَتَ عَن مُوسَى الْغَضَبُ أَخَذَ
الْأَلْوَابَ وَفِي نُسْحَتِهَا هُدًى وَرَحْمَةٌ لِلَّذِينَ
هَمَّ لِرَبِّهِمْ يَرْهَبُونَ ﴿٥١﴾

وَاخْتَارَ مُوسَى قَوْمَهُ سَبْعِينَ رَجُلًا
لِّمِيقَتِنَا فَلَمَّا أَخَذَتْهُمُ الرَّجْفَةُ قَالَ رَبِّ

407. i.e., over your humiliation of me.

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

409. Upon 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﴾ وَأَكْتُبُ 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 يَخُذُ مِن دُونِهِ مَكْتُوبًا 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.

الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١٥٧﴾

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 وَيُبِهِ
يَعْدِلُونَ ﴿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 أَتْنَى عَشْرَةَ أَسْبَاطًا أُمَّةً
وَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَىٰ مُوسَىٰ إِذِ اسْتَسْقَنَهُ قَوْمُهُ
أَنْ أَضْرِبْ بِعَصَاكَ الْحَجَرَ فَانْبَجَسَتْ
مِنْهُ اثْنَتَا عَشْرَةَ عَيْنًا قَدْ عَلِمَ كُلُّ
أُنَاسٍ مَّشْرَبَهُمْ وَظَلَّلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الْغَمَمَ
وَأَنْزَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمُ الْمَنَّاءَ وَالسَّلْوَىٰ كُلُّوا
مِنْ طَيِّبَاتِ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ وَمَا ظَلَمُونَا
وَلَكِنْ كَانُوا أَنفُسَهُمْ يَظْلِمُونَ ﴿١٦٠﴾

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

وَإِذ قِيلَ لَهُمْ لَكُمْ هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةُ

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 السَّبْتِ إِذْ تَأْتِيهِمْ
حِثْيَانُهُمْ يَوْمَ سَبْتِهِمْ شُرْعًا وَيَوْمَ لَا
يَسْتَبُونَ 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 السُّوءِ وَأَخَذْنَا الَّذِينَ
ظَلَمُوا بِعَذَابٍ بِّئْسَ 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 آلِصَّالِحِينَ وَمِنْهُمْ دُونَ ذَلِكَ وَبَلَوْنَاهُمْ 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.

﴿١٧٦﴾ 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."

﴿١٧٧﴾ وَإِذْ نَتَقْنَا الْجَبَلَ فَوْقَهُمْ كَأَنَّهُ ظُلَّةٌ وَظَنُّوا أَنَّهُ وَاقِعٌ بِهِمْ خُذُوا مَا آتَيْنَكُم بِقُوَّةٍ وَاذْكُرُوا مَا فِيهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٧٨﴾

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."

﴿١٧٩﴾ وَإِذْ أَخَذَ رَبُّكَ مِنْ بَنِي آدَمَ مِنْ ظُهُورِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَأَشْهَدَهُمْ عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ أَلَسْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ شَهِدْنَا أَنَّا نَقُولُوا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ إِنَّا كُنَّا عَنْ هَذَا غَافِلِينَ ﴿١٨٠﴾

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?"

﴿١٨١﴾ أَوْ تَقُولُوا إِنَّمَا أَشْرَكَ آبَاؤُنَا مِنْ قَبْلُ وَكُنَّا ذُرِّيَّةً مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ أَفَتُهْلِكُنَا بِمَا فَعَلَ الْمُبْطِلُونَ ﴿١٨٢﴾

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

﴿١٨٣﴾ وَكَذَٰلِكَ نُفَصِّلُ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿١٨٤﴾

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

﴿١٨٥﴾ وَأَتْلُ عَلَيْهِمْ نَبَأَ الَّذِي آتَيْنَاهُ ءَايَاتِنَا فَانْسَلَخَ مِنْهَا فَاتَّبَعَهُ الشَّيْطَانُ فَكَانَ مِنَ

⁴¹⁶For their rebellion and disobedience.

