

**Simple
Explanation
of all The
Holy Quran 4
by Sunni
Muslim Scientists
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Tafseer:General explanation: Mankind, fear your Lord and beware of His punishment by observing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids, for the horrors of the Day of Resurrection will be terrible indeed. The day you witness it, every nursing mother will utterly forget the baby at her breast due to the distress that will

befell her, every pregnant female will miscarry her baby out of sheer terror, and you will see people reeling as though they were drunk although they will not be drunk; it is just that Allah's torment will be extremely severe! Then There are some people, who in their ignorance, argue about Allah's religion and His power to resurrect the dead, and follow every devil who rebels against Allah and His messengers. Allah has decreed that such devil will lead everyone who follows him away from the truth and will guide him to the punishment of the Burning Fire.

Quran 22 :5-7 The Pilgrimage Tafseer:General explanation: Mankind, if you are in doubt about Allah's power to resurrect the dead, remember that We created your father, Adam, from dust, then We created you, through his descendants, from a drop of sperm, which is then transformed, by Our power, into a clot of blood clinging to the womb wall, which then turns into a chewed-like embryonic lump of flesh (foetus), either fully developed (which remains in the womb until its time of birth) or partly developed (which is then miscarried early in the pregnancy), to show you Our perfect power. And We cause whatever foetuses We please to stay in the wombs until their appointed time of delivery. Then We bring you forth from your mothers' wombs as infants, so that you may grow up and reach your full physical and mental maturity. Some of you die before then, while others live on to an age so abject that what they once knew is clean forgotten! And you see the earth dead and barren; then when We send down water on it, it stirs and swells and brings forth every kind of luxuriant plant—pleasing to the beholder. These are some of the signs of Allah's power, so that you may know that Allah is the Truth, who alone is worthy of worship, that He can bring the dead back to life and that He has power over all things; and so that you may believe that the Day of Judgement is certain to come beyond any doubt and that Allah will resurrect the dead from their graves to reward them according to their deeds.

Quran 22 :8-13 The Pilgrimage Tafseer:General explanation: Some people argue with Allah's messengers and their followers about

Allah without knowledge or sound guidance or a book from Allah containing clear proof, turning away from the truth in their arrogance to lead others astray from Allah's religion. They will suffer disgrace in this life, and on the Day of Resurrection We will make them taste the torment of the Fire. They will be told, 'That is because of the sins you have committed. Allah never does the least wrong to His creatures. He never punishes anyone without his having committed any sin, then There are some people who worship Allah in a state of doubt and hesitation. When blessed with something good (such as good health and considerable wealth), they maintain their faith and worship; but when an ordeal befalls them, they renounce their faith, losing thereby both this life (by being deprived of peace and tranquillity and not having achieved what they were hoping for, among other things) and the hereafter (by their being made to enter it). That is indeed a clear loss. Instead of Allah, they call on false gods which can neither harm them nor benefit them. That is the extreme deviation from the truth. They call on those whose certain harm is likelier than their inconceivable benefit. Evil and miserable indeed are their alleged protectors and associates!

Quran 22 :14-22 The Pilgrimage Tafseer:General explanation:
Allah will admit those who believe in Him and His Messenger and do good deeds gardens under whose trees and palaces rivers flow. Allah does whatever He wills. Whoever thinks that Allah will not help His Messenger Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, in this world and in the hereafter, let him stretch a rope up to the ceiling of his house and strangle himself with it, and see then if this scheme will do away with the rage within himself; Allah will certainly support His Prophet Muhammad and will perfect His light, whether such a stubborn unbeliever likes it or not. Just as Allah has made the previous verses clear, so, too, He has revealed the Qur'an in clear verses, in terms of both their wording and meaning. Because He guides with it to the truth whomever He wills, He has sent it down as clear verses, then These are two groups who have disputed about their Lord and His oneness: the

believers and the unbelievers. Garments of fire have been cut out for the unbelievers which they will have to wear, intensely boiling water will be poured down over their heads and the angels will beat with iron crooks over the head. Whenever they try to come out of the Fire, on account of the deep grief and anguish they will suffer in it, they will be driven back into it and told, ‘Taste the torment of the Burning Fire.

Quran 22 :23-25 The Pilgrimage Tafseer:General explanation: Do you not know that all the angels in the heavens and all creatures in the earth, and the sun, the moon, the stars, the mountains, the trees and the beasts—all prostrate themselves in humble submission to Allah, and that many people prostrate themselves to Him willingly, as an act of worship (namely, the believers)? Yet many have become justly deserving of punishment and are thus disgraced.

Those Allah disgraces will have no one to honour them. Allah does whatever He wills according to His immense wisdom, Allah Almighty will admit those who believe and do righteous deeds into gardens under whose trees and palaces rivers flow. They will be adorned in them with bracelets of gold and pearls, and their garments there will be of silk, for both men and women. They have been guided to the noblest of words; and they have been guided to the path of Allah, who is worthy of all praise. Those who disbelieve in Allah and hinder others from following His religion and from the Sacred Mosque, which We have appointed for all believers—those who live nearby and strangers alike—We will make them taste an agonizing torment. We will equally inflict a painful punishment on those deviate from the truth in the Sacred Mosque by intentionally committing sins there.

Quran 22 :26-29 The Pilgrimage Tafseer:General explanation: Mention to the people, Muhammad, the time when We showed Abraham the location of the House (the Ka’bah), prepared it for him and commanded him to build it, laying its foundation on piety and God-consciousness. We said, ‘Worship none besides Me and cleanse My House of all forms of unbelief and all types of physical and moral impurities for the sake of those who circumambulate it,

and those who stand upright, bow and prostrate themselves in prayer. 'Proclaim to all people, Abraham, the duty of pilgrimage. They will respond to your call on foot and on every kind of mount that becomes thin on account of the long arduous journey, arriving from every distant road, so that they may witness and avail themselves of religious and worldly benefits, extol the name of Allah on the appointed days (i.e. 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th of the month of Dhul-Hijjah) in gratitude for the grazing livestock (of camels, cattle, sheep and goats) He has provided for them and which they sacrifice in obedience to Him. So eat of them and feed the wretched poor. 'The pilgrims should then complete the duties prescribed for them and leave the state of consecration by clipping their nails, having their heads shaven and purifying and tidying themselves up. They should also fulfil the vows which they may have made and circumambulate the Ancient House (the Ka'bah).

Quran 22 :30-33 The Pilgrimage Tafseer:General explanation: All this is ordained by Allah; therefore, venerate His commandments. Those who venerate Allah's commandments and honour His sacred rites, including the pilgrimage rites, by duly performing them for His sake alone, will fare better in the sight of their Lord both in this life and the hereafter. The flesh of grazing livestock is lawful for you, except for that which He has already mentioned to you in the Qur'an as unlawful (such as the flesh of animals that die of themselves). Avoid the abomination of idol-worship, and avoid telling falsehoods and attributing anything to Allah without knowledge, sincerely dedicated to Allah and worshipping none besides Him. Whoever associates anyone or anything with Allah is further away from right guidance and is doomed to perdition by plummeting from the lofty heights of faith to the lowest depths of unbelief, being snatched by the devils from all sides. His case is like that of someone who has fallen from the heavens: He is either snatched off by birds of prey that cut him into pieces or is swept away by the wind to some deep, far-off place. Such is Allah's command to you to declare His oneness and worship Him sincerely. Whoever obeys Allah's commands and honours the sacred rites of

the religion, including the sacrificial animals—by choosing a well-favoured, fat and costly one, for instance—shows the piety of his heart. You can continue to benefit from such sacrificial animals—by using their milk and wool and even riding them if they are reasonably fit for such purpose—until the time of their sacrifice in the vicinity of the Ancient House.

Quran 22 :34-37 The Pilgrimage Tafseer:General explanation: We have ordained a rite of sacrifice for every former community of believers, so that they may pronounce the name of Allah at the time of slaughtering the grazing livestock He provided for them and give thanks to Him. Your God, mankind, who alone is worthy of worship is One God—Allah; therefore, submit to Him and obey His commands. Give good news, Prophet, of all good in this life and the life to come to the humble-hearted—those whose hearts tremble with awe at the mention of Allah out of fear of His punishment, who exercise patience in adversity, duly perform their prayers and spend in charity out of what We have given them, then We have appointed for you the bulky sacrificial camels, as well as cattle, among the apparent rites of religion, which you can sacrifice in obedience to Allah. There is much good in them for you—you who sacrifice them—in this worldly life as well as reward in the hereafter; therefore, pronounce Allah’s name over them as they stand ready for slaughter with one of their front legs tied up; and when they have fallen lifeless on their sides to the ground, eat of their flesh and feed the needy—both those who ask and those who are too shy to ask. Thus have We subjected them to your service, so that you may give thanks to Us. Neither their flesh nor their blood reaches Allah; it is your piety—making your purpose clear and your sacrifice purely for His sake—that reaches Him. Thus has He subjected them to your service, so that you may glorify Allah and give thanks to Him for guiding you to the truth. Give good news, Muhammad, of all good in this life and the next to the righteous who worship Allah alone and do good to others.

Quran 22 :38-41 The Pilgrimage Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty protects the believers from the unbelievers’

aggression and the evildoers' ill designs, for He does not love the treacherous and the thankless who betray their trust and deny His favours. Allah has granted Muslims permission to fight because of the injustice and aggression committed against them. Surely Allah has power to grant them victory and humiliate their enemy. They are those who have been expelled from their homes by the unbelievers, merely for accepting Islam and saying, 'Our lord is Allah.' Had it not been for jihad (fighting for Allah's sake), which Allah has prescribed to repel the violence of idolaters and unbelievers by the might of those who fight it, utter devastation would have occurred and places of worship would have been destroyed—monks' monasteries, Christian churches, Jewish synagogues and mosques in which Muslims pray and mention Allah's name much. Allah will grant victory to those who fight for His cause to make His religion reign supreme. Allah is All-Strong, All-Mighty. They are those who, if We give them power and authority and make them prevail over their enemies, duly perform the prescribed prayers, pay zakat to those entitled to it and enjoin what is right and forbid what was wrong. With Allah rests the final outcome of all matters.

Quran 22 :42-48 The Pilgrimage Tafseer:General explanation: Do not grieve, Muhammad, if the idolaters amongst your people disbelieve you. Remember that long before their time, the people of Noah, the tribes of 'Aad and Thamud, the people of Abraham, the people of Lot and the dwellers of Midian also disbelieved and denied their messengers. Pharaoh and his people likewise disbelieved Moses. I granted a long respite to these unbelievers, but then I meted out My punishment to them. How terrible My condemnation and retribution was! Numerous indeed were the towns which We had destroyed when their people wronged themselves by persisting in their unbelief. Their dwellings now lie in ruins, their wells abandoned and their lofty ornate palaces—that could not protect them against the dreadful scourge—deserted! Have the Quraysh unbelievers never journeyed through the land to see the ruined dwelling of those destroyed, so that they may reflect

with their hearts and minds or listen to their stories and take heed? Indeed, it is their hearts, and not their eyes, that are blind to the truth. The Quraysh unbelievers challenge you, Muhammad, to hasten the punishment you threatened would strike them if they persist in their unbelief, but Allah will never fail to carry out the threatened punishment. It will certainly take place at the time He, in His infinite wisdom, determines. Indeed, a single day with Allah is like a thousand years in people's reckoning in this world.

Numerous indeed were the towns whose people I had granted respite despite their having wronged themselves through their persistence in their unbelief, but then I seized them when they thought they would be spared the punishment. To Me will they all be returned on Judgement Day, and I will inflict on them the punishment they justly deserve.

Quran 22 :49-54 The Pilgrimage Tafseer:General explanation: Say, Muhammad, 'Mankind, I am only a warner who has been sent to you with a clear warning. Those who believe in Allah and His Messenger and do righteous deeds will obtain forgiveness of their sins and a permanent honourable provision in Paradise. But those who strive hard, devising evil schemes in their attempt to discredit and confute Allah's revelations, thinking that they will escape His punishment, will be the inhabitants of Hell. Never have We sent a single prophet or messenger before you, Muhammad, but that when he recited Our revelations Satan would insinuate doubts and evil suggestions into his recitation in his attempt to turn people away from what he recited. But Allah would make null and void Satan's insinuations and evil whisperings and would firmly establish His clear revelations in terms of both their wording and meaning. Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Allah makes Satan's insinuations and evil whisperings a test for the hypocrites in whose hearts there is doubt and hypocrisy as well as the idolaters whose hearts are so hardened that they are never affected by admonitions. These wrongdoers have strayed far away from the truth and are strongly opposed to Allah and His Messenger. Allah has also permitted this so that those who are endowed with knowledge,

whereby they distinguish truth from falsehood, may know for sure that the Qur'an that He has sent down to you, Muhammad, is the truth which can in no way be approached by Satan, and so their faith in Allah may increase and their hearts may be humbled to Him. Allah guides those who believe in Him and His Messenger to the clear path of truth, Islam, with which He protects them against falling into error.

Quran 22 :55-60 The Pilgrimage Tafseer:General explanation: The unbelievers will continue to doubt the Qur'an until the Day of Judgement comes upon them unawares or until the punishment of a disastrous day overtakes them. All sovereignty on the Day of Resurrection will belong to Allah alone, and He will judge between the believers and unbelievers. Those who believe and do righteous deeds will be in the Gardens of Delight in Paradise, but those who disbelieve in Allah and His Messenger and deny the verses of the Qur'an will suffer a humiliating punishment in Hell. Those who leave their homes thereby in the hope of attaining Allah's pleasure, supporting His religion and serving His cause, and then are killed or die a natural death, Allah will surely make a generous provision for them. Truly Allah is the Best Provider. He will admit them into a place with which they will be very well-pleased—Paradise. Allah is All-Knowing: He is aware of those who leave their homes solely for His cause and those who do so only to seek worldly gains; All-Forbearing: He does not hasten to inflict punishment on those who disobey Him. That is so.

Whoever retaliates in kind, by returning an injury only to the extent of the injury suffered, and then is wronged again will surely be helped by Allah against his oppressor. Allah is All-Pardoning. All-Forgiving.

Quran 22 :61-65 The Pilgrimage Tafseer:General explanation: Such divine support will certainly materialise because Allah has power over all things and nothing whatsoever can frustrate His plan and purpose. One aspect of His immense power is that He causes the night to pass into the day and the day to pass into the night, and because Allah is All-Hearing—He hears every single

sound; All-Seeing—He is aware of every single action and nothing at all is hidden from Him. Thus it is, because Allah is the Only True God, who alone is worthy of worship, that the false gods the idolaters worship besides Him are nothing but falsehood that can do neither benefit nor harm, and that Allah is the All-High, the All-Great. Do you not see and frankly admit that Allah sends down rain from the sky, and the earth becomes green with the plants that grow on it? Allah is All-Gracious: part of His graciousness is that He makes plants grow with such rain water; All-Aware: part of this is that the grain buried underground is not hidden from Him and He drives water to it by His might to make it germinate. Every single thing in the heavens and the earth belongs to Allah: He is the sole Creator and Sovereign, and all His creation submits to His will and is dependent on His support and munificence. Allah is Self-sufficient, worthy of all praise under all circumstances. Do you not see that Allah has made subservient to you all that is on earth (such as animals, trees and rivers, and has made it easy for you to benefit from them) and the ships which sail through the sea by His command, carrying you along with your loads to whatever land you wish? Do you not see that He holds the sky from falling down upon the earth, thus causing everyone and everything on it to perish, except by His permission? Surely Allah is All-Gracious and All-Merciful to mankind.

Quran 22 :66-69 The Pilgrimage Tafseer:General explanation:

Surely Allah is All-Gracious and All-Merciful to mankind.

It is He who has brought you all into being, then He will cause you to die at the end of the terms He has appointed to you on earth and then He will bring you back to life to repay you according to your deeds. Man does indeed deny the signs and indicators that clearly bear witness to Allah's oneness and power and shows ingratitude to Him despite all the favours He has bestowed upon him! We prescribed for every past community a law and a set of rites and rituals which they observed. Therefore, follow the law and way of life—both you, Muhammad, and your followers—and do not pay attention to those who dispute with you concerning it. Call people

to worship and obey your Lord. You are indeed on the right way. If the unbelievers amongst your people, Muhammad, insist on arguing with you by using fallacious arguments regarding the truth to which you are calling them, do not argue with them, but say, ‘Allah is fully aware of your unbelief and everything you do.’ They only do so out of sheer stubbornness and arrogance. Allah will judge between you all on the Day of Resurrection regarding your differences in matters of religion.

Quran 22 :70-72 The Pilgrimage Tafseer:General explanation: You know full well, Messenger, that Allah has absolute knowledge of everything in the heavens and the earth. All this is written in the Preserved Tablet. That is easy enough for Allah, whose will no one can possibly frustrate. The Quraysh unbelievers worship besides Allah gods for which He has sent down no sanction or convincing proof at all, nor do they have any knowledge regarding the falsehoods they forge and attribute to Allah. These wrongdoers will have none to help them or protect them against Allah’s punishment. When the verses of the Qur’an are recited to them in all their clarity, you can perceive utter repugnance and hate on their faces. They all but assault the believers who call them to Allah’s religion and recite His revelations to them. Say to them, Muhammad, ‘Shall I tell you of something far worse than the evil you harbour within themselves and the repugnance and hate you feel when the Qur’an is recited to you? It is the Fire which Allah has prepared for the unbelievers in the life to come. What an evil and miserable destination!

Quran 22 :73-76 The Pilgrimage Tafseer:General explanation: Mankind, here is an example for you to listen to and ponder carefully. The idols and false gods you worship and invoke besides Allah cannot create a single fly, even if they were to join all their forces for this purpose; and if a fly snatches anything away from them, such as a tiny bit of food or perfume, they will not be able to retrieve it. Powerless indeed is the seeker—those worshipped besides Allah that cannot recover whatever a fly despoils them of—and powerless is the sought—which is the fly. Weak are both

the worshipper and the worshipped! How can such idols, then, be taken as gods when they are so helpless and can be so disgraced?! These idolaters do not show Allah the reverence due to Him by their associating partners with Him. Allah is the All-Strong, the All-Mighty. Allah chooses messengers from among the angels to send to His prophets, and He chooses messengers from among mankind to convey His messages to people. Allah is All-Hearing: He hears everything, including what people say in response to the call of His messengers; All-Seeing: He sees everything, including those He chooses to convey His messages. He knows whatever there was even before He created the angels and people and what will happen after they die, as well as what they have done in the past and they will do in the future; and to Him alone will all affairs be referred for decision.

Quran 22 :77-78 The Pilgrimage Tafseer:General explanation: Believers, bow down and prostrate yourselves in your prayers, worship your Lord alone and do good so that you may succeed. Strive hard in Allah's cause to the best of your ability: strive hard—for the sake of Allah alone—against your whims and desires, against yourselves by observing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids, against Satan, against Allah's enemies who fight you and against all those who promote oppression, tyranny, error and deviation from the truth. He has chosen you to convey and support His religion and has been gracious to you by making your religion easy and laying no hardship whatsoever in it—the religion of your father Abraham. Allah named you Muslims in the previous revealed books and in this Qur'an, and has chosen you for such grace so that the Last Messenger, Muhammad, may be a witness against you that he has conveyed his Lord's message to you and that you may be witnesses against the past nations that their messengers conveyed their Lord's message to them.

Therefore, give thanks for such a favour by duly performing the prescribed prayers, paying the obligatory charity (zakat), adhering firmly to Allah and relying on Him in all your affairs—and Excellent Protector and an Excellent Helper He is!

Quran 23 :1-11 The Believers Tafseer:General explanation: The true believers have certainly attained success: They are those who humble themselves in their prayers; who turn away from idle talk and all forms of falsehood; who pay zakat due on their wealth; who guard their chastity by not engaging in forbidden intimate relations, except with their wives or the female slaves they rightfully possess, in which case they are from blame—but whoever seeks to go beyond these limits set by Allah will then be committing an unlawful act; who are faithful their trusts and fulfil all their covenants; and who persevere in duly performing their prayers on time with all their requirements and conditions. These will be the inheritors of the dwellings of the inhabitants of Hell in Paradise—which the unbelievers would have themselves had if they had believed. They will inherit the Gardens of Paradise, in which they will abide forever.

Quran 23 :12-22 The Believers Tafseer:General explanation: We created Adam from a handful of clay which He had taken from all the earth. Then We make His descendants from a sperm-drop, securely settled in the woman's womb; which We then make into a clot of blood clinging to the womb wall; then We turn it into a chewed-like embryonic lump of flesh (foetus); then We create within the embryonic lump bones of different types, shapes and lengths, perfectly fashioned with a head, trunk and limbs; then We clothe the bones in flesh; and then We bring all this into being as a new creation by breathing spirit into it. Blessed is Allah, who perfects everything He creates! Then after that you will surely all die and then, after your death, you will be resurrected from your graves on the Day of Resurrection for judgement and recompense. We have created above you, people, seven heavens, one above the other. We are never unaware of Our creation. We send down rain from the sky in due measure and in proportion to the needs of the creatures, causing it to lodge in the earth; and if We please, We can take it all away. With it We produce for you gardens of palm trees and grapevines, yielding many fruits for you and from which you eat; as well as the blessed tree with diverse benefits—the olive

tree—that springs forth in the lands around Mount Sinai, yielding oil and a kind of relish for all to eat. And there is certainly a lesson and a sign of Allah’s power for you in your grazing livestock (camels, cattle, sheep and goats). We give you to drink from the milk in their bellies; you derive numerous benefits from them, and you eat of their flesh. On camels you are carried on land and on ships you are carried at sea.

Quran 22 :23-25 The Pilgrimage Tafseer:General explanation: Do you not know that all the angels in the heavens and all creatures in the earth, and the sun, the moon, the stars, the mountains, the trees and the beasts—all prostrate themselves in humble submission to Allah, and that many people prostrate themselves to Him willingly, as an act of worship (namely, the believers)? Yet many have become justly deserving of punishment and are thus disgraced. Those Allah disgraces will have no one to honour them. Allah does whatever He wills according to His immense wisdom, Allah Almighty will admit those who believe and do righteous deeds into gardens under whose trees and palaces rivers flow. They will be adorned in them with bracelets of gold and pearls, and their garments there will be of silk, for both men and women. They have been guided to the noblest of words; and they have been guided to the path of Allah, who is worthy of all praise. Those who disbelieve in Allah and hinder others from following His religion and from the Sacred Mosque, which We have appointed for all believers—those who live nearby and strangers alike—We will make them taste an agonizing torment. We will equally inflict a painful punishment on those deviate from the truth in the Sacred Mosque by intentionally committing sins there.

Quran 23 :23-30 The Believers Tafseer:General explanation: We sent forth Noah to his people. ‘Worship Allah alone, my people,’ he said, ‘for there is no god worthy of worship except Him. Will you not, then, fear Allah and His punishment?’ The unbelieving leaders of his people said to the masses, ‘This man is but a human being like yourselves, who only seeks dominance over you and thus be better than you. Had Allah willed, He could have sent

down angels to deliver His message to us. We have never heard anything like this ever happening in the time of our forefathers. Noah is only a madman, so wait for a while until he dies and you will not be bothered by him ever again!’ He prayed, ‘Help me, Lord, for their denying Your message that I have conveyed to them.’ So We inspired him thus: Build the Ark under Our watchful eyes, according to Our instructions. When Our command to destroy the unbelievers comes and water starts gushing forth from the oven, take aboard pairs of every species, male and female, and the members of your household (as well as the believers) except those on whom a sentence of destruction has already passed because of their unbelief. Do not plead with Me for your unbelieving people, for they will surely be drowned. When you and those with you have settled in the Ark, say, ‘Praise be to Allah who has saved us from the wrongdoing people.’ And pray, ‘Lord, let my landing be blessed. You are the best to give us a safe landing.’ Surely Our destruction of Noah’s unbelieving people and Our saving the believers provides clear signs of the truthfulness of what Our messengers had brought from us. We do put nations to the test by sending them Our messengers before inflicting punishment on them, to see how they will act.

Quran 23 :31-43 The Believers Tafseer:General explanation: Then after Noah’s people We raised up a new people and sent forth to them a messenger from among themselves. ‘Worship Allah alone,’ he said, ‘for you have no god but Him. Will you not fear His punishment if you persist in worshipping other than Him?!’ The unbelieving notables and leaders among his people, who denied the life to come and who overstepped all bounds due to the good things of this life that We had bestowed upon them, said to the masses, ‘This man is nothing but a human being like yourselves, who eats the same food you eat and drinks what you drink. If you follow a human being like yourselves, you will certainly be losers. ‘Does he promise you,’ they went on to say, ‘that when you are dead and reduced to dust and bones, you will be brought forth alive from your graves?! Impossible! What he has promised you is quite

simply out of the bounds of possibility. There is no life beyond our present, earthly life: The living among us die and are never brought to life again; others are born and live, and we will never be brought back to life after death. This person who claims to be a messenger is but a man who has invented lies about Allah, and we will never believe what he says!’ Their messenger invoked his Lord, saying, ‘Help me, Lord, for they have disbelieve me.’ Allah answered his prayer, saying, ‘We will punish them soon, and they will then regret their obstinate unbelief.’ So We inflicted Our retribution on them: The mighty blast seized them deservedly, destroying them all; and We made them as scum borne by a torrent. Destroyed and excluded from Allah’s grace and mercy are the wrongdoers! Then We raised up other peoples after them. No community can advance the time that Allah has appointed for their destruction, nor can they delay it.

Quran 23 :44-50 The Believers Tafseer:General explanation: Then, after the destruction of those communities, We sent forth Our messengers in succession to yet other communities. Whenever a messenger came to his community, they denied him and arrogantly rejected the truth he brought. So We utterly destroyed them, one after another, reducing them to mere tales that people told in their gatherings. Far excluded from Allah’s grace and mercy are the people who refuse to believe! Then after them We sent Moses and his brother Aaron with Our miracles and a clear proof to Pharaoh and his chiefs and nobles, but they received them with contempt and refused to believe and accept the truth; for they were a haughty people who mercilessly oppressed the Children of Israel. ‘What!’ Pharaoh and his chiefs said. ‘Are we to believe two human beings like ourselves, when their people are our slaves?’ They denied them, and thus We destroyed them by making them amongst those drowned in the sea. We gave Moses the Torah, so that his people, the Children of Israel, might be guided to the truth, and We made Jesus son of Mary and his mother a sign of Our power to create whatever We will—having made her conceive him without a father; and We gave them a shelter on high ground, a habitable place

affording rest and security with a visible fresh flowing stream.

Quran 23 :51-62 The Believers Tafseer:General explanation: Messengers, eat of the good and pure things that I have made lawful for you, and do good deeds. I have full knowledge of all your actions; nothing whatsoever is hidden from Me. Your religion is one and the same religion, namely Islam, and I am your Lord; therefore, fear Me by observing what I command and eschewing what I forbid. Yet people from among the messengers' communities divided themselves, with regard to their religion, into different sects, each following a book and religion and rejoicing in its own doctrines, thinking that it is the only one following the truth to the exclusion of all else! Leave them, then, Muhammad, in their heedlessness and confusion until they are overtaken by punishment or death. Do these people who have split up their religion think that by all the wealth and children We provide for them We hasten to honour them with all types of good that they rightly deserve?! By no means! We only do so to test them and lead them step by step to their ruin, but they are not aware of this. Those who fear their Lord's punishment, believe in the verses of His Book, worship none besides Him, and give whatever obligatory and voluntary charity they can give with their hearts fearful lest Allah will not accept their good deeds, knowing that they are bound to be brought back to Him—these are the ones who hasten to do good deeds, thereby seeking to draw closer to their Lord; and they are foremost in doing them. We do not charge a person with more than he can bear; and We have a Book in which all people's deeds are recorded by the honourable angels—a book that speaks the truth, faithfully showing all the good and evil deeds that they have done in this world. We will repay them according to their actions, and none will be wronged.

Quran 23 :63-71 The Believers Tafseer:General explanation: The unbelievers' hearts are lost in ignorance and are heedless of the Qur'an, and they have many other evil deeds besides their unbelief which they persistently continue to commit, until, when We visit Our punishment on the affluent among them who show ingratitude

to Us, they will suddenly start crying out to Us for help. ‘Do not cry out for help now,’ they will be told ‘It will be of no avail, for there is no helper to protect you against Our punishment. Verses of the Qur’an were recited to you many a time, but you would arrogantly turn away from them, thinking yourselves secure for being the inhabitants of the Sacred House (the Ka’bah), and passed the nights reviling the Qur’an and telling all sorts of falsehoods about it. Have these idolaters not pondered over the Qur’an so that they may believe it and follow its teachings? Has anything come to them in it that did not come to their forefathers, which makes them deny it and turn away from it?! By no means! For their messenger has brought them the same message that is the same in essence as that brought by previous messengers. Or is it that they do not recognise their Messenger, Muhammad, as the Truthful and Trustworthy and therefore deny what he has brought?! Or do they persist in their unbelief due to their claim that he is a madman? He is by no means what they claim him to be, and all this is not the reason for their rejecting the faith and believing in Allah’s oneness! The real reason is that he has come to them with the proven truth, but most of them abhor the truth as it is at variance with their personal desires. Had the truth followed their desires, the heavens and the earth and all who dwell in them would have certainly been corrupted. We have given them the Qur’an which is bound to bring them glory and honour, but they have turned away from it! Or have they rejected the truth because you, Muhammad, are seeking a recompense from them for Qur’an.

Quran 23 :72-77 The Believers Tafseer:General explanation: Or have they rejected the truth because you, Muhammad, are seeking a recompense from them for conveying it to them? By no means! The reward Allah has in store for you for conveying His message is far better for you and much greater than the recompense of these powerless people who constantly depend on Allah’s gifts and favours. He is the Best of Providers. You are surely calling them and others, Muhammad, to a straight path—to Islam, which is the true religion; but these and their likes who do not believe in the life

to come have indeed deviated from this right path and chosen others. Even if We showed them mercy and removed their distress, they would persist in their insolent ways, wandering blindly and not being able to distinguish truth from falsehood. We have already seized them with torment in this world—by afflicting them with such things as diseases and poverty—but they neither humble themselves before their Lord, nor do they sincerely entreat Him to remove the afflictions that have struck them. Rather, they persist in their denial and stubbornness until, when We open before them a gate of severe torment, they will at once regret their unbelief and rejection of the truth and will despair of salvation!

Quran 23 :78-89 The Believers Tafseer:General explanation: It is Allah who has endowed you, mankind, with hearing, sight and the hearts with which you reason, yet little thanks do you give. It is He who has created you and dispersed you all over earth, and before Him alone will you all be gathered on the Day of Resurrection for judgement. It is He who gives life and causes death and controls the alternation of night and day. Will you not, then, use your reason to understand this?! These unbelievers, however, do not reflect on these signs and proofs. Rather, they deny the resurrection and only parrot what their forefathers—who likewise denied it—said before them. They said, ‘When we are dead and turned to dust and bones in our graves, will we really be raised to life?! This will never happen. We have already been threatened with this, as were our forefathers before us, but we have not seen such threat being carried out. The resurrection is nothing but lies of the ancients which they had themselves fabricated and recorded in their books! Say, Muhammad, to the idolaters among your people who deny the resurrection, ‘To whom does the earth and all that is in it belong, if you have any knowledge?’ ‘To Allah,’ they will reply. Say to them, ‘Will you not, then, reason that the One who has created the earth and all that is in it is capable of bringing people back to life after death?!’ Ask them, ‘Who is the Creator, Ruler and Manager of the seven heavens, and of the Mighty Throne?’ ‘Allah,’ they will say. Say to them, ‘Will you not,

then, fear His punishment and wrath?!’ Ask them, ‘Who is in total control of all things, who protects whomever He wills of His creation from any harm, while no one can protect anyone else from harm if He wills to inflict it on him, if you have any knowledge?’ ‘Allah,’ they will say. Say to them, ‘If you admit all this, how, then, can you mistake falsehood for truth, and be diverted from truth to falsehood?!

Quran 23 :90-92 The Believers Tafseer:General explanation: Rather, We have brought them the proven truth, and they are certainly liars in their associating partners with Me and in their claim that the resurrection will not take place! Never has Allah had any offspring whatsoever, as the Christians and others falsely claim; nor has there ever any other god besides Him. Were this otherwise, each god would take away whatever he has created and manage it according to his own law, and they would surely try to overcome one another, which would make it utterly impossible for all parts of the universe to function in perfect harmony. Glorified and Exalted is Allah above what they claim! He alone knows what is hidden from His creation and what they can see. High Exalted is He above the false gods they worship besides Him, and sublimely Exalted is He above all the defects and imperfections they attribute to Him!

Quran 23 :93-100 The Believers Tafseer:General explanation: Pray, Muhammad, ‘Lord, should You show me the torment with which You have threatened these idolaters, then save me and do not place me amongst such wrongdoing people.’ We are surely able to show you, Muhammad, the torment with which We have threatened them. Repel their harm by repaying it with the best of traits and patiently endure any harm they cause you. We are fully aware of their unbelief and the falsehoods they attribute to Us (such as their false claim that I have offspring and partners). And pray, ‘Lord, I seek refuge in You from the promptings and evil suggestions of the devils, and I seek refuge in You, Lord, lest they come near me or be present with me when conducting any of my affairs.’ These unbelievers will persist in their arrogant unbelief and evil ways

until, when death suddenly approaches any of them and is seized by death throes, with the signs of torment looming large before him, he implores, ‘Lord, let me return to life to do righteous deeds and make amends for past negligence.’ Allah Almighty explains that He will not grant this repentant unbeliever his request, because it is a mere word he utters when death comes to him, and it will not benefit him in any way: By no means! These are only words he will speak. A barrier preventing the dead from returning to the life of the world will stand before them until the Day of Resurrection. Quran 23 :101-114 The Believers Tafseer:General explanation: When the Trumpet is blown to signal the Resurrection and people rise from their graves, no one on that day will benefit from ties of kinship or boast about them, nor will they ask about one another. Those whose good deeds weigh heavy in the scales will be successful, but those whose good deeds are light will be the losers and will remain in Hell for ever. The Fire will scorch their faces, making them grimace horribly in it, their lips drawn back, revealing their protruding teeth. On Resurrection Day, the inhabitants of Hell will be reprovingly told, ‘Were the verses of My Book not recited to you in the life of the world, and did you not deny them?’ ‘Lord,’ they will say, ‘wretchedness which, according to Your foreknowledge, and which we brought upon ourselves for stubbornly turning away from the truth, overwhelmed us; and we were misguided people. Lord, take us out of the Fire; if we ever return to unbelief and evil deeds, then we will indeed be wrongdoers—justly deserving of punishment.’ The Almighty will say, ‘Stay in Hell in shame, and do not plead with Me to take you out of it. A party among My faithful servants used to pray, “Lord, we have believed, so forgive our sins and have mercy on us; for You are the best of those who show mercy.” But you so often made fun of them that such derision made you forget to remember Me, and you laughed at them when you saw them. Today I have rewarded them for their patiently enduring the harm you inflicted on them. Indeed, it is they who have attained real success—Paradise.’ He will ask them, ‘How many years did you remain on

earth? They will reply, ‘We stayed there for a day, or part of a day. Ask those who have kept count.’ ‘Brief indeed was your stay in the life of the world,’ the Almighty will say. ‘Had you known that your stay in the worldly life was short, you would not have preferred the temporary life to the everlasting one.

Quran 23 :115-118 The Believers Tafseer:General explanation: Do you think that We have created you in vain and for no purpose, and that you will not be brought back to Us on the Day of Resurrection for reckoning and recompense?! High Exalted is Allah, the True King, above creating anything in vain; and Sublimely Exalted is He above everything that does not befit His greatness, majesty and perfection! There is no god but Him, the Lord of the Glorious Throne. Whoever worships another god besides Allah—the One True God—has no evidence for doing so at all, and he will be brought to account before his Lord, who will inflict a severe punishment on him. The unbelievers will by no means attain success on the Day of Resurrection. Say, Muhammad, ‘Lord, forgive and have mercy. You are the best of those who show mercy.

Quran 24 :1-5 The Light Tafseer:General explanation: This is a surah which We have revealed, made clear in it some commands and prohibitions, ordained in it certain obligations and legal punishments, made the strict observance of rulings laid down in it obligatory and revealed in it manifest verses clarifying the truth, so that you may remember these verses, be admonished by them and follow their teachings. A woman and a man guilty of adultery, give each of them one hundred lashes if they are free, unmarried and legally responsible (of sound mind and of majority age), and do not let compassion for them prevent you from carrying out Allah’s law, if you truly believe in Allah and the Last Day. A number of believers must witness their punishment. An adulterer would marry only an adulteress or an idolatress; and an adulteress would marry only an adulterer or an idolater. This is forbidden to true believers. Those who accuse chaste women of adultery and cannot produce four male witnesses known for their probity and

integrity to support their accusation, give eighty lashes each, and never afterwards accept their testimony, for they are disobedient evildoers—except those among them who afterwards repent and mend their ways. Allah will certainly forgive their sins and show them mercy, for He is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful.

Quran 24 :6-13 The Light Tafseer:General explanation: As for those who accuse their wives of adultery but have no witnesses to prove such accusation except themselves, the husband must, in order to discharge himself from the imputation and penalty of slander, swear four times by Allah that he is telling the truth, and in a fifth time calls down upon himself the curse of Allah if he is lying. To free herself from the imputation and penalty of adultery (which is stoning to death), the wife must swear four times by Allah that her husband's charge is false, and in a fifth time calls down Allah's curse upon herself if her husband is telling the truth. Had it not for Allah's favour and grace towards you and the fact that He showed mercy to those of you who repented and turned to Him and that He is wise and His laws are judicious (including the law of mutual cursing demonstrated here), He would have hastened to punish you for such sin. Those who have concocted the vicious slander by accusing 'Aishah, Mother of the Believers, of adultery were a group among you, Muslims. Do not consider such slander bad for you; rather, it is good for you. Each one of those slanderers will bear his share of punishment in proportion to his crime, but the one who is guilty of the greater part of the slander will suffer a terrible punishment. When you, believing men and women, first heard the slander, why did you not think well of your fellow Muslim brothers and sisters, and say, 'This is obviously a lie!' Why did these slanderers not produce four witnesses known for their probity and integrity in support of their charge?! Since they have not produced the witnesses, then they are truly liars in Allah's estimation.