⁴¹⁷To the way of Allāh (*subhānahu 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

الْغَاوِيْنَ ﴿٢٤﴾

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 تَحَمَلَ عَلَيْهِ يَلْهَثُ أَوْ تَرَكَهُ
يَلْهَثُ ذَلِكَ مَثَلُ الْقَوْمِ الَّذِينَ كَذَبُوا
بِآيَاتِنَا فَاقْصِصْ الْقِصَصَ لَعَلَّهُمْ
يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾

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

سَاءَ مَثَلًا الْقَوْمِ الَّذِينَ كَذَبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا
وَأَنْفُسُهُمْ كَانُوا بِظُلْمٍ مِّنَ
﴿٢٦﴾

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 يُضِلَّهُ
فَإُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾

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
وَالْإِنْسِ لَهُمْ قُلُوبٌ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ بِهَا
وَهُمْ أَعْيُنٌ لَا يُبْصِرُونَ بِهَا وَهُمْ
يَسْمَعُونَ بِهَا أُولَئِكَ كَالْإِطْرَافِ
أَضَلُّ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْغَافِلُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾

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 يُضِلِلْ 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
لَا سْتَكْبَرْتُ مِنَ الْخَيْرِ وَمَا مَسَّنِيَ 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 لَئِنْ آتَيْتَنَا
صَالِحًا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الشَّاكِرِينَ ﴿٤٩﴾

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

فَلَمَّا آتَيْنَاهَا 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.

فِيمَا ءَاتَيْنَهُمَا فَتَعَلَىٰ اللَّهُ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٢١٠﴾

191. Do they associate with Him those who create nothing and they are [themselves] created?

أَبَشْرِكُونَ مَا لَمْ يَخْلُقْ شَيْئًا وَهُمْ يُخْلَقُونَ ﴿٢١١﴾

192. And they [i.e., the false deities] are unable to [give] them help, nor can they help themselves.

وَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ هُمْ نَصْرًا وَلَا أَنْفُسَهُمْ يَنْصُرُونَ ﴿٢١٢﴾

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.

وَإِنْ تَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَىٰ الْهُدَىٰ لَا يَتَّبِعُوكُمْ سَوَاءٌ عَلَيْكُمْ أَدَعَوْتُمُوهُمْ أَمْ أَنْتُمْ صَمِيمُونَ ﴿٢١٣﴾

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.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ عِبَادٌ أَمْثَالِكُمْ فَادْعُوهُمْ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لَكُمْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٢١٤﴾

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.

أَلَهُمْ أَرْجُلٌ يَمْشُونَ بِهَا أَمْ لَهُمْ أَيْدٍ يَبْطِشُونَ بِهَا أَمْ لَهُمْ أَعْيُنٌ يُبْصِرُونَ بِهَا أَمْ لَهُمْ آذَانٌ يَسْمَعُونَ بِهَا قُلْ ادْعُوا شُرَكَاءَكُمْ ثُمَّ كِيدُوا فَلَا تُنظِرُونَ ﴿٢١٥﴾

196. Indeed, my protector is Allāh, who has sent down the Book; and He is an ally to the righteous.

إِنَّ وِلِيَّ اللَّهِ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ الْكِتَابَ وَهُوَ يَتَوَلَّى الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿٢١٦﴾

197. And those you call upon besides Him are unable to help you, nor can they help themselves."

وَالَّذِينَ تَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ لَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ نَصْرَكُمْ وَلَا أَنْفُسَهُمْ يَنْصُرُونَ ﴿٢١٧﴾

198. And if you invite them to guidance, they do not hear; and you see

وَإِنْ تَدْعُوهُمْ إِلَىٰ الْهُدَىٰ لَا يَسْمَعُوا

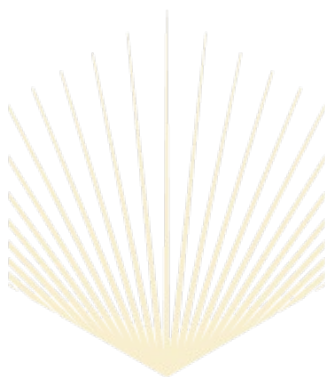
- them looking at you while they do not see.
199. Take what is given freely,⁴³⁴ enjoin what is good, and turn away from the ignorant.
200. And if an evil suggestion comes to you from Satan, then seek refuge in Allāh. Indeed, He is Hearing and Knowing.
201. Indeed, those who fear Allāh – when an impulse 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 آيَاتٌ مِنْ رَبِّي هَذَا بَصَائِرٌ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَهَدًى وَرَحْمَةٌ 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﴾



Sūrah al-Anfāl⁴³⁶

سُورَةُ الْأَنْفَالِ

Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1. They ask you, [O Muḥammad], about the bounties [of war]. Say, "The [decision concerning] bounties is for Allāh and the Messenger." So fear Allāh and amend that which is between you and obey Allāh and His Messenger, if you should be believers.
- يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الْأَنْفَالِ ۗ قُلِ الْأَنْفَالُ لِلَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ ۗ فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَصْلِحُوا ذَاتَ بَيْنِكُمْ ۗ وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ ۗ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١﴾
2. The believers are only those who, when Allāh is mentioned, their hearts become fearful, and when His verses are recited to them, it increases them in faith; and upon their Lord they rely –
- إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِرَ اللَّهُ وَجِلَّتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَإِذَا تُلِيَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُهُ زَادَتْهُمْ إِيمَانًا وَعَلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ ﴿٢﴾
3. The ones who establish prayer, and from what We have provided them, they spend.
- الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ ﴿٣﴾
4. Those are the believers, truly. For them are degrees [of high position] with their Lord and forgiveness and noble provision.
- أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ حَقًّا ۚ لَهُمْ دَرَجَاتٌ عِندَ رَبِّهِمْ وَمَغْفِرَةٌ وَرِزْقٌ كَرِيمٌ ﴿٤﴾
5. [It⁴³⁷ is] just as when your Lord brought you out of your home [for the battle of Badr] in truth, while indeed, a party among the believers were unwilling,
- كَمَا أَخْرَجَكَ رَبُّكَ مِنْ بَيْتِكَ بِالْحَقِّ وَإِنَّ فَرِيقًا مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ لَكَرِهُونَ ﴿٥﴾
6. Arguing with you concerning the truth after it had become clear, as if they were being driven toward death while they were looking on.
- يُجَادِلُونَكَ فِي الْحَقِّ بَعْدَ مَا تَبَيَّنَ ۚ كَأَنَّمَا يُسَاقُونَ إِلَى الْمَوْتِ وَهُمْ يَنْظُرُونَ ﴿٦﴾

⁴³⁶Al-Anfāl: The Bounties, meaning those things acquired in addition to victory, i.e., the spoils of war.

⁴³⁷Referring to a dispute which occurred among the Muslims over distribution of war booty.

7. [Remember, O believers], when Allāh promised you one of the two groups⁴³⁸ – that it would be yours – and you wished that the unarmed one would be yours. But Allāh intended to establish the truth by His words and to eliminate the disbelievers

وَإِذْ يَعِدُكُمُ اللَّهُ إِحْدَى الطَّائِفَتَيْنِ أَنَّهَا لَكُمْ وَتَوَدُّونَ أَنَّ غَيْرَ ذَاتِ الشَّوْكَةِ تَكُونُ لَكُمْ وَيُرِيدُ اللَّهُ أَنْ يُحِقَّ الْحَقَّ بِكَلِمَاتِهِ وَيَقْطَعَ دَابِرَ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٦٠﴾

8. That He should establish the truth and abolish falsehood, even if the criminals disliked it.

لِيُحِقَّ الْحَقَّ وَيُبْطِلَ الْبَطِيلَ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُجْرِمُونَ ﴿٦١﴾

9. [Remember] when you were asking help of your Lord, and He answered you, "Indeed, I will reinforce you with a thousand from the angels, following one another."