Quran 24 :14-18 The Light Tafseer:General explanation: Since they have not produced the witnesses, then they are truly liars in Allah's estimation. Had it not been for Allah's favour and grace

towards you in this life and in the life to come—for His affording you the chance to repent, not hastening to inflict His punishment you and pardoning you—a severe punishment would have come upon you for your indulging in such calumny, when you passed it from mouth to mouth and uttered false statements without knowledge or a conclusive proof; considering it a trivial matter but in Allah’s estimation it was a great sin! When you heard such slander, why did you not say, by way of censure and deterrence, ‘It is not proper for us to talk of this false matter. High Exalted are You, our Lord, above all defects and imperfections! We are astounded by the enormity of what we have heard. This is a gross calumny.’ Allah admonishes you never to repeat this great sin, if you are true believers. Allah makes the verses of His Book clear to you. Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise: He is fully aware of all people’s circumstances, and all His commands are highly judicious. Quran 24 :19-22 The Light Tafseer:General explanation: Those who like acts of gross indecency and immorality to spread among the believers will suffer a painful torment in in this life and in the life to come. Allah knows and you only know what Allah has taught you. Had it not been for Allah’s indulgence and mercy towards you and that He is gracious and merciful, He would have hastened to punish you. Believers, do not follow Satan and his evil ways. Whoever follows Satan’s evil ways will certainly fall into error and disobedience; for he enjoins only indecency and abominable acts. Had it not for Allah’s grace and mercy towards you, none of you would ever have been purified and cleansed from the filthy stains of sins. But Allah purifies whom He wills, all by His infinite grace and bounty. Allah hears everything you say and knows your actions and intentions. Those of you who have been graced with Allah’s favour and abundance of wealth must not withhold their support from their relatives, the needy and the Emigrants (the Muhaajiroon) who were involved in circulating the false rumour. They should forgive and forget their offence and be gracious to them. Would you not like Allah to forgive you? Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful despite His perfect power to inflict

punishment on the wrongdoers.

Quran 24 :23-29 The Light Tafseer:General explanation: Those who level charges of adultery against chaste women who do not even entertain thoughts of committing indecent acts and are true believers will be expelled from Allah's mercy in this world and in the world to come, and, if they do not repent of such a sin before their death, they will suffer a severe punishment in Hell, on the day when their own tongues, hands and feet will bear witness with regards to the sins they have committed. On that day Allah will pay them their just due in full; and they will realise that Allah is the Manifest Truth, about whose existence there is no doubt, who will make everything clear then. Vile women, words, actions and traits are suited only to vile men, and vile men are suited only to vile women, words, actions and traits. By contrast, pure women, words, actions and traits are suited only to pure men, and pure men are perfectly suited to pure women. Such pure men and women are innocent of what the slanderers have said about them. They will have forgiveness for their sins and a generous provision in Gardens of eternal bliss. Believers, do not enter houses other than your own until you have asked their owners' permission and greeted their inhabitants with salutations of peace. That is better for you. We have shown you such good manners so that you may remember them and observe the rules of propriety and decorum. If you find no one in them to give you permission to enter, do not go in until you are given leave. If you ask permission but are told to go back, then go back without taking offense or insisting on entering; going back is purer for you. Allah has knowledge of all your actions, and He will repay you according to them. However, you will incur no sin if you to enter, without permission, homes that are not the private habitation of a family, such as charitable public inns and shelters for travellers and ruined houses; for these serve a purpose that is useful to you. Allah knows everything you conceal and everything you hide deep within yourselves.

Quran 24 :30-31 The Light Tafseer:General explanation: Tell the believing men, Muhammad, to turn their eyes away from what

Allah has forbidden them to look at and to guard their private parts against what He has forbidden. That is purer for their hearts. Allah is ever watching them and has knowledge of all their actions. And tell the believing women to turn their eyes away from what Allah has forbidden them to look at and to guard their private parts against what Allah has forbidden; not to reveal their adornments to other men except what necessarily appears of them (the outward garments), and to draw their head coverings over the top opening of their garments, taking care to cover their necks and bosoms. They should not reveal their hidden adornments except to their husbands, their fathers, their husbands' fathers, their sons, their stepsons, their brothers, their brothers' sons, their sisters' sons, their fellow women, the male and female slaves they rightfully possess, male attendants with no desire for women or children who do not yet feel any desire for women because of their young age. Nor should they intentionally stamp their feet when walking in order to draw attention to their hidden adornments (such as anklets). Repent and turn to Allah, all of you believers, by obediently observing His commands and refraining from unlawful lusts, so that you may attain success in this world and the next. Quran 24 :32-33 The Light Tafseer:General explanation: Help marry off the free single men and women among you, as well as the righteous among your male and female slaves. If they are poor, Allah will give them sufficiently out of His boundless bounty. Allah is All-Munificent, All-Knowing: He gives generously and is fully aware of people's circumstances. Those who cannot find the means to marry must keep themselves chaste until Allah enriches them from His bounty. As for those of your slaves who desire to enter into a contract with you to purchase their freedom on paying a certain sum, execute it for them if you find them faithful and know they can honour the contract. Give them some of the wealth Allah has bestowed upon you to help them fulfil their commitment under the deed of freedom. Do not force your female slaves into prostitution in order that you may seek worldly gains, when they wish to preserve their chastity. If anyone compels them to

prostitute themselves, Allah will after their compulsion be gracious and merciful to such women, but the burden of sin will fall on those who compel them to do so.

Quran 24 :34-38 The Light Tafseer:General explanation: We have sent down to you verses that are clear and clearly show the truth, as well as accounts of the nations before you to learn lessons from, and an admonition for the righteous who obey Allah's commands. Allah is the light of the heavens and the earth and the sole guide of everyone in them. His light in the heart of the believer is like a niche in which there is a lamp. The lamp is enclosed within a crystal, so luminous as though it were a pearl-like star. The lamp is lit from the oil of a blessed olive tree which nothing whatsoever screens it from the sun: It is neither eastern (getting sun rays only in the morning) nor western (getting sun-rays only in the evening), making its oil purer, more superior and more luminous. Its very oil is so pure that it would almost give light of itself although no fire touches it. Light upon light: The light of the fire combined with that of the oil and the crystal cover, and its reflection from the niche. Such is the believer's heart when illuminated by Allah's guidance. Allah guides to His light whomever He wills of His servants. Allah sets forth parables for mankind. He has knowledge of all things, and nothing is hidden from Him. Such luminous light is found in mosques which Allah has sanctioned to be built, honoured and purified, and His name to be mentioned in them. He is glorified there morning and evening by men whom neither buying nor selling diverts from remembering their Lord, performing prayers or paying zakat to those entitled to it; who dread the Day of Judgement, by whose horrors and terrors people's hearts will be violently shaken. They do so in order that Allah may reward them according to the best of what they have ever done and give them yet more than what they deserve out of His munificent bounty. Allah gives whomever He wills without limit.

Quran 24 :39-40 The Light Tafseer:General explanation: As for those who disbelieve in their Lord and deny His Messengers, their good deeds which they have done thinking they would benefit

them will in fact go unrewarded: They are like a mirage in an open space with no buildings, trees or plants. The thirsty traveller thinks it is water, but when he comes near he finds that it is nothing. Such is the case of the unbelievers who think their good deeds will benefit them. They will realise, after their resurrection from death, that such deeds have gone unrewarded. Instead, they will find their Lord there to pay them their account in full. Allah is swift in taking account of people's actions. Or their actions are like darkness in a deep sea, covered by waves above which are waves, above which are dark clouds: layers of darkness, one above the other. If whoever is engulfed in such darkness stretches out his hand, he will by no means see it due to the intensity of the darkness. Those Allah does not guide to faith and does not illuminate their heart with the light of Islam will find no one to guide them at all.

Quran 24 :41-46 The Light Tafseer:General explanation: Do you not see that all creatures in the heavens and the earth glorify Allah and exalt Him beyond all defects and imperfections, and so do the birds as they spread out their wings in the sky? Each creature knows its manner of prayer and praise. He is fully aware of all their actions, and nothing whatsoever is hidden from Him. Allah alone who has sovereignty over the heavens and the earth, and to Him will all people be returned on Resurrection Day. Do you not see that Allah drives the clouds by His power to wherever He wills, then gathers them together, then piles them up on top of each other, and you see rain coming forth from their midst? And He sends down from the sky hail from dense masses of clouds as huge as mountains, striking with it whomever He wills and turning it away from whomever He wills. The flash of lightning in the clouds is so bright it almost takes away the onlookers' sight. Allah alternates the night and the day and makes them different in terms of length and temperature, among many other things. Surely in this there is a clear sign of Allah's power and a lesson for those endowed with deep insight. Allah has created every moving, living creature from water. Some creep upon their bellies, such as serpents and reptiles; others walk on two legs, such as humans and birds; and others yet

on four, such as grazing animals. Allah creates whatever He pleases. Allah has power over all things. We have sent down the verses of the Qur'an, which are clear and clearly show the truth. Allah guides whomever He wills to the clear, straight path of Islam. Quran 24 :47-54 The Light Tafseer:General explanation: The hypocrites falsely say, 'We believe in Allah and the Messenger, and we obey them,' but then, after that, some of them turn away by contradicting such claims. Surely these are not believers. When they are called to put their disputes to Allah and His Messenger for judgement, some of them reject their judgement; but if the right is on their side, they come to the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, in all obedience. Is their turning away from the Messenger's judgement due to some disease of hypocrisy in their hearts? Is it because they doubt his prophethood? Or is it because they fear that Allah's Messenger will issue an unjust decision regarding them?! No, the truth is that they are themselves wrongdoers for stubbornly rejecting Allah's Law. The true believers are those who, when summoned so that Allah and His Messenger may arbitrate in their disputes, say, 'We hear and obey.' It is they who will attain success in this life and the life to come. Those who obey Allah and His Messenger, fear Allah and His torment, by observing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids, will surely attain Allah's good pleasure. The hypocrites solemnly swear by Allah that if you, Prophet, command them to go forth to fight for Allah's cause they will go forth with you. Say to them, 'Do not swear to a falsehood. Your obedience is too well known to need an oath, for you never mean what you say. Allah is fully aware of what you do, and nothing is hidden from Him.' Say, Prophet, to them, 'Obey Allah and obey the Messenger; but if you turn away, know that the Messenger's only task for which he is answerable is to convey Allah's message, and your task is to obey him. If you obey him, you will be guided to the truth. The Messenger's duty is to convey Allah's message fully and clearly.

Quran 24 :55-57 The Light Tafseer:General explanation: Allah has

promised those of you who believe and do righteous deeds to grant them power in the land as He granted it to the believers before them, to establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them—namely Islam—by making it prevail over all other religions, and to change their state of fear into a state of reassurance and security, provided that they sincerely worship Me and associate with Me no partners whatsoever. Only the disobedient wicked would, after such bestowal of My grace upon them, show ingratitude. Duly attend to your prayers, duly pay zakat due on your wealth and obey the Messenger in order to attain Allah’s mercy. Never think, Prophet, that the unbelievers will ever frustrate Allah’s plan and purpose. He has power over all of them. Their abode in the hereafter will be Hell. What an evil destination!

Quran 24 :58-60 The Light Tafseer:General explanation: Believers, enjoin your male and female slaves and your own free children who have not yet reached the age of puberty to ask your permission before coming into your presence at three times: before the dawn (fajr) prayer, when you have taken off your outer garments at noon for a nap, and after the late evening (‘ishaa’) prayer. These are the three times when your nakedness is likely to be bared. Teach them, therefore, not to enter upon you without first asking your permission. At other than these three times, neither you nor they will incur any sin if they enter upon you without permission. They are your servants and your children, and they move freely about you, just as you do, to attend to one another’s needs. Just as Allah makes clear to you the rulings on seeking permission, so He makes clear to you all verses of the Qur’an and laws of His religion. Allah is All-Knowing and All-Wise: He knows what benefits His servants and wise regarding the decisions He makes for them. Once your children reach the age of puberty, they must seek your permission at all times as their elders do. Thus does Allah make His revelations clear to you. Allah is All-Knowing. All-Wise. Elderly women who are past childbearing and have no hope of marriage will incur no sin if they lay aside their outer garments, such as the head covering, provided they do

not flaunt their charms and adornments; however, showing more keenness to maintain chastity by not discarding them is better for them, more virtuous and purer for them in the sight of Allah. Allah hears everything you say and has full knowledge of what you do. Quran 24 :61 The Light Tafseer:General explanation: Neither the blind, nor the lame nor the sick will incur any sin if they eat in the houses of those mentioned in this verse just because they are weak or disabled; nor will you incur any sin if you eat in your own houses, or your children's or slaves' houses, or your fathers' houses, or your mothers' houses, or your brothers' houses, or your sisters' houses, or the houses of your paternal uncles or paternal aunts, or the houses of your maternal uncles or maternal aunts, or the houses which you are entrusted with looking after and have the keys to them after their owners' permission, or your friends' houses. Nor will you incur any sin if you eat together or separately. When you enter your own houses or the houses of others, greet one another with the Islamic greeting of peace (Assalaamu 'alaykum 'peace be on you')—a greeting enjoined by your Lord, full of blessings and purity. With such clarity does Allah make His revelations clear in order for you to understand them and act upon them.

Quran 24 :62-64 The Light Tafseer:General explanation: The true believers are those who believe in Allah and His Messenger, and who, when gathered with the Prophet regarding an important matter, do not leave until they have asked his permission. Those who ask your permission, Prophet, are those who truly believe in Allah and His Messenger. Therefore, if these believers ask your permission to leave to attend to some business of theirs, grant permission to whomever you wish, as you may deem of benefit; and ask Allah's forgiveness for them. Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Compassionate Do not consider the Messenger's summons to you, believers, the same as your summons to one another, by taking your time to respond to his call when he calls you just as you do among one another. Rather, respond to his call without delay. Nor address him in the manner you address one another. Show him due

respect and honour and do not call him by his name. Rather, address him with the words, 'Prophet of Allah' and 'Messenger of Allah'. Allah certainly knows the hypocrites who sneak away from the Messenger's gathering, screening themselves behind others. Those who disobey the Messenger's command should beware lest some affliction or painful punishment befall them. Surely to Allah belongs all that is in the heavens and the earth. He is well aware of all your affairs. On the day when all people are brought back to Him, He will inform them of what they have done in this life, and He will repay each one according to his actions. Allah has knowledge of all things, and nothing whatsoever is hidden from Him.

Quran 25 :1-6 Al-Furqaan Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, opens this surah by praising Himself, saying: Exalted is Allah, perfect are His attributes, numerous are His favours and endless are His blessings! It is He who has sent down the Qur'an that distinguishes truth from falsehood, verse after verse and surah after surah, to His servant Muhammed to be a warner to all mankind and the jinn. It is He alone to whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth, and He does not have offspring, nor does He have a partner in His kingdom; and He has created all things and ordained them precisely in due proportions, in accordance with His absolute wisdom and perfect design. Then He points out the idolaters' deviation from the right path, saying: The idolaters have taken besides Allah false deities that cannot create anything but are themselves created. They have no power whatsoever to avert harm or benefit themselves, nor can they cause anyone to die, bring him to life or resurrect him after his death! Allah Almighty mentions some of the misconceptions and specious arguments which the idolaters have put forward about the Qur'an, saying: The unbelievers say: This Qur'an is nothing but a lie which Muhammad has fabricated with the help of another people other than his own! By making such false claim, these have committed a great injustice and perpetrated a falsehood. Then He mentions another erroneous misconception of theirs, saying: They also say,

‘This Qur’an is nothing but fables of the ancients which Muhammad has copied down for himself, and which are read out to him morning and evening to learn them by heart!’ Allah instructs His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to respond to them and refute such a claim: Say, Muhammad, to these unbelievers: ‘This Qur’an has been sent down by Allah who knows the hidden secrets in the heavens and the earth. Surely He is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful.

Quran 25 :7-14 Al-Furqaan Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty mentions yet a third misconception that the idolaters put forward: The unbelievers of the Quraysh sarcastically say, ‘What kind of messenger is Muhammad who eats food and walks in the markets to earn a living, just like us?! Why has Allah not sent him an angel from heaven to testify to his truthfulness and warn people along with him if he is indeed truthful? Why has he not been given a treasure from which to spend and thus spare him the trouble of gaining a livelihood, or a garden to provide his sustenance?’ These idolaters also say, ‘You only follow a bewitched man. He is by no means a messenger.’ Then, scoffing at their absurd demands and consoling His Messenger, He says: See, Muhammad, how these idolaters give you these descriptions and make such false and contradictory statements about you, and have thus strayed from the truth and now cannot find a way to it! Exalted is Allah, perfect are His attributes, numerous are His favours and endless are His favours! If He wills, He can give you in this world, Muhammad, far better than what these idolaters suggest: gardens underneath whose trees rivers flow and magnificent mansions. Almighty Allah points out the idolaters’ denial of the resurrection and the punishment He has prepared for them, saying: They deny the resurrection on Judgement Day, and so we have prepared a blazing fire for them. When it sees them from afar, they will hear the bellowing sound of its flames and its roaring, almost bursting with rage at them. And when they are cast into a narrow place in it, shackled together in chains, they will pray for death to be spared the punishment. Its keepers will say to them, ‘Do not call today for

one death, but call for many deaths; for your prayer will never benefit you.

Quran 25 :15-19 Al-Furqaan Tafseer:General explanation: Allah The Almighty then instructs His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to make clear to them what He has prepared for the pious: Say, Muhammad, to these unbelievers, ‘Is that punishment better or the Garden of eternal bliss which Allah has promised the pious who do what He commands and avoid what He forbids?! It will be their reward and their ultimate. Allah. Exalted and Sublime be He, describes the condition of the idolaters and their false gods on the Day of Resurrection, saying: Mention to the people, Muhammad, the Day of Resurrection, when Allah will gather together the idolaters and the deities they worshiped besides Him in the life of the world and He will ask these alleged deities, ‘Was it you who misled these servants of Mine, or did they stray from the path of truth of their own accord?’ They will say, ‘Glory be to You! It is not proper for us to worship anyone or anything besides or instead of You. But, Lord, You allowed them and their forefathers to enjoy Your favours and the pleasures and comforts of life, so much so that they abandoned your revelation, in which You command them to worship You alone and not ascribe any partners to You, and thus brought destruction upon themselves. Allah Almighty will disapprovingly say to these unbelievers: Your gods have denied your false claims, and so you have now become deserving of punishment. You can neither avert the punishment nor help yourselves or receive any help whatsoever from anyone.’ Those of you who disbelieve in Allah We will make suffer a terrible punishment. destination on the Day of Judgement. They will have in it whatever they desire, and they will dwell in it for all eternity. That is a promise that your Lord has taken upon Himself to fulfil.

Quran 25 :20-24 Al-Furqaan Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: We never sent any messenger before you, Muhammad, who did not eat food and walk in the markets, like all human beings; therefore, you are no exception. We test you,

people, by means of one another. Will you, then, have patience? Surely your Lord, Muhammad, sees and is aware of those who bear His trials, and He will surely repay them according to their deeds. The unbelievers who deny the resurrection, do not expect to meet Us and do not fear My punishment say, ‘Why have no angels been sent to us to inform us of your truthfulness, Muhammad? Why can we not see our Lord with our own eyes, so that we may believe you?’ They have thus become too proud of themselves and have transgressed all limits in their rebellion and arrogance. On the day these unbelievers see the angels of punishment, there will be no good news for them that day, but only misery, anguish and punishment. The angels will say to them, ‘You are forbidden from receiving good news today.’ Then We will turn to whatever good deeds they did in the life of the world and make them devoid of reward, rendering them as vain as scattered, insignificant specks of dust. As for the dwellers of Paradise, they will on that day have the best residence in Paradise and the finest place of noonday rest!

Quran 25 :25-31 Al-Furqaan Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty describes some of the horrors of the Day of Resurrection, saying: Mention to the people, Messenger, the time when the sky will split open with emerging thin white clouds on the Day of Resurrection, and the angels will be sent down to the Place of Gathering—the plains of Judgement Day—in successive ranks. True authority and sovereignty on that Day will belong only to the All-Merciful God, not to earthly kings. It will be a hard day for the unbelievers. He further mentions the intense regret the unbelievers will show on that day: And mention to them, Muhammad, the day when the wrongdoer who opposes Allah and His Messenger will bite at his hands in despair and regret, he says, ‘Woe betide me! If only I had followed the path of truth that the Messenger, showed us and had followed what he brought from his Lord. Alas for me! If only I had not taken so-and-so who had led me astray in the worldly life for a friend! He led me away from the Qur’an and right guidance after it had reached me.’ Allah then declares: Satan

is ever treacherous to people who follow him, for he deserts him and lets him down when he most needs assistance and support. The Almighty says: The Messenger complains in the world, saying: My Lord, the unbelievers among my people have forsaken this Qur'an and turned away from it. They neither believe in it nor follow its teachings.' Then He gives solace to His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, saying: Just as We have made enemies for you from among your idolatrous people, Muhammad, so, too, We have made enemies for every prophet from among their unbelieving, idolatrous people. Be patient, then, as they were; your Lord is sufficient for you as a guide and a helper against your enemies. The Almighty further points out another specious argument of the idolaters: The unbelievers say, 'Why has Allah not sent the Qur'an down to you, Muhammad, all at once—in one single revelation?'

Quran 25 :32-34 Al-Furqaan Tafseer:General explanation: The unbelievers say, 'Why has Allah not sent the Qur'an down to you, Muhammad, all at once—in one single revelation?' He refutes it, saying: We have sent it down to you, Muhammad, in this manner to strengthen your heart with it and boost your resolve. We have revealed it piecemeal, one part at a time, and We have clearly explained it. And no example do these idolaters bring you, among which is the foolish suggestions they make in an attempt to raise doubts about your prophethood, but We reveal to you the truth in answer to refute their arguments with far better than what they bring in terms of clarity, eloquence and details. Allah Almighty then shows the terrible consequences they will suffer on the Day of Judgement, saying: Those who will be gathered together and then dragged on their faces to Hell will be in the worst condition and place in Hell, and are now the furthest astray of all people from the path of truth.

Quran 25 :35-40 Al-Furqaan Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted and Sublime be He, makes brief references to some past communities and the dreadful fate they suffered for denying their prophets: We gave Moses the Torah and appointed his brother

Aaron as his helper to convey Our message. We said to them, ‘Go together to Pharaoh and his people who have rejected Our signs.’ Then We utterly destroyed them when they persisted in their unbelief by drowning them in the sea. We also drowned the people of Noah when they denied him, and We made their destruction a lesson for people; and We have prepared for the wrongdoers a painful torment on Judgement Day. We likewise destroyed ‘Aad (Hud’s people), Thamud (Salih’s people), the people of Ar-Rass (People of the Well) for their stubborn unbelief, and many other unbelieving nations in between known only to Allah. To each of these We clearly showed signs of Our oneness, and each of them We destroyed completely. The unbelievers of the Quraysh have certainly passed by the city of Lot’s people upon whom We rained down clustered stones of baked clay. Have they not seen in their journeys the signs of Our destroying it as a result of their stubborn unbelief, so that they make take heed and learn a lesson from them?! They have surely seen the awful end of the people of that city that We destroyed, but they have no faith in the resurrection, nor do they expect any recompense after death or fear Our punishment.

Quran 25 :41-44 Al-Furqaan Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty mentions the ridicule that the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, receives from his idolatrous people and what they say when they see him: When the unbelievers of the Quraysh see you, Muhammad, they only make fun of you, saying, ‘Is this the one that Allah has sent us as a messenger?! He would have almost turned us away from the worship of our idols had we not adhered steadfastly to them and rejected his call.’ He threateningly says about them: But they will soon know, when they see the punishment, who has truly strayed from the path of truth, they or you?! Then He consoles His Prophet, showing the true reality of these idolaters’ condition: Have you, Muhammad, considered the case of the person who has taken his own desires as his god? Would you, then, be his guardian, and thereby prevent him from going astray and guide him to the truth?! Or do you think

that most of these idolaters listen to the truth to which you are calling them and try to understand it, so that you will be eager for them to believe? By no means! Since they do not benefit from the right guidance that is bound to open their minds and hearts, they are only like brutes; indeed, they are far worse!

Quran 25 :45-54 Al-Furqaan Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty mentions some manifestations of His power and reminds His servants of some of the countless blessings that He has bestowed upon them: Have you not seen, Muhammad, how your Lord spreads and stretches the shadow on the ground from the time after the breaking of dawn until the rising of the sun? Had He wished, He could indeed have made the shadow perpetually still the sun; but then We make the sun after its rising its guide, a sign of the shadow, and then We contract it gradually. It is Allah who has ordained the night to cover you, people, with its darkness as a garment, and the night to interrupt your activity so you can rest; and He has ordained the day so you can disperse through the land to earn your livelihoods. And it is He who sends forth the winds to give people the good news of the coming of rain, which is part of His mercy towards them, and He sends down pure rainwater from the sky to revive with it dead, barren lands and to provide drink for the innumerable animals and humans that We have created. We alone have distributed rainwater among people so that they may reflect and pay heed, but most of them persist in their unbelief and ingratitude. Had We pleased, We could have sent a messenger to every community to warn them of Our punishment and to call them to Us. We haven't done so, but We have sent you, Muhammad, a messenger to all mankind. Therefore, do not obey the unbelievers, Muhammad, by yielding to their requests and demands, such as worshipping their false gods and forsake part of the message with which you have been sent; and strive mightily against them with this Qur'an. And it is Allah who has sent the two bodies of water rolling—one fresh and palatable, the other salty and bitter—and He has, by His power, placed between them a barrier that separates them and prevents them from mixing with

each other. And it is He who creates human beings from sperm, then He gives them relations by blood and marriage. You Lord is ever Powerful over all things.

Quran 25 :55-59 Al-Furqaan Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, says, showing the stand that the idolaters adopt towards these great blessings: Yet they worship besides Allah false gods that can neither benefit nor harm them. The unbelievers incessantly support Satan and his party in their attempt to stand in opposition to Allah, by worshipping others besides or instead of Him, disobeying His commands, supporting His enemies and fighting against His obedient servants. The Almighty then points out the reason why He has sent His Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and states the duty He has assigned to him: We have sent you, Muhammad, to people only to give them the good news of Allah's reward if they believed in Him, and to warn them of His punishment if they disbelieve and reject His message. Say to them, 'I do not ask you for any reward for my conveying Allah's message to you; whoever of you, however, wishes to pursue a path leading to Allah's good pleasure, let him do so.' After that, He enjoins him to rely on Him and to seek His assistance: Put your trust in the Ever-Living, who never dies, declare Him free from all defects and imperfections and extol His limitless glory and praise with His perfect attributes. He is sufficiently aware of His slaves' sins and He will repay them accordingly. It is He who created the heavens and the earth and all that lies between them in six Days and established Himself upon the Throne in a manner befitting His majesty. He is the All-Compassionate. Ask, therefore, none other than the All-Knowledgeable about Himself to inform you about Him. Allah then makes mention of the idolaters' ignorance and absurdities, saying: When they are told to prostrate to the All-Compassionate, they impudently say, 'We do not know who the All-Merciful is! Shall we prostrate ourselves to whatever you command us to prostrate to without us knowing Him and believing in Him?

Quran 25 :60-62 Al-Furqaan Tafseer:General explanation: The

command to prostrate to the All-Merciful only drives them further away from faith and makes them all the more rebellious. The Almighty responds to their ignorance and arrogant statements by mentioning some of His signs that testify to His absolute power: Exalted is Allah, perfect are His attributes, numerous are His favours and endless are His blessings! It is He who has placed constellations in the sky and set in it a shining sun and a bright moon. And it is He who causes the day and the night to succeed each other for those who want to reflect and pay heed, or to give thanks to Allah for His countless favours.

Quran 25 :63-77 Al-Furqaan Tafseer:General explanation:

Almighty Allah depicts the distinguishing qualities of His true, faithful servants, saying: The true servants of the All-Compassionate are those who walk upon the earth humbly and in a dignified manner, and when the foolish address them with bad words, they do not repay insult with insult; rather, they speak good words to them. They are those who spend part of the night praying to their Lord, prostrating themselves and standing; and those who, out of fear of their Lord's punishment, say, 'Lord, keep the torment of Hell away from us; its torment is dreadful and everlasting for those who die unbelievers. It is an evil abode and resting-place for those who will dwell in it.' They are those who, when they spend, are neither extravagant nor niggardly, but maintain a just balance between these extremes. Allah, Exalted and Sublime be He, says: The true servants of the All-Compassionate are those who do not worship other gods besides Him, do not kill any person whose life He has forbidden to be taken except in the course of justice and through due process of law, and do not commit unlawful sexual intercourse. Whoever does these will face severe punishment. Their punishment will be multiplied on the Day of Judgement, and they will be humiliated in it for ever, except for those who sincerely repent of such major sins, believe and do righteous deeds, for then Allah will change their evil deeds into good deeds, all by His grace and generosity. Allah in His unbounded forgiveness and mercy always pardons and shows mercy to those who sincerely

repent and turn to Him. Those who repent of sins and persevere in doing righteous deeds to make up for those they have missed have truly turned to Allah, and their repentance will surely be accepted. The Almighty continues to mention the qualities of His true servants, saying: They are those who do not attend any place where falsehood is said or done and do not bear false witness, and if they inadvertently pass by idle talk—or anything that is vain and frivolous—they turn away from it; and those who do not turn a deaf ear and a blind eye to the revealed verses of their Lord when they are reminded of them; and those who pray, ‘Our Lord, grant us good, righteous spouses and offspring so that we will rejoice when we see them obeying You in this world and when they enter Paradise in the hereafter, and make us a good example for those who do what You command and avoid what You forbid. Allah will reward those who possess such qualities with lofty mansions in Paradise on account of their patience and perseverance in this world, and they will be received in them with greetings of welcome and salutations of peace. They will remain in such mansions for ever. What an excellent and permanent abode! Say, Muhammad, to those to whom you have been sent: Were it not for your supplication to Allah Almighty, He would not care for you. Now that you, idolaters, have rejected the truth, the punishment will inevitably befall you in this world and the next.

Quran 26 :1-9 The Poets Tafseer:General explanation: The surah begins with the ‘disconnected letters’ which establish the miraculous nature of the Qur’an and conclusively prove the Arabs’ total inability to challenge the Qur’an by producing something like it, even though it is composed of the very Arabic letters they speak. The Almighty then says: These are the verses of the clear Qur’an, which makes the truth manifest. Then He addresses His Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, comforting him as he faces the idolaters’ vehement denial of his message: Perhaps you will torment yourself to death with grief and sorrow because of the unbelievers’ rejecting you and stubbornly refusing to believe in your call. Had We willed, We would have sent down to these

unbelievers a visible miraculous sign from the heavens that would compel them to believe, and so they would submit to the truth by force, but, in Our wisdom, We have willed that everyone's faith be voluntary. Next, He points out these unbelievers' persistent denial of the truth and the terrible consequences they will suffer as a result of such denial: Whenever a fresh revelation of the Qur'an comes to you, Messenger, they turn their backs on it and do not believe in it. They have denied the Qur'an that has come down to them from Allah, so they will soon come to know the truth of what they mock and will face the consequences of their denying the truth. The Almighty then reproves them for neglecting to contemplate this universe: Do they not see the earth and reflect on the countless types of pleasant and wholesome plants that We have caused to grow in it? Surely in this there is a sign of Allah's perfect power; yet most of these idolaters would not believe. And surely your Lord, Muhammad, is the Almighty who vanquishes and severely punishes His enemies, and the All-Compassionate towards His servants, who does not hasten their punishment once they commit a sin.

Quran 26 :10-22 The Poets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted and Sublime be He, recounts part of the story of Moses, peace be upon him, saying: Mention to the people, Muhammad, the time when your Lord spoke to Moses and commanded him to go to the unjust, wicked people—the people of Pharaoh—and to say to them, 'Will you not fear Allah and desist from oppressing His servants?!' 'Lord,' Moses said, 'I fear that Pharaoh and his people will deny me, that my breast will tighten for their rejecting me, and that my tongue will be so tied that I will not be able to address Pharaoh properly or make Your message clear to him; so send my brother Aaron as a messenger along with me to help me with this task. Besides, they have a charge of crime against me for having killed a man amongst them, so I fear that they will kill me in retaliation.' "By no means will they kill you,' Allah reassuringly said to Moses. 'Therefore, go, you and your brother, to them with Our miraculous signs. I am with you as a supporter

and protector, and I will be listening to what passes between you and them. Go, both of you, to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘We are messengers to you from the Lord of the all the worlds to tell you to let the Children of Israel go with us to the Holy Land to worship Allah alone.’ Allah Almighty then relates the dialogue that took place between Moses and Pharaoh, saying: Pharaoh said to Moses, ‘Did we not bring you up among us as a child, and did you not stay in our midst for many years? Then you killed a man amongst us and were thus very ungrateful.’ Moses said, ‘I killed him by accident, and I did that at a time I was still ignorant, not having received divine revelation yet; and so I fled from you because I feared you would kill me. Then my Lord granted me knowledge and sound judgement and sent me as a messenger to you. And you remind me of the favour you bestowed on me by enslaving my people, the Israelites, and not me! This is by no means a favour! What sort of favour is this that you are reminding me of, then?!’

Quran 26 :23-37 The Poets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty describes the arrogant and intransigent approach that Pharaoh adopted in his dialogue with Moses, peace be upon him, saying: Pharaoh said, proudly denying his knowledge of his Lord, ‘And what is that ‘Lord of all the worlds’ who sent you as you claim, Moses?’ Moses replied, ‘He is the Creator of the heavens and the earth and what is between them and the Lord of that, if only you would be convinced.’ Pharaoh turned to his chiefs and nobles around him and said, ‘Did you hear what Moses said?!’ Moses said to them, ‘Allah is your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers.’ Pharaoh sarcastically said, in an attempt to oppose the truth, defame the one who brought it and call his message into question, ‘This messenger of yours who claims he has been sent to you is surely mad!’ Moses went on, ‘He is the Lord of the East and the West and all that lies between them, if only you could understand.’ Having failed to counter Moses’s argument, Pharaoh threateningly said, ‘If you worship any god other than me, I will have you thrown into prison.’ Moses said, ‘Will you put me in prison even if I show you manifest miracle that will prove the

truthfulness of what I have brought you?’ ‘Show it then,’ said Pharaoh, ‘if you are telling the truth.’ Moses threw his staff on the ground and thereupon it changed into a real massive snake. Then he drew his hand out of the top opening of his garment and brought it out shining white, for all to see. ‘This man,’ Moses said to the nobles around him, ‘is a highly skilled magician who seeks to drive you out of your land by his magic. What, then, do you advise?’ They said to him, ‘Put off their case and do not hasten to punish them, and in the meantime dispatch heralds to all cities of the kingdom to bring you every skilled magician to counter what Moses has brought.

Quran 26 :38-51 The Poets Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: The heralds gathered the magicians for the appointed time for their meeting, and it was said to the people of Egypt, ‘Will you join the gathering to see who will win the contest, so that we may follow the magicians if they defeat Moses?’ When the magicians came to Pharaoh, they asked him, ‘Will we be rewarded if we defeat Moses?’ ‘Yes,’ Pharaoh replied, ‘and you will also be in my inner circle.’ After the magicians had gathered before Moses, he said to them, ‘Throw down whatever you are going to throw.’ The magicians threw down their ropes and sticks which they had prepared for magical purposes, saying, ‘By Pharaoh’s might, we will surely win and defeat Moses.’ Then Moses threw down his staff and it swallowed up all the ropes and sticks that the magicians had cast down and with which they deceived people by making them think, by virtue of their magic, that they were serpents slithering about. Having seen all that happening before their very eyes, the magicians became certain that Moses was truthful and that what he had brought them was the truth and by no means magic or any form of deception. Thereupon they prostrated themselves to Allah, saying, ‘We now believe in the Lord of all the worlds, the Lord of Moses and Aaron.’ Enraged, Pharaoh said to them, ‘How dare you believe and follow him before I have given you permission?! He must surely be your master, who has taught you magic. Now you will know what sort

of punishment I will inflict on you.’ He threateningly added, ‘I will cut off your hands and feet on alternate sides and crucify you all.’ The magicians said to him, ‘The temporary worldly punishment you make us suffer will do no harm to us. We do not care about it and we will surely patiently bear it, for we will be returning to Allah, who will reward us for our faith and patience. We hope our Lord will forgive us our sins, since we are the first to believe the truth when it came to us.

Quran 26 :52-62 The Poets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty explains what He commanded His Prophet Moses, peace be upon him, to do and the total destruction that befell Pharaoh and his people: We inspired Moses, saying, ‘Leave with My servants at night, for you will surely be pursued to prevent them from leaving Egypt.’ When Pharaoh learnt of the Children of Israel’s night flight, he sent heralds to mobilise troops from various cities of his kingdom. Once all his forces were marshalled, he began to underestimate Moses and his followers, as well as the danger they posed, saying, ‘The Israelites who have departed without my permission are but a small and weak band of people who have really enraged us. We are on full alert and on our guard against them, and we are a well-equipped, united force that is well-prepared to defeat them.’ The Almighty then mentions the terrible destruction Pharaoh and his forces suffered: So we brought Pharaoh and his people out of orchards and springs, from which they drank, and money that was owned by them, and dwellings like that, and the dwellers of Israel and those who lived there. Thus did We expel them out of their gardens and springs of fresh water from which they used to drink, properties they used to own and sumptuous dwellings they used to inhabit; and We made the Children of Israel inherit all of that. Allah Almighty goes on to explain the course of action Pharaoh and his forces took and what the Israelites said when they saw the approaching heavily-equipped army: Pharaoh and his soldiers pursued the Children of Israel at sunrise. And when the two groups came within sight of each other, Moses’ companions said, ‘Pharaoh and his forces will surely

overtake us, and there is no escape for us, for they are to our rear and the sea is before us.’ Confident of Allah’s help, Moses reassured them, saying, ‘No indeed! The matter is not as you think; for my Lord is with me with His help and support, and He will guide me to the path of salvation and victory.

Quran 26 :63-68 The Poets Tafseer:General explanation: Moses said , ‘No indeed! The matter is not as you think; for my Lord is with me with His help and support, and He will guide me to the path of salvation and victory.’ Then We inspired Moses, saying, ‘Strike the sea with your staff.’ Moses did, and its waters parted, each part was like a tall, massive mountain. We caused the pursuers to draw near to Moses and his people and to go after them onto the dry path through the sea to catch up with them. Then We saved Moses and all those with him from drowning, and we drowned Pharaoh and all his forces. Surely in this story there was a great lesson. Most of Pharaoh’s people did not believe in Allah; and surely your Lord, Muhammad, is the Almighty who vanquishes and severely punishes His enemies, and the All-Compassionate towards His servants, who does not hasten their punishment once they commit a sin.