إِذْ تَسْتَغِيثُونَ رَبَّكُمْ فَاسْتَجَابَ لَكُمْ أَنِّي مُمِدُّكُمْ بِالْفِئَةِ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ مُرَدِّفِينَ ﴿٦٢﴾

10. And Allāh made it not but good tidings and so that your hearts would be assured thereby. And victory is not but from Allāh. Indeed, Allāh is Exalted in Might and Wise.

وَمَا جَعَلَهُ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بُشْرَىٰ وَلِتَطْمَئِنَّ بِهِهٖ قُلُوبُكُمْ وَمَا النَّصْرُ إِلَّا مِنْ عِندِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ حَكِيمٌ ﴿٦٣﴾

11. [Remember] when He overwhelmed you with drowsiness [giving] security from Him and sent down upon you from the sky, rain by which to purify you and remove from you the evil [suggestions] of Satan and to make steadfast your hearts and plant firmly thereby your feet.

إِذْ يُغَشِّيكُمُ النُّعَاسَ أَمَنَةً مِنْهُ وَيُنزِلُ عَلَيْكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً لِيُطَهِّرَكُم بِهِ وَيُذْهِبَ عَنْكُمْ رَجِزَ الشَّيْطَانِ وَلِيَرْبِطَ عَلَىٰ قُلُوبِكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتَ بِهِ الْأَقْدَامَ ﴿٦٤﴾

12. [Remember] when your Lord inspired to the angels, "I am with you, so strengthen those who have believed. I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieved,

إِذْ يُوحِي رَبُّكَ إِلَى الْمَلَائِكَةِ أَنِّي مَعَكُمْ فَثَبِّتُوا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا سَأَلِفِي فِي قُلُوبِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا الرُّعْبَ فَأَصْرَبُوا فَوْقَ

⁴³⁸i.e., either the caravan of Quraysh or their army.

so strike [them] upon the necks
and strike from them every
fingertip.⁴³⁹

13. That is because they opposed Allāh and His Messenger. And whoever opposes Allāh and His Messenger – indeed, Allāh is severe in penalty.
14. "That [is yours], so taste it." And indeed for the disbelievers is the punishment of the Fire.
15. O you who have believed, when you meet those who disbelieve advancing [in battle], do not turn to them your backs [retreating].
16. And whoever turns his back to them on such a day, unless swerving [as a strategy] for war or joining [another] company, has certainly returned with anger [upon him] from Allāh, and his refuge is Hell – and wretched is the destination.
17. And you did not kill them, but it was Allāh who killed them.⁴⁴⁰ And you threw not, [O Muḥammad], when you threw, but it was Allāh who threw⁴⁴¹ that He might test the believers with a good test.⁴⁴² Indeed, Allāh is Hearing and Knowing.

الْأَعْنَاقِ وَأَصْرَبُوا مِنْهُمْ كُلَّ بَنَانٍ ﴿٤٣٩﴾

ذَٰلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ شَاقُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ ۗ وَمَنْ يُشَاقِقِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴿٤٤٠﴾

ذَٰلِكُمْ فَذُوقُوهُ وَأَنَّ لِلْكَافِرِينَ عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٤٤١﴾

يَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِذَا لَقِبْتُمْ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا زَحْفًا فَلَا تُوَلُّوهُمُ الْأَدْبَارَ ﴿٤٤٢﴾

وَمَنْ يُوَلِّهِمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ دُبُرَهُ إِلَّا مُتَحَرِّفًا لِقِتَالٍ أَوْ مُتَحَيِّزًا إِلَىٰ فِئَةٍ فَقَدْ بَاءَ بِغَضَبٍ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَمَأْوَاهُ جَهَنَّمُ وَبِئْسَ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٤٤٣﴾

فَلَمْ تَقْتُلُوهُمْ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ قَتَلَهُمْ ۗ وَمَا رَمَيْتَ إِذْ رَمَيْتَ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ رَمَىٰ ۗ وَلِيُبْلِيَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مِنْهُ بَلَاءً حَسَنًا ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٤٤٤﴾

⁴³⁹By which they grasp and manipulate their weapons. Also interpreted as "all extremities," i.e., their hands and feet.

⁴⁴⁰i.e., Your strength was insufficient to overcome them, but Allāh supported you and gave you victory.

⁴⁴¹When the Prophet (ﷺ) threw a handful of dust into the faces of the disbelievers, Allāh caused it to fill the eyes and nose of every soldier, preventing their advance.

⁴⁴²So that they would appreciate Allāh's favor to them.

18. That [is so], and [also] that Allāh will weaken the plot of the disbelievers. ذَلِكُمْ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ مُوهِنُ كَيْدِ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿١٨﴾
19. If you [disbelievers] seek the decision [i.e., victory] – the decision [i.e., defeat] has come to you. And if you desist [from hostilities], it is best for you; but if you return [to war], We will return, and never will you be availed by your [large] company at all, even if it should increase; and [that is] because Allāh is with the believers. إِنْ تَسْتَفْتِحُوا فَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ الْفَتْحُ وَإِنْ تَنْتَهُوا فَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ وَإِنْ تَعُودُوا نَعُدْ وَلَنْ تُغْنِيَّ عَنْكُمْ فِئَتِكُمْ شَيْئًا وَلَوْ كَثُرَتْ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٩﴾
20. O you who have believed, obey Allāh and His Messenger and do not turn from him while you hear [his order]. يٰۤأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَلَا تَوَلَّوْا عَنْهُ وَأَنْتُمْ تَسْمَعُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾
21. And do not be like those who say, "We have heard," while they do not hear. وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ قَالُوا سَمِعْنَا وَهُمْ لَا يَسْمَعُونَ ﴿٢١﴾
22. Indeed, the worst of living creatures in the sight of Allāh are the deaf and dumb who do not use reason [i.e., the disbelievers]. * إِنَّ شَرَّ الدَّوَابِّ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الصُّمُّ الْبُكْمُ الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾
23. Had Allāh known any good in them, He would have made them hear. And if He had made them hear, they would [still] have turned away, while they were refusing. وَلَوْ عَلِمَ اللَّهُ فِيهِمْ خَيْرًا لَأَسْمَعَهُمْ وَلَوْ أَسْمَعَهُمْ لَتَوَلَّوْا وَهُمْ مُعْرِضُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾
24. O you who have believed, respond to Allāh and to the Messenger when he calls you to that which gives you life. And know that Allāh intervenes between a man and his heart and that to Him you will be gathered. يٰۤأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اسْتَجِيبُوا لِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ إِذَا دَعَاكُمْ لِمَا يُحْيِيكُمْ ۚ وَعَلِمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَحُولُ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَقَلْبِهِ ۗ وَأَنَّهُ إِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾

25. And fear a trial⁴⁴³ which will not strike those who have wronged among you exclusively, and know that Allāh is severe in penalty.
- وَاتَّقُوا فِتْنَةً لَا تُصِيبَنَّ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْكُمْ خَاصَّةً وَعَلِّمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴿٥٦﴾
26. And remember when you were few and oppressed in the land, fearing that people might abduct you, but He sheltered you, supported you with His victory, and provided you with good things – that you might be grateful.
- وَأَذْكُرُوا إِذْ أَنْتُمْ قَلِيلٌ مُسْتَضْعَفُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ تَخَافُونَ أَنْ يَتَخَطَّفَكُمُ النَّاسُ فَفَاوَنَكُمُ وَأَيَّدَكُمُ بِبَصْرِهِ وَرَزَقَكُم مِّنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾
27. O you who have believed, do not betray Allāh and the Messenger or betray your trusts while you know [the consequence].
- يٰۤأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تَخُونُوا اللَّهَ وَالرَّسُولَ وَتَخُونُوا أَمْنِيَّتِكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾
28. And know that your properties and your children are but a trial and that Allāh has with Him a great reward.
- وَعَلِّمُوا أَنَّمَا أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَأَوْلَادُكُمْ فِتْنَةٌ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٥٩﴾
29. O you who have believed, if you fear Allāh, He will grant you a criterion⁴⁴⁴ and will remove from you your misdeeds and forgive you. And Allāh is the possessor of great bounty.
- يٰۤأَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِن تَتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَجْعَل لَّكُمْ فُرْقَانًا وَيُكَفِّرْ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٦٠﴾
30. And [remember, O Muḥammad], when those who disbelieved plotted against you to restrain you or kill you or evict you [from Makkah]. But they plan, and Allāh plans. And Allāh is the best of planners.
- وَإِذْ يَمْكُرُ بِكَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِيُثْبِتُوكَ أَوْ يَقْتُلُوكَ أَوْ يُخْرِجُوكَ وَيَمْكُرُونَ وَيَمْكُرُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ خَيْرُ الْمَكْرِينَ ﴿٦١﴾
31. And when Our verses are recited to them, they say, "We have heard. If we willed, we could say
- وَإِذَا تُلِيَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ ءَايَاتُنَا قَالُوا قَدْ سَمِعْنَا لَوْ دَشَاءُ لَقُلْنَا مِثْلَ هَذَا إِنْ هَذَا إِلَّا

⁴⁴³i.e., an affliction or punishment during life upon this earth. When corruption spreads among a people, its consequences will affect everyone.

⁴⁴⁴By which to judge between truth and falsehood. Also interpreted as a "way out" of difficulties.

[something] like this. This is not but legends of the former peoples."

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32. And [remember] when they said, "O Allāh, if this should be the truth from You, then rain down upon us stones from the sky or bring us a painful punishment."

وَإِذْ قَالُوا اللَّهُمَّ إِن كَانَتْ هَذَا هُوَ الْحَقُّ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ فَأَمْطِرْ عَلَيْنَا حِجَارَةً مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ أَوْ آتِنَا بِعَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ ﴿٣٢﴾

33. But Allāh would not punish them while you, [O Muḥammad], are among them, and Allāh would not punish them while they seek forgiveness.

وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُعَذِّبَهُمْ وَأَنْتَ فِيهِمْ وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ مُعَذِّبَهُمْ وَهُمْ يَسْتَغْفِرُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾

34. But why should Allāh not punish them while they obstruct [people] from al-Masjid al-Ḥarām and they were not [fit to be] its guardians? Its [true] guardians are not but the righteous, but most of them do not know.

وَمَا لَهُمْ أَلَّا يُعَذِّبَهُمُ اللَّهُ وَهُمْ يَصُدُّونَ عَنِ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ وَمَا كَانُوا أَوْلِيَاءَهُ إِنْ أَوْلِيَآؤُهُ إِلَّا الْمُتَّقُونَ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾

35. And their prayer at the House [i.e., the Ka'bah] was not except whistling and handclapping. So taste the punishment for what you disbelieved [i.e., practiced of deviations].

وَمَا كَانَ صَلَاتُهُمْ عِنْدَ الْبَيْتِ إِلَّا مُكَاءٌ وَتَصْدِيَةٌ فَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْفُرُونَ ﴿٣٥﴾

36. Indeed, those who disbelieve spend their wealth to avert [people] from the way of Allāh. So they will spend it; then it will be for them a [source of] regret; then they will be overcome. And those who have disbelieved – unto Hell they will be gathered.