Quran 26 :69- 89 The Poets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, relates part of the story of Abraham, peace be upon him, saying: Recite to your people, Muhammad, the story of Abraham when he said to his father and his people, ‘What is it that you worship?’ They replied, ‘We worship idols, and we remain ever devoted to them.’ He asked, ‘Do your idols hear your supplication when you invoke them? Can they help you your enemies or do you any harm?’ ‘No,’ they replied, ‘but we found our fathers worshipping them, and so we are following their example.’ Abraham said to them, ‘Do you see these idols that you and your ancestors have been worshipping? They are all my enemies, except for the Lord of all the worlds, who has created me, and is the One who guides me. He is the One who provides me with food and drink; and when I am ill, He is the One who heals me; who alone will cause me to die and bring me back to life on

the Day of Resurrection; and who, I hope, will forgive my faults on Judgement day.’ Then Abraham, peace be upon him, prayed to Allah, saying, ‘Lord, bestow knowledge and sound judgement upon me, and join me among the righteous. Grant me honourable mention among those who will come after me; and include me among those who will inherit the garden of eternal bliss. Forgive my father, for he is among those who have strayed from the path of truth; and do not disgrace when people will be resurrected for judgement—the day when neither wealth nor children will benefit anyone. Only those who come before Allah on that day with a pure heart that is free from unbelief, hypocrisy and ascribing partners to Allah.

Quran 26 :90- 104 The Poets Tafseer:General explanation:

Almighty Allah says, explaining one of the scenes on the Day of Resurrection: Paradise on that day will be brought near to those who fear Allah’s punishment by doing what He commands and avoid what He forbids, and Hell will be placed in full view of those who have strayed away from the right path. They will be disapprovingly asked, ‘Where are those that you used to worship besides or instead of Allah in the life of the world? Can they now protect you or even protect themselves against Allah’s punishment?!’ Then they will be all be hurled into Hell, one on top of another—both the false gods and their worshippers, as well as the followers and helpers of the Devil. Arguing in Hell with one another, those who worshipped false deities will say to those they worshipped, ‘By Allah, we were in the worldly clearly far astray from the truth when We equated you with the Lord of all the worlds and worshiped you. It was but the wicked evildoers who led us astray from right guidance. So now we have no intercessors to intercede for us, nor a sincere, loving friend. If only could live our lives again, so that we might believe in Allah!’ Surely in this there was a great lesson, yet most of them would not believe. And surely your Lord, Muhammad, is the Almighty who vanquishes and severely punishes His enemies, and the All-Compassionate towards His servants, who does not hasten their punishment once

they commit a sin.

Quran 26 :105- 122 The Poets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty recounts part of the story of Noah, peace be upon him, with his people. He says: Noah's people denied all of Allah's messengers—because their denial of Noah was tantamount to their denial of all the messengers—when their brother Noah said to them, 'Will you not fear Allah's punishment, obey His commands, worship Him alone and abandon the worship of idols? I am a messenger from Allah to you, faithful to the message with which He has entrusted to me to convey it to you exactly as it is. Fear Allah's punishment, then, and obey me. I do not ask you for any reward in return for my advice to you. My reward rests with none but the Lord of all the worlds. Therefore, fear Allah's punishment and obey me.' The arrogant leaders among his people said, 'How can we believe you, Noah, when only the weak and the poor in our midst follow you?!' Noah said, 'And what knowledge do I have of what they do? My mission is only to call them to faith. It is for my Lord alone to bring them to account, for He knows best their inner thoughts and conditions. If you could but understand and be aware of the true nature of things, you would not malign them. I am not to drive away these believers who have followed me; I am but a warner, making my warning plain to all of you.' 'Noah, they threateningly said, 'desist from calling us to abandon worshipping our gods, or you will be stoned to death.' Noah prayed, 'My Lord, my people have denied me, so judge between me and them in such a way as to deliver those who follow the truth and destroy those who follow falsehood, and save me and my believing followers.' The Almighty states that He answered his prayer, that He saved him and those who were with him in the ship that was laden with them and others, and that He then drowned those who had chosen to remain unbelievers and did not board the ship. Then He says: Surely in what We have said there was a sign of Allah's oneness and perfect power; yet most of Noah's people would not believe. And surely your Lord, Muhammad, is the Almighty who vanquishes and severely punishes His enemies, and the All-

Compassionate towards His servants, who does not hasten their punishment once they commit a sin.

Quran 26 :123- 140 The Poets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, recounts part of the story of Hud, peace be upon him, with his people. He says: The tribe of ‘Aad denied all of Allah’s messengers—because their denial of Hud was tantamount to their denial of all the messengers—when their brother Hud said to them, ‘Will you not fear Allah’s punishment, obey His commands, worship Him alone and abandon the worship of idols? I am a messenger from Allah to you, faithful to the message with which He has entrusted to me to convey it to you exactly as it is. Fear Allah’s punishment, then, and obey me. I do not ask you for any reward in return for my advice to you. My reward rests with none but the Lord of all the worlds. Why do you build a tall landmark on every height out of pride and in a vain endeavour, and construct for yourselves mighty fortresses and palaces as though you will live for ever, and when you exercise your power, you exercise it ruthlessly and act like oppressive tyrants towards people? Fear, therefore, Allah’s wrath and His punishment and obey me. Fear Allah who has bestowed on you all the favours you know. He has given you grazing livestock and children, and gardens and springs. I truly fear for you the torment of a day that is full of great terrors.’ His people said to him, ‘It makes no difference to us whether or not you preach to us. This religion of ours is the very practice of our forefathers, in whose footsteps we follow, and we are not going to be punished in this world or in the hereafter.’ Allah Almighty then points out their persistent denial and the terrible fate they suffered as a result: These idolaters rejected their messenger, and thus We utterly destroyed them. Surely in Our destruction of the people of Hud there was a great lesson, yet most of Hud’s people would not believe. And surely your Lord, Muhammad, is the Almighty who vanquishes and severely punishes His enemies, and the All-Compassionate towards His servants, who does not hasten their punishment once they commit a sin.

Quran 26 :141- 159 The Poets Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty relates part of the story of Salih, peace be upon him, with his people. He says: The tribe of Thamud denied all of Allah's messengers—because their denial of Salih was tantamount to their denial of all the messengers—when their brother Salih said to them, 'Will you not fear Allah and His punishment and thus worship Him alone? I am a messenger from Allah to you, faithful to the message with which He has entrusted to me to convey it to you exactly as it is. Fear Allah's punishment, then, and obey me. I do not ask you for any reward in return for my advice to you. My reward rests with none but the Lord of all the worlds. Do you think that you will be left secure in the enjoyment of these blessings, amid gardens and springs of water, and various crops and palms laden with ripe fruit, carving you dwellings out of mountains with great skill?! Therefore, fear Allah's punishment and wrath and obey me. Do not obey those who have transgressed against themselves who have gone too far in their unbelief and rebellion, who spread corruption in the land through their unbelief and evil deeds and do not reform themselves or others.' They said, 'Surely you are bewitched and your speech is rather meaningless. You are but a human being like us. Bring us, then, a sign that you are a messenger if you are telling the truth.' Salih said to them, 'This is a she-camel that Allah has made for you as a sign of my truthfulness. She will have her share of water one day without your trespassing her rights on her day, and you will have yours, without her coming near you on your day. Do not harm her, or the punishment of an awful day will befall you.' But they killed her, and they regretted their wicked deed when they realised they would not be spared punishment. Allah then destroyed them with the punishment of which their prophet had warned them. Surely in Our destruction of the people of Salih there was a great lesson as well as proof of his truthfulness, yet most of Salih's people would not believe Allah and His messenger. And surely your Lord, Muhammad, is the Almighty who vanquishes and severely punishes His enemies, and the All-Compassionate towards His servants, who does not hasten

their punishment once they commit a sin.

Quran 26 :160- 175 The Poets Tafseer:General explanation:The people of Lot who dwelt in the town of Sodom in Palestine belied the Messengers, When their brother Lot said to them: "Will you not fear Allâh and obey Him? Verily I am a trustworthy Messenger to you, so fear Allah and obey me, Do you approach males among the worlds and leave your wives, They said: "If you cease not O Lot! verily, you will be one of those who are driven out! So He said "My Lord! Save me and my family from what they do.' So We saved him and his family, all, except his wife ,then We destroyed the others. And We rained upon them a rain [of stones], and evil was the rain of those who were warned. Indeed in that is a sign, but most of them were not to be believers, And indeed, your Lord - He is the Exalted in Might, the Merciful.

Quran 26 :176- 191 The Poets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, mentions part of the story of Shu'ayb, peace be upon him, which is the last of the stories mentioned in this surah. He says: The dwellers of the Thicket denied all of Allah's messengers (This is so because their denial of Lot was tantamount to their denial of all the messengers) when their messenger, Shu'ayb, said to them, 'Will you not fear Allah and His punishment and thus worship Him alone? I am a messenger from Allah to you, faithful to the message with which He has entrusted to me to convey it to you exactly as it is. Fear Allah's wrath and punishment, then, and obey me. I do not ask you for any reward in return for my advice to you. My reward rests with none but the Lord of all the worlds. Then He mentions that His Prophet Shu'ayb, peace be upon him, forbade his people from committing the foremost vices in their society, in which they heavily indulged: Shu'ayb said to them, 'Give full measure and weight in all fairness, and do not be of those who give people less than their due. Weigh with even scales, do not cheat people out of their rights and do not corrupt the land with evil. Fear Allah who has created you, just as He created the former generations before you.' His people replied, 'Surely you are bewitched and your speech is rather meaningless.

You are but a human being like us, and we believe that you are a liar by claiming that you have been sent by Allah. Cause, then, fragments from the sky to fall upon us and destroy us if you are telling the truth!’ Shu’ayb threateningly said, ‘My Lord is well aware of your sins and idolatrous practices and He will punish you for them if He so wills. My only duty is to deliver His message.’ They disbelieved him, and thus the punishment of the Day of the Shadowing Cloud seized them. (This cloud gave them shade when they suffered a bout of extreme heat but, after feeling the coolness it initially gave and they called one another to gather underneath it, it then rained down fire on them and destroyed them all) This was the punishment of a dreadful day that was full of great terrors. Surely in Our destruction of the people of Shu’ayb there was manifest proof of Shu’ayb’s truthfulness and a lesson for those who wish to learn from it, yet most of Shu’ayb’s people would not believe. And surely your Lord, Muhammad, is the Almighty who vanquishes and severely punishes His enemies, and the All-Compassionate towards His servants, who does not hasten their punishment once they commit a sin.

Quran 26 :192- 209 The Poets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty sheds light on the source of the Qur’an, the angel who brought it down, its recipient and the language in which it was revealed. He says: Truly, this Qur’an is divine revelation that has been sent down by the Lord of all the worlds. Gabriel, who has been entrusted with the task of conveying Allah’s revelation to His messengers, has brought it down upon your heart, Muhammad—so that you may warn people with it—in plain Arabic language. Then He demonstrates the truthfulness of this Qur’an and that of the one who has brought it: This Qur’an is truly mentioned and foretold in the previously revealed divine books. Is it not sufficient proof of its truthfulness for these unbelieving idolaters that the learned among the Children of Israel recognize its truthfulness and find it written in their books?! Next, He points out the Arab idolaters’ stubborn denial of the truth: Had We revealed this Qur’an to a non-Arab man who does not speak Arabic and he had recited it to your

idolatrous people, Muhammad, in other than Arabic, they still would not have believed in it and they would have said, 'We do not understand it!' Thus have We caused the Qur'an to enter the hearts of the idolaters but they have rejected it, and they will not believe in it until they see Allah's painful punishment, which will come upon them suddenly when they least expect it. They will say, upon seeing the punishment, 'Can we have more time, our Lord, so we may repent, believe and do righteous deeds?!' Do these unbelievers really wish that We hasten Our punishment? Consider this: If We do allow them to enjoy this life for many years, then Allah's punishment with which they were threatened comes upon them, will their enjoyment in this world and the respite We give them be of any benefit to them at all?! The Almighty then clarifies His immutable law that never fails: Never have We destroyed the wrongdoing people of a city of the past without sending them messengers to warn them of Our wrath and punishment if they persisted in their unbelief, and We were never unjust to them by inflicting punishment to them after having established proof against them and warned them enough.

Quran 26 :210- 227 The Poets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted and Sublime be He, affirms that this Qur'an is from Him and refutes the idolaters' unfounded claims: It is not the devils who have brought this Qur'an down on Muhammad, for it neither suits their ends nor is it in their power to do so because they are debarred from even hearing it in the heavens. Then, He sternly warns against associating false gods with Him: Therefore, call on no other god besides Allah, lest you become one of those doomed to punishment. After that He directs His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to preach Islam openly and to rely on Him: Warn first your near relatives amongst your people of Allah's punishment if they do not believe, and show kindness to the believers who follow you. If your near relatives disobey you, say to them, 'I am not responsible for your idolatrous practices and the sins that you commit.' Put your trust in the Almighty who cannot be overcome, the Merciful who never hastens His punishment,

who sees you when you rise to pray, and sees your movements—standing, bowing and prostrating—among the worshippers; for He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. Allah Almighty stresses that it is impossible for the devils to descend upon the Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace: Shall I inform you of those upon whom the devils descend? They descend upon every excessive liar and excessive sinner (such as fortune-tellers). These devils stealthily eavesdrop on the high assembly of the angels in the heavens and then convey whatever they hear to their human allies, fortune-tellers, before the former are struck by shooting stars; and most fortune-tellers are liars. (They add one-hundred lies of their own to every word they hear from the devils before conveying that to people). The Almighty then refutes the idolaters' false claim that the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, is a poet: Poets are followed by those who have gone astray and follow their own whims and desires. [By contrast, the Qur'an is not poetry, Muhammad is by no means a poet and his followers are rightly guided.] Do you not see, Muhammad, that they speak falsehood in every genre of poetry they employ, roving about confusedly with whims and passions with no defined objective whatsoever, and that they say what they do not do? Not so the true believers among them, who do good deeds, remember Allah often, justly lampoon those who have unjustly satirised them to vindicate themselves and the Muslims. Such poets are by no means blameworthy. Allah, Exalted be He, then concludes the surah in a threatening tone, saying: Those who have wronged themselves due to their unbelief and assaulting others will come to know the terrible consequences that they will suffer after their death.

Quran 27 :1- 6 The Ants Tafseer:General explanation: This surah begins with some of the 'disconnected letters', which have already been discussed at the beginning of Surat Al-Baqarah. The Almighty then says: These great verses are the verses of the Qur'an, a book whose truth is very clear and which makes the truth abundantly manifest. It is guidance and good news for the

believers, those who duly perform the prescribed prayers with all their pillars, conditions and the manner they ought to be performed, pay the prescribed zakat to those eligible for it and firmly believe in the life to come and in the divine judgement and recompense on Judgement Day. Regarding those who do not believe in the life to come, We have made their evil deeds look good and seem fair to them, as punishment for their unbelief and for their preferring blindness over guidance, and so they wander about blindly and are never guided to the truth. These will receive the severest punishment and will be the greatest losers in the hereafter they will be the losers for taking error and misguidance in exchange for guidance. Surely you, Muhammad, are receiving this Qur'an and are being taught it by Gabriel (Jibreel), who has been sent to you by the All-Wise, who puts things in their proper places; the All-Knowing, who knows the apparent and hidden aspects of all things.

Quran 27 :7- 14 The Ants Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: Mention to the people, Muhammad, the time when Moses said to his family, when he was journeying from Midian to Egypt on a cold, pitch-dark night, 'I have seen a fire in the distance; I will bring you from there some information as to which way to go, or I will bring you a brand from it with which you may warm yourselves.' When Moses came close to the fire, Allah Almighty called out to him, saying, 'Blessed is the one who is close to the fire and blessed are those around it! Limitless in His glory is Allah, the lord of all the worlds, and infinitely exalted is He above all defects and imperfections! Moses, I am Allah. I alone am worthy of worship, the Almighty and the Invincible; the All-Wise in everything I do. Now, cast down your staff!' He threw it down, and it turned into a huge serpent. When Moses saw it come alive, slithering so rapidly like a small snake, he turned and fled without ever going back to it. 'Moses,' We reassuringly said, 'do not be afraid. Messengers have nothing to fear in My presence. Only those who wrong themselves by sinning should fear. If, however, they repent and do good after their evil deeds, then I will surely forgive them and have mercy on them, for I am All-Forgiving, All-

Merciful. 'Now put your hand, Moses, into the top opening of your garment, then take it out. It will come out shining white, yet unharmed, with no disease whatsoever, leprosy or otherwise. These are two of the nine signs with which We send you to Pharaoh and his people, for they are an unbelieving, rebellious people.' When Our clear nine signs that testify to Moses's truthfulness and the truth of his message came to Pharaoh and his people, they said, 'This is clearly nothing but magic.' They denied them in their wickedness and their pride although they were firmly convinced that they were from Allah. See, then, Muhammad, what happened in the end to these evildoers who spread corruption in the land because of their stubborn unbelief and disobedience: We utterly destroyed them all.

Quran 27 :15- 19 The Ants Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: We bestowed knowledge on David and his son, Solomon, and they said, 'Praise be to Allah who has exalted us above many of His faithful servants.' Solomon inherited his father's knowledge and succeeded him as prophet and king. He said to the Children of Israel, acknowledging the favours Allah had bestowed on him and his father, 'People, Allah has endowed us with the ability to understand the language of birds and granted us all types of favours and blessings. This is indeed a manifest divine favour.' Solomon's forces of the jinn, humans and birds, were all rallied and marshalled for him in their journeys, all perfectly organised and lined in orderly ranks at his behest. The procession moved on, and when Solomon and his soldiers came to the Valley of the Ants, one of the ants said upon spotting the approaching army, 'Go into your dwellings as quickly as you can, ants, lest Solomon and his army inadvertently crush you underfoot.' Thereupon Solomon smiled exuberantly at her words, and prayed, 'Enable me, Lord, to render thanks for the favours which You have bestowed on me and my parents, and to do good deeds that will please You; and admit me, by Your mercy, among Your righteous servants in Paradise.

Quran 27 :20- 37 The Ants Tafseer:General explanation: Allah,

Exalted be He, says: Solomon inspected the birds and, not having seen the hoopoe, he said, ‘How is it that I cannot see the hoopoe? Is he present but I have failed to spot him, or is he absent without leave? I swear by Allah, I will punish him severely or slaughter him unless he brings me a valid excuse.’ It was not long, however, before the hoopoe presented himself to Solomon and said, ‘I learned something that you do not know, and I have brought you truthful news from Sheba in Yemen! I found a woman ruling over the people of Sheba; she has been given an abundance of all things, and she has a mighty throne. I found her and her people prostrating to the sun and worshipping it instead of Allah. Satan has made sun worship and other evil deeds seem good and fair to them to them, and has thus turned them away from the path of truth, so they cannot find their way to it. Should they not prostrate themselves to Allah who brings forth what is hidden in the heavens and the earth, and knows what you conceal and keep to yourselves as well as all the words and actions that you reveal and make public? He is Allah! There is no god worthy of worship except Him, the Lord of the Mighty Throne.’ Solomon said, ‘We will look into this matter to see out if you have told the truth or you are a liar. Go with this letter of mine and drop it to them; then draw back from them a little and see how they will respond and what they will say amongst themselves. Allah Almighty says: The Queen of Sheba said to the nobles amongst her people after having read Solomon’s letter, ‘Council, a gracious letter has been delivered to me. It is from Solomon, and it reads: In the name of Allah, the All-Compassionate, the All-Merciful. Do not exalt yourselves above me, but obey my commands and come to me in total submission to Allah.’ She added, ‘Council, give me your opinion about this matter. I would never make a decision without your consent.’ They said, ‘We are endowed with strength and with immense military vigour and mighty prowess in battle, and the decision is yours as to whether to fight Solomon or make peace with him. Consider, then, what you will command; we are prepared to follow your orders.’ She said, ‘When kings invade a city, they lay waste

to it and humiliate its noblest inhabitants. Thus do they always behave. But I will send Solomon and his people a magnificent gift and see what response my envoys will bring back.’ When her envoys came to Solomon with the gifts, he disapprovingly said to them, ‘Do you offer me wealth so that I would let you continue worshipping other than Allah? What Allah has bestowed on me is far better than what He has given you. It is only people like you who would rejoice in such gifts.’ Then he threateningly said to the chief envoy, ‘You and your aides go back to your people. If they do not come to me in complete submission to Allah, I swear by Allah we will come upon them forces they cannot oppose and we will expel them from their land abased and humiliated!

Quran 27 :38- 44 The Ants Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: Solomon said to the courtiers around him, ‘Council, which of you can bring me the throne of the Queen of Sheba before she and her people come to us in willing surrender to Allah?’ One mighty jinn said, ‘I will bring it to you before you rise from your seat. I am strong enough to do it and worthy of trust.’ But the one who had knowledge of Allah’s Book said, ‘I will bring it to you in the twinkling of an eye—before your glance returns to you!’ He then brought it before him by Allah’s power. When Solomon saw her throne set before him, he exclaimed, ‘This is part of my Lord’s favour to test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful. Whoever gives thanks to Allah for His bounties only does so for his own good; but whoever is ungrateful to Him should know that my Lord does not need his thanks, for he is Rich Beyond Need, Most Generous.’ Solomon then said, ‘Change the features of her throne to see whether or not she will recognise it.’ When the Queen of Sheba came to Solomon, she was asked, ‘Is your throne like this one?!’ She replied, ‘It looks as though it were the same.’ Solomon said, ‘Allah had given us knowledge before her and we obediently submitted to Allah Almighty.’ What prevented her from accepting the true faith was her worshipping the sun instead of Allah, for she belonged to a people who did not believe in Allah Almighty. It was said to the Queen of Sheba, ‘Enter this lofty

building.’ When she saw the building, whose floor was made of transparent glass with water flowing underneath it, she thought she was meant to walk through a pool of water, so she bared her legs by lifting her robe to pass through it without making her clothes wet. Solomon said to her, ‘That is not water. This building is smoothly paved with glass!’ ‘Lord,’ she said, ‘I have wronged myself by worshipping other than You, but now I have surrendered myself along with Solomon to You alone—Lord of all the worlds. Quran 27 :45- 53 The Ants Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted and Sublime be He, says: We have sent to the tribe of Thamud their brother and their Prophet Salih. He said to them, ‘Worship none but Allah.’ But they split into two groups contending with one another: one that believed him and the other that denied him—each claiming it followed the truth and the right religion. Salih said to the unbelieving group, ‘My people, why do you wish to hasten Allah’s punishment rather than seeking His grace and mercy? Why do you not ask Allah for forgiveness so that He may show His mercy to you?’ They said, ‘We see you and your followers as an evil omen. We are afflicted with calamities and misfortunes because of you!’ Salih said, ‘Whatever evil befalls you is from Allah because of your sins. Rather, you are being tested by your Lord with ease and hardship!’ In the city of Thamud, there was a group of nine men who did evil and nothing that was good. They said to one another, ‘Let us swear in the name of Allah to kill Salih and his family at night. Then we will say to those who have right to avenge his blood, ‘We were not present when they were slain. We are telling the truth!’ These men devised a scheme, but We, too, devised yet a greater scheme while they were unaware! See, then, Muhammad, the consequence of the evil scheming of Salih’s evil people. We destroyed them utterly, together with all their unbelieving people. And now their dwellings are desolate ruins because of their wrongdoing and evil deeds. Surely in this is there is a lesson and a sign that testifies to the truth for people who are aware of Allah’s power and wisdom. And We saved Salih and his fellow believers.

Quran 27 :54- 58 The Ants Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: Mention to the people, Muhammad, the time when Lot said to his people, 'Do you commit this utterly vile deed when you know it is such an atrocious abomination, lustfully seeking men instead of women?! Surely you are a foolish and ignorant people.' But his people's only response was to say to one another, 'Expel Lot and his family from your city, for they are people who keep themselves pure and refrain from lusting after men!' So We delivered Lot and all his household, except for his wife. We destined her to be of those who stayed behind and thus be doomed to punishment, and We poured down upon Lot's people a rain of stones. Terrible indeed was the rain that fell on those who had been warned in vain!

Quran 27 :59- 64 The Ants Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: Say, Muhammad, 'Praise be to Allah alone, and His peace be upon His servants whom He has chosen, saved from torment and protected against faults and sins.' Ask your idolatrous people, 'Which is better: Allah who has the attributes of perfection and majesty or the false gods that do neither harm nor good and which they associate with Him? Which is better: your gods, in which there is no good at all, or Allah who has created the heavens and the earth, and sends down for you rain from the clouds, with which He causes gardens of delightful beauty to grow? It is not in your power to make their trees grow! Is there another god besides Allah who can do the same thing so that you may worship it besides Him?! No indeed. They acknowledge all that and admit that there is no deity besides Allah, yet they make other deities His equals even though they know deep down that Allah is the sole Creator! 'Which is better: your helpless, false gods or Allah who has made the earth a stable ground, caused rivers to run in its midst, set upon it firm mountains to stabilize it and has placed, by His power, a barrier between the salty seas and freshwater rivers, so that their waters do not mix?! Is there another god besides Allah who can do the same thing so that you may worship it besides Him?! No indeed, yet most of them do not know their duty towards

Allah! 'Which is better: your helpless, false gods or Allah who responds to the distressed when they call out to Him, removes harm and distress if He so wills, and makes you succeed one another, generation after generation on earth?! Is there another god besides Allah who can do the same thing so that you may worship it besides Him?! Little indeed do you remember Allah's greatness and favours to you! 'Which is better: your helpless, false gods or Allah who guides you in the darkness of land and sea with the landmarks and the various other means of orientation He has created for you, and who sends winds heralding the good news of rain, which is part of His mercy towards you?! Is there another god besides Allah who can do the same thing so that you may worship it besides Him?! High Exalted is Allah above those you associate with Him! 'Which is better: your helpless, false gods or Allah who creates every being in the first instance, then after their death He brings them back to life on Resurrection Day, and who gives you sustenance from the heavens and the earth?! Is there another god besides Allah who can do the same thing so that you may worship it besides Him?!' Say, Muhammad, to these idolaters, 'Produce your evidence of the validity of your worshipping others besides Allah if what you claim is true.

Quran 27 :65- 75 The Ants Tafseer:General explanation: Say, Muhammad, 'None in the heavens and the earth knows what is hidden except Allah, nor does anyone know when Allah will raise the dead from their graves on Judgement Day.' The idolaters' knowledge on the Day of Resurrection will be perfect when they see the punishment with their own eyes and find out that everything they have been warned of in the life of the world is absolutely true. Indeed, they have serious doubts about the reality of the hereafter. They are in fact totally ignorant about it in this life. The unbelievers say, 'After we and our fathers have been reduced to dust, will we really be brought forth alive out of our graves?! This will never happen! We have been threatened with this before, both we and our fathers, but nothing of this sort has ever happened. This is nothing but fables of the ancients who had recorded them in

their books!” Say, Muhammad, to the idolaters, ‘Go about through the earth and see the final fate of the unbelievers who denied the truth and were destroyed,’ so that they may reflect and take heed. Do not grieve, Muhammad, over what could happen to them as a result of their turning away from you and rejecting your message, nor be distressed by their schemes, for Allah will protect you, give you victory over them and make His religion reign supreme. The idolaters say, ‘When will this threat of punishment be fulfilled, if what you say is true?’ Say to them, Muhammad, ‘It may well be that some of the punishment that you demand to be hastened is close at hand.’ Surely your Lord, Muhammad, is gracious and merciful to people for not hastening their punishment and is so bountiful to them despite their wrongdoing, yet most of them do not give thanks to Him for the blessings He has bestowed upon them. Certainly your Lord, Muhammad, knows all that their hearts conceal, as well as all that they say and do in public, and he will repay them accordingly. There is nothing that is hidden in the heavens and the earth but Allah knows it, and it is all recorded in the Preserved Tablet.

Quran 27 :76- 82 The Ants Tafseer:General explanation: This Qur’an makes clear to the Children of Israel the truth regarding most of what they differ about; and if they followed it, they would certainly be guided by it. This Qur’an is indeed guidance and a mercy for the believers. Your Lord, Muhammad, will decide between His differing servants on the Day of Resurrection with His just judgment. He is the Almighty and the All-Dominant, who inflicts punishment on His enemies and reigns supreme over everyone; the All-Knowing, who is fully aware of everyone’s actions and intentions. Therefore, rely on Allah alone and entrust all your affairs to Him, for you are following the manifest truth. You, Muhammad, cannot guide these unbelievers who have totally rejected the truth and refused to listen to it, for they are just like the dead who do not feel anything and the deaf who cannot hear. Nor can you guide the unbelievers who choose to be blind to the truth and guide them out of their error. You can make none hear the

truth except those who are willing to believe in Our signs and revelations and act upon them, sincerely surrendering themselves to Us. And when the unbelievers become deserving of punishment for their stubborn unbelief and wickedness [towards the end of times when the Day of Judgement draws near], We will bring forth for them out of the earth a beast that will speak to the unbelievers, telling them that people who denied the resurrection had no true faith in Our revelations and signs.

Quran 27 :83- 88 The Ants Tafseer:General explanation: Almighty Allah says: mention to the people, O Muhammad, the day when We will gather out of every nation a large group of those who disbelieve the verses and clear proofs of the Qur'an, and they will be marshalled so that the former groups will be held back for the latter to join them before they will be driven to the place of reckoning. When they finally come before their Lord, He will reproachfully say to them, 'Did you deny My Book's verses and proofs when you were totally ignorant of them and did not comprehend them, or what is it that you were doing?!' Allah's punishment and wrath on that day will descend upon these unbelievers for having wronged themselves due to their unbelief, and they will not be able to utter a single word of excuse! The Almighty says: Do those who deny Our revelations and signs see that We have made the night dark so that they may rest in it from toil, and that We have made the day bright so that they may disperse freely on earth in search of their livelihoods? Surely in the creation of the night and the day and their differences there are signs for those who believe in Allah. Mention to the people, Muhammad, the day when the Trumpet will be blown, and all those in the heavens and the earth will be terrified, except for those whom Allah wills to spare, and all of them will come to Him utterly humbled. And you will see the mountains, thinking them to be firmly fixed, but in reality they will moving along just like clouds. Such is the handiwork of Allah, who has perfected everything. He surely has full knowledge of what you do, and He will repay you according to your actions.

Quran 27 :89- 93 The Ants Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, says: Those who come on the Day of Resurrection with a good deed (true faith and righteous deeds) will have a great reward with Allah, and they will be secure from the terrors that will happen that day. But those who come on the Day of Resurrection with an evil deed (unbelief and acts of disobedience) will be thrown on their faces into the Fire, and they will be reproachfully told, ‘You are being repaid only according to the deeds you used to do in the life of the world. Say, Muhammad, to your people, the Quraysh, ‘Allah has only commanded me to worship Him alone. He is the Lord of this city (Makkah), which He has made a safe sanctuary—everything belongs to Him—and He has commanded me to be of those who surrender themselves to Him and worship Him alone, and to recite the Qur’an and follow its teachings. Therefore, whoever believes in the Qur’an and follows the truth will do so for his own benefit and will reap the reward for doing so; and to whoever disbelieves in the Qur’an and turns away from the truth say, ‘I am only one of those messengers who warn against Allah’s punishment and wrath. And say, Muhammad, ‘All praise is due to Allah. He will show you in this world the signs of His punishment and the proofs of His oneness and His power, and you will recognise them; and your Lord is not unaware of what you do.

Quran 28 :1- 6 Al-Qassas Tafseer:General explanation: This surah begins with some of the ‘disconnected letters’, which have already been discussed at the beginning of Surat Al-Baqarah. The Almighty then says: These great verses are the verses of the Clear Qur’an. We recount to you, Muhammad, in this Qur’an part of the story of Moses and Pharaoh, setting forth the truth for people who believe. Pharaoh made himself an arrogant tyrant in the land and divided its people into castes, enslaving, humiliating and oppressing one group of them—the Children of Israel—by slaughtering their sons and sparing only their daughters. Surely, he was an evildoer. But it was Our will to bestow Our favour upon the Children of Israel who were oppressed in the land by

destroying their enemy, making them exemplary leaders, making them the heirs of the wealth of Pharaoh and his people after their destruction and giving them power in the land; and to show Pharaoh, Haman and their forces the destruction of their kingdom at the hands of the Israelites, which they dreaded very much.

Quran 28 :7- 13 Al-Qassas Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: And We inspired the mother of Moses, saying, ‘Nurse Moses for now, but if you fear that Pharaoh and his forces would do him any harm, place him in a chest and cast him into the River Nile. Do not entertain the fear that Moses will drown, and do not grieve for being separated from him. We will return him to you and make him one of the messengers.’ Some of Pharaoh’s household picked him up only to become their adversary and a source of grief for them, as their kingdom would be destroyed at his hands. Indeed, Pharaoh, Haman and their forces were disobedient sinners. Pharaoh’s wife said, ‘This child will be a source of delight for us both, Pharaoh. Do not kill him; he may well be of use to us, or we may adopt him as our son.’ But Pharaoh and his people did not know that their own destruction would be at the hands of this child! Moses’s mother felt such a great emptiness in heart—she could think of none but him—that she almost disclosed his identity had We not strengthened her heart, so that she would be of those who believe Our promise. She said to his sister: ‘Go, and keep track of him.’ So she secretly watched him from a distance, while they were not aware that she was his sister and that she was even watching him. And We caused Moses to refuse all the wet nurses’ breasts, so his sister said to Pharaoh’s family, ‘Shall I direct you a household that will feed this child for you and take good care of him?’ Thus did We restore Moses to his mother, so that she would be comforted and grieve no more for being separated from him, and so that she would know that Allah’s promise is true; but most of them do not know that Allah’s promise is always true.

Quran 28 :14- 21 Al-Qassas Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: When Moses attained his full strength and maturity,

We bestowed on him wisdom and knowledge before his prophethood. Thus do We reward those who do good. One day Moses entered the city at a time when he was unnoticed by its people, and he found two men fighting, one of them was of his own people—an Israelite—while the other was a native Copt belonging to the people of Pharaoh. The Israelite appealed for Moses’s help against his Coptic enemy, so Moses struck the Copt down with his fist and killed him! ‘Such act of killing is of Satan’s doing and evil whispers,’ he said. ‘He is clearly an outright and sworn enemy to man and only seeks to lead him astray.’ He then prayed, ‘My Lord, I have wronged myself, so forgive me my sin.’ Allah forgave him his sin, for He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. He added, ‘My Lord, because of the favours that You have bestowed upon me, I will never give help to wrongdoers. The Almighty says: Next morning, he was in the city where he had killed the Copt in fear, apprehensive of what would happen and waiting to see what people would be talking about regarding him, when all of a sudden the Israelite man who had asked him to help against the Copt the day before cried out to him again for help! Moses said to him, ‘You are plainly a misguided, quarrelsome fellow who often quarrels with those from whose harm you cannot protect yourself.’ But when Moses was about to grab and strike the Copt who was their common enemy, the Copt said, ‘Moses, do you want to kill me today as you killed the Copt yesterday? You only want to be a tyrant in the land and do not intend to make peace and reconcile disputants.’ Then a man came running from the farthest part of the city. ‘Moses,’ he said, ‘the nobles among Pharaoh’s people are deliberating on your case and conspiring to put you to death. Leave this city. I am a sincere adviser to you.’ Thus, Moses left the city, fearful and watchful, looking warily about him, fearing that they would catch up with him and kill him. He prayed, ‘Lord, save me from Pharaoh’s wicked and evildoing people.

Quran 28 :22- 28 Al-Qassas Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: As Moses turned his face towards Midian, leaving Egypt behind, he said, ‘I hope my Lord will guide me to the road

that leads to Midian.’ When he arrived at the well of Midian, he found around it a large group of people watering their herds and flocks, and at some distance from them he found two women holding their sheep back so that they would not mingle with other people’s flocks. ‘What is it that the matter with you?’ he asked the two women. They replied, ‘We cannot water our sheep until the shepherds have driven off their flocks. Our father is a very old man who cannot water them himself.’ So Moses watered their sheep for them without asking them for anything in return for his services, then he retired to the shade and prayed, ‘Lord, I am in desperate need of whatever good You send me.’ After a little while, one of the two women came walking shyly up to him and said, ‘My father invites you so he can pay you your wage for having watered our sheep for us.’ When Moses went and recounted to him his story with Pharaoh and his people, the father said, ‘Have no fear! You are now safe from those wrongdoing people, as they have no control over our land. The Almighty says: One of the two women said, ‘Hire this man, father, to graze and water our sheep. A man who is strong and trustworthy is the best that you can hire.’ The father said to Moses, ‘I wish to marry one of these two daughters of mine to you on condition that you tend my sheep for me for eight years. If you complete ten years, that will be an act of grace on your part. I do not want you to do something beyond your capacity; you will find me, Allah willing, a fair and agreeable man who fulfils his promises.’ Moses said, ‘That is a deal between us. Whether I stay eight or ten years, this will be a matter of my own choice. No injustice should be done to me by demanding of me to stay in your service at the end of any of these two terms. Allah is witness to what we say.

Quran 28 :29- 35 Al-Qassas Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: When Moses had fulfilled his term of tending sheep and was journeying with his family to Egypt, he perceived a fire on the side of the mountain. He said to his family, ‘Stay here, for I can see a fire. Hopefully I will bring you back some information about where we are and the way we should take, or a

burning brand from the fire with which you may warm yourselves against the cold.’ But when Moses reached it, Allah called out to him from the bush in the sacred ground to the right side of the valley to Moses, ‘Moses,’ He said, ‘This is Allah, the Lord of all the worlds, talking to you. Cast down your staff.’ Moses threw his staff down, and when he saw it moving fast as if it were a serpent, he was in such extreme fear that he turned and fled without a backward glance. Allah Almighty said to him, ‘Moses, approach and have no fear; you will be safe. Now put your hand into the top opening of your garment, then take it out. It will come out shining white without blemish or disease; and place your hand on your chest to still your fear. These are two proofs from your Lord for Pharaoh and his chiefs and nobles. Surely, they are an unbelieving and defiantly disobedient people.’ ‘Lord,’ Moses said, ‘I have killed one of them and I fear that they will kill me. My brother, Aaron, is more eloquent than me; so appoint him a messenger and send him along with me to Pharaoh to help me convey Your message and confirm my words, for I fear they will reject me and call me a liar.’ Allah said to him, ‘We will strengthen you by sending your brother with you, and We will give you both cogent proof against Pharaoh and his people, as well as power and authority so that they will not be able to harm you. You, and those who follow you, shall surely triumph and prevail over them.

Quran 28 :36- 46 Al-Qassas Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, says: When Moses brought Pharaoh and his people miracles and clear proofs, they arrogantly said, ‘This is nothing but forged sorcery. Neither have we heard of anything like this among our forefathers!’ Moses replied, ‘My Lord knows best who has brought the truth and right guidance from Him and whose end will be best in this life and in the life to come, we or you. The wrongdoers will never succeed.’ Pharaoh said to his chiefs and nobles, ‘Council, I know of no god for you other than myself! Kindle for me, then, Haman, a fire to bake bricks of clay, and then build me a lofty tower, so that I may perhaps climb up to see the God of Moses. I do not believe his claim and I am convinced he is

a liar!' Pharaoh and his forces behaved arrogantly in the land without any right, thinking they would never be returned to Us to repay them according to their deeds. So We seized him and his troops, and We flung them into the sea and drowned them all. See, then, the terrible fate of the wrongdoers! We made them leaders calling people to do acts that lead to the Fire, and on the Day of Resurrection they will receive no help at all. We followed their worldly punishment with humiliation and Our excluding them from Our grace, and on the Day of Resurrection they will be among the despised due to their evil deeds and hideous faces, and they will be kept away from Our mercy. The Almighty says: After We had destroyed and eradicated the earlier generations that denied their messengers, We gave Moses the Torah as enlightenment to the Children of Israel, and as guidance and mercy for them, so that they might reflect and pay heed. You, Muhammad, were not present on the western side of the mountain when We spoke to Moses and gave him the command to deliver Our message to Pharaoh and his people, nor did you witness what happened there. But between you and them We raised many generations after Moses, and the period of cessation of revelation was so long that the covenants made with Allah were forgotten, and then We sent you, Muhammad, as a messenger to mankind and revealed to you the story of Moses and others. You did not dwell among the people of Midian, so that you recount to the people of Makkah what happened to them with Moses and what he did there. This did not happen, but We sent you forth as a messenger and revealed to you the Qur'an with such information; otherwise, you would not have known about it. Nor were present on the side of the mountain when We spoke to Moses and revealed Our will to Him, yet We have revealed to you what happened there, as a mercy from Us to warn your people to whom no messenger has come before, so that they may reflect, take heed and turn to Allah. Quran 28 :47- 56 Al-Qassas Tafseer:General explanation: Almighty Allah says: We have sent you, Muhammad, lest the Quraysh idolaters say when We inflict punishment on them on

account of their unbelief, ‘Our Lord, had you sent us a messenger before meting out punishment to us, we would have followed your revelations, and would have declared Your oneness and have been among the believers.’ Yet even when the Qur’an did come to them from Us, they said, ‘Why has Muhammad not been given the Qur’an entire in a single revelation just as Moses was given the Torah all in one go?’ and ‘Why has he not been given the same miracles that Moses was given?’ But did they not previously disbelieve and reject the Torah and the miracles that Moses was given?! They said, ‘Both the Torah and the Qur’an are works of magic magicians supporting one another to mislead people by their magic.’ And they declared, ‘We disbelieve and reject both of them.’ Say, Muhammad, to the Quraysh idolaters, ‘Produce, then, a book revealed by Allah that guides to the truth better than them, so that I may follow it, if your claim is true.’ If they do not respond to you and follow the truth, then know, Muhammad, that they are led by their whims and desires. None is further astray from the truth than those who follow their whims and desires and abandon Allah’s guidance. Allah does not guide those who wrong themselves on account of their unbelief. The Almighty says: We have sent down the Qur’an step by step and made clear in it Our promise of bliss for the believers and warning of punishment for the unbelievers, so that the Arab unbelievers and the People of the Book may reflect and pay heed. Those to whom We gave the Torah and the Gospel before the Qur’an and did not pervert them believe in the Qur’an. When the Qur’an is recited to them they say, ‘We believe in it; it is the truth from our Lord. Even before it was revealed to Muhammad we declared Allah’s oneness and surrendered ourselves to Him.’ These will be given a double reward for persevering in following the teachings of both scriptures and patiently bearing the harm they suffer, and for repaying evil with good and spending in charity out of what We have given them. And when they hear vain, frivolous talk, they avoid listening to it and say to those who are engaged in such idle talk, ‘We have our religion and you have yours. We will not harm

you in word or deed, for we do not wish to argue with the ignorant.’ You, Muhammad, cannot guide to the truth whomever you like; it is Allah who guides whomever He wills, for He knows best, according to His foreknowledge, those who deserve guidance and are willing to accept it, and thus He inspires them to follow it. Quran 28 :57- 67 Al-Qassas Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: The Quraysh unbelievers say, ‘If we were to believe in you, Muhammad, and worship Allah alone, the Arab idolaters would certainly expel us from Makkah or kill us for following a religion other than theirs.’ Have We not made for the people of Makkah a safe sanctuary that is secure from anything (such as fighting) that would otherwise violate its sanctity, and to which produce of every kind is brought from different lands as a provision from Us? But most of them have no knowledge and render Allah no thanks for the bounties He has bestowed upon them. Many communities have We destroyed when they became arrogant on account of their affluence and showed ingratitude to Us for the blessings We had bestowed upon them! These are their dwellings, never again inhabited after their destruction, except a little by passers-by; only We were the inheritors of the dwellings We had given them. Your Lord, Muhammad, would never destroy a community without first sending to their main centre a messenger, to recite Our revelations to them; nor would We ever destroy a community unless its people stubbornly persist in wrongdoing and become deserving of punishment and destruction. Almighty Allah says: Whatever blessings and pleasures Allah has given you, people, is but a fleeting and passing enjoyment and ornament of the life of this world, but what Allah has in store for the righteous in Paradise is far better—an everlasting reward. Will you not, then, use your intellect?! Can someone to whom We have made a gracious promise—Paradise—which he will certainly see fulfilled and who will obtain Our reward in the hereafter, be compared to someone who rejects Us and denies meeting with Us and prefers the present life and its transitory pleasures, but who, on Resurrection Day, will be one of those brought before Us for

judgement?! Mention to the people, Muhammad, the Day of Resurrection when Allah will call those who worship false deities besides Him, saying: ‘What answer did you give the messengers I sent you? Did you believe them and followed them, or did you just deny them? All excuses and arguments will be obscure for them on that day, and they will not be guided to a correct answer; they will not be able to ask anyone for an answer to the questions Allah will ask them, and they remain silent. But as for those who repent, believe in Allah and His messengers and do righteous deeds, they will be among the successful in the hereafter.

Quran 28 :68- 75 Al-Qassas Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted and Sublime be He, says: Your Lord, Muhammad, creates and chooses whatever He wills, but people do not have the power to choose or to suggest anything to Him to choose. Glory be to Allah and High is He exalted above that they associate with Him! Your Lord knows all that their hearts conceal and everything they say and do in public. He is Allah; there is no god worthy of worship but Him. He alone is deserving of all praise in this life and in the life to come; with Him rests all judgement in this world and the next, and to Him you will all be returned after your death to repay you according to your deeds. The Almighty says: Say, Muhammad, to your idolatrous people, ‘Tell me, if Allah should enshroud you in perpetual night without giving you a day, what god besides Allah would bring you a day in which you can see and earn a living? Will you not listen to these proofs so that you may reflect and realise that no one besides Allah can do so?!’ Say to them, ‘Tell me, if Allah should give you perpetual day without giving night, what god besides Allah would bring you a night in which to rest? Do you not see that with your very eyes and thus realise that Allah alone is deserving of worship?!’ It is out of His mercy that He has made for you, people, the night and the day continuously alternating with each other for your own benefit. He has made the night dark so that you may rest in it and has made the day bright so that you may earn your living and give thanks to Him for bestowing such favours upon you. Mention to the people,

Muhammad, the Day of Resurrection when Allah will call the idolaters who worship false deities besides Him, saying, ‘Where are the gods that you alleged to be My partners in the worldly life and you worshipped besides Me?’ We will bring forth from every nation their Prophet to bear witness that he had conveyed the message to them, and We will say to every nation that denied their prophet, ‘Produce your evidence to support your claim that I have partners.’ They will then know for sure that Allah alone is worthy of worship and that what His messengers had brought them was the truth; and whatever false gods they fabricated and worshipped besides Allah in the worldly life will fail them in the hereafter and will not benefit them in any way!

Quran 28 :76- 84 Al-Qassas Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: Korah (Qarun) was one of Moses’s people, an Israelite, but he behaved arrogantly towards his people and despised his people because of his wealth. We had given him such treasures that their very keys were too heavy a burden for a band of strong men. His people said to him, ‘Do not gloat over your riches, nor be so proud of them as to forget to give thanks to Allah for them, for Allah does not like people who gloat and behave arrogantly. But seek, by means of what Allah has given you, the reward of the hereafter by giving to charity and spending your wealth on good causes, without forgetting to enjoy the lawful enjoyments of this world. Worship Allah well and also be good to others as Allah has been good to you. Do not seek to spread corruption in the land through sins and arrogance, for Allah does not love the evildoers who spread corruption.’ He said, ‘I have been given these treasures because I deserve them!’ I deserve it! Did he not know that Allah had destroyed the arrogant of many nations before him, who were mightier than him and had greater wealth?! The wicked wrongdoers will not be questioned about their sins, for Allah will punish them for such heinous sins as He has full knowledge of them. Allah Almighty says: Korah went forth before his people from among the Children of Israel in all his pomp and finery. Those who desired the worldly life due to their

weak faith said upon perceiving his luxury and splendour, ‘If only we had the same as Korah has been given. What immense good worldly fortune he has!’ Those who were endowed with knowledge said to them, ‘Woe betide you! The bliss that Allah has in store in the hereafter for those who believe and do righteous deeds is far better than all Korah’s riches, but only the patient who steadfastly obey Allah’s commands will attain it!’ Then We caused the earth to swallow him up, together with his dwelling, so that he found none to protect him against Allah’s punishment help him; nor was he able to help himself. Those who, only the day before, wished they had what Korah had been given were now saying, ‘Ah! It is indeed Allah who gives abundantly or sparingly to whomever He wills of His servants. Had Allah not been gracious to us, we could have also behaved arrogantly and shown ingratitude to Allah and we would have been swallowed up as well. Ah! The unbelievers will never succeed.’ That blissful abode—Paradise—We will assign it to those who do not seek to behave arrogantly in the land nor spread corruption in it through acts of disobedience; and the ultimate, commendable outcome in this world and the hereafter will be only for those who what Allah commands and avoid what He forbids. Those who come on the Day of Resurrection with a good deed—true faith and righteous deeds—will have a great reward with God, but those who come on the Day of Resurrection with an evil deed—unbelief and acts of disobedience-- will only be repaid for what they have done, and they will not be wronged by being punished for misdeeds they have not done.

Quran 28 :85- 88 Al-Qassas Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: Allah, who has sent down the Qur’an to you, Muhammad, will surely bring you back home victoriously to Makkah after you have been driven out of it by your idolatrous people, then you will be admitted into Paradise in the hereafter. Say to them, Muhammad, ‘My Lord knows best who has brought true guidance and who is plainly wandering in error and astray from the truth. You, Muhammad, never expected the Qur’an

would be revealed to you, but Allah has sent it down to you as a mercy from Him; therefore, lend no support to the unbelievers. Do not let these unbelievers turn you away from what Allah has revealed to you in the Qur'an now that He has revealed it to you. Call people to the worship of your Lord, and on no account be of those who ascribe partners with Allah by helping them or desisting from calling them to the truth. Never worship or call upon any god other than Allah, for there is no god who is worthy of worship except Allah. Everything will perish except Him. With Him rests all judgement, and to Him will you all be returned after your death for judgement and recompense.

Quran 29 :1- 7 The Spider Tafseer:General explanation: This surah opens with the 'disconnected letters' to establish the miraculous nature of the Qur'an, which conclusively prove the Arabs' total inability to challenge the Qur'an by producing something like it, even though it is composed of the very Arabic letters they speak! The Almighty then says: Do people think that they will be left to say, 'We believe,' without being tested?! We did test those before them to reveal in practice, what is already known to Us, the reality of those who truthfully live up to their faith after being put to the test and that of those who falsely claim to profess faith. Or do those who commit evil deeds think that they can escape Our punishment? What a bad judgement they make and what an erroneous belief they hold! Next, He strikes a note of reassurance that brings the believers joy and happiness: Whoever looks forward with hope to meeting Allah on the Resurrection Day must know that the resurrection and the Day of Judgement will inevitably take place. Allah alone is the All-Hearing, All-Knowing, and He will judge and repay people according to their actions. Whoever strives hard to do what Allah commands and shun what He forbids only does so for his own good. Surely Allah is rich beyond need any of His creation. As for those who believe and do righteous deeds, We will surely erase their bad deeds and not take them to task for them, and We will reward them according to their best actions.

Quran 29 :8- 11 The Spider Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty explains that obedience to Him must take precedence over all acts of obedience: We have commanded man to honour and show great kindness to his parents. But if they endeavour to make you associate as partner with Me something of which you have no proof of its divinity, do not obey them in this matter. To Me will you all be returned on the Day of Resurrection, and I will inform you of all the good and bad actions you have done. Those who believe and do righteous deeds We will surely admit amongst the righteous. Allah, Exalted be He, makes mention of part of the conditions of people with diseased hearts: He says: There are some people who insincerely say, ‘We believe in Allah,’ yet if they happen to suffer harm at the hands of the unbelievers in an attempt to turn them away from their religion, they take people’s persecution for Allah’s punishment and thus renounce their faith to protect themselves against their persecutors. But if victory and booty come from your Lord, Muhammad, these apostates are sure to say to the believers, ‘We have always been with you,’ only to have a share in the booty! Does Allah not know best what is in every person’s heart?! Allah will surely reveal in practice, what is already known to Him, the reality of the true believers and that of the hypocrites and thus repay them all according to their intentions and deeds.

Quran 29 :12- 15 The Spider Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty points out and refutes some of the believers’ false claims, saying: The unbelievers of the Quraysh say to the believers, ‘Follow our way and our religion, and we will bear the burden of your sins!’ But they will by no means bear any of their sins. Truly they are liars. By virtue of the fact that they call others to unbelief and misguidance, they will surely bear the burden of their own sins, as well as that of those they have led astray, and they will surely be questioned on the Day of Resurrection about the lies they have fabricated. The Almighty says: We sent Noah to his people, and he remained among them, inviting them to worship Allah alone for nine hundred and fifty years. Then they were drowned by the

Deluge while they persistently wronged themselves through unbelief and disobedience, and We saved Noah along with those he carried them with him in the Ark, and We made the Ark a lesson for all people.

Quran 29 :16- 23 The Spider Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says: Mention to the people, Muhammad, Abraham when he said to his people, ‘Worship Allah and fear Him by obeying His commands. That is better for you if you only knew. You only worship idols instead of Allah, which you make with your own hands and falsely call gods! The idols that you worship instead of Allah have no power to provide sustenance for you; therefore, seek your sustenance from Allah alone, worship Him and give thanks to Him. To Him alone will you all be returned on Resurrection Day.’ If you, people, deny what My Messenger Muhammad has brought you from your Lord, know that nations before you also denied the messengers who had been sent to them, and so Allah destroyed them. A messenger’s duty is only to deliver the message clearly to his people and does not have to achieve his results. The Almighty provides some evidence that the resurrection is true, and that nothing can possibly frustrate His will: Have these idolaters who deny life after death not seen how Allah originates creation, then restores it after its death and decay? Surely that is easy enough for Allah. Then He directs His Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to call on his people to contemplate Allah’s work and signs: say to them, Muhammad, ‘Travel through the earth, and see how Allah brought creation out of nothing, then He will produce it anew after it has perished. Allah has power over all things. He punishes whomever He wills and shows mercy to whomever He pleases, and to Him alone will you all be returned on the Day of Resurrection. You will not escape His punishment if you disobey Him, whether you are on earth or in the heavens, and you have none to protect you from Allah’s punishment and none to give you support. Next, He mentions the fate of the unbelievers, saying: Those who deny Allah’s signs testifying to His oneness and power and do not believe in the resurrection have despaired of

My mercy, and they will suffer a painful punishment.

Quran 29 :24- 27 The Spider Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Glory be to Him, relates what Abraham's people said to him, what reply he gave them and the grace Allah bestowed upon him: His people's only reply when he called them to worship Allah alone was, 'Kill Abraham or burn him,' but Allah saved him from the fire by His power. Surely in this there are signs of Allah's power for true believers. Abraham said to his people, 'You have chosen to worship idols instead of Allah only to maintain the bond of love and affection amongst yourselves in this worldly life, but on the Day of Resurrection you will disown and curse one another. All ties of affection that you now have will then be severed; your final abode will be Hell, and you will have no supporters to protect you against Allah's punishment.' Lot believed the truth Abraham had brought, and Abraham said, 'I am leaving this place for the sake of my Lord, leaving behind the land of my idolatrous people to a land where I can worship Allah. My Lord is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.' We granted Abraham, after he had emigrated from the land of his people, his son Isaac and grandson Jacob, and We bestowed upon Abraham's descendants prophethood and sent down books to them. We gave him his reward for his work in this life, and in the life to come he will surely be among the righteous.

Quran 29 :28- 35 The Spider Tafseer:General explanation: Allah says: Mention to the people, Muhammad, Lot, when he said to his people, 'You commit such disgraceful immoral acts that no one else in the world has ever committed before you. You lust after other men, waylay travellers on the road and engage in abominable words and deeds in your gatherings.' But his people's only answer was, 'Bring down Allah's punishment upon us, if what you say is true.' Lot prayed, 'Lord, help me against these wicked people who spread corruption. The Almighty says: When our angel messengers came to Abraham with the happy news of the birth of Isaac and Jacob, they said to him, 'Allah has sent us to destroy the people of Lot's city, for they are truly wicked wrongdoers.' Abraham said, 'But Lot lives there.' 'We know full well who lives there,' they

said, 'We will certainly save him and his family except for his wife, who will be among those who will stay behind and be destroyed.' Then when the angels arrived at Lot's, he was troubled and distressed by their arrival, as he feared they might come to any harm at the hands of his people. 'Have no fear and do not grieve,' they reassured him. 'We will surely save you and your family except for your wife, who is one of those who will stay behind and be destroyed. We will certainly rain down upon the people of this city stones from the heavens for their unbelief and wicked deeds.' And We left of that city a clear sign for a people who reflect and use their reason.

Quran 29 :36- 40 The Spider Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: And to the people of Midian We sent their brother Shu'ayb. 'My people,' he said, 'worship Allah alone, look forward to the reward of the hereafter and do not act wickedly in the land through unbelief, acts of disobedience and oppressing people.' They denied him, so the earthquake seized them and they were left lying lifeless in their homes. The Almighty says: We also destroyed the tribes of 'Aad and Thamud, and their fate is well known to you from what yet remains of their ruined and deserted dwellings. Satan had made their evil deeds seem fair to them and turned them aside from the way of truth, although they were sagacious and intelligent and had the ability to perceive the truth but they had chosen to follow their whims and desires!

And We likewise destroyed Korah, Pharaoh and Haman. Moses came to them with evident miracles, but they arrogantly refused to accept them, and they could not escape Our punishment. We destroyed each of these because of their sins; Upon some We sent a deadly storm of stones (the 'Aad), some were seized by a mighty terrible blast from the sky (the Thamud), some We caused the earth to swallow up (Korah) and some We drowned (Pharaoh and Haman). It was not Allah who wronged them by inflicting such punishment on them; rather, they wronged themselves by committing unbelief and wicked deeds and denying His Messengers.

Quran 29 :41- 47 The Spider Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty strikes a parable to depict the condition of those who worship false gods besides Him and warns those who commit such deadly sin of the severest type of punishment: Those who take protectors (false deities) besides or instead of than Allah, thereby seeking their benefit and victory, may be compared to a spider that builds itself a house, which is clearly the flimsiest of all houses. Likewise, these protectors will not be able to benefit them in any way. Were the idolaters to know that this is their example, they would not worship idols besides or instead of Allah! Allah knows whatever deities they invoke besides or instead of Him, and He knows their condition and their weakness, and He will punish their worshippers for their unbelief. Allah is the All-Powerful, the All-Wise in His Law. These parables which we set forth in the Qur'an in order to open people's eyes and hearts to the truth can only be understood by those who are endowed of knowledge of Allah and His revelations and laws. The Almighty then one of the signs of His ultimate power: Allah has created the heavens and the earth for a definite, wise purpose, and not in vain. Surely in this there is a sign of Allah's oneness and being the sole creator and disposer of all affairs for true believers. The Almighty says: Recite, Muhammad, what has been revealed to you of this Qur'an and put into practice its teachings, and attend regularly to your prayer, for prayer restrains those who perform it from indecency and wrongdoing, but remembrance of Allah in prayer is greater still. Allah knows what you all do. If you, Muslims, argue with the Jews and Christians, then do so only in the best manner—with kindness and gentleness—except in the case of the stubborn aggressors among them; and say to them, 'We believe in the Qur'an that Allah has revealed to us and in the uncorrupted Torah and the Gospel that Allah revealed to you. Our God and your God is one and the same, namely Allah, and we fully submit ourselves to Him by obeying and worshipping Him alone.' Just as We sent down books to the previous messengers, so, too, We have sent down to you, Muhammad, a book—the Qur'an. The sagacious scholars among

the Jews and Christians believe in the Qur'an, and so do some of those in your midst, from among the Quraysh Arabs and others; but only the obstinate unbelievers knowingly reject Our manifest proofs.

Quran 29 :48- 52 The Spider Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty mentions some clear proofs that this Qur'an is from Him alone: Never have you, Muhammad, read a book before this Qur'an was revealed to you, nor have you ever written one with your hand. Had you been able to read and write before your prophethood, these unbelievers would have doubted your truthfulness. Rather, this Qur'an consists of clear verses that are preserved in the hearts of the Prophet and the believers, but only those who wrong themselves through unbelief and stubbornness knowingly reject our clear proofs. The Almighty then mentions one of the idolaters' erroneous statements and misleading arguments and then refutes it: The Quraysh idolaters say, 'Why have no miraculous signs been sent down to Muhammad from his Lord?' Say to them, Muhammad, 'Miracles are only with Allah, and I am no more than a plain warner. It is not in my power to bring you miracles.' Is it not sufficient for them that We have revealed to you the Qur'an to be recited to them? Surely in this there is a mercy and an admonition for true believers Say, to them, Muhammad, 'Allah is a sufficient witness between me and you. He knows all that is in the heavens and the earth, and He will repay each one as he deserves. Those who believe in falsehood and disbelieve in Allah—who is the Truth—will surely be the losers in this life and the life to come.

Quran 29 :53- 59 The Spider Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: The idolaters among your people, Muhammad, ask you to hasten on Allah's punishment for them, of which he has warned them. Had it not been for Allah's decree to inflict punishment on them at a time He has already appointed, it would have come upon them at once. Indeed, it will come down upon them suddenly and catch them unawares, when they least expect it. The idolaters among your people ask you to hasten on Allah's

punishment for them, but Hell will encompass them and all unbelievers on the day when the punishment of the Fire will overwhelm them from above them and from beneath their feet; and Allah will say to the unbelievers, ‘Taste now the punishment for what you used to do in the worldly life. Allah Almighty enjoins His faithful servants to leave the land in which they are persecuted and cannot possibly practise their faith: My servants, who believe in Me! If you are in a land where you are oppressed and persecuted on account of your faith, then emigrate to a place where you can freely worship me, for My earth is spacious; therefore, worship Me alone. Also, in order to encourage them to emigrate, He makes it clear to them that death will overtake them wherever they may be: Every soul will taste death and leave this world, then will you all be returned to Us to repay you for your actions. Then, pointing out the rich reward He has in store for the true believers, He says: Those who believe and do righteous deeds, We will surely make them dwell in lofty mansions of Paradise beneath which rivers flow, where they will remain for ever—an excellent reward for those who do good deeds in obedience to their Lord, those who persevere and remain patient in adversity and bear whatever difficulties they meet for the sake of their religion, and put their trust in their Lord.

Quran 29 :60- 64 The Spider Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted and Sublime be He, urges the believers to leave their homeland for the sake of their religion and explains that their emigration will not affect their livelihood in any way and that the sustenance He has decreed for them will not go to waste: Countless are the living creatures that do not gather, carry or store their sustenance for the future. Allah provides for them as He provides for you, emigrants, even if you have no means of sustenance. Do not, therefore, fear poverty. He hears every statement and knows every action. Then He calls attention to the manifest contradiction in the idolaters’ position and concepts: If you ask them, Muhammad who it is that has created the heavens and the earth and made the sun and the moon subservient to His laws and for

their own benefit, they will surely say, ‘Allah alone has created them all.’ How can they, then, turn away from declaring Allah’s oneness and worship Him alone after the proof has been established?! He then stresses He alone provides all sustenance: Allah gives abundantly to whomever He wills and sparingly to whomever He pleases. Allah has full knowledge of all things. And if you ask them who it is that sends down rain from the heavens and revives with it the earth after it has been arid and lifeless, they will surely say, ‘Allah alone does all that.’ Say, ‘Praise, then, be to Allah for having sent proofs and cogent arguments and has made His blessings available! In fact, most of them do not use their intellect! Next, He shows the true reality of this worldly life in comparison with the life to come: the life of this world is nothing but amusement and play, in addition to being transitory, whereas Paradise is the true life that will last for all eternity. Were the idolaters to know this, they would surely believe in Allah alone and would not give precedence to this fleeting life over the everlasting life hereafter!

Quran 29 :65- 69 The Spider Tafseer:General explanation: Almighty Allah depicts the condition of the idolaters when they are struck by a calamity: When they board a ship and fear being drowned, they call upon Allah sincerely and exclusively to save them from certain death, but when He delivers them safely to land, they associate others with Him, and thus they show their ingratitude for the blessings We have bestowed upon them and go on enjoying their worldly life for a while. They will soon come to know the evil consequences of their unbelief! He then reminds them of His favour towards them placing them in the vicinity of a safe sanctuary, where they enjoy complete security: Do these Quraysh idolaters not see that We have made Makkah a safe sanctuary, whose residents are safe from all harm while the Arabs all around them live in fear of being killed, robbed and taken captive?! How can they, then, believe in falsehood and deny Allah’s favours by worshipping others besides Him?! Next, He stresses that no one does greater wrong than those who invent lies

about Allah by ascribing partners to Him or denying Prophet Muhammad and the Qur'an which he has brought them. Is Hell not a proper and permanent home for the unbelievers? The Almighty then concludes the surah by pointing out the good outcome of those who strive hard to earn His pleasure: Those who strive hard for Our cause by doing deeds that are pleasing to Him and abandoning those that are bound to incur His wrath, We will surely guide to the paths that lead to Our good pleasure. Allah is indeed with those who do good, protecting them and giving them help and support.

Quran 30 :1- 7 The Romans Tafseer:General explanation: This surah opens with the 'disconnected letters' to establish the miraculous nature of the Qur'an, which conclusively prove the Arabs' total inability to challenge the Qur'an by producing something like it, even though it is composed of the very Arabic letters they speak! The Almighty then says: The idolatrous Persians defeated the Romans, who were People of the Scriptures, in a land close by, and the Romans will, after their defeat, regain victory against the Persians in a few years' time. To Allah alone belongs absolute authority and with Him rests all power of decision before and after the Romans' victory over the Persians. On that day the believers will rejoice in Allah's help. He gives helps and victory to whomever He wills of His servants. He is the All-Mighty who vanquishes His enemies, the All-Merciful towards His faithful servants. Allah has promised the believers that the Romans will gain victory over the Persians—a promise that must be fulfilled, for Allah never breaks His promise, but most people do not know this due to their unbelief. They only know what pertains to their worldly affairs and the outward aspect of this life, but they are totally heedless of the life to come, never thinking about it or doing anything for it.

Quran 30 :8- 16 The Romans Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: Do they not reflect upon themselves to realise that Allah alone has created the heavens and the earth and all that lies between them for a wise purpose and not in vain, for a fixed term

known only to Him, at the conclusion of which they will perish on Resurrection Day? Yet many people do not believe in life after death and deny they will ever meet their Lord. Have these deniers of life after death not journeyed through the land to see the final fate of the unbelieving nations before them so that they would reflect and take heed?! Those who had come before them were far mightier than them, cultivated the land more and developed it more than these have ever developed it. Their messengers also came to them with clear proofs, but they denied them, and so Allah meted His punishment to them. Allah would never wrong them for destroying them before first sending messengers to them and establishing proof against them, but they wronged themselves through their disbelief and rejection of the truth. Then the fate of those who had done wrong was the punishment that Allah inflicted on them because they denied and ridiculed Allah's signs. Almighty Allah says: Allah alone originates creation out of nothing and will then restore it to life after it has perished, and then to Him will you all be returned on the Day of Resurrection. When the Day of Judgement arrives, those who ascribe partners to Allah will despair of Allah's mercy, fall silent as they will have no more arguments to put forward and be immensely regretful. None of those they associate with Allah and worship besides Him will intercede on their behalf on that day, and they will deny and disown the false gods they have ascribed to Allah. On Judgement Day, people will be split up into believers and unbelievers. Those who believe and do righteous deeds will take their pleasure in the gardens of Paradise, whereas those who disbelieve in Allah, reject His signs and deny being brought to life after death for judgement and recompense will be delivered up to Allah's punishment.

Quran 30 :17- 23 The Romans Tafseer:General explanation: Glorified and Infinitely Exalted is Allah Almighty above all defects and imperfections! Extol, then, people, Allah's glory in the evening and in the morning. To Him is due all praise in the heavens and the earth; celebrate His glory also in the afternoon and at midday. He brings forth by His power the living from the dead

(as in the case of a plant that is produced from a seed) and brings forth the dead from the living (as in the case of a seed from which a plant is produced), and gives life to the earth with water after it has been lifeless; and in like manner will you all be brought forth from your graves. Among the signs that testify to Allah's perfect attributes (such as His oneness and power) is that He initially created you from dust (that is, when He created your father Adam from it) and, behold, you become living human beings, spread over the face of the earth. Among the signs that bear witness to His perfect attributes is that He has created spouses for you of your own kind so that you may find comfort and tranquillity in them; and He has placed mutual affection and compassion between you. Surely there are signs in this of Allah's power and wisdom for people who reflect. And among His signs are the creation of the heavens and the earth from nothing and the diversity of your tongues and colours even though you have all sprung from your common father—Adam. And of His signs is your sleep by night and by day for rest as well as your seeking your livelihoods out of His bounty in both. Surely there are signs in this for people who listen for purposes of reflection.

Quran 30 :24- 29 The Romans Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, says: Among the signs attesting to Allah's perfect attributes (such as His greatness) is that He shows you lightning to strike terror and to give hope of rain, and He sends down rain from the sky with which He gives life to the earth after it has been lifeless. Surely there are signs in this for people who use their reason. Among the signs bearing witness to His oneness and power is that the heavens and earth stand firm by His command; then, in the end, when He calls you forth by one single call while you are dead underground, you will come forth alive from your graves on Resurrection Day. To Allah alone belongs every being in the heavens and the earth; all are submissive to His will. It is He who creates all life out of nothing, and then brings it forth anew after its death. Although it seems that restoring the creation to life is easier than originating it out of nothing, they are both easy for Him. His

are the most exalted attributes and the loftiest description in the heavens and the earth, and He is the All-Mighty who prevails over His creation, the All-Wise in His actions and words. The Almighty says: Allah sets forth for you, idolaters, an example drawn from your own lives that shows the ugliness and invalidity of associating partners with Allah: Would you make your slaves full partners in whatever We have provided for you, so that you and they have equal shares in it, and you would fear their disposing of it as a free man amongst you would fear his free partner's disposing of whatever property they share together?! If you do not approve of your slaves being your partners in the sustenance We have bestowed upon you, how can you, then, ascribe divinity to some of His creation besides Him and consider partners with Him in His Kingdom?! Thus do We expound and explain diverse proofs and signs for people who comprehend Allah's examples and declare His oneness. Rather, these idolaters follow their own whims because of their ignorance of the truth. Allah does not guide those whom He has left to stray because of their preferring blindness to guidance. They will have none to help against Allah's punishment. Quran 30 :30- 37 The Romans Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: Therefore, set your face and your purpose firmly, Muhammad, towards the pure faith that Allah has prescribed for you, and steadfastly adhere to it, worshipping Allah alone and turning away from associating others with Allah. Allah has made mankind naturally disposed to accept this pure faith of Islam, and Allah's creation and design cannot be possibly altered. change should there be in Allah's creation. Set your face steadfastly towards Islam, which Allah has prescribed and approved, is the perfect religion without any crookedness or defects whatsoever, but most people do not know the true religion. Therefore, set your face, Muhammad and the believers with you, towards this religion, turn to Allah alone, and fear Him by doing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids. Duly perform the prescribed prayers and do not be of those who associate partners with Allah, those who have split up their religion and divided into sects, each exulting in

what it has, thinking that it alone, to the exclusion of all else, follows the truth! The Almighty says: When some affliction, such as a disease or poverty, strikes people, they sincerely call upon their Lord, turning to in repentance and asking none but Him; but then, no sooner does He give them a taste of His mercy, such as good health and abundant sustenance, some among them associate other partners besides Him to show themselves ungrateful for the favours which We have bestowed on them. Enjoy, you who associate partners besides Allah, the fleeting pleasures of this life. You will soon know the punishment you will suffer on the Day of Judgement. Have We ever sent down to those who ascribe partners to Us some sanction enjoining them to worship others besides Us so that they may continue to do so?! When We give people a taste of mercy, they rejoice in it; but when they are caught in a distressful situation because of their sins, they despair of Allah's mercy and of ever obtaining relief from Him. Do they not see that Allah gives abundantly to whomever He pleases, and sparingly to whomever He pleases? Surely there are signs in this for the believers, by which they perceive Allah's mercy and wisdom.

Quran 30 :38- 45 The Romans Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: Hence, give your relatives their due (their right to benevolence and financial assistance), as well as the poor (their right to charity) and the travellers who cannot afford travel expenses to return to their homelands (their right to hospitality and aid to enable them to reach their destination). That is best for those who seek Allah's reward for their actions and look forward to seeing His Countenance. It is they who will be successful in this life and in the life to come. Whatever wealth you, people, give on interest to increase it from other people's wealth, hoping to receive more in return, will bring no increase whatsoever with Allah and there is no good in it; but whatever you give in charity, seeking Allah' hood pleasure and reward, will be repaid to you many times over. It is Allah who has created you from nothing and provided you with sustenance. He will cause you to die, then He will bring you back to life on the Day of Resurrection. Can any of your gods,

you who associate partners with Allah, do any of these things? Far Exalted is Allah above what these idolaters associate with Him! Allah Almighty says: Corruption—as manifested by aridity, dearth of vegetation, the loss of blessing and the profusion of evil, among other things—has appeared in both land and sea as a result of people’s unbelief and acts of disobedience as punishment for some of their sins, so that they may repent and turn to Him. Say to the idolaters among your people, Muhammad: Travel about the land and see the final fate of the unbelievers before you. Most of them associated partners to Allah, and so He destroyed them. Beware, therefore, of suffering the same fate if you follow their example. Set, then, Muhammad, your face and your purpose firmly and exclusively towards the pure and flawless faith before the coming of the Day of Resurrection which no one can possibly avert. On that day, people will be divided into two groups: a group will be in Paradise, and the other in Hell. Whoever disbelieves in Allah will bear the consequences of his unbelief, whereas those who believe in Allah and do righteous deeds are preparing an eternal home for themselves in Paradise, so that He may give, out of His bounty, those who believe and do righteous deeds a rich reward. Allah does not love those who disbelieve in Him.

Quran 30 :46- 53 The Romans Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, says: Among the signs bearing witness to Allah’s perfect attributes (such as His oneness and immense power) is that He sends forth winds bearing good news of what benefits you, such as rain, so that He might give you a taste of His grace and make you enjoy some of His favours, that ships might sail the seas by His command, that you might seek His bounty by gaining your livelihoods and that you might give thanks to your Lord for such blessings. We sent messengers, before you, Muhammad, to their respective people, and they brought them clear signs testifying to their truthfulness. Then We destroyed those who disbelieved My signs and messengers and delivered the believers. It is incumbent upon Us to help and support the true believers. It is Allah who sends forth the winds that stir up clouds, which He spreads about

the sky as He pleases, and breaks them up into fragments so that you can see the rain issuing from their midst. When He makes the rain fall on whomever He wills of His slaves, they rejoice at it even though before He sent it down upon them they were in despair. See, then the effect of the rain that Allah sends down as a mercy towards His slaves: how He gives life to the earth after it has been lifeless?! Allah, who resurrects the earth with rain after its death will assuredly resurrect the dead in the hereafter by His power; for He has power over all things. And if We send a destructive wind that damages their crops and their owners see them turn yellow and wither away after they have been green, they will persistently continue to disbelieve in their Lord and deny His favours! Surely you, Muhammad, cannot make these unbelievers whose hearts are dead hear you and benefit from what you say to them, nor can you make the unbelievers whose ears Allah has made deaf to the truth in such a way as to benefit from what they hear if they turn away from it and stubbornly refuse to listen to, and reflect on it; nor can you guide out of error the unbelievers whose hearts Allah has blinded to the truth. You cannot make anyone hear the truth in such a way as to benefit from it except those who believe in Our signs bearing witness to Our oneness and power, and thus surrender themselves to Us and obey Our commands.

Quran 30 :54- 60 The Romans Tafseer:General explanation:

Almighty Allah says: It is Allah who creates you, people, in a state of weakness, then He gives you strength after weakness, then after strength weakness with grey hair and old age. He creates whatever He wills; He is the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful. On the Day of Resurrection, the unbelievers will swear that they did not stay in the worldly life for more than one hour. In like manner did they utter lies in the life of the world and thus were they turned away from the truth. But those endowed with knowledge and faith will say to them, ‘You stayed there and spent the time that Allah had decreed and written in the Preserved Tablet until the Day of resurrection; and not for one hour, as you falsely claim! This is, then, the Day of Resurrection, but you did not know in the worldly

life that you would be resurrected after your death and called to account, and so you denied it and made light of it.' On the Day of Resurrection, the excuses of those who used to deny the resurrection in the life of the world will not benefit them, nor will they be allowed to make amends or asked to do what would make them earn Allah's pleasure through repentance and faith to be spared His reproof and wrath. Then The Almighty says: We have set forth and propounded for people in this Qur'an all kinds of parables and examples so that they may distinguish truth from falsehood. Yet if you bring the unbelievers, Muhammad, a sign attesting to your truthfulness, they will say, 'You and your followers follow nothing but falsehood.' Just as Allah has sealed up the hearts of these unbelievers so that they do not comprehend His signs, so too He seals up the hearts of other unbelievers, so that they will never believe the truth. Therefore, persevere with constancy, Muhammad, when calling the unbelievers to the truth and patiently bear their stubbornness, for what Allah has promised you is true; and do not let those who do not believe Allah's promise dishearten you and make you give up adhering to the truth.

Quran 31 :1- 9 Luqmaan Tafseer:General explanation: This surah begins with the 'disconnected letters' which have already been discussed at the beginning of Surat Al-Baqarah. These glorious verses are verses of the Book that is full of wisdom and is perfectly constructed in terms of its words and meanings. It is a guide and mercy for those who do good, who duly perform the prescribed prayers, pay the prescribed charity (zakat) to those eligible for it and firmly believe in the life to come. These are rightly guided by their Lord, and they are the ones who will be successful in this world and the hereafter. Allah Almighty says, depicting the condition of those who turn away from the Qur'an and preoccupy themselves with other than this divine book: There are some people who would pay for frivolous pursuits and distracting, idle talk to lead people away from the path of Allah without knowledge and make a mockery of the path of Allah. These will suffer a humiliating punishment. And when the verses of the Qur'an are

recited to them, they spurn them and disdainfully turn away, as though they had not heard them, as though there were a deafness in their ears. To these give news of a painful punishment. By way of contrast, the Almighty mentions the good reward to be given to the good reward that He has in store for the true believers: Those who believe and do righteous deeds will have gardens of bliss in the hereafter, in which they will abide for ever. Allah has made them this promise, which He will certainly fulfil. He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

Quran 31 :10- 15 Luqmaan Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty reminds His servants about some aspects of His immense power, absolute wisdom and great blessings, which are among the effects of His mercy: He has created the heavens and raised them with no pillars that you see, placed firm mountains on the earth so that it will not shake with you and spread over it all manner of living creatures; and He sends down rain from the sky with which He causes every kind of beneficial and beautiful plant to grow on it. This is the sole creation of Allah. Show Me, then, what the other gods that you worship besides Allah have created. Surely the evildoers are in evident error for their abandoning the worship of their Lord and worshipping others besides Him. Allah Almighty informs us of the wisdom He had granted His righteous servant Luqman: We bestowed wisdom and religious knowledge on Luqman, saying, ‘Give thanks to Allah for His bounties.

Whoever shows gratefulness to Allah does so only for his own good, but whoever shows ingratitude to Allah and denies His favours should know that Allah does not stand in need of him, He is ever praised anyway, and He appreciates those who are grateful to Him.’ The Almighty then tells us part of the advice and guidance Luqman gave his son, which testifies to this wisdom: Luqman said to his son by way of advice and instruction, ‘My son, worship no other deity besides Allah, for ascribing partners to Allah is a great sin. Allah, Exalted be He, says, revealing the lofty status of parents: We have enjoined man to honour his parents and show kindness to them. He then reveals the reason behind this,

concentrating specifically on the efforts the mother exerts and the sacrifices she makes, which necessitates children to be good to their mothers: His mother carries him in her womb with weakness, heaviness and discomfort, and he is not weaned before he is two years of age. We said: Give thanks to Me and to your parents. To Me will you be returned and I will inform you of the things you have done and repay you according to your actions.

Quran 31 :16- 19 Luqmaan Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty mentions the rest of Luqman's commandments to his son: 'My dear son, if something weighs as little as a mustard seed and is hidden inside a rock or in the heavens or in the earth, Allah will surely bring it forth; for Allah has full knowledge of all things, subtle and unseen, and nothing whatsoever can be hidden from Him. My dear son, duly perform the prescribed prayers, enjoin people to obey Allah, forbid them from associating partners with Him and from committing sins and endure with fortitude whatever harm and trials befall you in the process. That is a duty Allah has made incumbent on His servants, and it requires firm resolve. Do not turn your face in contempt away from people, nor strut arrogantly on the earth. Surely Allah does not love anyone who is arrogant and boastful. Be modest in your bearing: walk in humility and in a dignified manner; and lower your voice, for the ugliest and the most disagreeable of all sounds is that of donkeys when they bray.

Quran 31 :20- 24 Luqmaan Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, calls His servants' attention to the blessings He has bestowed upon them in this world and the next, saying: Do you not see, people, that Allah alone has subjected to you everything in the heavens and placed them all at your disposal, and lavished upon you His blessings, both outward and inward? Yet in spite of all this, some people still argue about Allah's existence, religion and oneness without knowledge, proper guidance or an enlightening book that proclaims the truth and proves the truthfulness of their claims! The Almighty then portrays their stubbornness and their blind imitation of customs: When they are told, 'Follow what

Allah has revealed to His Messenger,' they obstinately say, 'We will follow what we found our fathers doing.' He responds to them, saying: Will they still follow their misguided fathers even though Satan invites them to the punishment of the Blazing Fire?!' Next, Allah Almighty mentions the condition of true believers who submit to His will, pointing out their good outcome: Whoever submits himself to Allah, sincerely worship Him and fulfils the duties He requires has indeed grasped the firmest handhold that leads to success and salvation. With Allah rests the final outcome of all matters. Then, comforting His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, He says: As for those who disbelieve in Allah and reject the truth after it has come to them, do not let their unbelief grieve you. To Us will they be returned on the Day of Resurrection and We will inform of what they have done and repay them according to their deeds. Allah has full knowledge of what lies hidden in their hearts. We will let them enjoy themselves in this world for a little while, then We will subject them to severe punishment.

Quran 31 :25- 30 Luqmaan Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty points out these unbelievers' contradictions and adduces conclusive proof against them, for it is only logical that the sole Creator who conducts all affairs ought to be worshipped alone: If you ask them, 'Who has created the heavens and the earth?' they will surely reply, 'Allah.' Say to them, 'Praise, then, be to Allah who has made the truth prevail and established decisive proof against you because of your confession!' But the greater part of them do not know who rightly deserves all praise due to their ignorance! Then, mentioning one aspect of His immense power, He says: Everything in the heavens and the earth belongs to Allah alone. Indeed, Allah is self-sufficient, ever praised. Further, He states that His Words are inexhaustible, drawing a comparison to put before us the meaning of this concept due to our rather limited knowledge: Even if all the trees on earth were pens and the sea were ink, with seven more seas yet to replenish it to write the Words of Allah, all the pens and ink would be used up while

Allah's Words would not in any way be exhausted. Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise. Almighty Allah makes mention of yet one other aspect of His greatness and perfect power which cannot possibly be conjured up by human minds: The creation of you all and then your resurrection on Resurrection Day is for Us but like the creation and resurrection of a single person. Allah is All-Hearing, All-Seeing. Then He points out some other facets of His stupendous power whereby He single-handedly maintains and conducts all affairs of the universe: Do you not see, Muhammad, that Allah causes the night to pass into the day and the day to pass into the night and has made the sun and the moon subservient to His laws for the benefit of mankind, each running its course for an appointed time, and that Allah is fully aware of all that you, people, do and nothing is hidden from Him? That is Allah's sole creation, because Allah is the True God who alone can do all this, and whatever the idolaters invoke besides Him is falsehood, and because Allah is the All-High, the All-Great.

Quran 31 :31- 34 Luqmaan Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Glorified be He, mentions one of His countless favours which He has so graciously bestowed upon mankind: Do you not see, Muhammad, that the ships sail through the sea, after having made them subservient to His law for people's benefit, as a favour from Him to them, to show you, people, some of his signs? Surely in this there are clear signs for every steadfast, thankful person. Then He depicts the condition of some people when they suffer distress and face hardships at sea: When these idolaters are at sea and the waves, like mountains or overshadowing clouds, engulf them and they fear drowning, they sincerely call upon Allah alone; however, after He saves them from drowning and brings them back safe to land, some of them remain mindful of Allah's favours and give thanks for them but not enough, while others deny them altogether. Only a treacherous and ungrateful person denies Our signs that testify to Our power and oneness. Allah Almighty concludes this surah by calling upon people to fear Him and to prepare for the Day of Judgement: Mankind! Fear your Lord by doing what He

commands and avoiding what He forbids, and fear the Day of Resurrection, when no parent will be of any benefit to his child, nor will a child be of any benefit to his parent. Allah's promise is surely true, and the resurrection and final judgement will certainly take place. Therefore, do not let this worldly life deceive you with its glitter and pomp, nor let Satan dissuade you from showing obedience to Allah. Then He mentions the matters whose knowledge He has chosen to keep to Himself, and which are known to neither a privileged prophet He has sent or an angel nearest to Him, let alone anyone else: Allah alone knows when the Day of Resurrection will take place. He sends down the rain by His power and knows what is in the mothers' wombs. No one knows what he will earn tomorrow, and no one knows in what land he will die. Allah is All-Knowing, All-Aware and nothing whatsoever is hidden from Him.

Quran 32 :1- 5 As-Sajdah Tafseer:General explanation: This surah opens with the 'disconnected letters' which have already been discussed at the beginning of Surat Al-Baqarah. This Qur'an, Allah declares, is without a doubt a revelation sent down from the Lord of all the worlds. Then, addressing His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, He says: Do they say, 'Muhammad has invented this Qur'an himself?!' No indeed! It is the truth revealed to you from your Lord, so that you may warn with it a people to whom no messenger came to warn them before you, so that they may know the truth and be rightly guided! The one and only true God who alone is worthy of worship is Allah, who created the heavens and the earth and all that lies between them in six days and established Himself upon the Throne, as befits His glory and sublime majesty. Besides Him, you have no guardian to take care of you and conduct your affairs, nor an intercessor to intercede for you with Him. Will you not, then, reflect and pay heed?! Allah manages the affairs of His creation, and so His decree descends from the heavens to the earth, then everything that has been determined and planned, with its results and consequences, will ascend to Him on a day the length of which is a

thousand years by your counting in this world.

Quran 32 :6- 14 As-Sajdah Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: Such God who can do all that is Allah, the Knower of all things, both what is hidden from and unseen by His creation and what can be witnessed by them, the All-Mighty, the All-Merciful, who brings everything into being in the highest perfection. He created Adam from clay, then He made his progeny from an extract of a mean, despised and delicate fluid (semen). Then He fashioned him in due proportions and breathed spirit into him; and has endowed you with hearing, sight and hearts. Yet, despite all these favours, you give little thanks! The idolaters mockingly ask, showing their outright denial of the resurrection of the dead, ‘What! After our bodies have dissolved into dust and vanished in the earth, are we then to be brought to life again?!’ The fact of the matter is that they do not believe in the resurrection and they deny that they will ever meet their Lord. Say to them, Muhammad, ‘The angel of death, whom Allah has entrusted with the task of taking away your souls, will cause you to die; then you will be brought back to your Lord to repay you according to your deeds. Allah, Exalted be He, says: If only you could see the evildoers who deny the resurrection when they hang their heads in shame before their Lord! ‘Lord,’ they will regretfully say, ‘we have now seen and heard the truth that we used to deny. Send us back to the worldly life and we will do good deeds. We now believe the truth and we are firm believers.’ Had We so willed, We could have guided everyone to the truth in the life of the world, but My Judgement will now be fulfilled: ‘I will surely fill Hell with all unbelievers from among the jinn and humans.’ They will then be told, by way of reproof, ‘Taste the torment for disbelieving in the Day of Resurrection and for deliberately forgetting you would ever meet this day. We, too, will forget you and leave you in such punishment. Taste the eternal torment for your unbelief and evil deeds in the worldly life.

Quran 32 :15- 22 As-Sajdah Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says: True believers in Our revelations are those who,

when reminded of them, fall down prostrating and putting their foreheads on the ground in full submission to their Lord, and, while prostrating, declare Him free from all defects and imperfections and extol His limitless glory and praise; and they are never too arrogant to do so. They leave their beds at night to pray to their Lord in fear of His punishment and in hope of His reward and mercy, and spend in Our way out of what We have provided for them. No one knows or can even imagine the blissful delights Allah has kept in store for them in the life to come as a reward for the righteous deeds they used to do in the worldly life. The Almighty says: Is someone who believes in Allah and His messengers like someone who does not believe in them?! They are certainly not the same! Those who believe and do righteous deeds will have gardens of eternal abode with their Lord—a hospitable welcome prepared for them because of the good deeds they used to do in the life of the world. As for those who defy Allah through their unbelief and acts of disobedience, their eternal abode will be the Fire. Whenever they try to escape from it they will be driven back into it, and will be told, ‘Taste the torment of the Fire, which you used to deny.’ We will surely make these unbelievers taste all manner of punishments in this world (trials and tribulations) before the greater punishment of the world to come, so that they may repent and turn to Us. No one does greater wrong than those who arrogantly turn away from the revelations of their Lord when they are reminded of them. We will certainly inflict Our retribution on such evildoers.

Quran 32 :23- 30 As-Sajdah Tafseer:General explanation:

Almighty Allah says: We gave Moses the Torah, so do not be in doubt, Muhammad, of his receiving it. We made the Torah a guide, leading the Children of Israel to the truth, and We raised from among them leaders, guiding people to the truth by Our command, when they remained steadfast and firmly believed Our revelations. Your Lord, Muhammad, is certainly the One who will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection regarding their differences. Allah, Exalted and Sublime be He, says: Has it not

become clear to these idolaters how many unbelieving nations (such as the tribes of ‘Aad and Thamud and Lot’s people) We destroyed before them, in whose ruined dwellings they now walk about? Surely in their destruction there are signs and lessons for the Quraysh idolaters and for all unbelievers for that matter. Will they not, then, listen to Allah’s signs and the accounts of the past unbelieving nations so they may reflect on them and turn to Allah, for fear they may meet the same terrible end? Do they not see how We drive rain to parched land that is bare of grass, and with it We bring forth crops from which they and their livestock eat? Can they not see how Allah revives the earth after it has been lifeless, so that they may recognise His power to bring the dead back to life?! They mockingly ask, ‘When will this judgement come so Allah will punish us and help you against us, if you are telling the truth?!’ Say to them, Muhammad, ‘On the Day of Judgement it will be of no use for the unbelievers to believe, nor will they be granted a respite so that they may repent and mend their ways.’ Therefore, turn away from them and wait until Allah lets His punishment descend upon them. They, too, are waiting.

Quran 33 :1- 6 Al-Ahzaab Tafseer:General explanation: Prophet, fear Allah alone and remain mindful of Him by doing what He commands and shunning what He forbids, and do not obey the unbelievers and the hypocrites. Allah is All-Knowing—He is fully aware of everything, including the evil schemes the unbelievers devise; All-Wise in managing the affairs of His creation. Follow what Allah has revealed to you; Allah is All-Aware of what you all do. Place your trust in Allah alone, Muhammad. Sufficient is Allah as your guardian. The Almighty says: Just as Allah has not placed two hearts within in any person’s body, so, too, He does not make your wives whom you declare to be as unlawful to you as your mothers truly your own mothers, simply by saying to one of them, ‘You are to me like my mother’s back’, nor does He regard your adopted children as your own children. These are mere false words which you utter with your mouths, but Allah speaks the truth and guides His servants to the right path. Call your adopted sons by

their real fathers' names; doing so is only fair and more just in the sight of Allah. If you do not know their fathers, regard them as your fellow believers and close associates. However, you will incur no sin if you make a mistake in this matter, unless you do so intentionally. Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful. Prophet Muhammad has a greater claim on the believers than they have on themselves in terms of love and obedience, and his wives are their mothers in terms of respect and honour insofar as the believers are forbidden to marry them after his death. Allah ordains that blood relatives have a greater claim on one another and are more entitled to inherit from one another than the residents of Madinah (the Ansaar) and those who have migrated there for Allah's sake (the Muhaajiroon), unless you wish to show kindness to your close associates and bequeath some of your property to them. This is all written in the Preserved Tablet .

Quran 33 :7- 11 Al-Ahzaab Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: Remember, Muhammad, when We made a solemn covenant with the all prophets whereby they pledged themselves to follow what We revealed to them and to convey and establish the religion; as well as from you, and from Noah, Abraham, Moses and Jesus son of Mary. We made a weighty, binding covenant with you all, so that He will ask these truthful messengers on Judgement Day about their delivery of the message and their peoples' response to it, and thus reward them for sincerely delivering the message; as for the unbelievers, He has prepared a painful punishment in Hell. Allah, Exalted and Sublime be He, says: Believers, remember Allah's favour towards you when the enemy forces came down upon you and He repelled them by unleashing against them a fierce wind and armies of angels that you could not see; Allah saw all that you were doing. Remember when the Confederates attacked you from the east and from the west, so that your eyes rolled in terror, your hearts leapt up to your throats due to intense fear, and diverse thoughts about Allah passed through your minds. With such immense distress, the faithful were sorely tested and deeply shaken.

Quran 33 :12- 17 Al-Ahzaab Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: Remember when the hypocrites who feign faith and conceal unbelief and the like-minded who have doubts in their hearts said, ‘Allah and His Messenger promised us nothing but delusions!’ And remember when some among them said, ‘People of Yathrib, there is no place of safety for you here and you cannot withstand enemy forces, so go back to your homes.’ And yet others sought the Prophet’s permission to return, saying, ‘Our homes are defenceless and vulnerable to enemy attack,’ when in fact they were not defenceless and exposed to the enemy! They only wished to flee and avoid fighting in Allah’s way. Had the Confederates stormed the city and came upon these hypocrites from all sides and asked them to renounce their faith, they would have surely done so with very little hesitation. Surely before this battle, they pledged to Allah never to turn back and flee, but they went back on their pledge. A pledge made to Allah will have to be answered for. Say, Muhammad, to those who seek your permission to be excused from fighting in Allah’s way, ‘Whether you flee from natural death or from being killed in battle, fleeing will be of no benefit to you, as it will not increase your lifespan; for you will enjoy this world only for a little while, and then you will be returned to Allah.’ Say to them, ‘Who can protect you from Allah if it is His will to harm you, and who can prevent Him from showing you mercy? These hypocrites will find no guardian besides Allah to look after them, nor anyone to protect them against Allah’s punishment.

Quran 33 :18- 20 Al-Ahzaab Tafseer:General explanation: Almighty Allah says: Allah is indeed aware of the hypocrites among you who dissuade people from fighting in His cause and say to their fellow hypocrites, ‘Join us and leave fighting in Allah’s way,’ who themselves hardly ever go into battle and do so only to be seen and praised by people, being ever reluctant to assist the believers, with their wealth and lives. Then when the battle begins and fear strikes, you see the hypocrites, Muhammad, looking at you, their eyes rolling, out of sheer terror, like someone in his death throes; but once their fear has passed and they feel they are

out of danger, they assail you with sharp tongues, begrudge the believers all that is good and of benefit to them and covetously demand the best part of the spoils. Such hypocrites have no faith, and so Allah has left their deeds unrewarded. That is easy for Allah. They were so terrified that they thought the Confederates were still surrounding the city and that they would never retire. Indeed, if the Confederates should come again, they would wish they were in the desert among the Bedouins, asking for news about you, Muslims, from a safe distance. Even if they were with you, they would take very little part in the fighting, and only to be seen and praised by people.

Quran 33 :21- 24 Al-Ahzaab Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: In Allah's Messenger you have a good model for everyone who hopes to earn Allah's good pleasure, looks forward to meeting Him on the Day of Judgement, and remembers Allah much. When the true believers saw the Confederates, they said, 'This is the test and the subsequent victory that Allah and His Messenger have promised us; Allah and His Messenger have spoken the truth.' The sight of the assembled Confederates around them and the severe test they faced only increased their faith and submission to Allah's will. Among the believers there are men who have been true to their covenants with Allah and are ready to lay down their lives for Allah's sake. Some steadfastly and valiantly fought along with the Prophet until they were killed or survived to lead a life of total obedience and submission to Allah, and some are still awaiting its fulfilment without having changed or betrayed their pledges in the least. Allah tests people with hardships and adversities to reward the true believers for their sincere faith and sternly punish the hypocrites if He wills (by causing them to die before repenting of their unbelief), or show them mercy by inspiring them to repent and turn to Him. Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful.

Quran 33 :25- 31 Al-Ahzaab Tafseer:General explanation: Almighty Allah says: Allah drove back the unbelieving Confederates to their lands utterly empty-handed, seething with

rage due to the fierce wind that struck them and for not having secured victory. They did not achieve any good at all, and Allah spared the faithful the need to fight and repelled the unbelievers. Allah is All-Mighty, All-Powerful. Allah brought down the treacherous Banu Quraydhah Jews, who supported the Confederates in the war against Allah's Messenger and the Muslims, from their strongholds and cast terror into their hearts, so that some of them you, Muslims, killed and some you took captive. And He gave you their lands, their houses and their wealth, and yet another land on which you have not set foot before. Truly, Allah has power over all things. Allah, Sublime be He, says: Prophet, say to your wives, 'If you desire the present life and its finery and demand maintenance that I cannot possibly afford, come, I will give you a suitable compensation for divorce and release you honourably. If, however, you desire Allah and His Messenger and the life of the hereafter, then know that Allah has prepared for the obedient ones among you a great reward.' Wives of the Prophet, should any of you commit a flagrant indecency, she will receive double the punishment, and that is easy enough for Allah. But those of you who steadfastly continue to obey Allah and His Messenger and do good deeds will be given their reward twice over; and We have a rich provision in store for them in Paradise. Quran 33 :32- 36 Al-Ahzaab Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: Wives of the Prophet, you are not like any other women in terms of virtue and honour if you do what Allah commands and avoid what He forbids. Therefore, do not be overly soft-spoken when addressing strange men, lest the lecherous-hearted should be moved with desire. Speak in an appropriate and dignified manner. Stay in your homes unless there is a need; if you do go out for a need, do not flaunt your charms and display your finery as women used to do in the days of ignorance before the advent of Islam. Regularly attend to your prayers, pay the prescribed charity (zakat) and obey Allah and His Messenger. Allah desires to remove from you all impurity and loathsome manners and deeds, Members of the Prophet's Household, and to

purify you completely. Remember and recite, Wives of the Prophet, the verses of the Qur'an and the Prophet's Sunnah that are recited in your homes. Allah is All-Gracious, All-Knowing. The Almighty says: Believers, if you marry believing women and then divorce them before the marriage is consummated, you have no reason to expect them to observe a waiting period ('iddah); therefore, give them a suitable compensation and release them honourably. Allah says: For all men and women who have submitted themselves to Allah, who believe in Allah, who obey Allah, who are true to their faith and word, who exercise patience, who fear Allah and humble themselves before Him, who give in charity, who fast, who guard their chastity and who remember Allah much—for them all Allah has prepared forgiveness and an immense reward. It is not for a believing man or a believing woman, once Allah and His Messenger have decided on a matter, to choose a decision that is contrary to theirs. Whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger has clearly strayed from the right path.

Quran 33 :37- 40 Al-Ahzaab Tafseer:General explanation:
 Almighty Allah says: Remember, Muhammad, when you said to Zayd ibn Haarithah, on whom Allah had bestowed His grace by having guided him to Islam, and on whom you have also conferred favours by freeing him from slavery and adopted, 'Do not divorce your wife, be patient with her and fear Allah regarding the way you treat her.' You sought to hide in your heart what Allah had already informed you about and would yet bring to light, namely that Zaynab will be one of your wives after Zayd divorces her. You feared that people would say that you married Zayd's wife, when you had already forbidden men from marrying their adopted sons' wives, whereas it is Allah whom you should fear! Then, when Zayd divorced his wife zaynab, We gave her to you in marriage, so that the believers would not consider it sinful to marry the wives of their adopted sons when the latter have divorced them. Allah's commands must be carried out. No blame whatsoever attaches to the Prophet with respect to what Allah has ordained and made lawful for him. Such was Allah's way with the prophets before him.

Allah's command is a preordained decree that is bound to be fulfilled. That is Allah's way with those prophets who convey His messages to their people, fearing Him none but Him; Allah is sufficient to keep count of His slaves' actions and to repay them according to their deeds. Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but the Messenger of Allah and the Last Prophet. Surely Allah has knowledge of all things.

Quran 33 :41- 48 Al-Ahzaab Tafseer:General explanation: O you who have believed, Remember Allah with much remembrance, and exalt Him, morning and afternoon, The Almighty says: Believers, remember Allah often, declare Him free from all defects and imperfections and extol His limitless glory and praise morning and evening. It is He who showers His blessings upon you, and His angels pray for you and seek forgiveness for you, so that He may lead you forth from the darkness of misguidance and unbelief into the light of obedience and faith. Allah is ever merciful to His faithful servants. The believers' greeting on the day they meet Him will be, 'Peace!' And He has prepared a rich reward for them. Allah, Exalted be He, says: Prophet, we have sent you forth as a witness, a bearer of good news to those who believe you and obey you, a warner of Allah's punishment to those who oppose you, a caller to Allah alone by His leave, decree and assistance, and a shining light to guide people aright. Give the believers the good news that Allah has a great reward in store for them. Do not obey the unbelievers and the hypocrites, ignore the harm they cause you and rely on Allah to direct your affairs. Allah is sufficient to be your guardian and protector.

Quran 33 :49- 52 Al-Ahzaab Tafseer:General explanation: O You who have believed, when you marry believing women and then divorce them before you have touched them, then there is not for you any waiting period to count concerning them. So provide for them and give them a gracious release. Allah Almighty says: Prophet, We have made lawful for you your wives to whom you have given their dowries, as well as those whom Allah has placed in your possession from the unbelievers as captives of war; the

daughters of your paternal and maternal uncles and of your paternal and maternal aunts who migrated with you from Makkah to Madinah; and any believing woman who offers herself freely to you to marry her without a dowry and whom you wish to marry. This latter being but a privilege for you alone, being granted to no other believer. We have already decreed and made known the marriage duties We have imposed on the believers concerning their wives and those who have fallen into their possession from the unbelievers as captives of war. This exceptional privilege for you is in order that no blame will attach to you. Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful. You may put off spending the night with whomever you please of your wives, whom We have made lawful for you, and spend the night with any of them you please. You will incur no sin if you wish to spend the night with any of them whose turn for intimacy you have delayed. We have made this ruling of exempting you, Muhammad, from having to split your nights equally between your wives, as this makes it more likely they will be comforted and not be grieved when their turn is delayed, and all of them will be pleased and content with what you give them, for they know that this is Allah's ruling and that you only act according to His commands. Allah knows what is in your hearts. Surely Allah is All-Knowing—He is fully aware of His servants' intentions and actions; All-Clement—He does not hasten to punish them for their sins. It is unlawful for you, Muhammad, to take more wives after this or to divorce any of your present wives to replace them with other women even if their beauty might be pleasing to you, unless they are amongst those whom Allah has placed in your possession from the unbelievers as captives of war. Allah is watchful over all things.

Quran 33 :53- 55 Al-Ahzaab Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted and Sublime be He, says: Believers, do not enter the Prophet's homes without permission unless you are invited to a meal. Do not come so early as to wait for it to be ready. However, if you are invited, enter on time; and when you have eaten, disperse, without staying there to chat with one another. Such

behavior causes inconvenience to the Prophet who feels shy of asking you to leave, but Allah is never shy of telling you the truth and teaching you what is right. If you, Muslim men, ask his wives for something, ask them from behind a screen. That is purer for your hearts and theirs. You must not hurt the Messenger of Allah, nor ever marry his wives after him; this would surely be a grave sin in the sight of Allah. Whether you reveal something or conceal it, remember that Allah has full knowledge of all things. The Prophet's wives will incur no sin if they are seen unveiled by their fathers, their sons, their brothers, their brothers' sons, their sisters' sons, their fellow Muslim women and their male and female bondservants. Wives of the Prophet, always remain mindful of Allah and fear His wrath and punishment; Allah is a witness over everything.

Quran 33 :56- 58 Al-Ahzaab Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says: Allah showers His blessings on His Prophet Muhammad and praises him to the angels drawn near to Him; His angels also praise him and pray to Allah for him. Believers, invoke Allah's blessings upon him and salute him with worthy greetings of peace. Those who affront Allah and His Messenger Muhammad, either by word or deed, Allah has excluded from His grace in this world and the next, and He has prepared a humiliating punishment for them. Those who abuse and affront believing men and women without their having done any wrong bear the guilt of calumny and a manifest sin.

Quran 33 :59- 62 Al-Ahzaab Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: Prophet, enjoin your wives, your daughters and all believing women to draw their outer garments over themselves when they go out. This makes it more likely that they will be recognised as decent women and not be abused by immoral men. Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful. If the hypocrites who feign faith and conceal unbelief, the like-minded who have doubts in their hearts and those who spread false rumours in Madinah to cause disturbance and create alarm among the believers do not desist from their vile acts, We will set you on them, and then they

will not be your neighbours in Madinah except for a little while. They are excluded from Allah's grace; and wherever they are found, they should be seized and put to death without mercy because of their hypocrisy and their spreading corruption in the land. Such has been Allah's way in dealing with hypocrites in the past nations; and never will you find any change in Allah's way.

Quran 33 :63- 68 Al-Ahzaab Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, says: People ask you, Muhammad, by sheer denial and defiance, about the time the Day of Resurrection will take place. Say, 'Allah alone has knowledge of it.' Yet for all you know, Muhammad, its time may well be near at hand. Allah has expelled the unbelievers from His mercy and prepared for them a blazing fire, where they will remain for ever. They will find neither guardian to benefit them nor helper to protect them from Allah's punishment on the day when their faces will be turned about in the Fire. They will remorsefully say, 'If only we had obeyed Allah and obeyed His Messenger!' And they will say, 'Lord, we obeyed our masters and leaders in unbelief and wickedness in the worldly life and they led us away from the path of truth. Lord, mete out to them a double punishment and banish them utterly from Your mercy.

Quran 33 :69- 73 Al-Ahzaab Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: Believers, show due respect to your prophet and do not give offence to him and thus be like the Children of Israel gave offence to Moses; Allah cleared Moses of their allegations, and he was of great honour and high standing with Allah. Believers, be mindful of Allah by doing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids, and always say what is right and true. If you do, He will set right your deeds and accept them from you, and He will forgive you your sins. Those who obey Allah and His Messenger have certainly achieved a great success. We offered the trust—commands, prohibitions and acts of obedience—to the heavens, the earth and the mountains, but they refused to bear it, fearing that they would not be able to fulfil its requirements and thus suffer the consequences of their failure to do so. Yet man undertook to bear it. He is always prone to doing great wrong to himself by not being

able to fulfil the requirements of the trust, and is ever ignorant of his Lord and of the consequences of failing to live up to the trust he has accepted. Man took the trust on—by Allah’s decree—so that Allah may punish the hypocrites who feign faith and conceal unbelief as well as those who ascribe partners to Him and worship them besides Him, both men and women; and so that He may pardon the believing men and believing women who repent and turn to Him. Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful.

Quran 34 :1- 6 Saba Tafseer:General explanation: All praise is due to Allah, to whom belongs all that is in the heavens and the earth. All praise is due to Him in the life to come. He is ever praised; and He is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing, from whom nothing whatsoever is hidden. He knows all that goes into the earth and all that comes out of it, as well as all that comes down from the heavens and all that ascends to them. He is All-Merciful towards His servants; All-Forgiving, who pardons them and forgives their sins. The unbelievers say, denying resurrection after death, ‘The Hour (Judgement Day) will never come upon us.’ Say to them, Muhammad, ‘Yes, by my Lord, who knows all that is hidden, it will surely come upon you!’ Not an atom’s weight in the heavens or the earth escapes Him; nor is there anything smaller or greater but is recorded in the Preserved Tablet, so that He will reward those who believe and do good deeds; they will be forgiven and will receive an honourable and generous provision. But those who strive to discredit and confute Our revelations, thinking that We are not able to resurrect and punish them, will suffer a severely painful punishment. Those who have been endowed with knowledge can see that the Qur’an that your Lord has revealed to you, Muhammad, is the truth, and that it guides to the path of the All-Mighty and the Praiseworthy, who holds sway over all His creation and is ever praised by them.

Quran 34 :7- 11 Saba Tafseer:General explanation: The unbelievers mocking say to one another, ‘Shall we show you a man who claims that when you have been reduced to dust after your death you will be raised to life again?! Has he invented a lie about

Allah, or is he mad?!’ No indeed! The fact is that those who do not believe in the afterlife are doomed to punishment and they have strayed far away from the truth. Do these unbelievers not see that the sky and the earth are extended in front of them and behind them and that they are surrounded by them from all sides? If We willed, We could destroy them by causing the earth to swallow them up or letting fragments of the sky fall down upon them. Surely there is a sign in this for every servant who repents and turns to Allah. We bestowed Our favour upon David. We said, ‘Mountains, and you birds, echo Allah’s praises with him,’ which they did; and We made iron pliant to him, saying, ‘Make full-length coats of mail and measure their links precisely and with care. Do righteous deeds, you and your household. I certainly see all that you do.

Quran 34 :12- 14 Saba Tafseer:General explanation: And to Solomon We subjected the wind: its morning course covered the distance of a month’s journey, and its evening course a month’s journey. We gave him a spring flowing with molten brass, and the jinn who served him by his Lord’s permission. Those of them who did not do Our bidding by disobeying Solomon We will make him taste the punishment of the blazing Fire. They made for him whatever he pleased: prayer halls and palaces, statutes, dishes as large as watering troughs and firmly anchored cauldrons. We said to David and his household, ‘Work righteousness, House of David, and give thanks to Me for My favours.’ Only a few of My servants are truly thankful. And when We had decreed his death, nothing showed the jinn that he was dead except a termite that gnawed away his staff. Then when he fell down, the jinn realised that had they had knowledge of the unknown, they would have known about Solomon’s death and would not have continued their hard, humiliating toil.

Quran 34 :15- 19 Saba Tafseer:General explanation: For the people of Sheba there was indeed a clear sign of Allah’s power in their dwelling place: two gardens, one on their right and the other on their left. We said to them, ‘Eat of what your Lord has provided for

you and give thanks to Him for His favours. Good is your land and All-Forgiving is your Lord.’ But they paid no heed at all. They stubbornly disobeyed Our commands and refused to give due thanks, and so We let loose upon them a rushing torrent that devastated their lovely gardens, which We then replaced with two others yielding bitter fruit, tamarisks and a few lote trees! Thus did We punish them for their ingratitude. We inflict such severe punishment only on the ungrateful. Before this happened, We had also bestowed other favours upon the people of Sheba: We had placed between them and the cities of Greater Syria which We have blessed towns within sight of one another, and We fixed easy, measured journey stages so that they could travel between them with ease. We said, ‘Travel safely between them by night or by day.’ But they said, ‘Lord, make our journeys longer.’ They wronged themselves by denying Our favours, and so We punished them to such extent that We reduced them to a mere tale that people told in their gatherings, and We scattered them throughout the land after their land became barren! Surely there is a sign in this for every steadfast, thankful person.

Quran 34 :20- 23 Saba Tafseer:General explanation: Satan’s assumption about them was proven correct; for they all followed him except for a group of true believers. Satan, however, had no power whatsoever over them; We only allowed him to tempt them, so that We may bring to light, what We already know about them, who truly believed in the life to come and who were in doubt about it. Your Lord, Muhammad, watches over all things and keeps count of their deeds, and he will repay them according to their actions. Say to the idolaters, Muhammad, ‘Call on those whom you claim to be gods besides Allah to benefit you or protect you from harm. They do not possess even an atom’s weight in the heavens or the earth, nor do these alleged gods have any share in either of them, nor does Allah have any helpers from among them. How can they possibly be considered gods, then?!’ No intercession will be of any benefit with Him on the Day of Judgement except that of those to whom He graciously grants it. At

last, when the terror of Judgement Day has left their hearts, they will ask one another, 'What has your Lord said?' 'The Truth,' they will reply. 'He is the All-High, the All-Great.

Quran 34 :24- 30 Saba Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: Ask the idolaters, Muhammad, 'Who gives you sustenance from the heavens and the earth?' Say, 'Allah alone does. Why, then, do you worship besides Him those that cannot provide anything for you? Either we or you follow the right path or have clearly gone astray.' Say to them, Muhammad, 'You will not be accountable for our sins, nor will we be accountable for your deeds.' Say, 'Our Lord will bring us all together, then He will judge between us fairly. He is the All-knowing Judge, who is fully aware of His servants' actions and conditions.' Say to them, Muhammad, 'Show me those you allege to be His partners. By no means can He have partners, as you claim! He is Allah, who alone is worthy of worship, the All-Mighty, who holds sway over all His creation; the All-Wise, whose laws, actions and statements are characterised by profound wisdom.' We have sent you forth, Muhammad, to all mankind, so that you may give those who obey you good news of great reward and warn those who disobey you of severe punishment, but most people do not know this. The idolaters sarcastically ask, 'When will this threat of punishment be fulfilled if what you say is true?' Say to them, 'You have a promised appointment on a day which, when it comes, you can neither delay nor advance by a single moment.

Quran 34 :31- 33 Saba Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says: the unbelievers say, out of sheer stubbornness and denial of the truth, 'We will by no means believe in this Qur'an that Muhammad has brought, nor in the Torah and the Gospel that came before it.' If you could see those who associate partners with Allah when they are detained and made to stand in the Plain of Gathering for judgement before their Lord, hurling reproaches at one another, you would perceive something truly dreadful and terrifying! The followers who were deemed weak will say to their arrogant leaders, 'Had it not been for you who led us astray in the

life of the world, we would certainly have been believers.’ The arrogant leaders will disapprovingly say to those who were deemed weak, ‘Did we really prevent you from accepting the truth after it had come to you? No, indeed; you yourselves were wrongdoers and you acted wickedly of your own choice.’ ‘By no means,’ the followers who were deemed weak will reply. ‘What kept us away from the truth was your scheming, day and night, making falsehood seem fair to us and the truth repugnant and ordering us to disbelieve in Allah and set up rivals and partners to Him.’ They will all hide their remorse when they see the punishment; and We will put shackles around the necks of the unbelievers. They will be repaid only according to their deeds.

Quran 34 :34- 39 Saba Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, says: Never did We send a messenger to any town to warn its people of Our punishment but the affluent amongst them said, ‘We do not believe in the message with which you have been sent.’ They also said, ‘We have been given greater wealth and more children than you, and so Allah will not punish us!’ Say, Muhammad, ‘My Lord gives abundantly to whomever He wills and sparingly to whomever He pleases, but most people do not know this.’ It is not your wealth or your children that will bring you near to Us. Rather, those will be brought closer to Us are those who believe and do good deeds. These will have their rewards multiplied, and they will dwell in peace in the lofty mansions of Paradise. As for those who strive hard to discredit and confute Our revelations and turn people away from them, they will be consigned to punishment. Say, Muhammad, ‘My Lord gives abundantly or sparingly to whomever He wills of His servants. Whatever you give in His cause He will recompense you for it. He is the best of providers.

Quran 34 :40- 45 Saba Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says: When Allah gathers together those who ascribe partners to Him on Judgement Day, He will ask the angels, ‘Did these worship you besides Me?!’ The angels will reply, ‘Glory be to You! You are high exalted above all imperfections!’ We

renounce them. You are our protector, not them. They worshipped the evil jinn; most of them followed and obeyed them!’ They will be told, ‘Today none of you has any power to benefit or harm another.’ We will say to the wrongdoers, ‘Taste now the torment of the Fire which you persistently denied in the worldly life. The Almighty says: When the clear verses of the Qur’an, which plainly prove they are from Allah, are recited to the Quraysh idolaters, they mockingly say to one another, ‘Muhammad is just a man who wants to turn you away from the idols your fathers worshipped!’ And they say, ‘What he recites is nothing but a fabrication that he has falsely attributed to Allah.’ Those who denied the Qur’an when it reached them say, ‘This is nothing but clear downright magic!’ They say this even though We did not send down to them any books before the Qur’an they could read so they can now prove that you, Muhammad, have invented the Qur’an yourself, nor did We send them a messenger before you to warn them of Our punishment. Past nations (like ‘Aad and Thamud) before the Quraysh unbelievers also denied the truth. These people have not attained even one-tenth of the wealth, children and power We had bestowed upon them, yet We destroyed them when they stubbornly denied My messengers. How terrible My condemnation and retribution was!

Quran 34 :46- 50 Saba Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Sublime be He, says: Say to the idolaters among your people, Muhammad, ‘I advise you to do only one thing: Stand up before Allah in pairs or singly, in all sincerity, leaving behind all personal prejudices and desires, and then seriously reflect on Muhammad’s life and conduct. You will thus realise that there is no madness in him! He is only a warner to you of severe punishment if you persist in your unbelief.’ Say to them, Muhammad, ‘No reward do I ask of you for my conveying my Lord’s message to you; keep it for yourselves. None but Allah can reward me; He is witness to all things.’ Say, ‘My Lord sends down revelation to His Messenger, and He has knowledge of all that is hidden.’ Say, ‘The Qur’an, which contains the truth has come; falsehood has utterly vanished

and will never return.’ Say, ‘Were I to go astray, this would be only to my own detriment; but if I am rightly guided, this is entirely due to the grace of Allah who has inspired me to follow what He has revealed to me. My Lord hears everything and is near at hand.

Quran 34 :51- 54 Saba Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says: If you could only see the unbelievers when they are seized with terror upon seeing Allah’s punishment! There will be no escape for them, and they will be seized from a nearby place. They will say upon seeing their evil fate, ‘We now believe the truth!’ But how can they possibly reach and accept the truth from a place so far-off from the worldly life (that is, the hereafter), seeing that they rejected it before, and they used to cast scorn on the truth from a place equally far away from life hereafter (that is, the worldly life). A barrier will be set between them and what they desire, just as was done with the unbelievers of the past nations who behaved like them. They were all in disquieting doubt of the hereafter ever taking place.

Quran 35 :1- 8 Faatir (The Creator) Tafseer:General explanation: All praise is due to Allah alone, Creator of the heavens and the earth, who appoints the angels as His messengers, with two, three or four pairs of wings. He adds to His creation whatever He wills. Surely Allah has power over all things. Whatever grace Allah opens up to people none can withhold; and whatever He withholds none can afterwards release. He is the All-Mighty, who holds sway over all His creation; the All-Wise, who places everything where it rightly belongs. People, remember the favours of Allah towards you. Is there any other creator who provides for you from the heavens and the earth? There is no god worthy of worship but He. How, then, can you turn away from worshipping Him?! If the unbelievers among your people, Muhammad, deny you, do not feel sad; for other messengers were also denied before you, and to Allah all matters are returned for decision. The Almighty says: People, Allah’s promise is true; therefore, do not let the life of this world ever deceive you, nor let Satan ever deceive you with his

whisperings and false promises. Satan is your enemy, so treat him as an enemy and beware of obeying him. He only calls on his followers to deceive them, so that they will be among the inmates of the Fire. Those who disbelieve in Allah will suffer a severe punishment, but those who believe in Allah and do righteous deeds will have forgiveness and a great reward. Are those whose evil deeds are made to seem fair to them like those who are rightly guided?! By no means! Allah leads astray whomever He wills and guides whomever He wills. Do not, therefore, destroy yourself, with grief for these unbelievers, Muhammad, because of their having strayed from the truth. Allah has full knowledge of what they do.

Quran 35 :9- 14 Faatir (The Creator) Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, says: It is Allah who sends forth the winds by His power, which raise the clouds. Then He drives them to some dead and barren land, and thereby gives life to the earth after it has been lifeless and causes plants to grow in it. Thus will Allah bring the dead back to life. Whoever desires honour must seek it from Allah alone, for all honour belongs to Allah alone. To Him alone do good words ascend; and He exalts and accepts people's good deeds. But those who do evil deeds will be severely punished. Their evil deeds and schemes will come to nothing and will not benefit them at all in this world and the next. It is Allah who created your father, Adam, from dust, then created you from a drop of sperm, and then made you into males and females. No female conceives or gives birth without His knowledge. No one grows old or has his life cut short but is all recorded in the Preserved Tablet. This is easy enough for Allah. The Almighty says: The two bodies of water are not alike. The water of one is sweet, refreshing and pleasant to drink, while that of the other is salty and bitter; but from both you eat fresh flesh and bring forth ornaments, such as pearls and coral, which you wear; and you see the ships ploughing their way through both, so you may seek His bounty and earn your livelihoods, and that you may give thanks to Him. He causes the night to pass into the day, thereby bringing forth light; and He

causes the day to pass into the night, thereby bringing forth darkness, and He has made the sun and the moon subservient to His laws, each moving in an orbit of its own for your own benefit, until an appointed term. That is Allah, your Lord, to whom belongs all sovereignty: the idols whom you invoke besides Him do not possess anything at all—not even the thin white skin of a date stone! If you call upon them, they cannot hear your prayer; and even if they did, they would not answer you. On the Day of Resurrection, they will disown your worshipping them besides Allah. None can inform you of the truth, Muhammad, like Allah, the All-Aware.

Quran 35 :15- 26 Faatir (The Creator) Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty addresses all mankind, saying: People, it is you who stand in need of Allah, but Allah is self-sufficient and ever praised. If He wills, He can take you away and replace you with some new creation. This is no impossible thing for Allah due to His perfect power. No person, who is already burdened with his own sins, will bear another's burden; for every person will be repaid only according to his own actions. If someone who is weighed down should call upon others for help to bear his load, none of it will be carried by anyone, not even by a close relative! You, Muhammad, can only warn those who fear their Lord though they cannot see Him and duly perform their prayers, as Allah commands. Only these can truly heed your warnings. Whoever purifies himself does so for his own benefit, and to Allah will everyone be returned to be repaid according to his actions. The Almighty says: The blind and the sighted are not equal in perceiving things, neither are darkness and light, nor are the cool shade and the sweltering heat of the sun, nor are the living and the dead. Allah can make anyone He wills hear, but you, Muhammad, cannot make the dead who are in their graves hear. You are only a warner. We have sent you with the truth, Muhammad, to give good news to those who obey you and to warn those who disobey you of punishment; there is no past nation that did not have a messenger to warn it of Allah's punishment. If the unbelievers

among your people disbelieve you, Muhammad, then exercise patience and perseverance; for those before them also disbelieved their messengers who had brought them clear proofs, scriptures and the light-giving Book. But in the end I punished the unbelievers. Terrible indeed was the way I punished and disowned them!

Quran 35 :27- 35 Faatir (The Creator) Tafseer:General explanation: Almighty Allah says: Do you not see, Muhammad, that Allah sends down water from the sky with which We bring forth fruits of different hues, albeit watered with the same water? In the mountains We have made, by Our power, streaks of various shades of white, red and jet black. Humans beasts and livestock are likewise of varying colours. Of all His servants, only those endowed with knowledge of Allah, His attributes and laws truly fear Him. Allah is All-Mighty, whose will no one can frustrate; All-Forgiving, who forgives His servants' sins. Allah, Exalted be He, says: Surely those who recite the Qur'an, duly perform the prescribed prayers and give secretly and openly from what We have provided for them hope for a trade that will never decline, so that He will pay them their wages in full and give them yet more out of His bounty. Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Appreciative. The Book which We have revealed to you, Muhammad, is the truth confirming the previous scriptures. Allah is All-Aware of His servants and their conditions and sees everything they do. Then We bestowed the Qur'an on the nation (Ummah) of Muhammad which We have chosen. Some of them wrong themselves by neglecting certain obligatory acts and committing certain prohibited acts; some follow a middle course by performing the mandatory acts and avoid the forbidden acts; and some are, by Allah's grace, foremost in good deeds: They perform all obligatory and recommended acts and avoid all prohibited and reprehensible acts. Such bestowal of the Qur'an on them is the greatest favour. They will enter the gardens of eternal bliss in the hereafter, where they will be adorned with bracelets of gold and pearls, and their clothing there will be of silk. They will say, 'Praise be to Allah

who has taken away all sorrow from us. Truly our Lord is All-Forgiving, All-Appreciative. Through His grace He has admitted us into the Eternal Abode—Paradise—where no weariness or fatigue will affect us.

Quran 35 :36- 41 Faatir (The Creator) Tafseer:General explanation: Allah says: As for the unbelievers, theirs will be the Fire of Hell; it will not be decreed for them to die and thus be saved from punishment, nor will its torment be lightened for them. Thus will We repay every ungrateful person. There they will cry out, ‘Lord, take us out! We will do good deeds, and we will not disbelieve in You or associate partners with You, like we used to do in the life of the world!’ Allah will disapprovingly say, ‘Did We not let you live long enough so that whoever was willing to be warned and repent might be warned? Besides, a messenger did come to warn you against Allah’s punishment! Have a taste of the torment, then. The unbelievers who have wronged themselves will have no helpers to protect them against Allah’s punishment. Allah Almighty says: Allah knows all that is hidden in the heavens and the earth; He has full knowledge of everyone’s intentions and thoughts. It is He who has given you the earth, people, to inherit from those before you. Therefore, whoever disbelieves will suffer the consequences of his unbelief. The unbeliever’s unbelief will only increase Allah’s hate for them; their unbelief will earn them nothing but loss in this life and the hereafter. Say to the idolaters, Muhammad: Have you considered those you associate with Allah and invoke them beside Him? Show me which part of the earth they have created that gives you reason to worship them?! Do they have a share in the ownership and creation of the heavens?! Or have We given them a book confirming such partnership and thus affording them a veritable proof?! Truly, vain and false are the promises the wrongdoers give one another! It is Allah alone who holds the heavens and the earth in position and keeps them from falling apart. Should they fall apart, none of His creation could hold them back after Him. Allah is All-Clement—He does not hasten people’s punishment; All-Forgiving—He pardons those

who repent and turn to Him.

Quran 35 :42- 45 Faatir (The Creator) Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, says: The Arab idolaters solemnly swore by Allah that if a messenger came to them from Him to warn them of His punishment, they would be better guided than the previous communities. When Muhammad, did, however, come to warn them, his coming only increased their aversion to the truth, behaving arrogantly in the land and plotting evil by making falsehood seem fair to people and turning them away from the truth. Yet such evil scheming will engulf only those who plot evil. Are they awaiting anything other than the way We dealt with the unbelieving nations before them and thus make them suffer the same fate?! Never will you, Muhammad, find any change in Allah's way. His punishment is never replaced by anything else, nor is it ever meted out other than to those deserving it. Have these idolaters not travelled in the land and seen the fate of the unbelievers before them, so that they may draw lessons from the punishment that had befallen them?! They were far mightier than the Quraysh unbelievers, but there is nothing in the heavens or the earth that can frustrate Allah. He is All-knowing, All-Powerful. Were Allah to mete out punishment to people at once for whatever sins they commit, He would have destroyed every living thing on the face of the earth. However, He grants them respite for a term set by Him. And when their term comes to an end, He will repay them according to their deeds; for absolutely nothing about them is hidden from Him.

Quran 36 :1- 12 Yaseen Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty begins this noble surah with the letters yaa seen, which are among the disconnected letters with which He begins some other surahs, to establish the miraculous nature of the Qur'an, to prove the Arabs' total inability to produce with them anything like it, even though it is composed of the very letters they speak! Then He swears by the Qur'an, which is full of wisdom with regard to its teachings and laws, that Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, is one of His messengers, that he is on a straight

path which leads to Him, and that this Qur'an has been sent down by Allah, the All-Mighty and All-Merciful, so that Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, may warn with it a people whose fathers had not been warned before it, and hence they are unaware of the truth. The Almighty then says: Most of the Arab idolaters have become justly deserving of punishment for stubbornly persisting in their unbelief, and so they will never believe. We had bound their hands to their necks with shackles of iron reaching up to their chins, so that they cannot bow their heads, making it impossible for them to see; and We have set a barrier in front of them and a barrier behind them and placed a veil over their sight, so that they cannot see. It makes no difference to them, Muhammad, whether or not you warn them: they will not believe the truth you have brought them! You can profitably warn only those who believe the Qur'an and follow its teachings and who fear Allah though they cannot see Him. To these give the good news of forgiveness and a rich reward. We will surely bring the dead back to life on Resurrection Day to repay them for their deeds. We record whatever actions they do in this worldly life as well as the traces of good and evil they leave behind after their death; and We have recorded everything in a Clear Book (The Preserved Tablet).

Quran 36 :13- 19 Yaseen Tafseer:General explanation: Mention to the unbelievers among your people, Muhammad, a story to draw lessons from—that of the inhabitants of the town when Allah's messengers came to call them to worship Him alone. We first sent them two messengers but they rejected them both, so We reinforced them with a third. They said, 'We are Allah's messengers to you.' The people of the town replied, 'You are only human beings like us. The All-Compassionate God has not revealed anything of what you claim. You are only lying!' Their messengers said, 'Our Lord knows that we have indeed been sent to you. Our only duty is to deliver Allah's message to you clearly.' The town's inhabitants said, 'Your presence bodes but evil for us. Desist from calling us to worship Allah alone, or we will stone you

and you will suffer a painful punishment at our hands!’ Their messengers replied, ‘It is your evil omen that has brought afflictions upon you because of your unbelief and sins. Do you consider our calling you to the truth an evil omen? No, indeed! Rather, you have transgressed all bounds through your unbelief and acts of disobedience.

Quran 36 :20- 32 Yaseen Tafseer:General explanation: Then a believing man came running from the furthest end of the city. ‘My people,’ he said, ‘follow these messengers. Follow those who demand no recompense of you for their conveying Allah’s message and are themselves rightly guided. Why should I not worship Allah who has brought me into existence and to whom alone you will all be brought back?! Should I worship, besides or instead of Him, other gods that would not protect me from harm, if the All-Compassionate God intends it for me, nor will they save me from it?! Surely in that case I should be in manifest error. I believe in your Lord, so listen to me.’ He was told, after his people had killed him, ‘Enter Paradise.’ He said, ‘If only my people knew that my Lord has forgiven me and highly honoured me by admitting me into His Paradise! We did not send down angels from the heavens to destroy that believing man’s people after they had killed him, for there was no need to send them down. Their punishment was but one single mighty blast, and they fell down lifeless! Alas for the unbelieving people on Judgement Day when they perceive the punishment! No messenger comes to them without their mocking him! Do these idolaters not see how many nations We have destroyed before them for their persisting in their unbelief and mocking their messengers, and that those destroyed never return to them?! Yet all nations will be brought before Us on Resurrection Day so that We repay them for their deeds.

Quran 36 :33- 40 Yaseen Tafseer:General explanation: Among the clear signs for these idolaters of Our power to resurrect the dead is this: We send down water on the barren land, and thereby give life to it and bring forth from it different colours and varieties of grains for their sustenance. We make in it gardens of palms and vines,

and We cause springs to gush forth in it, so that they may eat of its produce. It was not their own hands that made all this. Will they not, then, give thanks for such favours?! Glorified and far Exalted above all defects and imperfections is Allah, who has created all the different kinds and all things in pairs (male and female)—of what the earth produces, of their own species and of what they do not know! Another great sign for them of Our oneness and power to bring the dead back to life is the night. We strip the daylight from it, and there they are plunged in darkness. They also have a sign in the sun: It runs its set course to its appointed resting place that is laid down by the will of the All-Mighty, the All-knowing. Another sign for them is the moon: We have ordained phases for it, so that it is born a thin crescent that starts increasing in width every night until it becomes a full moon, then it begins to decrease until it finally appears like an old date stalk. The operation of all these signs is governed by the laws Allah has set up for them. The sun is not to overtake the moon, nor does the night outpace the day; and each them—the sun, the moon and the other planets—moves in its own orbit and operates according to a perfect system in this universe!

Quran 36 :41- 47 Yaseen Tafseer:General explanation: And yet another sign for them is that We carried their early ancestors—those who believed and followed Noah—in the fully loaded Ark that We commanded him to build, and that We have made for people similar vessels on which they sail. If We wished, We could drown those who board these vessels in the sea; then no one would respond to their cries for help and save them from drowning, except through Our mercy, leaving them to enjoy their life until their appointed term in it comes to an end. When these idolaters are told, ‘Beware of suffering the same fate that befell the past unbelieving nations and beware of Allah’s punishment if you persist in your unbelief until death, so that you may be shown mercy,’ they pay no heed. Whenever a sign testifying to Allah’s oneness and power and bearing witness to Prophet Muhammad’s truthfulness comes to them, they turn away from it. And when

they are told, ‘Give to others out of what Allah has given you,’ they derisively say to the believers, ‘Why should we feed those whom Allah can feed if He chooses? You must be in manifest error for asking us to do so!’

Quran 36 :48- 54 Yaseen Tafseer:General explanation: These idolaters ask, out of sheer mockery and in a way that betrays their disbelief in the resurrection, ‘When will the Day of Resurrection come if your claim that we will be brought back to life and be judged is true?’ All they are waiting for is the first sounding of the Trumpet which will overtake them all of a sudden, while they are going about their daily business and disputing about their worldly affairs, totally oblivious to it. They will not be then able to make a will or return to their families! The Trumpet will be blown again, and these idolaters will come forth from their graves, hastening to their Lord. ‘Woe betide us!’ they will cry. ‘Who has raised us up from our graves?! This is indeed the resurrection the All-Compassionate God promised us. His messengers did tell us the truth.’ Their resurrection will take place following one single blast of the Trumpet, and they will all be gathered before Us. On that day no one will suffer the least injustice, and you will all be repaid only according to your deeds.

Quran 36 :55- 67 Yaseen Tafseer:General explanation: The inhabitants of Paradise will on that day be happily occupied, enjoying the eternal bliss in the gardens, they and their spouses reclining on couches in the shade. There they will have many fruits and whatever they ask for and desire. Above all this, they will be highly honoured with a greeting of peace from the All-Merciful God. The unbelievers will be told on Resurrection Day, ‘Keep yourselves apart from the believers today, you evildoers. Did I not command you, Children of Adam, through My messengers, not to follow and obey Satan because he is clearly an outright enemy to you? Did I not enjoin you to worship Me alone? Worshipping Me alone is indeed a clear straight path for you to follow. Satan has already misled a great many of you. Did you not, then, understand his enmity to you and thus desist from obeying him?! This is Hell

before your very eyes, of which you were warned. Enter it today to burn in it because of your unbelief in the life of the world.’ On that day We will seal their mouths so that they will not be able to speak. Their hands will speak to Us, and their feet will testify to the sins and misdeeds they committed in the worldly life! Had We willed, We could have taken their sight! If they then tried to take their usual way, they would certainly not be able to; for how could they see? And had We willed, We could have transformed them into something else right in their places, so that they could move neither forward nor backward!

Quran 36 :68- 76 Yaseen Tafseer:General explanation: We cause whomever We grant long life to revert to weakness after their having been endowed with strength. Will they not, then, understand that the One who can effect such a state is certainly capable of resurrecting them after death?! We have not taught Muhammad poetry, nor is it fitting for him to be a poet. This Book is but a reminder and a clear Qur’an, so that the Messenger may warn with it those who are alive and can benefit from the warning, and so that the unbelievers become justly deserving of punishment. Do these idolaters not see that We have created for them livestock in great numbers which are under their control? We have tamed them for them and subjected them to their control, so that they may ride on some and eat the flesh of others. They have other benefits from them and milk to drink. Will they not, then, give thanks to Us for such favours?! Instead, they have showed their ingratitude to Us by setting up other gods besides Us, hoping for their help and support. Their false gods can by no means help them, seeing that those who worship them are like an army ready to defend them. How can such idols, then, help them when they cannot possibly help themselves?! So do not let their words and their persistence in their unbelief grieve you, Muhammad. We have knowledge of everything they conceal and reveal, and We will repay them for all that.

Quran 36 :77- 83 Yaseen Tafseer:General explanation: Can man—who denies the resurrection—not see that We have created him

from a mere drop of sperm, and then he becomes flagrantly quarrelsome and contentious? He denies Our power to resurrect the dead by using false arguments, forgetting how he himself was created. He asks, ‘Who could give life to bones that have crumbled to dust?’ Say to him, Muhammad, ‘Allah Almighty who brought them into being in the first place will give them life again. He has full knowledge of everything He has created. It is He Who produces fire for you from green trees so that you use them to light your fires.’ Is, then, Allah, who has created the heavens and the earth, no able to bring people back to life after their death?! Surely, He is. He is the All-Knowing Supreme Creator from whom nothing is hidden. When He wills something to be, He simply says to it, ‘Be,’ and it is! Glorified and far Exalted above all imperfections is He who has absolute authority and control over all things and to whom will you all be returned to repay you according to your deeds.

Quran 37 :1- 10 As-Saffat Tafseer:General explanation: I swear by the angels that range themselves in ranks in the heavens in compliance with My command, rebuke whomever I command them to rebuke and recite My Word that your God, mankind, is One without any partners—the Lord of the heavens and the earth and everything between them, and the Lord of all the points of sunrise. We have adorned the lowest heaven that you see with stars and guarded it against all rebellious devils that attempt to eavesdrop on the highest assembly of the angels. These devils cannot hear the angels in the heavens when they talk about whatever Allah commands them to do; and if they attempt to do so, they are pelted with meteors from every side of the sky to drive them away so that they would not eavesdrop; and they will surely suffer a perpetual punishment in the life to come. None of them can possibly eavesdrop on the angels in the heavens; however, if a devil manages to stealthily snatch a word away quickly, he is pursued by a piercing flame that burns him.

Quran 37 :11- 21 As-Saffat Tafseer:General explanation: Ask those idolaters who deny the resurrection, Muhammad: Is it they

who are stronger as a creation or other things, such as the heavens and the earth, that We have created? We created them out of mere sticky clay! You marvel, Muhammad, that they deny the resurrection, while they mock at your disapproval of them and your marvel at how they can deny the resurrection. When they are reminded and admonished with the Qur'an, they pay no heed; and when they are shown a miracle bearing witness to your truthfulness, Muhammad, they simply ridicule it, saying, 'This is nothing but clear downright magic! What! When we have died and turned to dust and bones, will we then be brought back to life along with our forefathers?' Say to them, Muhammad, 'Yes, indeed. Allah will bring you back to life, and you will then be utterly humbled!' There will be but one blast of the Trumpet, and they will come forth from their graves alive again, looking around them in utter horror, waiting to see what will be done with them. 'Woe betide us!' they will say. 'This is the Day of Judgement and Recompense.' They will then be told, 'This is the Day of the Final Decision which you used to deny in the life of the world. Quran 37 :22- 34 As-Saffat Tafseer:General explanation: Allah will command His angels on the Day of Resurrection thus: Gather together the wrongdoers and their likes, together with what they used to worship besides Allah, and lead them onto the way of Hell, but first detain them, for they will be questioned. They will be asked by way of reproach, 'How is it now that you are not helping each other as you used to in the worldly life?!' In fact, on that day they will be in utter submission to Allah's command. They will turn upon one another and engage in mutual reproaches. The followers will say to the leaders, 'It was you who led us astray in the worldly life, for you used to make falsehood seem fair to us and swear that you followed the truth, and so we believed you and followed you.' The leaders will reply, saying, 'No, you yourselves were not believers in the first place for us to make you renounce your faith. Besides, we had no power at all over you. Rather, you were misguided evildoers who transgressed against the truth! So both you and we have become deserving of the sentence of

punishment Allah has justly pronounced against us because of our unbelief. Now all of us will have to taste the punishment of the Fire. We seduced you by calling you to join us in our error, and you willingly followed us; we ourselves were lost in error.’ On that day, both the leaders of unbelief and their followers will share in the punishment. Thus will We deal with the wrongdoers.

Quran 37 :35- 49 As-Saffat Tafseer:General explanation: These idolaters will suffer such a terrible evil fate because when they were told by way of advice to say, ‘There is no god but Allah,’ they would turn away in arrogance, and would say, ‘Are we to renounce our gods for the sake of a mad poet?!’ By no means is the truth what they claim it to be! Surely Muhammad has brought them the Qur’an, which is the truth from his Lord, and he confirmed the earlier messengers who had also brought the truth. You, idolaters, will all taste the painful torment, and you will only be repaid for what you have done. As for Allah’s servants whom He has chosen and purified to obey Him, they will have a well-known provision: fruits of every type, and they will be honoured in the Gardens of Delight, seated face to face on couches. Goblets will be passed round among them with a drink from flowing springs of wine in Paradise, white and delicious to those who drink it. Unlike wine of this life, it will cause them neither harm or giddiness, nor will it dull their senses and make them intoxicated. They will also have with them maidens with beautiful wide eyes, who refrain from looking at other than their husbands due to their extreme love for them, with such pure skin and body as though they were well-protected ostrich eggs that are untouched by human hands.

Quran 37 :50- 61 As-Saffat Tafseer:General explanation: The dwellers of Paradise will turn to one another, asking each other about their past lives. One of them will say, ‘I had a friend in the life of the world who denied the resurrection. He used to say to me, ‘Do you really believe that after we have died and turned to dust and bones, we will be raised to life and judged for our deeds?!’ This believer will then say to his companions in Paradise, ‘Would

you like to look and see what has happened to him?’ He will look down and see his friend in the very midst of Hell. ‘By Allah,’ the believer will say, ‘you almost brought me to ruin in your attempt to seduce me. Had it not been for the grace of my Lord who guided me to the truth, I would have surely been among those delivered up and cast into Hell along with you.’ Then, turning to his companions in Paradise, he will joyously say, ‘Can you imagine that we will never die beyond our previous death in the life of the world and that we are not going to be punished in Hellfire? Truly this is the ultimate success. It is for such eternal bliss that everyone should do good deeds in this life to attain it!

Quran 37 :62- 74 As-Saffat Tafseer:General explanation: Is such bliss in Paradise a better welcome or the Tree of Az-Zaqqum that has been prepared for the dwellers of Hell? We made it a test for the wrongdoers (When the Quraysh pagans heard its name, they mockingly said, ‘How could a tree grow in Hell without being burnt?’). It is a tree that grows in the very heart of the Fire. Its fruits are so ugly they look like devils’ heads. These idolaters will surely eat from it and fill their bellies with it. On top of that, they will have a drink mixed with intensely boiling water. Then to the burning Fire will they be sent back. They found their fathers astray, yet they blindly rushed to follow in their footsteps! Most of the past nations before the Quraysh idolaters strayed from the truth. Although We had sent them messengers to warn them of Our punishment, they persisted in their unbelief. See, then, the terrible end of those who had been warned. Not so, however, the true and devoted servants of Allah: they were saved from punishment.

Quran 37 :75- 82 As-Saffat Tafseer:General explanation: Noah called upon Us for help against his people when they denied him, and We graciously answered his prayer. We are the best to answer prayers. We saved him and the believing members of his household and all the believers with him from the great distress, and made his descendants the sole survivors. We bestowed on him the praise of later generations: ‘Allah’s peace be upon Noah among all the nations.’ Thus do We reward those who do good. He was

truly one of Our believing servants. Then We drowned his disbelieving people.

Quran 37 :83- 98 As-Saffat Tafseer:General explanation: Among those who followed Noah's way was Abraham. He turned to his Lord with a sound, pure heart, declaring Allah's oneness fully. He disapprovingly asked his father and his people, 'What is this that you worship instead of Allah? Would you worship false deities instead of Allah, who alone is worthy of worship?! What, then, do you think your Creator and Sustainer, the Lord of all the worlds, will do with you if you persist in doing so?' Abraham cast a glance at the stars to delude them into thinking that he shared their superstitious belief in the effect of stars on human life, and said, 'I will get sick!' He made this his excuse for being absent from their festival to which they had invited him, so they turned away from him and left. Abraham hastily made his way to their idols and sarcastically asked them, 'Will you not eat of the offerings placed before you? Why do you not speak?!' Then he fell upon them, striking them down with his right hand and destroyed them. His people came to him hurriedly upon their return when they saw that their idols had been demolished. 'How can you worship what you yourselves have carved,' he said, 'when it was Allah who created you and all that you have made?!' Abraham's people said to one another, 'Build him a tall structure, kindle a mighty fire in it and cast him into it as punishment for what he has done to your gods.' They devised an evil scheme to burn him to death, but We abased them all and delivered him.

Quran 37 :99- 113 As-Saffat Tafseer:General explanation: Abraham said after Allah Almighty saved him from his enemies' evil plot, 'I am leaving this land to the land my Lord has commanded me to migrate to; He will surely guide me to the path of truth and righteousness.' 'Lord,' he prayed, 'grant me a righteous son,' We gave him the good news that he would have a forbearing son—Ishmael. When the boy reached the age when he could work with him, his father said to him, 'My son, I saw in a dream that I must sacrifice you. What do you think about this?'

‘Do as you are commanded, father,’ Ishmael replied. ‘Allah willing, you will find me steadfast.’ When they had surrendered themselves to the will of Allah, and Abraham laid him down on his forehead to sacrifice him, We called out to him, saying, ‘Abraham, you have fulfilled what you were commanded to do in your dream.’ Thus do We reward those who do good by delivering them from distress. That was indeed a most severe test. We ransomed his son with a mighty sacrifice—a huge ram to be slaughtered in his stead, and We bestowed on Abraham the praise of later generations: ‘Allah’s peace be upon Abraham.’ Thus do We reward those who do good. Abraham was truly one of Our believing servants. We later gave him the good news of the birth of his son Isaac—a prophet among the righteous. We blessed him and Isaac. Among their descendants were some who did good by showing obedience to Allah and some who clearly wronged themselves through their unbelief and disobedience.

Quran 37 :114- 132 As-Saffat Tafseer:General explanation: We were gracious to Moses and Aaron, and delivered them both, with their people from the great distress (from Pharaoh and his people and from drowning) that befell them. We helped them against Pharaoh and his soldiers, and it was they who were the victors We gave Moses and Aaron the Clear Book—the Torah—and guided them to the straight path. We bestowed on them both the praise of later generations: ‘Allah’s peace be on Moses and Aaron.’ Thus do We reward those who do good. They were truly among Our believing servants. Elias (Elijah) was one of the messengers. He said to his people, ‘Will you not fear Allah by observing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids? How can you invoke a so-called lord instead of Allah and forsake the worship of the Best Creator—your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers?’ But they denied him, and will thus be delivered up to punishment. Not so Allah’s true servants whom He had chosen and purified to obey Him: they were saved from punishment. We bestowed on Elias the praise of later generations: ‘Allah’s peace be on Elias.’ Thus do We reward those who do good. He was truly one of Our believing

servants.

Quran 37 :133- 148 As-Saffat Tafseer:General explanation: Lot was one of the messengers. We saved him and his believing family from punishment, except for his old wife. She was with her people who remained behind in the punishment; then We utterly destroyed them all. You pass by their ruins in your journeys in the morning and at night. Will you not, then, take heed and fear you might be destroyed in a similar fashion if you follow in their footsteps?

Yunus (Jonah) was also one of the messengers. He fled to the ship that was fully loaded with passengers and goods. He cast lots together with the passengers to be decided who would be thrown into the sea to lighten the load of the ship and thus save it from sinking. Yunus was among those who lost, and so he was thrown overboard. The whale then swallowed him, for he was blameworthy for what he had done! Had he not been of those who truly and devoutly praised Us, he would have remained in the whale's belly until Resurrection Day. So we cast him forth in a desolate place that was devoid of everything while he was sick, and We caused a gourd tree to grow over him, giving him both shade and sustenance. We later sent him to a hundred thousand people or what seemed a greater number to the beholder; they believed the message he had brought them, and so We let them live in ease until the end of the period appointed for their earthly lives.

Quran 37 :149- 163 As-Saffat Tafseer:General explanation: Ask by way of reproach the idolaters among your people, Muhammad, who claim that the angels are Allah's daughters: Does it stand to reason that they assign daughters whom they hate to your Lord, and keep sons whom they love for themselves?! Or is it that We created the angels female in their presence and so they know their gender?! No, indeed! It is one of their despicable fabrications to assert that Allah has offspring! They are truly liars. Would He truly choose daughters in preference to sons?! What is the matter with you that you make such obviously erroneous judgement? Are you so ignorant of such obvious matters that you do not reflect and pay heed?! Or do you have a manifest proof of what you claim?

Produce, then, your book bearing such proof if what you say is true. These idolaters further claim that Allah has set up a marital relationship with the jinn, yet the jinn themselves know very well that they are created by Allah, like all other creation, and that they will be brought before Him for judgement on Resurrection Day. Glory be to Him and High Exalted be He above what they attribute to Him! Allah's true and devoted servants whom He has chosen and purified to obey Him never attribute such defects and imperfections to Him. Surely neither you, idolaters, nor the alleged gods that you worship cannot lead anyone astray, except for those who, according to Allah's foreknowledge, will be destined for Hell.

Quran 37 :164- 170 As-Saffat Tafseer:General explanation: The angels whom the idolaters assert to be Allah's daughters in fact say, 'Each one of us has his appointed position in the heavens which he does not exceed. We are indeed the ones who stand ranged in ranks before Allah in worship, and we are the ones who glorify Allah and declare Him exalted above all defects.' These idolaters used to say before your advent, Muhammad, 'Had we received a book of divine revelations like those the previous peoples had received (such as the Torah and the Gospel), we would certainly have been Allah's true and devoted servants.' Yet now that this divine book (the Qur'an)—which they have long wished they would receive, has come to them—they have simply rejected it. They will come to know the dire consequences of their actions!

Quran 37 :171- 182 As-Saffat Tafseer:General explanation:The Almighty says, giving good news to the believers of His support to reassure their hearts and consoling His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, following the harm he suffered at the hands of his enemies: We have already decreed that it is Our messengers who will be helped and will achieve the best outcome, and that it is Our party that will be victorious. Therefore, turn away from those unbelievers, Muhammad, until such time when their destruction falls due. You will surely see what will happen to them, and they, too, will see it. Do they wish to hasten Our punishment?!

When Our punishment smites them in their courtyards, terrible indeed will then be the morning of those whom Our Messenger has warned but they have rejected him. Thus, turn away from them, Muhammad, until such time when their destruction takes place. You will surely see what will happen to them due to their unbelief, and they, too, will see it. Glory be to your Lord—the lord of Honour and power—and far Exalted be He above all the defects and imperfections these unbelievers attribute to Him! Allah’s peace be upon the messengers, and all praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all the worlds.

Quran 38 :1- 11 Saad Tafseer:General explanation:This noble surah opens with an Arabic letter of the alphabet, saad—one of the ‘disconnected letters’ which have already been discussed at the beginning of Surat Al-Baqarah. The Almighty then swears by the Noble Qur’an which is full of reminders that the truth is by no means what the unbelievers claim it to be and that they will not benefit from the Qur’an because they are steeped in arrogance and are stubbornly opposed to accepting and believing it. Numerous indeed were the peoples before the unbelievers of the Quraysh that We destroyed because of their unbelief and denial of the truth! They cried out to Us to save them from the punishment when it descended upon them, but it was not a time to escape punishment by seeking repentance. The Quraysh unbelievers are surprised that a prophet from among themselves has come to warn them of Allah’s punishment if they persist in their unbelief. ‘This is a sorcerer and a liar!’ they say. ‘Is he calling us to worship One God and forsake the worship of our gods? This is a very strange thing indeed!’ Their leaders go about saying, ‘Adhere to your religion and stand firm in the worship of your gods. Muhammad is only calling you to this message of his so that he may have power over all of us. We have not heard anything like this in the previous Christian faith. It is nothing but a false invention. What he is saying is only a lie he himself has invented! How can the Qur’an be revealed to him alone out of all of us?!’ In fact, they doubt that this Qur’an is My own revelation. Indeed, they have not tasted My

torment yet! Do they possess the treasures of the mercy of your Lord, the Almighty, the Ever-Giving? Or does the kingdom of the heavens and the earth and everything between them belong to them? Let them, then, ascend the heavens by all conceivable means so that they may control and administer the treasures We possess and do whatever they wish! Do not heed what they say, Muhammad, for they are nothing but a party that is bound to suffer defeat soon.

Quran 38 :12- 20 Saad Tafseer:General explanation: The people of Noah denied the truth before the Quraysh idolaters, and so did ‘Aad, the people of Hud; Pharaoh who built the mighty structures; Thamud, the people of Salih; the people of Lot and the dwellers of the Thicket, to whom Shu’ayb was sent—such were the parties that joined forces to support unbelief and oppose their messengers. They all denied the messengers, and so My punishment was justly inflicted on them. The Quraysh idolaters are only awaiting a single mighty blast to be blown by Israafeel on the Trumpet, which will not be delayed. They mockingly say, ‘Lord, hasten for us our share of punishment before the Day of Resurrection. Bear patiently what these idolaters say, Muhammad, and remember Our servant David, who was endowed with great strength. He frequently turned to Us in penitence. We subjected the mountains to join him in praising Us and extolling Our limitless glory in the evening and at sunrise, and the birds, too, in all their flocks, all echoing his praise. We made his kingdom strong and well established, and We bestowed on him wisdom, decisive speech and sound judgement.

Quran 38 :21- 26 Saad Tafseer:General explanation: Has the story of the two litigants who climbed over the wall into David’s prayer chamber reached you, Muhammad? When they suddenly entered upon David and saw that he was alarmed, they said, ‘Do not be afraid. We are two litigants, one of whom has acted unjustly towards the other. Judge rightly between us and do not be unfair, and show us the way to justice.’ One of them said to David, ‘This brother of mine has ninety-nine ewes, but I have only one. He said, “Let me have charge of it,” and got the better of me with his words!’ David said, ‘He has certainly wronged you by seeking to

add your ewe to his many ewes. Truly many partners are unjust to one another and covet the wealth of one another, except for those who believe and do good deeds, but they are few indeed.’ David realised, after giving such judgement, that We were only testing him, so he asked his Lord for forgiveness, fell down in prostration and turned to Us in repentance. We forgave him that sin. In the life to come he will indeed have a status of closeness to Us and an excellent place of destination. We instructed him thus: David, We have made you an authority in the land. Judge, therefore, between people with justice and do not follow your personal desires, lest they cause you to stray from the truth and deviate from Allah’s way and law. Those who wander astray from Allah’s way will suffer a grievous punishment for having forgotten the Day of Judgement.

Quran 38 :27- 29 Saad Tafseer:General explanation: We did not create the heavens and the earth and all that is between them without a purpose. That is what the unbelievers think. But woe betide the unbelievers when they are cast into the Fire in the hereafter for making such erroneous assertions. Are We to treat those who believe and do good deeds like those that perpetrate corruption in the land? Are We to treat the God-fearing who obey Our commands in the same manner as the wicked who transgress Our limits? By no means! They are no equal in Our sight! This Qur’an is a book which We have revealed to you, Muhammad, full of blessings and brings considerable benefits in this world and in the hereafter, so that people may ponder its verses and so that those endowed with an enlightened intellect may take heed and be admonished by it.

Quran 38 :30- 40 Saad Tafseer:General explanation: We gave David Solomon as a son. How excellent a servant Solomon was! He would always turn to Us. Well-bred, swift light-footed horses (those that are so agile they stand on three feet and touch the ground with the edge of the fourth foot) were displayed before him one late afternoon. He was so taken up by them that he spent the remainder of the day viewing them until sunset. He said, ‘My love

for horses has distracted me from the remembrance of my Lord until the sun went down and I missed the late afternoon prayer.’ Upset, he ordered his attendants to bring the horses back to him. When they were brought back, he began to cut off their legs and necks. We tested Solomon by placing upon his throne a lifeless body (he got paralyzed), then he repented and turned to Us. He prayed, ‘My Lord, forgive me and grant me a kingdom the like of which will never be granted to anyone after me. Truly You are the Bountiful Giver.’ We granted his prayer and subjected to him the wind, blowing gently at his command wherever he directed it, and the devils, too, including builders and divers, and others bound together in fetters due to their rebellious and evil acts. ‘Such kingdom,’ We said to him, ‘is Our gift to you, Solomon; therefore, give whomever you wish and deny whomever you please. We will not call you to account for whatever you give or withhold.’ In the life to come he will indeed have a status of closeness to Us and an excellent place of destination.

Quran 38 :41- 48 Saad Tafseer: General explanation: And remember, Muhammad, Our servant Job when he cried out to his Lord, saying, ‘Lord, Satan has afflicted me with weariness and pain.’ We, therefore, answered his prayer: ‘Strike the ground with your foot,’ We said to him. He did, and a fountain sprung up at his feet. We said, ‘Here is cool water for you to wash with and to drink from.’ He did, and We relieved his affliction; and We restored his family to him and doubled their number as an act of grace from Us, and as a reminder to those who are endowed with insight. In order for him to fulfil his oath of giving one hundred stripes to whomever he had taken an oath to beat, We said to him after he had recovered, ‘Take in your hand a small bundle containing one hundred blades of grass and strike with that only once, and thus you will not break your oath.’ We found him steadfast and patient in adversity. What an excellent servant he was! He constantly turned to Us. And remember, Muhammad, Our servants Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who were endowed with strength in obeying Allah’s commands and deep understanding of His religion. We

distinguished then with a distinct quality: the remembrance of the life to come, by preparing for it and enjoining people to believe in it and show obedience to Us; and in Our sight they were among those We have chosen to convey Our message and among Our truly good and righteous servants. Also remember Ishmael, Elisha (Al-Yasa') and Dhul-Kifl; All of them were among the truly good and righteous.

Quran 38 :49- 54 Saad Tafseer:General explanation: The foregoing mention of these prophets is good praise for them in this world and great honour whereby they will always be remembered. The righteous who obey Allah's commands will certainly have an excellent place of destination in the hereafter: Gardens of bliss in which they will reside for ever, with gates thrown wide open to receive them. They will be comfortably seated there, asking their attendants at pleasure for many sorts of fruits and for delicious drinks. They will also have with them maidens who refrain from looking at other than their own husbands due to their extreme love for them, and they will be of the same age. This is what We promise you, believers, on the Day of Judgement, as a reward for your good deeds. This will be Our provision for you, which will never run out!

Quran 38 :55- 64 Saad Tafseer:General explanation: The rich reward We have mentioned will be for the righteous who observe what We command and avoid what We forbid. As for those who transgress Our limits by reason of their unbelief and disobedience, they will have the worst place of destination in the hereafter: Hell into which they will be cast to burn and suffer its heat. What an evil resting-place! This is the torment which We have prepared for them: Extremely hot water and pus flowing from their bodies. Let them, then, taste it. They will also suffer other punishments of various sorts. They will be told, 'This is a large group of your followers and fellow sinners being hurled into Hell with you.' The leaders of unbelief already there will say, 'There is no welcome for them. They will burn in the Fire just like us and will not be able to keep its heat away from us in any way!' The followers being

thrown into Hell will reply, 'No, it is you who will have no welcome. You have brought this upon us. It was you who called us to disbelieve in Allah in the worldly life and we followed you, and you have thus caused us to enter the Fire along with you, so evil is Hell as a resting place for us and you!' The followers will then pray, 'Lord, inflict on those who have brought this fate upon us and caused us to be here a double punishment in the Fire.' The arrogant leaders will ask each other, 'How is it that we do not see with us here the poor and weak men among the believers whom we used to count in the life of the world among the lowly and wretched? Were we wrong in despising and mocking them in the worldly life, and so they have not entered the Fire with us? Or is it that they are here with us but our eyes have failed to see them?!' Such in truth will be the wrangling among the dwellers of the Fire.

Quran 38 :65- 70 Saad Tafseer:General explanation: Say, Muhammad, to the idolaters among your people, 'I am only a warner, warning you of Allah's punishment if you persist in your unbelief and refuse to accept the truth. There is no deity deserving of worship except Allah, the One and Only God, the Omnipotent and irresistible. He is the Creator of the heavens and the earth and all that lies between them, the Almighty who has all power, the All-Forgiving who forgives those who turn back to Him in repentance.' Say to them, 'This Qur'an is momentous news, yet you ignore it and turn away from it. No knowledge would I have had of what passed among the highest assembly of the angels had Allah not revealed it to me, for I am a messenger from Allah, clearly warning you against His punishment.'

Quran 38 :71- 85 Saad Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty tells us here how the human story all began and what exactly happened: Your Lord said to the angels, as well as to Satan, 'I am going to create a human being out of clay. After I have formed him and breathed the spirit of life into him, prostrate yourselves before him, as a token of respect and honour.' All the angels obeyed Allah's command and prostrated themselves before Adam. Iblees,

however, refused to do so out of sheer arrogance, and thus became an unbeliever. ‘Satan,’ Allah said to him, ‘What prevents you from prostrating yourself before Adam whom I have created with My own hands? Are you too proud to prostrate to him, driven by your own arrogance, or do you think yourself so superior that you cannot be ordered to prostrate before anyone you deem inferior to you?!’ Satan said, ‘I am better than Adam. You created me from fire, but You created him from clay!’ ‘Get out of Paradise, then,’ Allah said, ‘for you are henceforth disgraced and accursed, and you are expelled from My grace and mercy until the Day of Resurrection.’ ‘Lord,’ Iblees said, ‘delay my death and do not punish me until the day when all will be resurrected.’ Allah said to him, ‘You are among those who will be delayed until the appointed day—the time of the first blowing of the Trumpet.’ ‘I swear by Your might,’ said Satan, ‘that I will mislead all Adam’s descendants, except those of Your servants whom You have chosen and purified to obey You and whom You have protected against my guile.’ Allah said, ‘This, then, is the truth, and I speak nothing but the truth: I will surely fill Hell with you and with those who follow you amongst Adam’s descendants, all together.

Quran 38 :86- 88 Saad Tafseer:General explanation: Say, Muhammad, to the idolaters among your people, ‘I do not ask you for any worldly reward for conveying my Lord’s message to you, nor am I one of those who claim to be what they are not. This Qur’an is only an admonition from Allah to the jinn and mankind, whereby they will attain great honour in this life and in the life to come if they do what its commands and abandon what it forbids. You will certainly come to know its truth after a specific time known only to Allah.

Quran 39 :1- 6 Throngs Az-Zumar Tafseer:General explanation: The revelation of this Qur’an is from Allah, the All-Mighty who holds sway over all His creation, the All-Wise who puts everything in its perfect place. We have revealed to you, Muhammad, the Qur’an with the truth; therefore, worship Allah alone—devoting all acts of worship exclusively and sincerely to Him. Pure devotion

and obedience that is free from associating others with Allah and from showing off one's good deeds is due to Allah alone. The idolaters who worship false deities besides Allah say, 'We only worship them so that they may bring us nearer to Allah.' Allah will judge between them and their likes and the believers on the Day of Resurrection concerning all matters about which they differ in this world. Allah does not guide those who invent lies about Him and are vehement unbelievers. Had Allah desired to have offspring, He would have chosen whomever He pleased out of His own creation, without entrusting such matter to the idolaters to choose for him whatever they wish. Glory be to Allah and far exalted is He above having offspring and whatever the idolaters attribute to Him! He is the One and Only God in His being, names, attributes and actions; the Almighty who holds absolute sway over all His creation. Allah has created the heavens and the earth for a purpose, and not in vain. He wraps the night around the day until its light disappears and wraps the day around the night until its darkness vanishes, and has made the sun and moon subservient, each one running for a specified term known only to Him. Allah, who has created all these and subjected them to His slaves, is surely the All-Mighty who has boundless power, the All-Forgiving who pardons His servants' sins. He has created you, people, from a single person—your father Adam—then from him He created his wife, Eve. He has sent down to you four different pairs of grazing livestock: the male and female of camels, cattle, sheep and goats. He creates you in your mothers' wombs in stages, one after another, in three layers of darkness—that of the mother's belly, the womb and the membranes enclosing the embryo. The One who does all this is Allah, your Lord, to whom alone belongs all sovereignty. There is no god worthy of worship except Him. How, then, can you turn away from the truth?

Quran 39 :7- 10 Throngs Az-Zumar Tafseer:General explanation:
If you, people, disbelieve in Allah, then know that He does not stand in need of you or your worship of Him, nor is He pleased with unbelief from His servants; whereas if you give thanks and

believe, He is pleased with it from you and will reward you generously for it. No person will bear the sins of another person: everyone will be repaid for his own deeds and will not be held responsible for other people's sins. To your Lord alone will you then be returned, and He will inform you of all the good and evil deeds you have done. He knows full well even the innermost secrets of the hearts. When man is afflicted with hardship and distress, he calls upon his Lord to relieve his suffering, turning to Him alone; nonetheless, once He removes the adversity from his life and bestows upon him His favours by His grace, he forgets all about the harm which he has previously implored his Lord to remove and makes other deities Allah's equals, which he worships in order to lead people away from His path and His religion! Say, Muhammad, to such people who ascribe partners to Allah and worship them besides Him, 'Enjoy your unbelief for a little while. You are among the inhabitants of the Fire to abide in it for ever. Are those who obey their Lord and devoutly worship Him during the hours of the night, prostrating themselves and standing in prayer, fearing punishment in the life to come and hoping for their Lord's mercy equal to those who associate partners with Allah and worship them besides Him?! By no means! Say, Muhammad, to them: Are those who have knowledge and act on it, devoutly worshipping their Lord, equal to those who are ignorant and have no knowledge at all to act on? No, they are by no means equal. Only those who are endowed with insight and good sense will take heed and benefit from such instructions. Say, Muhammad, to My believing servants: Fear your Lord by doing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids Those who do good in this life will receive a great reward in the hereafter. Allah's earth is spacious: If you are unable to worship Me in a certain land, migrate to another one so you can worship Me in peace. Those who remain steadfast and persevere with patience will be given their reward in full without measure.

Quran 39 :11- 20 Throngs Az-Zumar Tafseer:General explanation: Say, Muhammad, 'I have been commanded to worship Allah,

dedicating my worship entirely to Him. I have thus been commanded to be the first of Muslims.’ Say, ‘I fear, were I to disobey my Lord, the torment of a Terrible Day.’ Say, ‘Allah alone do I worship, sincerely obeying Him, and I do not associate anyone or anything with Him; worship, therefore, whatever you idolaters wish besides Him. You will soon see the dire consequences of your false worship!’ Say to them, ‘The real losers are those who will lose themselves and their families on the Day of Resurrection by being deprived of Paradise and cast into Hell. That will surely be the manifest, ultimate loss. They will have layers of fire above and beneath them to burn them. With such torment does Allah warn His servants so that they may turn away from sins. Fear Me, then, My servants, by observing what I command and shunning what I forbid. Those who avoid the worship of false gods that are worshipped besides or instead of Allah and turn to Allah will have good news in this world and the next; therefore, give good news, Muhammad, to My servants who listen well to what is said and follow the best of it. It is these whom Allah has graced with His guidance; it is these that are endowed with insight and good sense. Can you, Muhammad, rescue from the Fire those on whom the sentence of punishment has been justly passed because of their unbelief? As for those who truly fear their Lord, they will be in lofty mansions built one above the other, beneath which rivers flow. Such is Allah’s promise to them. Allah never breaks His promises to His servants.

Quran 39 :21- 23 Throngs Az-Zumar Tafseer:General explanation: Do you not see, Muhammad, how Allah sends down rain from the heavens and makes it penetrate the earth to emerge as flowing springs? Then He brings forth with it plants of diverse colours, which later wither away and you can see them grow yellow after all their greenness and tenderness; then He makes them dry up and crumble away. Surely in this there is a reminder and an admonition for those endowed with insight and good sense. Can those whose hearts Allah has opened to Islam and thus receive guidance from their Lord be the same as those whose hearts are hardened and

stubborn?! Woe betide those whose hearts are hardened at the mention of Allah, whose remembrance naturally tends to soften hearts! They are in manifest error Allah has sent down the Qur'an, which is the Best Discourse, a book which is fully consistent with regard to its eloquence, syntactic structure, style and its meanings and provisions; repeating its stories, examples, teachings, promises and warnings in manifold forms. The skins of those who fear their Lord shudder when they hear its warnings, and then their skins and hearts soften when they read or listen to its promises of reward. Such is Allah's guidance by which He guides whomever He wills of His servants, but those He leaves to stray will have no one to guide them.

Quran 39 :24- 31 Throngs Az-Zumar Tafseer:General explanation: Are those who will only have their bare faces to shield themselves from the fire on the Day of Resurrection better or those who will be secure against torment? The wrongdoers will be told, 'Taste now the punishment which you justly deserve because of your unbelief and disobedience.' The unbelieving nations before the Quraysh idolaters also denied the truth, and so Allah destroyed them with such punishment which came upon them from where they could not perceive it. Thus He made them taste the torment that humiliated them in this life, but the torment of the life to come will be even more terrible. Had they known this, they would surely have paid heed and believed. We have set forth and explained to mankind in this Qur'an all manner of examples that they need in all their affairs, so that they may reflect and pay heed. It is an Arabic Qur'an with no distortion or contradictions whatsoever, so that they may fear Me by observing what I command and avoiding what I forbid. Allah sets forth a parable: A man is owned by several masters who are ever at odds among themselves, each one requiring him to do certain things and he is at a total loss, not knowing how to satisfy them all because of their contradictory instructions. The other is exclusively owned by one single master whose orders are clear to him, unlike the case of disputing partners. Can these two be deemed equal? By no means! Nor can those who

worship several deities besides Allah be deemed equal to those who worship none but Allah in any way. Praise be to Allah! The fact is that most of them do not know! You will certainly die, Muhammad, and so will your people; then, on the Day of Resurrection, you will all, mankind, dispute regarding your differences before your Lord, who will then judge between you with absolute justice.

Quran 39 :32- 41 Throngs Az-Zumar Tafseer:General explanation: No one does greater wrong than those who invent lies about Allah and deny the truth after it has reached them through the Messenger. Is there not in Hell a dwelling for the unbelievers? Yes, indeed there is! As for those who call people to the Qur'an and the truth it contains and wholeheartedly believe it, they are the ones who truly fear Allah and obey His commands. They will have whatever they desire with their Lord. Such will be the recompense of those who do good in this world. Thus will Allah honour them so that He will efface from their record even the worst deeds they have ever done and reward them according to the best deeds they have ever done in this world. Is Allah not sufficient to protect His Servant Muhammad against all harm?! Yes, He is. Yet the idolaters amongst your people, Muhammad, threaten you with the false, helpless gods they worship besides Him! Whomever Allah leaves to stray from the path of truth will never find any guide, and whomever He guides to the truth none can lead astray. Is Allah not mighty and capable of inflicting retribution on the unbelievers and deniers of truth?! If you ask the idolaters among your people, Muhammad, 'Who has created the heavens and the earth?' they will say, 'Allah alone has.' Say to them, 'Consider, then, the idols that you call upon besides Allah: If Allah wished to afflict me, would your idols be able to relieve my affliction? Or if He wished to show me mercy, would they be able to withhold His mercy?' Say, 'Allah alone is sufficient for me. In Him alone should the faithful put their trust.' Say to them, 'My people, act and persist in your ways; I will act and persist in the way Allah has commanded me to follow. You will certainly come to know who will be seized

by a punishment that will disgrace him in this life, and be smitten by a constant and everlasting torment in the life to come.’ Surely We have sent down to you, Muhammad, the Qur’an with the truth for the benefit of mankind; therefore, whoever follows the right path does so for his own benefit, but whoever chooses to stray from it will suffer the consequences of his own choice. You are not set over them to dispose of their affairs and coerce them into following the truth.

Quran 39 :42- 45 Throngs Az-Zumar Tafseer:General explanation: Allah takes away people’s souls when they reach the end of the earthly terms He has appointed for them, as well as the souls of the living in their sleep when their earthly term of life has not ended yet. He withholds the souls of those for whom He has ordained death, by not permitting them to return again into their respective bodies, but sends back the souls of the living into their respective bodies when they awake, not causing them to die until their appointed time of death falls due. Surely in this there are signs for people who reflect. The Quraysh idolaters have indeed taken idols which they worship besides Him in order to intercede with Him on their behalf! Say to them, Muhammad, ‘Do you take your idols as intercessors even though they have no power over anything nor understanding?!’ Say to them, ‘To Allah alone belongs all intercession; He alone grants the power of intercession to whomever He wills. His alone is the dominion over the heavens and the earth and, in the end, to Him will you all be brought back.’ When Allah alone is mentioned and not the false deities, the hearts of the idolaters who deny the hereafter shrink with aversion; but when their false gods are mentioned, they rejoice.

Quran 39 :46- 52 Throngs Az-Zumar Tafseer:General explanation: Say, Muhammad, ‘O Allah, Creator of the heavens and the earth, Knower of what is hidden from people and what they can see, You alone will judge between Your slaves on the Day of Resurrection with perfect justice regarding what they differ about in this life.’ Even if those who wrong themselves by associating partners with Allah possessed all that is on earth, and twice as much, they would

surely offer it as a ransom in the hope of being saved from the terrible punishment on the Day of Resurrection. They will, on that day, be shown various types of Allah's punishment which they have never imagined. The evil deeds they have committed in this life will be shown to them, and they will be overwhelmed by the very punishment which they have derided. When distress afflicts man, he calls out to Us to relieve his affliction; but when We bestow upon him a favour by Our grace, he says, 'I have been given all this by virtue of my knowledge.' By no means! It is but a test, yet most of the unbelievers do not know that. The same was said by the unbelievers from the nations before them, and all the worldly goods they possessed did not avail them at all when the punishment descended upon them. They suffered the terrible consequences of the evil deeds that they had committed. The wrongdoers among the Quraysh unbelievers will also suffer the dire consequences of their evil deeds. They will never frustrate Our purpose: We are capable of inflicting punishment on them. Do they not know that Allah gives abundant sustenance to whomever He wills and gives it sparingly to whomever He pleases? Surely in this there are signs for true believers.

Quran 39 :53- 59 Throngs Az-Zumar Tafseer:General explanation: Say, Muhammad, to My servants who have transgressed against themselves by committing untold sins, 'Do not despair of Allah's mercy; surely Allah forgives all sins. He alone is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful.' Turn in penitence to your Lord, mankind, and submit to Him before His punishment comes upon you, for then there will be none to help you and protect you against it. Follow the Qur'an, which is the best of what Allah has revealed to His Messenger, by observing what it commands and avoiding what it forbids, before His punishment comes upon you suddenly while you are unaware, lest anyone should remorsefully say on Judgement Day, having missed the opportunity to repent, 'Alas for me for having neglected my duty towards Allah! Indeed, I was among those who ridiculed His religion and its followers,' or should say, 'Had Allah guided me to the truth, I would surely have

been among the God-fearing who obey His commands.’ Or should say, when he sees the punishment, ‘If only I could return once more to the world, so that I could be among those who do good.’ Allah will rebukingly expose his lies, saying: The matter is not as you say. The verses of the Qur’an did come to you, but you denied them. You were too arrogant to accept them and you were among those who disbelieved them.

Quran 39 :60- 66 Throngs Az-Zumar Tafseer:General explanation: On the Day of Resurrection, you will see the faces of those who have invented lies about Allah (by attributing to Him such things as partners, a spouse and offspring) blackened. Is there not in Hell a dwelling for the arrogant unbelievers? Yes, indeed there is! Allah will save from the Fire those who fear Him for doing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids, and will admit them into their place of safety—Paradise. No harm whatsoever will ever touch them, nor will they grieve for whatever they have missed in the life of the world. Allah alone is the Creator of all things, and He is the Guardian and Disposer of all affairs. The keys of the treasures of the heavens and the earth belong to Him alone. Those who deny His revelations and signs bearing witness to His oneness will surely be the losers. Say, Muhammad, to the Quraysh idolaters, ‘[After witnessing all the signs testifying to Allah’s absolute oneness and all-encompassing power,] would you still order me to worship other than Allah, you ignorant people?!’ It has been revealed to you, Muhammad, just as it was revealed to the prophets before you, that if you worship other deities besides Allah, all your good deeds will be in vain and will go unrewarded, and you will surely be among the losers. Rather, worship Allah alone and be among the grateful.

Quran 39 :67- 70 Throngs Az-Zumar Tafseer:General explanation: The idolaters do not truly show due reverence to Allah by worshipping others besides Him. The whole earth will be a mere handful for Him on the Day of Resurrection, and the seven heavens will all be rolled up in His Right Hand! Glory be to Him! Far exalted is He above what they attribute to Him! The Trumpet will

be blown on the Day of Resurrection, and all those who are in the heavens and the earth will fall dead, except those whom Allah wills to spare. Then it will be blown again, and all those who have died will rise from their graves, looking on. The Place of Gathering (the plains of Judgement Day) will shine bright with the light of its Lord when He reveals Himself in a manner befitting His majesty to judge people, and the records of people's deeds will be laid open. The prophets and the witnesses will be brought in to bear witness to people's actions. Allah will judge all of them with absolute fairness, and none will be wronged in the least. Every person will be repaid in full for whatever good or bad deeds he has done. Allah is fully aware of all they do in this life.

Quran 39 :71- 75 Throngs Az-Zumar Tafseer:General explanation: On the Day of Resurrection, the unbelievers will be driven to Hell in separate, successive groups. When they reach it, its seven gates will be opened, and its keepers will reprovably ask them, 'Did messengers from among yourselves not come to you, reciting to you the revelations of your Lord and warning you of the terrors of the Day of Judgement?' 'Yes, they did,' they will admit, 'but the sentence of eternal punishment has been justly pronounced on the unbelievers.' They will be told, 'Enter the gates of Hell to dwell there for ever.' Evil indeed is Hell as a dwelling place for the arrogant! Allah's peace be upon you! You have led pure lives. Enter Paradise to abide in it for ever.' The righteous will say, 'Praise be to Allah alone, who has fulfilled His promise to us, and put us in possession of the land of Paradise to settle permanently in it and take up residence wherever we please in it.' Excellent indeed is Paradise as a reward for those who do good deeds thereby seeking their Lord's good pleasure! You will see the angels surrounding the Throne of the Most Beneficent, extolling their Lord's glory and praise and declaring Him free from all defects and imperfections. Allah will judge people with complete justice, and it will be said, 'All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all the worlds.

Quran 40 :1- 6 The Forgiver Tafseer:General explanation: This

noble surah opens with two letters of the Arabic alphabet, namely haa' and meem. A brief discussion of such 'disconnected letters' is to be found at the beginning of Surat Al-Baqarah. The revelation of this Qur'an is from Allah, the All-Mighty, the All-Knowing, who forgives the sins of His servants and accepts the repentance of those who turn to Him; whose punishment is stern and bounty infinite. There is no god worthy of worship except Him, and to Him will all people be returned to repay them according to their good and bad deeds. None but the unbelievers use fallacious arguments to dispute Allah's signs bearing witness to His oneness. Do not, therefore, be deceived, Muhammad, by the prosperity they enjoy and the ease and plenty in which they live despite their unbelief. Before them Noah's people also disbelieved, and so did the the communities after them that joined forces against their messengers. Each community of those allied forces of unbelief plotted against the messenger sent to them to kill him, and disputed with him using fallacious arguments to refute the truth; but then I seized them with a severe punishment. Terrible indeed was My retribution! Just as My punishment was justly meted out to the past unbelieving nations in this world, so My torment will justly be meted out to them in the life to come: they will be the inhabitants of the Fire!

Quran 40 :7- 14 The Forgiver Tafseer:General explanation: The angels who bear the Throne of the Most Beneficent, as well as those around the it, extol their Lord's limitless glory and declare Him free from all imperfections. They believe in Him and ask Him to forgive the believers, saying, 'Lord, Your mercy and Your knowledge encompass all things; forgive, therefore, those who repent and follow the religion of Islam, and save them from the punishment of Hell. 'Admit them, Lord, into the gardens of perpetual bliss which You have promised them, together with all the righteous among their parents, their spouses and their offspring. You are the All-Mighty who holds sway over all things, the All-Wise whose laws and decrees are all judicious. Protect them, Lord, from the evil consequences of their sins; whomever You protect

from the evil consequences of their sins on that day will surely earn Your mercy. That is the ultimate success. The unbelievers will be told after they are cast into the Fire, ‘Allah’s loathing of you when you were called to the faith in the worldly life and you disbelieved was far greater than your own loathing of yourselves today!’ They will say, ‘Lord, You caused us to die twice—before the spirit of life was breathed into us and when we reached the end of our earthly terms—and You brought us to life twice—by breathing the spirit of life into us in the world and then raising us again at the resurrection. Now that we have admitted our sins, is there any way out of the Fire?’ ‘By no means,’ they will be told. ‘That is because when Allah alone was called upon, you disbelieved in His unity and ascribed partners to Him; but when partners were associated with Him, you readily believed. Fair judgment rests with Allah, the All-High, the All-Great.’ It is He who shows His signs testifying to His oneness and power to you, mankind, and sends down sustenance from the heavens for you. Yet none will pay heed and benefit from such signs except those who turn to Him. Call, therefore, upon Allah, sincere in your faith in Him alone, even if the unbelievers hate that.

Quran 40 :15- 20 The Forgiver Tafseer:General explanation: Allah is Exalted far above all ranks and degrees, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. He sends down His revelation by His command to whomever He wills of His servants (i.e. the messengers) to warn people of the Day of Resurrection—the day when people will come forth from their graves and assemble in full view in one plain. Nothing whatsoever about them will be hidden from Him. ‘Whose is the absolute sovereignty today?’ Allah will ask. Then he will reply, ‘It is Allah’s, the One who has no partners, the Omnipotent who holds absolute sway over all things. Today every person will be repaid according to his deeds. There will no injustice today. Swift is Allah’s reckoning. Warn people, Muhammad, of the approaching Judgement Day and its horrors—when people’s hearts will, out of intense fear, chokingly come up to their throats, making them unable to speak. The wrongdoers will, on that day,

have no intimate friend or intercessor to intercede with Allah for them and whose intercession will be accepted. He is fully aware of the most furtive of people's glances and whatever secrets their hearts conceal. Allah will judge between people with complete fairness, but the idols that the idolaters call upon besides Allah cannot judge at all. Allah alone hears and sees all things.

Quran 40 :21- 27 The Forgiver Tafseer:General explanation: Have the Quraysh idolaters never journeyed through the land to see and reflect on the end of the unbelieving nations before them? They were far mightier than these idolaters and they left considerable marks of their power in the earth, yet Allah punished them for their sins, utterly destroying them, and they had no one to protect them from Allah. That was because their messengers had come to them with clear proofs of Allah's oneness and the truthfulness of His messengers, but they stubbornly persisted in their unbelief, and so Allah seized them with torment, completely destroying them.

Surely Allah is All-Strong and severe in punishing those who disbelieve in Him and deny His messengers. We sent forth Moses, with our miracles and a compelling proof clearly showing the truth, to Pharaoh, his Chief Minister Haman and Korah (Qarun), but they all said, 'Moses is a sorcerer and a liar!' When Moses brought them the truth from Us, they threateningly said, 'Kill the sons of those who share his faith, and spare only their daughters.' But the evil scheming of the unbelievers is ever bound to fail! Pharaoh said, 'Let me kill Moses, and then let him call upon his Lord to protect him against me. I fear that if I leave him alone, he will change your religion by his magic or cause corruption to prevail in the land of Egypt!' Moses replied, 'I take refuge in my Lord and the Lord of you all from every arrogant person who does not believe in the Day of Resurrection.'

Quran 40 :28- 35 The Forgiver Tafseer:General explanation: A believing man of Pharaoh's family who until then had concealed his faith in Allah said, 'Would you kill Moses merely because he says, "My Lord is Allah," when he has brought you clear evidence from your Lord?! If he lies in his claim, this will be to his own

detriment; if he is telling the truth, some of the punishments with which he has threatened you will surely befall you. Allah does not guide anyone who transgresses His limits and is an utter liar. My people, you enjoy power and authority in the land of Egypt today, but who will save us against Allah's punishment if it comes upon us?!" Pharaoh said to his people, in reply to the believing man's advice, 'I only propose to you what I consider right, and I am guiding you to none other than the right path! The believer in Pharaoh's household then said, 'My people, I fear for you, if you kill Moses, a severe punishment similar to that that truck on the days on which Allah destroyed the communities of old that joined forces against their messengers, a condition like that of Noah's people and the tribes of 'Aad and Thamud and those who came after them: They all denied their messengers and so Allah destroyed them. Allah does not will any injustice for His slaves! 'My people, I fear for you the Day of Judgement—the day when you try in vain to flee from Allah's torment, with no one to protect you from it. Whomever Allah leaves to stray from the truth will have none to guide him. 'Joseph came to your ancestors, before Moses, with clear evidence of the truth; however, following in your ancestors' footsteps, you have never ceased to cast doubt on the message Joseph brought. When he finally died, your ancestors said out of sheer relief and without any evidence to support such a claim, 'Allah will never send another messenger after him.' Thus does Allah lead astray everyone who transgresses His limits and doubts the truth! 'Those who dispute Allah's signs testifying to His oneness and absolute power, with no proof given to them by Allah through His messengers, are held in immense abhorrence by Allah and the believers. Thus does Allah seal up the heart of anyone who arrogantly rejects the truth and oppresses people.

Quran 40 :36- 46 The Forgiver Tafseer:General explanation:
Pharaoh said to Haman, 'Haman, build me a great and lofty tower, so I may reach the gates and pathways of the heavens leading to the god of Moses so I may see him. I am convinced Moses is a liar and that his claim that there is a god above the heavens is utterly

false!’ Thus were Pharaoh’s evil deeds seem so alluring to him that he was turned away from the path of truth. Pharaoh’s evil scheming led to nothing but utter loss and ruin! The believer from among Pharaoh’s family said, continuing his warnings and sincere advice, ‘Follow me, my people, and I will guide you to the path of truth. My people, this worldly life is but a brief enjoyment, but the life to come is the eternal abode. Those who do an evil deed in this life will be requited with no more than its like in the hereafter, but those who do good deeds while believing in Allah and His messengers, be they men or women, will enter Paradise in which they will be provided for without measure. The believer in Pharaoh’s household then said to his people, ‘My people, how is it that I call you to the path of salvation, and you call me to the path leading to the Fire?! You call on me to disbelieve in Allah and to associate with Him partners about whose partnership I have no proof, while I call you to the worship of the All-Mighty, the All-Forgiving! There is no doubt that the false gods to which you call me to worship do not deserve to be worshipped or called upon either in this world nor in the world to come, that our return after our death will be to Allah, and that those who transgress Allah’s limits will be the inhabitants of the Fire. You will then remember the advice I am giving to you now and realise that I have spoken the truth. I entrust all my affairs to Allah. Surely Allah sees all His slaves and nothing about them is hidden from Him.’ So Allah protected him from the evil scheme they had contrived, and a terrible punishment descended upon Pharaoh and his followers. They are exposed to the Fire morning and evening to be tormented with it until the Day of Resurrection, and then on the Day of Judgement Allah will say to the angels, ‘Admit Pharaoh and his people to the severest torment of Hell.

Quran 40 :47- 56 The Forgiver Tafseer:General explanation: Mention to the people, Muhammad, the time when the unbelievers will argue in the Fire. The lowly followers will say to their arrogant leaders, ‘We were your obedient followers in the life of the world; will you, therefore, relieve us of a portion of the torment

of the Fire?’ Their leaders will say, ‘We are all in Hell together. Allah has judged justly between His slaves!’ The dwellers of Hell will say to the keepers of Hell, ‘Implore your Lord to lighten our torment even for a single day.’ The keepers of Hell will reprovingly ask them, ‘Did your messengers in the world not come to you with clear proofs testifying to the truth?’ ‘Yes, they did,’ they will reply. The keepers will say, ‘Pray, then, to Allah to lighten your torment for as much as you like, for the unbelievers’ prayers will only be in vain! We will certainly help Our messengers and the believers both in this worldly life and on the Day of Resurrection—the day when the excuses of those who have wronged themselves by reason of their unbelief and evil sins will be of no benefit to them. They will be expelled from Allah’s grace and mercy and they will have the worst abode—Hell. We bestowed on Moses true guidance and made the Children of Israel heirs to the Torah after him—a guide and an admonition to those amongst them who were endowed with insight and good sense. Therefore, be steadfast, Muhammad, and bear the harm of the unbelievers with patience; Allah’s promise is surely true. Implore forgiveness for your sins [so that you will be emulated in this by your followers], and extol your Lord’s glory and praise, declaring Him free from all imperfections, evening and morning. Those who dispute Allah’s signs testifying to His oneness and the truthfulness of His messengers, with no proof given to them by Us, have nothing in their hearts but arrogance that prevents them from following the truth and with which they seek superiority over it, but they will never attain their ambitions; for Allah will certainly disgrace them. Therefore, hold fast to Allah, Muhammad, and seek refuge in Him from your enemies’ harm. Surely He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

Quran 40 :57- 65 The Forgiver Tafseer:General explanation: The creation of the heavens and the earth is indeed far greater than the creation of mankind, yet most people do not know: Some of them still deny the resurrection and do not reflect and regard such signs as compelling evidence of Allah’s power to resurrect the dead! The

blind and the seeing are by no means equal, nor can those who believe and do good deeds be deemed equal to those who disbelieve and do evil deeds. Little do you reflect on Allah's signs and pay heed. The Day of Judgement is bound to come—there is no doubt about it, yet most people do not believe in it. Your Lord says, 'Call on Me, people: I will answer your prayer. Those who are too proud to call on Me will enter Hell in disgrace.' It is Allah who has made for you, mankind, the night in which to rest from the worldly toil and labour of the day, and has made the day bright so you can go about your business and earn your livelihoods. Allah is very bountiful to people, but most people do not give thanks! Such is Allah, your Lord, the Creator of all things. There is no god worthy of worship but Him. How, then, are you turned away from believing in Him? Thus are turned away those who, out of sheer arrogance, deny Allah's signs bearing witness to His oneness and power. It is Allah who has made the earth ready for you to settle it and the sky a canopy. He has shaped you in the best forms and provided you with good and wholesome things. Such is Allah, your Lord. Blessed be Allah, Lord of all the worlds. He is the Ever-Living; there is no god worthy of worship but Him. Call on Him, then, sincerely devoting your worship to Him alone. All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all the worlds.

Quran 40 :66- 76 The Forgiver Tafseer:General explanation: Say, Muhammad, to your idolatrous people, 'Now that clear evidence of the truth has come to me from my Lord, I am forbidden to worship and call upon those idols you worship besides Allah, and I am commanded to fully submit to the Lord of all the worlds and obey His commands.' It is Allah who created your father, Adam, from dust; then He creates you from a drop of semen, then from a clot of blood clinging to the womb wall then, after going through a number of major development stages, He brings you forth as infants. Then He lets you attain your age of full strength then decline into old age—though some of you die earlier—and you reach your appointed term when you die at the specified time he has fixed, so that you may reflect on such signs of Allah's power

and realise that He can bring you back to life just as He has brought you forth through these stages when you were absolutely nothing. It is He who gives life and causes death; and when He decreed a thing, He only says to it, 'Be,' and it is. Do you ever wonder, Muhammad, how the idolaters among your people who dispute Allah's signs are turned from the truth to falsehood? They are the ones who have denied the Qur'an and all the messages We sent through Our messengers. They will certainly come to know the dire consequences of their unbelief when shackles and chains are placed around their necks and are dragged through scalding water and then cast into the Fire to serve as its fuel and are set aflame! Then they will be reproachfully asked, 'Where are now the alleged gods you used to associate with Allah and worship them besides Him?' 'They have vanished away from us and we cannot see them,' they will reply. 'Or rather we did not worship anything at all besides Allah in the worldly life.' Thus does Allah lead the unbelievers astray! They will further be told, 'This has befallen you because during your life on earth you took delight in falsehood and wickedness and you were so full of self-conceit. Enter now the gates of Hell to stay there for ever. Evil indeed is Hell as a dwelling place for the arrogant!

Quran 40 :77- 81 The Forgiver Tafseer:General explanation:
Therefore, be steadfast, Muhammad, and bear the unbelievers' harm with patience. Allah's promise is true, and He will surely fulfil His promise to you. Whether We cause you to see part of the punishment with which We have threatened them in your life, or whether We cause you to die before you see it, to Us will they be returned, and We will repay them according to their deeds. We sent forth messengers before you, Muhammad. Of them there are some whose story We have related to you, and some whose story We have not related to you. It is not for any messenger to bring forth a miraculous sign testifying to his truthfulness without Allah's permission. When the time Allah has appointed to decide between the messengers and their people comes, He will judge between them with absolute justice. The messengers and their

followers will be saved, but the followers of falsehood will then be brought to loss and ruin. It is Allah who has provided you with grazing livestock, that you may ride on some and eat the flesh of others. You have other benefits in them too. They take you to distant places to which you wish to travel, carrying you by land as ships carry you by sea. Allah shows you His signs bearing witness to His oneness and power. Which, then, of Allah's signs do you deny?

Quran 40 :82- 85 The Forgiver Tafseer:General explanation: Have the idolaters among your people, Muhammad, then, not travelled through the land to see and reflect on the fate of the unbelieving nations before them?! The unbelievers in former times were more numerous and greater in strength than the Quraysh unbelievers, and they left considerable marks of their power in the earth; yet neither their great numbers nor their great power proved of any avail to them and did not protect them against Allah's punishment! When the messengers of those past unbelieving nations brought them Allah's clear signs, they conceitedly exulted in whatever worldly knowledge they had, and so they were encompassed by the very punishment they had disbelieved and mocked. And when they saw Our punishment descending upon them, they said, 'We now believe in Allah alone, and we renounce the false gods we used to worship besides Him!' But their newly acquired faith was of no benefit to them at all after they had seen Our punishment coming upon them. Allah has established a rule regarding the unbelievers: Believing at the time of witnessing His punishment descending upon them will be of no avail to them, nor will their repentance then be accepted. Those who disbelieved in their Lord then perished, suffering a total loss.

Quran 41 :1- 8 Fussilat Tafseer:General explanation: This noble surah opens with two letters of the Arabic alphabet, namely haa' and meem. A brief discussion of such 'disconnected letters' is to be found at the beginning of Surat Al-Baqarah. This Qur'an has been sent down to Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, by Allah, the All-Compassionate, the All-Merciful. It is a

book whose verses He has detailed and whose meanings and laws He has clearly expounded in the Arabic tongue for people who know Arabic, so that they may benefit from its meanings and reflect on it. It proclaims good news of reward to the believers who do good deeds and warns the unbelievers who do evil deeds against punishment. However, most of the Quraysh unbelievers turn away from it and refuse to listen to it with the intention of benefitting from its guidance. They say, 'Our hearts are under veils that prevent us from understanding the Qur'an. There is deafness in our ears that prevents us from hearing you, and a heavy barrier stands between ourselves and you that prevents us from seeing you and precludes any interaction between us. Therefore, leave us alone, Muhammad, and follow your own religion. We will follow ours.' Say to them, Muhammad, 'I am only a human being like yourselves. It has been revealed to me that your God is one God who has no partners. Therefore, take the straight path to Him and ask His forgiveness.' 'Woe betide the idolaters who do not purify themselves with faith in Allah and obedience to Him, who stubbornly persist in associating partners with Him and disbelieve in the life to come. As for those who believe and do good deeds, they will surely have a never-ending reward.

Quran 41 :9- 12 Fussilat Tafseer:General explanation: Say, Muhammad, to the idolaters, 'How can you disbelieve in Allah, who created the earth in two days?! How can you set up equals and rivals that you worship besides Him?! He is the Lord of all the worlds!' He placed on the earth firmly-rooted mountains rising above its surface, bestowed His blessings on it, and ordained all its means sustenance in another two days—totalling four days exactly, neither less nor more (That is, including the former two days in which He created the earth). We have clarified this for those who ask about how long it took to create the earth and all that is in it. Then, turning to the heaven, which was then just smoke, He said to it and to the earth after He had created them, 'Submit to Me, willingly or unwillingly.' They said, 'We submit willingly.' He formed the heaven into seven heavens in two days, and to each

heaven He assigned its task and whatever creation and management He willed. He adorned the lowest heaven with shining stars and with them He has guarded it against the devils that attempt to eavesdrop on the highest assembly of the angels. Such is the design of the All-Mighty, the All-knowing.

Quran 41 :13- 18 Fussilat Tafseer:General explanation: If the idolaters among your people, Muhammad, turn away from the truth to which you call them, say to them, ‘I warn you of a severe punishment that will utterly destroy you, like that which struck ‘Aad and Thamud.’ Allah’s messengers came to them from all directions and made every effort to convey to them His message, saying, ‘Worship none but Allah without ascribing any partners to Him.’ They replied, ‘If our Lord had willed us to worship Him alone, He would have sent down to us from the havens angels commanding us to do so. We reject the message commanding us to worship Him alone with which He has sent you!’ As for ‘Aad, the people of Hud, they acted arrogantly in the land and unjustly oppressed those around them. ‘Who has greater strength than us?’ they boastfully said. Did they not see that Allah, who created them from nothing, is far mightier than them?! They persisted in denying Our clear signs, and so We let loose on them a freezing, piercing gale that lasted several disastrous days, bringing them great misfortune, to make them taste a humiliating punishment in this life; but more humiliating still will be the punishment of the life to come, and they will have none to save them from it And as for Thamud, the people of Salih, We showed them the path of truth and right guidance, but they wilfully preferred unbelief over faith and misguidance over guidance. Therefore, the terrible blast of a disgracing punishment seized them on account of the evil deeds to which they were given, and We delivered Salih and the believers with him who feared their Lord and obeyed His commands.

Quran 41 :19- 29 Fussilat Tafseer:General explanation: Make mention, Muhammad, of the day when Allah will gather all His enemies who disbelieve in Him from all generations. They will then be violently driven to the Fire in utter disgrace. When they

reach it, their ears, their eyes and their very skins will bear witness against them, speaking of the evil deeds they used to commit in the worldly life! They will disapprovingly ask their skins, ‘Why have you borne witness against us?’ Their skins will reply, ‘Allah, who gives speech to all things, has made us speak by His power. It was He who created you in the first instance, and to Him you were bound to be brought back after your death! You did not hide, when committing sins in the life of the world, for fear that your ears, your eyes and your skins would bear witness against you on the Day of Resurrection, but you thought that Allah was ignorant of many things that you did! It was such very evil thought which you entertained about your Lord that brought you to ruin, and so now you find yourselves among the losers.’ Whether or not these unbelievers bear their torment in Hell, the Fire will be their everlasting abode; and if they ask Allah to be pleased with them and accept their repentance and excuses, He will never be pleased with them, nor will He ever accept their repentance and excuses! We have assigned the unbelievers— on account of their rejecting Allah and His clear signs and their stubbornly denying the truth— evil companions who have made the life of this world and its forbidden desires, as well as their denial of the resurrection and recompense, appealing to them. The sentence of punishment which was justly passed on the unbelieving communities of the jinn and people before them has also been their due. They will truly be losers. The Quraysh unbelievers say, fearing the powerful influence of the Qur’an, ‘Do not listen to this Qur’an and oppose it; drown it out while it is recited by clapping, whistling, and engaging in frivolous noisy chatter, so that you may gain the upper hand over Muhammad and his followers!’ We will surely make the unbelievers suffer a severe punishment and repay them according to their worst deeds. Such will be the requital of Allah’s enemies: The Fire, which will be their eternal abode—a just requital for their unbelief and denied of Our signs. The unbelievers will say, ‘Lord, show us those who have led us astray from among the jinn and humans. We will trample them under our feet to suffer the severest

torment in the lowest depths of the Fire.

Quran 41 :30- 36 Fussilat Tafseer:General explanation: As for those who say, ‘Our Lord is Allah,’ and then steadfastly adhere to His commands, the angels will descend upon them at the time of their death, saying, ‘Do not fear what is to come, nor grieve over what has passed. Rejoice in the good news of Paradise which you have been promised to enter. We were your supporters and guardians in the worldly life, and so will we be in the world to come. You will have in the hereafter whatever you desire and whatever you ask for—a welcoming rich provision from the Al-Forgiving and the All-Merciful God.’ No one speaks better than someone who calls people to the worship of Allah alone, does righteous deeds and says, ‘I am one of those who sincerely submit to Allah’s will and laws.’ A good quality is by no means equal as to its outcome to a bad quality. Therefore, respond to a bad trait, Muhammad, with the quality that is the best. Be kind to those who offend you, call them to the truth with wisdom and gentleness, pardon them and patiently endure whatever harm they do you. If you do so, those who are your enemies now will become like your intimate friends. But none will be granted such honourable quality but those who possess steadfast patience. None will be granted it except those who are endowed with a great portion of good. And if Satan prompts you, Muhammad, through his evil suggestions, to repay unkindness with unkindness, then seek refuge with Allah to protect you from him. It is He who hears all and knows all.

Quran 41 :37- 39 Fussilat Tafseer:General explanation: Among Allah’s signs bearing witness to His existence, oneness and power are the night and the day, and the sun and the moon. Do not prostrate yourselves, people, before the sun or the moon; rather, prostrate yourselves before Allah, who has created them if you truly worship Him alone. If these idolaters arrogantly disdain to worship Allah alone, do not grieve at all, Muhammad, and leave them alone; for He has other obedient servants with Him—the angels—who glorify Him and declare Him free from all defects and imperfections night and day, without ever becoming weary of

doing so. Another of His signs testifying to His oneness and His power to resurrect the dead is that you see the land arid and barren, without any vegetation whatsoever, but when We send down rain water on it, it stirs and swells with life. The One who brings such barren land to life will surely give life to the dead on Resurrection Day. He has power over all things.

Quran 41 :40- 46 Fussilat Tafseer:General explanation: Those who deviate from the truth regarding Our revelations (such as by denying them and distorting or changing their intended meanings) are not concealed from Us. Is, therefore, someone who will be cast into the Fire to be punished in it better or someone who will be secure on the Day of Resurrection and be spared Allah's punishment?! Do as you will, idolaters. Allah sees everything you do. Those who reject the Qur'an after it has come to them will surely be losers. This Qur'an is indeed a sublime and mighty book that none can possibly produce its like or refute its compelling arguments. It is so invincible that falsehood cannot approach it from any direction at all. It is a revelation from the All-Wise God who puts everything in its perfect place, the All-Laudable who is free from all defects and imperfections. Nothing is being said to you, Muhammad, other than what was said to the messengers before you; therefore, have patience. Your Lord extends His forgiveness to those who repent and turn to Him, but He also inflicts a painful punishment on those who persist in their unbelief and disobedience. Had We revealed this Qur'an in a language other than Arabic, the Quraysh unbelievers would still have objected to it, saying, 'Why has Allah not explained its verses in detail to us in our language so that we may understand it?!' They would have still objected to it, asking in surprise, 'What! Why is it in a foreign tongue and the messenger is Arab?!' Say in reply, to them, Muhammad, 'To the believers, this Qur'an is a sure guide and a remedy from physical illness as well as from doubts and uncertainty; but as for the unbelievers, there is deafness in their ears, and so they never benefit from listening to it; and they are blind to it, unable to see the truth it contains or be guided by it. It is

as if they were being called from a place so far off that they can neither hear the call nor understand it. We gave Moses the Torah, but his people differed about it. Had it not been for a prior decree from your Lord, Muhammad, to delay the unbelievers' torment until a specified term, He would have destroyed them at once. As it is, the unbelievers are in grave, disquieting doubt about the Qur'an and the truthfulness of His messengers. Whoever does good deeds actually does so for his own good, but whoever does evil deeds does so to his own loss. Never is your Lord, Muhammad, unjust to His slaves!

Quran 41 :47- 54 Fussilat Tafseer:General explanation: Knowledge of the Day of Resurrection belongs to Him alone: He alone knows its exact time. No fruit emerges from its sheath, nor does any female conceive without His knowledge. On Judgement Day, Allah will call out to the idolaters, 'Where are now those alleged partners of Mine?' 'We proclaim to You, Lord,' they will reply, 'that none of us today can testify to that false claim!' Whatever false gods the idolaters used to worship in the life of the world will, on that day, fail them and will be of no benefit whatsoever to them, and they will know for certain that there will be no escape for them from Allah's punishment. Man never tires of asking his Lord for good (such as health and wealth); but if evil (such as poverty and ill health) befalls him, he loses hope in his Lord's mercy, sinking into utter despondency. Nevertheless, if We let him taste some of Our grace by bestowing some favour upon him after hardship has afflicted him, he is sure to say, out of sheer pride, 'This is what I truly deserve, and I do not believe that the Day of Judgement will ever come; but even if it were to come and I were to be brought back to my Lord, He will certainly admit me into Paradise!' We will, on Resurrection Day, inform such unbelievers of all the deeds they have done in this world, and We will surely make them taste a severe punishment. When We confer a certain blessing on man, he conceitedly turns aside from Us, disdainingly to worship his Lord and give thanks to Him, and he becomes too arrogant to submit to His will; but when evil befalls him, he insistently prays to Allah to

relieve his affliction! Say to the unbelievers among your people, Muhammad, ‘Tell me, if this Qur'an is indeed from Allah and you still deny it, who could be further astray from the truth than you?!’ We will show these unbelievers aspects of Our signs testifying to Our oneness and power in the universe and within themselves until it becomes clear to them that the Qur'an is the truth. Is it not sufficient that your Lord, Muhammad, is witness over everything?! They are certainly in doubt as to whether they will ever be brought back to life after death and meet their Lord. Surely He encompasses all things: Nothing whatsoever is hidden from Him and absolutely nothing can frustrate His power.

Quran 42 :1- 9 Ash-Shura Tafseer:General explanation: This noble surah opens with some ‘disconnected letters’ of the Arabic alphabet, a brief discussion of which is to be found at the beginning of Surat Al-Baqarah. Just as Allah, the All-Mighty and the All-Wise, has revealed this Qur'an to you, Muhammad, He too sent down revelations to the prophets before you. To Him belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth, and He is the All-High, the All-Great. The heavens are almost torn asunder above one another, overawed as they are by Allah's majesty and greatness. The angels extol their Lord's limitless glory and praise, declaring Him free from anything that does not befit His absolute majesty and from any imperfections, and ask forgiveness for those on earth. Surely Allah alone is the All-Forgiving, the Al-Merciful. As for those who take for themselves guardians and supporters which they obey and worship besides Allah, Allah watches their every action, and you, Muhammad, are not responsible for taking account of their deeds or making them accept the truth. Just as We sent down revelations to the prophets before you, Muhammad, We have revealed to you this Qur'an in the Arabic language so that people may understand what is in it, in order for you to warn with it the people of the Mother of Cities—Makkah—and those around it from all over the world of a severe chastisement if they do not believe; and to warn mankind of the Day of Judgement, the coming of which is beyond all doubt. One group will, on that day, be in

Paradise, the other in the Fire. Had it been Allah's will, He would have made all people follow one religion, but He admits whomever He wills of His servants into His mercy; as for those who wrong themselves by reason of their unbelief and evil sins, they will have no guardian to take care of them, nor a helper to protect them against Allah's punishment. Rather, these wrongdoers have taken guardians which they worship besides Allah. Allah is the only true guardian who takes charge of all his servants' affairs! He brings the dead back to life by His power, and He is Able to do all things.

Quran 42 :10- 15 Ash-Shura Tafseer:General explanation: Tell people, Prophet, 'The judgement concerning anything you differ about, people, rests with Allah alone. Such is Allah, my Lord. In Him have I placed my trust, and to Him alone do I refer all my affairs.' He is the Creator of the heavens and the earth. He has made for you, people, spouses of your own kind, as well as livestock, both male and female. It is thus that He multiplies you and your livestock. Nothing compares to Him. He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The keys of the treasures of the heavens and the earth belong to Him alone. He expands and restricts the provision of whomever He wills of His slaves. He has knowledge of all things. Allah has ordained for you, Muslims, the same faith which He enjoined on Noah—and which We have now revealed to you, Muhammad (that is, Islam)—and which We enjoined on Abraham, Moses and Jesus, saying: Steadfastly observe the true faith and do not split up regarding it. The worship of one God, to which you, Muhammad, invite the idolaters who ascribe partners to Allah, is hard indeed for them and rather intolerable and unacceptable to them. Allah chooses for Himself whomever He pleases of His servants and guides to Himself whoever heartily turns to Him. They only split up into sects after knowledge came to them from Allah, all on account of their wickedness and mutual envy and oppression. Had it not been for a prior decree from your Lord, Muhammad, to delay their torment until a specified term, He would have hastened their punishment. The Jews and Christians who were given the scriptures after those who differed about the

truth are in grave, disquieting doubt about their own books. To such true religion, therefore, call people, Muhammad, and steadfastly adhere to it yourself as you are commanded. Do not follow their vain desires, and say, 'I believe in all the scriptures which Allah has sent down, and my Lord has commanded me to establish justice among you. Allah is our Lord and your Lord. We are responsible for our deeds and you are responsible for yours, and Allah will repay each of us according to His actions. Let there be no argument between us. Allah will bring us all together on Resurrection Day to judge between us and you with absolute justice, and to Him alone will be the final return.

Quran 42 :16- 18 Ash-Shura Tafseer:General explanation: The argument of those who argue with the believers about Allah's religion, after people have embraced it, is futile and has no basis whatsoever with their Lord. Allah's wrath has fallen upon them in this life, and they will suffer a harsh punishment in the life to come. It is Allah who has sent down the Qur'an to His Messenger with the truth and has sent down justice so that people may conduct themselves with fairness. You just do not know, Muhammad! The time of Judgement Day may well be near and fast approaching. Those who do not believe in it mockingly ask for its coming to be hastened, but those who believe in it dread its coming and know it to be the truth. Indeed, those who doubt the Day of Judgement have strayed far away from the truth.

Quran 42 :19- 24 Ash-Shura Tafseer:General explanation: Allah is extremely gracious to His servants. He provides whomever of them He wills, expanding or restricting sustenance for whomever He pleases as He in His wisdom sees fit for them, and He is the All-Strong, the All-Mighty. If anyone seeks the reward of the world to come and endeavors earnestly to obtain it, We will surely grant him strength to increase his good deeds and make it easy for him to do so and We will multiply his rewards; and if anyone seeks only this world, We will provide him with the provisions that have been allocated for him, denying him nothing of this whatsoever, but he will have no share of Allah's reward at all in the hereafter. Or do

these idolaters have gods they associate with Allah, which in the practice of their religion have ordained for them what Allah has not sanctioned?! Had it not been for a decree already issued by Allah, postponing their punishment, He would have hastened their torment. Those who wrong themselves by reason of their unbelief and evil deeds will suffer a painful punishment! You will see, Muhammad, the wrongdoers on the Day of Resurrection in great terror of Allah's punishment because of the evil deeds they have done in this world, and it will inevitably descend upon them. As for those who believe and do righteous deeds in this world, they will be in the fair gardens of Paradise. They will have in it whatever they desire with their Lord. That will indeed be the greatest bounty. Such tremendous bliss is the good news that Allah gives His servants who believe in Him and do righteous deeds. Say to your people, the Quraysh, Muhammad, 'No reward do I ask of you for my conveying my Lord's message to you except that you consider the ties of kinship binding us together.' If any believer does a good deed, We will repay him many times over. Allah is All-Forgiving: He forgives the sins of His servants, All-Appreciative: He accepts their good deeds and multiplies their reward for them manifold times. Rather, the idolaters say, 'Muhammad fabricates lies about Allah, claiming to receive revelations from Him when he does not!' If you had, as they falsely claim, He could have sealed up your heart so that you forget all that you know of the Qur'an, had He so willed. Allah wipes out all falsehood and establishes the truth by His words. Allah is fully aware of what is in people's hearts and minds, and nothing whatsoever is hidden from Him.

Quran 42 :25- 35 Ash-Shura Tafseer:General explanation: It is Allah alone who accepts His servants' repentance when they turn to Him and pardons their misdeeds, and He knows whatever good or evil you do. He answers the prayers of those who believe and do good deeds when they call upon Him, grants them their requests and gives them even more out of His bounty. As for the unbelievers, they will suffer a severe punishment. Had Allah

granted unlimited sustenance to all His servants, they would have committed much injustice in the land and transgressed against one another. As it is, He sends down in due measure whatever He pleases according to His own wisdom. Allah is fully aware of His servants' condition and sees them all. It is Allah who sends down rain, giving His servants relief after they have despaired of it, and spreads out His mercy far and wide. He is the Guardian who protects and takes good care of His servants, the Praiseworthy who deserves all praise for His countless blessings. Among the signs bearing witness to Allah's greatness and power is the creation of the heavens and the earth and all the living creatures He has spread in them; and He is able to gather them together before Him for judgement whenever He pleases. Whatever misfortune befalls you, people, is the outcome of the evil deeds that you commit, and yet He overlooks and pardons many of your sins. You cannot escape Allah anywhere on earth, nor do you have any protector or helper besides Allah. And among the signs testifying to His perfect power are the ships, as tall as the mountains, smooth-running through the ocean. If He wills, He can calm the wind so that they lie motionless on its surface. Surely in this there are signs of Allah's power for all who are patient in adversity and deeply grateful to Him. Or, if He so wills, He can cause the ships to sink as punishment for the misdeeds of those boarding it, and yet He forgives much and thus does not punish people for every sin they commit. He punishes the wrongdoers by drowning them so that those who dispute His signs know that they cannot escape His punishment.

Quran 42 :36- 46 Ash-Shura Tafseer:General explanation:

Whatever you have been given is only the fleeting enjoyment of this life, but the reward which is with Allah in the hereafter is far better and more enduring than all life's pleasures, for those who believe and put their trust in their Lord, who shun major sins and gross indecencies and, when angered, are willing to forgive; who respond to their Lord and obey His commands, duly attend to their prayers, and conduct their affairs by mutual consultation; who

spend on others out of what Allah has provided for them and, when oppressed, defend themselves by redressing the injustice done to them. Let an evil act be repaid with an act of similar nature. But whoever forgives his offender and seeks reconciliation will find his reward with Allah. Allah certainly does not love the wrongdoers. However, no blame attaches to those who seek to defend themselves and redress the wrongs done to them, without transgressing their limits. Blame attaches only to those who oppress other people, behave themselves arrogantly and transgress their limits in the land against all right. These will suffer an agonizing punishment. Those who patiently endure people's harm and forgive them for whatever they have done to them will have a great reward and an excellent outcome, for such patience and forgiveness are praiseworthy deeds which testify to strong resolve and which Allah commands His servants to do. Whomever Allah leads astray because of his wrongdoing will have no guardian to take care of him after Allah has left him to stray. You will see those who have wronged themselves because of their unbelief, Muhammad, when they see the punishment prepared for them on Judgement Day, remorsefully say, 'Is there any way for us to be sent back to the world so we may obey Allah?!' You will see them brought before the Fire, totally disgraced and humiliated, furtively looking at it out of intense fear! The believers will then say, 'The true losers are those who have lost themselves and all their families on this Day of Resurrection.' The wrongdoers will surely suffer an everlasting punishment. They will have no protectors on that day to save them from Allah's punishment. Whomever Allah leaves to stray will find no way to the truth in this life, nor to Paradise in the life to come.

Quran 42 :47- 53 Ash-Shura Tafseer:General explanation:

Respond to your Lord, people, by doing what His Messenger calls you to, before the Day of Resurrection comes, which cannot be averted against Allah's will. There will be no place for you on that day in which to take refuge, nor will you have someone to denounce what will happen to you or protect you against it, nor

will you be able to deny your sins or the just recompense you will receive for your deeds. If the idolaters turn away in aversion from your call, Muhammad, know that We have not sent you to be their keeper—to take account of their deeds and thus judge them according to their actions. Your only duty is to convey your Lord's message to them. When We bestow a certain blessing on man (such as abundant wealth), he rejoices in it and feels pleased with it; but when misfortune befalls him because of his sins, he becomes ungrateful to Allah for His blessings upon him. To Allah alone belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. He creates whatever He wills. He gives daughters to whomever He wills and sons to whomever He pleases, or He gives both sons and daughters to whomever He wills and He makes whomever He wishes sterile. He knows everything and has power over all things. It is not possible for a human being that Allah should speak to him in this life except by inspiration; or from behind a veil, in which case he can hear His words but cannot see Him; or through an angel that Allah sends to reveal to him, by His permission, whatever He wills. Allah is All-High. All-Wise. And thus, too, have We revealed to you, Muhammad, the Qur'an by Our command. Before such revelation, you did not know what the Qur'an is nor what faith is, but We have made this Qur'an a light for people whereby We guide those of Our servants whom We please. You, Muhammad, are truly guiding people to a straight path—the path of Allah, to whom belongs all that is in the heavens and the earth. Surely to Allah alone will all matters return for decision.

Quran 43 :1- 8 Az-Zukhruf Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty opens this noble surah with two letters of the Arabic alphabet, namely haa' and meem, which prove the miraculous nature of the Qur'an. A brief discussion of these disconnected letters is to be found at the beginning of Surat Al-Baqarah. The Almighty then swears by the Clear Book—the Qur'an—which clarifies everything, to confirm the purpose of making this Qur'an in the form it is: We have made this book an Arabic Qur'an so that you may understand its meanings and ponder it. This Qur'an—

which is in the Preserved Tablet with Us—is indeed sublime and full of wisdom, entertaining no ambiguities, inconsistencies or deviation from the truth. Should we then hold back the Qur’an from you, idolaters, altogether and deprive you of its guidance simply because you are a people who transgress and are steeped in unbelief and sin?! By no means. Many a prophet did We send forth to the past nations. Whenever a prophet came to them, they mocked him, and so We destroyed them even though they were mightier than the unbelievers among your people, Muhammad. We will likewise destroy them if they persist in their unbelief and mockery, and the example of those who suffered such utter destruction has been already set before them to avoid meeting the same dreadful fate.

Quran 43 :9- 18 Az-Zukhruf Tafseer:General explanation: If you ask the idolaters among your people, Muhammad, ‘Who has created the heavens and the earth?’ they will surely say, ‘Allah, the All-Mighty and the All-Knowing God has.’ It is He who has smoothed out the earth for you and made pathways for you in it so that you may be guided by them. It is He who sends down rain from the sky in due measure, by which We bring a dead barren land back to life—thus will you be brought forth from your graves. It is He who has created all the various species of things and has provided for you the ships and animals on which you ride, so that, as you settle yourselves on the backs of both of them, remember the favour of your Lord and say, ‘Glorified and far exalted above all imperfections is Allah who has made this subservient to our use. We could never have done this on our own. We will surely return to our Lord. The idolaters attribute to Allah some of His creation as His offspring, claiming that the angels are His daughters! Truly man is openly ungrateful to Allah despite the favours He has bestowed on him. Would Allah choose for Himself daughters out of His creation, as you idolaters claim, and favour you with sons?! When any of them is given the good news of the birth of girls which they falsely attribute to Him, his face darkens and he is filled with inward rage! Would they, therefore, attribute to Him

females who are brought up since their tender age among ornaments and cannot put together a clear argument?!

Quran 43 :19- 25 Az-Zukhruf Tafseer:General explanation: The Arab idolaters claim that the angels, who are the obedient servants of the All-Compassionate God, are females! Were they present at the time Allah created the angels and so they know for sure they are females?! Their testimony will be written down, and they will be questioned about it on the Day of Resurrection. They say, ‘Had it been the will of the All-Compassionate God, we would not have worshipped them!’ They have no knowledge whatsoever in support of such a claim. They are only lying. Did We give these liars a scripture before this Qur’an substantiating their claim, and so they are holding fast to such scripture?! That is not the honest truth of the matter. Rather, they say, ‘We found our fathers practising this faith, and we are following in their footsteps.’ Just as the unbelievers of the past nations behaved, so do the Quraysh idolaters, parroting exactly what they said. Never did We send forth a messenger before you, Muhammad, to a city to warn its people of Our punishment, but its leaders who lived in ease and opulence said, out of sheer pride and conceit, ‘We found our fathers practising this faith, and we are following in their footsteps.’ The messenger would say to them, ‘Will you still follow your fathers in their error even though I have brought you a religion offering you better guidance and is more beneficial for you in this life and the next than what you found your fathers practising?!’ They would reply, ‘We totally reject the message with which you have been sent.’ When they stubbornly persisted in their error, We punished them in utter disgrace. See then, Muhammad, the terrible end of those who obstinately persisted in their unbelief. Your people should beware of meeting the same fate if they follow in their footsteps!

Quran 43 :26- 32 Az-Zukhruf Tafseer:General explanation: Mention to the people, Muhammad, the time when Abraham said to his father and his people, ‘I am clear of whatever gods you worship besides Allah. I worship none other than Allah who

brought me into being. It is He who will guide me to the truth.’ Abraham made this statement of monotheism an abiding precept among his descendants, so that they would always return to the truth. However, the unbelievers among your people, Muhammad, are not amongst those whom the statement of monotheism has remained. I have allowed them and their fathers to enjoy long life and live in prosperity, and so they had been deceived and distracted from the statement of monotheism until the Qur’an came to them along with a messenger making the truth clear. But now that the Qur’an has come to them, they say, ‘This is magic, and we utterly reject it.’ They also say, objecting to the Qur’an being sent down to Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, ‘Why has this Qur’an not been revealed to some important man of wealth and high standing from Makkah or Taif?!’ Is it they who assign prophethood to whomever they wish or is it Allah alone who chooses whomever He wills for it?! It is We who distribute their means of livelihood among them in the life of this world and raise some of them in rank above others (making some poor and some rich, among other things), so that they may benefit of one another’s service and serve each other’s needs. Therefore, if these idolaters are not entrusted with the affairs of the world, how can they be possibly entrusted with the matter of prophethood?! Better is your Lord’s mercy, Muhammad, than all the fleeting riches of this life that they amass!

Quran 43 :33- 39 Az-Zukhruf Tafseer:General explanation: Were it not that all people would become one single nation of unbelievers if they see the abundant sustenance the unbelievers are given, We would have provided those who do not believe in the All-Compassionate God silver roofs for their houses, silver stairways on which to ascend, silver doors to their houses and silver couches on which to recline, as well as gold ornaments. Yet all these are nothing but the transitory enjoyments of the present life. The eternal bliss your Lord, Muhammad, has in store for those who obey His commands is far better than all this. We will assign anyone who turns away from the Qur’an that the All-

Compassionate God has revealed a devil to be his constant companion. Devils do indeed hinder such people from the way leading to Allah, making them think they are rightly guided! When such a person who turns away from the remembrance of his Lord comes before Us on Judgement Day, he will say to his devil companion, 'I wish you had been as distant from me as the east is from the west. Evil indeed you were for a companion!' They will be both told, 'Because of your wrongdoing, sharing the punishment will be of no benefit to you today, nor will it make it any lighter.

Quran 43 :40- 50 Az-Zukhruf Tafseer:General explanation: Can you, then, Muhammad, make the unbelievers hear in such a way as to benefit from what you say to them, or guide those who are blind to the path of truth from which they have clearly strayed far away?! That is all up to Us. Your duty is only to convey the message, and it is for Us to judge them and repay them according to their deeds. Even if We take you away, Muhammad, from these idolaters' midst —by death or otherwise—without your witnessing their punishment, We will surely inflict retribution on them; and if We show you the punishment with which We have threatened them executed, We have absolute power over them. Therefore, hold fast to the Qur'an which We have revealed to you; you are truly on a straight path. Surely this Qur'an is an honour for you, Muhammad, and for your people, as well as a reminder to you and to them, and Allah will question you all about your observance of its teachings. Ask the true believers among the People of the Book to whom We sent messengers before you if We ever appointed gods to be worshipped besides the All-Compassionate God! We sent forth Moses with our miraculous signs bearing witness to his truthfulness to Pharaoh and his nobles. Moses said to them, 'I am a messenger to you from the Lord of all the worlds.' Nonetheless, when he presented Our signs to them, they merely laughed at them! Although each fresh sign We showed them was greater and more considerable than the one that came before it, they stubbornly persisted in their unbelief, and so We inflicted all manner of

punishments on them (such as famine and scarcity of crops), so that they might turn to Us and repent of their unbelief. "You, magician,' they said when the torment descended upon them, 'pray for us to your Lord by virtue of the covenant He has made with you to remove our affliction. We will certainly accept your guidance and follow you if He does.' Yet when We removed their suffering, they went back on their pledge and persisted in their unbelief!

Quran 43 :51- 56 Az-Zukhruf Tafseer:General explanation: Pharaoh made a boastful proclamation among his people. 'My people,' he said, 'is the kingdom of Egypt not mine? Are these rivers which flow at my feet and through my orchards and palaces not mine also? Can you not see my kingdom and power?! I am indeed better than weak and contemptible Moses who is not eloquent enough to make himself understood! If what he claims is true, why have no bracelets of gold been given to him? Why have no angels come to support him?!' Thus did Pharaoh fool his people, and they obeyed him, for they were an unbelieving people. When they incurred Our anger due to their stubborn unbelief and disobedience, We inflicted Our retribution on them and drowned them all in the sea; and so We made them a precedent—the doomed ancestors of every unbelieving generation deserving of punishment—and an example to those after them.

Quran 43 :57- 65 Az-Zukhruf Tafseer:General explanation: When the idolaters among your people, Muhammad, cite Jesus the son of Mary as an example, arguing that he is like their idols in that he is worshipped by the Christians just they worship their idols, they cried out through excess of joy at it, thinking that they have got the better of you with such tenuous argument! 'You have already informed us, Muhammad,' they said, 'that Jesus son of Mary is one of Allah's messengers and that he is better than our gods. Thus, if he is going to be in Hell on the Day of Resurrection, why, then, do you recite to us your Lord's statement, "You and whatever you worshipped besides or instead of Allah are but the fuel of Hell (21:98)"? We are content that we and our gods should be with

Jesus in Hell; for he is also worshipped besides Allah!’ Do not, therefore, pay attention to what they say, Muhammad. They cite the example of Jesus only to dispute with you using specious arguments, for they are a contentious people who are given to deploying fallacious arguments and do not really seek the truth. Jesus was but a servant of Ours whom We had graced with prophethood and whom We made an amazing sign of our power for the Children of Israel. Had it been Our will, We could have easily replaced you all with angels to succeed one another on earth. The descent of Jesus son of Mary in the end times is a sign of the impending and fast-approaching Judgement Day. Have no doubt, therefore, about its coming, people, and obey Me: This is a straight path that leads to the truth. Do not let Satan turn you away from this straight path, for he is surely an open and outright enemy to you. When Jesus brought the Israelites clear proofs testifying to his truthfulness, he said to them, ‘I have brought you wisdom and to make clear to you some of the things about which you differ, so fear Allah by doing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids, and obey me. Allah is my Lord and your Lord; therefore, worship Him alone: This is a straight path.’ However, the various sects of the Jews and Christians differed amongst themselves regarding Jesus: The Jews disbelieved him whereas the Christians exceeded the proper limits of veneration for him by assigning divine attributes to him. Woe, then, betide these unbelievers who differ about him, because of the painful punishment awaiting them on Judgement Day!

Quran 43 :66- 80 Az-Zukhruf Tafseer:General explanation: Are these only waiting for the Day of Judgement to come upon them all of a sudden and take them unawares?! Those who befriend each other in this life for the sake of disobeying Allah and committing sins will on that day become enemies to one another, except the God-fearing who render obedience to Allah. ‘My servants,’ He will say to them, ‘you will have nothing to fear today, nor will you grieve for whatever has passed.’ They are the ones who believe in Allah’s revelations and observe the teachings they contain, totally

submitting themselves to Him. ‘Enter Paradise,’ they will be told, ‘you and your spouses, where you will be honoured and will rejoice.’ Gold platters and cups containing all manner of delicious foods and drinks will be passed around among them. They will have in Paradise whatever their hearts desire and whatever their eyes delight in, and they will dwell in it for ever. They will be told, ‘This is Paradise which Allah has made your own as a reward for the good deeds you used to do in the life of the world. In it you will have abundant fruits, of which you will eat as you desire. The wicked unbelievers will remain for ever in the torment of Hell. It will not be lightened for them, and they will be in utter despair of ever receiving any good in it. We have never wronged them; it was they who have wronged themselves because of their unbelief and acts of disobedience. They will call out to the Keeper of Hell. ‘Malik,’ they will cry, ‘Ask your Lord to put an end to us and thus end our suffering!’ He will reply, ‘You will stay in the punishment for ever. Messengers were sent to you with the truth from your Lord, but most of you abhorred the truth and refused to believe!’ Or have are these idolaters firmly resolved to carry out some evil scheme against the truth and those who follow it? We, too, are firmly resolved to put through Our own plan! Or do they think in their ignorance that We cannot hear their unspoken thoughts and their secret talk? Indeed, We do. Nothing about them is hidden from Us and We will surely take them to task for it! Our messengers are also with them, recording everything they say and do!

Quran 43 :81- 89 Az-Zukhruf Tafseer:General explanation: Say to the idolaters among your people, Muhammad, ‘If The Most Gracious truly had a son—which is utterly impossible—I would be the first one to worship them. Glorified be the Lord of the heavens and the earth, the Lord of the Throne, and far exalted be He above all the imperfect attributes not befitting His majesty which they assign to Him! Let them, then, Muhammad, continue to indulge in their falsehood and ignorance and amuse themselves until they face the day on which they suffer the punishment with which they

have been threatened! Allah alone is the only true God deserving of worship in the heavens and the only true God deserving of worship on earth. He is the All-Wise God who puts everything in its perfect place, the All-Knowing from whom nothing whatsoever is hidden. Blessed is Allah to whom sovereignty over the heavens and the earth and all that lies between them belongs, with whom the knowledge of the time of Resurrection Day rests, and to whom will you all be brought back for judgement. Those they worship and invoke besides Allah will have no power to intercede with Him, except for those of them who affirm Allah's oneness—such as Jesus and the angels—and bear witness to this truth with sure knowledge. Only these will have the power of intercession for the believers but only after His permission. If you, Muhammad, ask the idolaters among your people, 'Who has created you?' they will certainly say, 'Allah alone has.' How can they, then, be turned away from worshiping Allah who has created them, when they acknowledge this fact?! Allah is fully aware of His Messenger's cry, complaining of his people's rejection of the truth and their unbelief, 'Lord, these idolaters are a people who will not believe.' Still pardon them, Muhammad, patiently bearing with them, and say, 'Peace!' They will soon come to know the dire consequences of their unbelief!