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ لِيَصُدُّوا عَنِ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَسَيُنْفِقُونَهَا ثُمَّ تَكُونُ عَلَيْهِمْ حَسْرَةً ثُمَّ يُغْلَبُونَ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِلَىٰ جَهَنَّمَ يُحْشَرُونَ ﴿٣٦﴾

37. [It is] so that Allāh may distinguish the wicked from the good and place the wicked some of them upon others and heap them all together and put them

لِيَمِيزَ اللَّهُ الْخَبِيثَ مِنَ الطَّيِّبِ وَيَجْعَلَ الْخَبِيثَ بَعْضُهُ عَلَىٰ بَعْضٍ فَيَرْكُمُهُمْ جَمِيعًا فَيَجْعَلُهُمْ فِي جَهَنَّمَ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ

into Hell. It is those who are the losers.

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38. Say to those who have disbelieved [that] if they cease, what has previously occurred will be forgiven for them. But if they return [to hostility] – then the precedent of the former [rebellious] peoples has already taken place.⁴⁴⁵

قُلْ لِلَّذِيْنَ كَفَرُوْا اِنْ يَنْتَهُوْا يُغْفَرْ لَهُمْ مَا قَدْ سَلَفَ وَاِنْ يَّعُوْدُوْا فَقَدْ مَضَتْ سُنَّتُ الْاَوَّلِيْنَ ﴿٢٧﴾

39. And fight against them until there is no fitnah⁴⁴⁶ and [until] the religion [i.e., worship], all of it, is for Allāh.⁴⁴⁷ And if they cease – then indeed, Allāh is Seeing of what they do.

وَقَاتِلُوْهُمْ حَتّٰى لَا تَكُوْنَ فِتْنَةً وَيَكُوْنَ اَلِدِيْنَ كُلُّهُ لِلّٰهِ فَاِنْ اَنْتَهُوْا فَاِنَّ اللّٰهَ بِمَا يَّعْمَلُوْنَ بَصِيْرٌ ﴿٢٨﴾

40. But if they turn away – then know that Allāh is your protector. Excellent is the protector, and excellent is the helper.

وَاِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَاَعْلَمُوْا اَنَّ اللّٰهَ مَوْلٰىكُمْ وَعَمَّ الْمَوٰلٰى وَيَعْمَ النَّصِيْرُ ﴿٢٩﴾

41. And know that anything you obtain of war booty – then indeed, for Allāh is one fifth of it and for the Messenger⁴⁴⁸ and for [his] near relatives⁴⁴⁹ and the orphans, the needy, and the [stranded] traveler,⁴⁵⁰ if you have believed in Allāh and in that which We sent down to Our Servant⁴⁵¹ on the day of criterion [i.e., decisive encounter] – the day when the two armies met [at Badr]. And Allāh, over all things, is competent.

﴿٣٠﴾ وَاَعْلَمُوْا اَنَّ مَا غَنِمْتُمْ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَاَنَّ لِلّٰهِ خُمْسَهُ وَلِلرَّسُوْلِ وَلِذِي الْقُرْبٰى وَالْيَتٰمٰى وَالْمَسْكِيْنَ وَاٰبِ السَّبِيْلِ اِنْ كُنْتُمْ ءَاٰمِنْتُمْ بِاللّٰهِ وَمَا اَنْزَلْنَا عَلٰى عَبْدِنَا يَوْمَ الْفُرْقٰنِ يَوْمَ اَلْتَقٰى الْجَمْعٰنِ ۗ وَاللّٰهُ عَلٰى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيْرٌ ﴿٣١﴾

⁴⁴⁵This is a warning that punishment is always the result of rebellion against Allāh and His messengers.

⁴⁴⁶Persecution. See footnote to 2:191.

⁴⁴⁷i.e., until polytheism is no longer dominant.

⁴⁴⁸To be spent in Allāh's cause.

⁴⁴⁹The tribes of Banū Hāshim and Banū Muṭṭalib, who were not eligible for *zakāh*.

⁴⁵⁰The remaining four fifths are divided among the soldiers.

⁴⁵¹Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ).