

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

12. YUSUF

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

1. Alif Laam Raa. Those are the signs of the book that makes clear.
2. We have sent it down as an Arabic Quran that you may understand.
3. We narrate to you the best of narratives through that which We have communicated to you (in) this Quran, though before this you were of those unaware (of it).
4. When Yusuf said to his father, “O my father ! I saw eleven planets { 1 } and the sun and the moon, I saw them bowing down to me.”
5. He (father) said, “O my son ! do not narrate your vision to your brother lest they plot a plot against you. The devil is certainly an open enemy to man.
6. And thus your Fosterer will choose you and teach you the interpretation of events and make His favour complete on you and on the family of Yaqub, as He earlier completed it on your forefathers Ibrahim and Ishaq. Your Fosterer is certainly Knowing, Wise.” (R 1)
7. In Yusuf and his brothers, there are indeed signs for those who inquire.
8. When they said, “Yusuf and his brother are dearer to our father than we are, though we are a strong group. Our father is certainly in clear error.
9. Kill Yusuf or cast him away in some (other) land, then the attention of your father will be exclusively for you, and after that you become righteous people.”
10. A speaker from among them said, “Do not kill Yusuf but put him in a deep well if you have (decided) to do (something to get rid of him, so that) some caravan may pick him up.”

11. They said, “O our father ! what reason have you that you do not trust us with (respect to) Yusuf, when we are his sincere well wishers?”

12. Send him with us tomorrow that he may enjoy himself and play and we will be his protectors.”

13. He said, “It grieves me that you should take him away and I fear that the wolf may eat him when you are heedless of him.”

14.They said, “(How) would the wolf eat him when we are a strong group? Then we would certainly be losers.”

15. So when they went away with him and collectively decided that they will put him in a deep well, then We communicated to him that you will definitely inform them of this affair of theirs while they do not perceive.

16. And they came to their father at night fall, weeping.

17. They said, “O our father ! we went off racing and left Yusuf with our things and the wolf ate him and you will not believe in us though we are truthful.” (P11 ¾)

18. And they came with false blood on his shirt. He said, “No ! your souls have induced this affair for you, so patience is good, and it is Allah Whose help is sought for against that which you describe.”

19. And a caravan came there, and they sent their water drawer and he let down his bucket (and) said, “O good news ! here is a youth,” and they hid him as an item of merchandise and Allah knew what they did.

20. And they sold him for a low price, a counted number of dirhams* and they were disinterested in him (not knowing that he was a messenger of Allah). (R 2) * Silver Coins

21. And the Egyptian who purchased him said to his wife, “Give him an honourable home, may be he will be profitable to us or we may take him (as an adopted) son.” And thus We established Yusuf in the land that We may teach him the interpretation of events. And Allah is Dominating in His affair but the majority of mankind does not know.

22. And when he reached his maturity We gave him wisdom and knowledge and thus do We reward the doers of good.

23. And she, in whose house he was, sought (to make) him yield to herself (for an evil act) and she closed the doors and said, “Come here.” He said, “I seek the protection of Allah, He, my Fosterer, has certainly given me a good home, certainly the unjust are not successful.”

24. And she longed for him and he (would have) longed for her had it not been that he saw a clear evidence of his Fosterer. Thus it was (made to happen), so that We might turn away from him the evil and the indecency, he was certainly of those who are exclusively Our servants.

25. And they raced towards the door and she tore his shirt from behind and they found her husband near the door, she said, “What is the reward of one who intends (to do something) evil with your wife, except that he should be imprisoned or (given) a painful punishment?”

26. He said, “She sought (to make) me yield (for an evil act and thus attempted to cause me to slip) from myself.” And a witness from her people bore witness, “If his shirt is torn from the front then she speaks the truth and he is of the liars,

27. and if his shirt is torn from behind then she speaks the lie and he is of the truthful.”

28. So when he saw his shirt torn from behind, he said, “It is certainly a plot of you women, your plot is certainly great.

29. Yusuf : turn away from this and (O my wife:) ask protective forgiveness for your sin, you are certainly of those women who are at fault.” (R 3)

30. And the women in the city said, “The Aziz’s wife seeks her slave to yield to her (for an evil act, his) love has affected her heart deeply, we certainly see her in manifest error.”

31. So when she heard of their plot (to defame her) she sent for them and prepared for them a banquet and gave to everyone of them a knife and said (to Yusuf), “Come out before them.” So when they saw him they regarded him great and (in their amazement) cut their hands and said, “Glory be to Allah above all ! this is not a human being, he is none other than an honoured angel.”

32. She said, “That is the person with respect to whom you blamed me and I did seek to make him yield himself to me but he abstained, and if he does not do what I command him to do, he will definitely be imprisoned and he will be of those who are degraded.”

33. He said, “My Fosterer ! the prison is dearer to me than that to which they invite me and if You do not turn away their plot from me, I may incline towards them and become one of the ignorant.”

34. So his Fosterer responded to him and turned away from him their plot, He is certainly the Hearing, the Knowing.

35. Then it became clear to them, after having seen the signs, that they should imprison him till a time. (R 4)

36. And two young men entered the prison with him. One of them said, “I say myself pressing wine (in my dreams),” and the other said, “I saw myself carrying bread on my head

from which birds ate. Inform us about its interpretation, we certainly see you to be of the doers of good.”

37. He said, “The food which you are provided with would not (even) come to you but I will inform you both about its interpretation before it (actually) come to you, that is (something) of what my Fosterer has taught me, I have forsaken the religious dictates of people who do not believe in Allah and do not believe in the hereafter.

38. And I follow the religious dictates of my fathers, Ibrahim and Ishaq and Yaqub. It does not befit us that we should associate anything with Allah (as His partner), that’s by the grace of Allah on us and on human beings, but the majority of human beings is ungrateful (by not accepting this).

39. O my two companions of the prison ! are different masters better or Allah, the One, the Omnipotent?

40. You do not serve besides Him but names which you have named, you and your forefathers, for which Allah has not sent down any authority, the judgment is on one’s but Allah’s. He commands that you serve no one but Him alone, that’s the established religion but the majority of human beings does not know.

41. O my two companions of the prison ! as for one of you, he will give his master wine to drink; and as for the other, he will be crucified so that the birds will eat from his head; the affair concerning which you inquired is decided.”

42. And he said to him of the two regarding whom he thought that he would be safe, “Mention (about) me to your master,” but the devil made him forget mentioning (it) to his master, so he stayed in the prison for some years.

(R 5)

43. And the king said, “I see seven fat cows which seven lean ones were consuming, and seven green ears of corn and (seven) others dry. O leaders ! explain to me my vision, if you can interpret dreams.”

44. They said, “Confused dreams and we do not have the knowledge of interpreting dreams.”

45. And he who was safe, of the two (prisoners with Yusuf) and who remembered after a long time, said, “I will inform you of its interpretation, so send me.” (He came to the prison and said),

46. “Yusuf, O truthful one ! explain to us: Seven fat cows which seven lean ones were consuming, and seven green ears of corn and (seven) others dry; so that I may return to the people (and tell them the interpretation), that they may know.”

47. He said, “You will sow for seven consecutive years, then leave in the ears (the grain) which you reap, except a small quantity from which you will eat.

48. Then after that, there will be seven years of hardship, which will (make up) consume all that you kept in advance for them, except a small quantity from which you will have (something) preserved (probably for sowing in future).

49. Then after that there will be a year during which people will receive abundant rain and during which they will press (wine and oil).” (R 6)

50. And the king said, “Bring him to me,” But when the messenger came to him, he said, “Return to your master then ask him what is the case of the women who had cut their hands, my Fosterer is certainly the Knower of their plot.”

51. He (the king) said (to the women), “What was your affair when you sought Yusuf to yield himself (to you)?” They said, “Glory be to Allah above all ! we did not know (find) any evil

on his part.” The Aziz’s wife said, “Now the truth is manifest, I sought him to yield himself (to me) and he is certainly of those who are truthful.”

52. (Yusuf said, “All)that (was done), because he (my master) should know that I did not betray him in secret (behind his back) and Allah certainly does not guide the betrayers (in their) plot. (P 12)

53. And I do not regard my soul free from (short comings), the soul is certainly an enjoiner of evil except that (soul on which) my Fosterer has had mercy, my Fosterer is certainly Protectively Forgiving, Merciful.”

54. And the king said, “Bring him to me, I will appoint him exclusively for myself.” Then when he talked to him, he (the king) said, “This day you are certainly established (as) a trustworthy (in charge) by us.”

55. He (Yusuf) said, “Appoint me (as an In charge) over the warehouses of the land, I am certainly a custodian who knows.”

56. And thus did We establish Yusuf in the land to dwell in it wherever he willed. We send down Our mercy on whom We will and We do not waste the reward of the doers of good,

57. and the reward of the hereafter is certainly better for those who believe and guard (against evil). (R 7)

58. And Yusuf’s brothers came and entered in his presence, so he recognised them but they did not recognise him.

59. And when they were provided with their provision he said, “Bring to me your brother from your father. Do you not see that I give full measure and I am one among good hosts?

60. And if you do not bring him to me then there will be no measure (of provision) for you from me nor will you come near me.”

61. They said, “We will try to get him from his father, we will certainly do (it).”

62. And he (Yusuf) said to his servants, “Place their merchandise in their bags so that they may recognise it when they go back to their people and thereby return (to me).”

63. So when they returned to their father, they said, “O our father ! the measure (of provision) will be withheld from us, therefore send our brother with us so that we may get the measure (of provision) and we will certainly be his protectors.”

64. He said, “Shall I believe you with respect to him in a manner other than the manner in which I believed you with respect to his brother earlier? But Allah is the Best Protector and He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.”

65. And when they opened their belongings they found their merchandise returned to them. They said, “O our father ! what (more) do we desire? This is our merchandise returned to us, so we will get more food for our people and we will protect our brother and will have an additional measure of a camel (load), that will be an easy measure.”

66. He said, “I will never send him with you until you give me an undertaking in (the name) of Allah that you will bring him back to me unless you are surrounded (and thereby become helpless).” So when they gave him their undertaking, he said, “Allah is a Trustee over what we say.”

67. And he said, “O my sons ! (all of you) do not enter through one gate but enter through different gates, and nothing from Allah can be kept away from you by me, the decision is no one’s but Allah’s, in Him do I put my trust and therefore, let all those who trust, put their trust in Him.”

68. And when they entered in the manner their father had enjoined them, it did not keep away from them anything (that was to happen to them) from Allah, it was nothing but an urge in the soul of Yaqub which he fulfilled, and he was certainly a possessor of knowledge because We had taught him, but the majority of human beings does not know. (R 8)

69. And when they entered (in the presence of) Yusuf, he took his brother to stay with him. He said, "I am your brother, so do not grieve because of what they did."

70. So when he provided them with their provision, he put the drinking cup in his brother's bag. Then an announcer announced, "O caravan ! you are certainly thieves."

71. They said, while facing them, "What is it that you miss?"

72. They said, "We miss the king's drinking cup and he who brings it will have a camel load and I am responsible for it."

73. They said, "By Allah, you know for certain that we have not come to cause corruption in the land and we are not thieves."

74. They said, "Then what should be the penalty for it if you are liars?"

75. They said, "The penalty for it (is that), he in whose bag it is found, he (himself will receive) the penalty for it, thus do we penalize the unjust."

76. So he began (the search) with their sacks before (searching) the sack of his brother, then he brought out the (cup) from the sack of his brother. Thus did We plot for Yusuf. It was (otherwise) not (possible) for him to retain his brother under the law of the king unless Allah willed. We raise the grades of whom We will, and above every possessor of knowledge there is (the Great) Knower.

77. They said, “If he has stolen, then his brother too stole earlier,” but Yusuf kept it a secret in his soul and did not reveal it to them. He said, “You are in a bad position and Allah knows what you describe.”

78. They said, “O you who are mighty ! He has a father a very old man, so you seize one of us in his place, we see you to be of the doers of good.”

79. He said, “Allah protect (us) that we seize (some) one other than him with whom we found our property, in that case we will certainly be unjust.” (R 9)

80. So when they despaired of him they went apart conferring secretly. The eldest of them said, “Do you not know that your father had taken an undertaking from you in (the name of) Allah, and earlier (too) you failed (in keeping up your undertaking) in the case of Yusuf. Therefore I will not leave this land till my father permits me or Allah decides (something) for me and He is the Best of judges.

81. Return to your father and say: O our father ! your son committed theft and we do not bear witness except regarding that which we know and we could not be protectors of the unseen.

82. And inquire in the city in which we were, and (also from) the caravan with which we travelled and we are certainly truthful.”

83. He (Yaqub) said, “No ! your souls have induced this affair for you so patience is good. May be Allah will bring them all together to me, He is certainly the Knowing, the Wise.”

84. And he turned away from them and said, “O my sorrow for Yusuf,” and his eyes became white due to grief but he suppressed.

85. They said, “By Allah ! you will not cease to remember Yusuf till your health is ruined or you become one of those who perish.”

86. He said, “I expose my distress and grief only to Allah and I know from Allah that which you do not know.

87. O my sons ! go and inquire about Yusuf and his brother and do not despair of the mercy of Allah, no one despairs of the mercy of Allah except the people who are infidels.”

88. So when they entered in his (Yusuf’s) presence, they said, “O you who are mighty ! harm has afflicted us and our people and we have brought poor merchandise, so give us full measure (of provision) and be charitable to us, Allah certainly rewards the charitable.”

89. He said, “Do you know what you did with Yusuf and his brother while you were ignorant.”

90. They said, “You ! are you indeed Yusuf ?” He said, “I am Yusuf and this is my brother, Allah has indeed been gracious to us; (for) him who guards (against evil) and is patient, Allah certainly does not waste the reward of the doers of good.”

91. They said, “By Allah, Allah has indeed preferred you above us and indeed we were at fault.”

92. He said, “Let there be no reproach on you this day. May Allah protectively forgive you and He is the Most Merciful of the merciful ones.

93. Go with this shirt of mine and put it on the face of my father, (his power of) seeing will come (back to him) and come to me with all your people.” (R 10)

94. And when the caravan departed, their father said, “I certainly perceive the smell of Yusuf, if you do not consider me weak in mind due to old age.”

95. They said, “By Allah, you are certainly in your old error.” (P 12 ¼)

96. So when the conveyer of the good news came, he put (Yusuf's shirt) on his face when (his power of) seeing returned. He said, "Did I not say to you that I know from Allah that which you do not know ?"

97. They said, "O our father ! ask for protective forgiveness for our sins on our behalf, we were certainly at fault."

98. He said, "I will ask my Fosterer for protectively forgiving you, He is certainly the Protectively Forgiving, the Merciful."

99. So when they entered (in the presence of) Yusuf, he took his parents to stay with him and said, "Enter Egypt in safety, if Allah wills."

100. And he raised his parents on the couch and they fell bowing down to him, and he said, "O my father ! this is the interpretation of my vision (which I had seen) earlier, my Fosterer indeed made it a reality and He was indeed good to me when He took me out of the prison and brought you all from the desert after the devil had instigated (ill feelings) between me and my brothers. My Fosterer is certainly kind to whom He wills, He is certainly the Knowing, the Wise.

101. My Fosterer ! You have given me (something) of power and taught me about interpreting the events. Initiator of the creation of the skies and the earth ! You are my Guardian in this world and the hereafter, take me back (make me die) in submission (as a Muslim) and join me with the righteous."

102. That's the news of the unseen which We communicate to you and you were not with them when they collectively decided their affair and (when) they were planning.

103. And the majority of the human beings will not believe though you desire excessively.

104. And you do not ask them for any reward. It is nothing but a reminder for the worlds. (R 11)

105. And how many of the signs in the skies and the earth do they pass by yet they turn away from them.

106. And the majority of them does not believe in Allah without associating partners (with Him).

107. Then do they feel secure from the covering of punishment of Allah which will come on them or the hour of doom which will come suddenly while they do not perceive ?

108. Say, “This is my way, I invite towards Allah (being) on sure proof, myself and those who follow me. And Glory be to Allah and I am not of the polytheists.”

109. And We did not send (any messenger) before you but they were men from among the people of the cities, to whom We had communicated. Have they not traveled in the earth and seen how the end of those before them was (brought about)? And the home of the hereafter is better for those who guard (against evil). Then do you not have sense?

110. Our help came to them at the point when the messengers were despaired, and they thought that they were denied. Then whom We willed, he was saved. And Our punishment was not turned away from the criminal people.

111. In their narratives there is indeed a lesson for men of understanding. The (Quran) is not a fabricated statement but it is a confirmation of what is before it (of the earlier Divine books) and an explanation of everything and a guide and a mercy for a people who believe. (R 12)

13. THE THUNDER (Al – Ra’d)

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

1. Alif Laam Miim Raa. Those are the signs of the book. And that which is sent down to you from your Fosterer is the truth, but the majority of human beings does not believe.

2. It is Allah Who raised the skies (heavenly bodies) without any support which you see, then set the balance on the throne (of the universe), and He compelled the sun and the moon (to follow His laws), each one moves fast till an appointed time. He governs the affair. The signs are explained in detail by Him that you may be certain of meeting your Fosterer.

3. And He it is Who stretched the earth { 1 } and made in it mountains { 2 } and rivers. And of every fruit in it, He has made pairs of two. He covers the night over the day. In that there are certainly signs for a people who reflect.

4. And in the earth there are neighboring tracts, and gardens of grapes and fields sown with corn and date palms, having one root and (others) having distinct roots, watered with one water. And We have made some to excel others in fruit. In that there are certainly signs for a people who understand.

5. And if you would wonder, then wonderful is their saying, “What ! when we become (part of the) soil (after our death) shall we indeed be (created) in a new creation?” Those are the persons who do not believe in their Fosterer and those will have chains in their necks and those are the inhabitants of the fire, they will stay therein.

6. And they ask you to hasten on the evil before the good, when there have been exemplary punishments before them. And your Fosterer is certainly Protectively Forgiving to mankind (inspite) of their being unjust and your Fosterer (at the same time) is certainly Severe in requiting (evil).

7. And those who do not believe say, “Why has not a sign been sent down to him from his Fosterer?” You are only a warner and for every people there is a guide. (R 1)

8. And Allah knows that which every female bears and that which the wombs absorb and that which they grow; and with Him, everything is according to a programme.

9. Knower of the unseen and the seen, the Great, the Most High.

10. He who speaks secretly from among you and he who speaks openly and he who hides himself in the night and (he who) goes forth in the day time, are all equal (to Him).

11. For him there are (angels) following him closely, before him and behind him, protecting him by the command of Allah. Allah certainly does not change (the condition) in which a people are, until they change that which is in their souls. And when Allah intends evil for a people then there is no turning it back, and besides Him there is no guardian for them.

12. He it is Who shows you the lightning (causing) fear and hope and He produces the heavy clouds.

13. And the thunder glorifies Him with His praise and the angels (too), because of His fear; and He sends the thunder-bolts, then strikes with it whom He wills, and they dispute about Allah while He is Severely Powerful.

14. To Him is due the real prayer (for help), and those to whom they pray (for help) besides Him, do not respond to them in anything but like one who stretches his hands towards water that it may reach his mouth but it does not reach it. And the prayer of the infidels (is nothing) but in vain, (being fruitless).

15. And to Allah bows down whoever (and whatever) is in the skies and the earth willingly and unwillingly and their shadows (too), in the mornings and the evenings.

16. Say, "Who is the Fosterer of the skies and the earth?" Say, "Allah." Say, "Then do you take guardians besides Him, who do not have the power to benefit or harm (even) their own selves?" Say, "Are the blind and the seeing equal or is the darkness equal to light. Or do

they assign partners for Allah who have created as He has created, so that the creation (of Allah and theirs appear) similar to them?” Say, “Allah is the Creator of everything and He is the One, the Omnipotent.”

17. He sends down water from the sky which flows in valleys according to its programme, so that the torrent bears (on its surface) a swelling foam, and from that which they melt in fire for making ornaments or things (of utility, rises) a foam similar to it, thus Allah strikes (a comparison between) the truth and the falsehood. So as for the foam it passes away as useless froth and as for that which is useful to mankind, it remains in the earth. Thus does Allah (explain by) striking examples.

18. It is good for those who respond to their Fosterer, and those who do not respond to Him, (even) if they had all that is in the earth and the like thereof with it, they would offer it as ransom, for such persons there is an evil accountability and their settling place is hell and it is an evil place of habitation. (R 2, P12 ½)

19. Then, is he who knows, that what is sent down to you from your Fosterer is the truth, like him who is blind? Only men of understanding will mind,

20. those who fulfill the agreement with Allah and do not break the pledge,

21. and those who join that which Allah has commanded to be joined and fear their Fosterer and are afraid of an evil accountability,

22. and those who are patient seeking the Attention of their Fosterer and establish worship (salat) and spend from that which We have provided them, secretly and publicly and turn off evil with good. For such persons there will be the final (good) home,

23. gardens of ever lasting bliss which they will enter along with those who were righteous from among their parents (forefathers) and their spouses and their descendants. And the angels will enter on them from every gate (saying),

24. “Peace be on you because of your patience,” so (for them is) happiness of the final (good) home.

25. And those who break the agreement of Allah after having pledged it, and cut off that which Allah has commanded that it should be joined, and cause corruption in the earth, for such persons there will be the curse and for them will be the evil home.

26. Allah enlarges the provision for whom He wills and straitens (it for whomever and whenever He wills). And they are happy with the life of this world and the life of this world, compared to the hereafter, is nothing but (temporary) enjoyment. (R 3)

27. And those who do not believe say, “Why is not a sign sent down on him from his Fosterer?” Say, “Allah certainly leaves in error whom He wills and guides to Himself those who turn (to Him),

28. those who believe and whose hearts find peace in the remembrance of Allah. Beware! hearts do find peace in the remembrance of Allah.

29. Those who believe and do righteous works, for them is pleasing good and a beautiful place of return.”

30. Thus We have sent you to a community, before whom other communities have passed away, that you may read to them that which We have communicated to you, yet they do not believe in the Beneficent (Allah). Say, “He is my Fosterer, there is no god except Him, in Him do I put my trust and to Him do I turn.”

31. And if there were a Quran, with which mountains could be moved or with which the earth could be cleaved asunder or with which the dead could be made to speak (even then they would not have believed). No! the command is wholly Allah’s. Then, do not those who believe know, that if Allah had willed He would have guided the whole of mankind? And as

for those who do not believe, disaster will not cease to afflict them because of that which they do or it will alight near their houses until the promise of Allah comes to pass, Allah certainly does not go against His promise. (R 4)

32. And messengers were certainly mocked at before you, but I gave (sufficient) time to those who did not believe, then I caught them. How then was my requital (of evil)?

33. Then, is He, Who is established on every soul (so as to know) that which it earns, (like those who are powerless)? And they appoint partners for Allah. Say, “Name them. Or do you wish to inform Him about (something) which He does not know in the earth? Or (is your polytheism just an) expression of words (and nothing else)?” No! their plans are made to appear fair seeming to those who do not believe and they are turned away from the way, and whom Allah leaves in error, then for him there is no guide.

34. For them there is punishment in the life of this world and the punishment of the hereafter is more painful, and they will have no defender against Allah.

35. The likeness of the garden which is promised to those who guard (against evil): rivers flow beneath it, its food is everlasting and (also) its shade. That is the end of those who guard (against evil) and the end of the infidels is the fire.

36. And those whom We gave the book are happy because of that which is sent down to you. And from among the parties, is he who does not recognise a part of it. Say, “I am commanded that I should serve only Allah and that I should not associate partners with Him. Towards Him do I invite and towards Him is my return.”

37. And thus have We sent it down (as) a judgment in Arabic, and if you follow their desires after the knowledge which has come to you, (then) you will not have any guardian or defender against Allah. (R 5)

38. And We had sent messengers before you, and We had given to them wives and off spring; and it was not in (the power of) a messenger to bring a sign without the permission of Allah. For every term (period) there is a prescription (book).

39. Allah abolishes what He wills and keeps established (what He wills) and with Him is the original prescription (book).

40. And whether We make you see something of that which We have promised them or We take you back (cause you to die), on you then, is (incumbent) only the conveyance (of the message) while on Us (it is to take) the account.

41. Or do they not see that We certainly give the earth its reduction from its borders { 3 }. And (when) Allah commands none can reverse His command and He is Quick at (settling) the account.

42. And those before them did indeed plan, but the planning is wholly Allah's (consequently) He knows what every soul earns. And the infidels will come to know, for whom is the final (good) home.

43. And those who do not believe say, "You are not a messenger." Say, "Allah is sufficient as a Witness between me and you along with him with whom is the knowledge of the book." (R 6)

14. IBRAHIM

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

1. Alif Laam Raa. A book which We have sent down to you so that, by the permission of their Fosterer, you may bring out mankind from the darkness (and lead them) towards the light, towards the path of the Mighty, the Praised.

2. Allah is He, Whose is whatsoever is in the skies and whatsoever is in the earth; and sorrowful will be the state of the infidels due to a severe punishment.

3. Those who love the life of this world more than the hereafter and turn away (people) from Allah's way and seek crookedness in it, they are far astray.

4. And We did not send any messenger (with a message) but in the language of his people that he might make (things) clear to them. Then Allah leaves in error whom He wills and guides whom He wills and He is the Mighty, the Wise.

5. And We had sent Musa with Our signs (saying) that, "Bring out your people from the darkness towards the light and remind them of the days (favours) of Allah, certainly in that there are signs for every patient, grateful one."

6. And when Musa said to his people, "Remember Allah's favour on you when He delivered you from the people of Firawn who subjected you to severe punishment, when they killed your sons and let your women live, and in that there was a great trial from your Fosterer. (R 1)

7. And when your Fosterer announced: If you are grateful I will definitely give you more, but if you are ungrateful, My punishment is certainly severe."

8. And Musa said, "If you are ungrateful, you and all in the earth together, (even) then Allah is certainly Independent, Praised."

9. Has the news of those before you not come to you: people of Nuh and Aad and Samood and those after them? They do not know them but Allah (knows). Their messengers came to them with clear proofs but they thrust their hands in their mouths and said, "We certainly do not believe in that which you are sent with, and we are certainly in doubt causing restlessness, about that which you call us to." (P 12 ¾)

10. Their messengers said, "Is there a doubt about Allah, the Initiator of the creation of the skies and the earth? He invites you to protectively forgive you your sins and to give you time

till an appointed term.” They said, “You are nothing but men like us, you intend to turn us away from that which our fathers used to serve (worship), so bring to us some clear authority.”

11. Their messengers said to them, “We are (of course) nothing but men like you but Allah bestows (his) favour on whom He wills of His servants, and it is not possible for us to come to you with an authority without the permission of Allah, and therefore, let the believers put their trust in Allah.

12. And what (reason) have we that we should not put our trust in Allah when He has guided us to our ways? And we will definitely be patient on the harm which you do to us, and therefore, let those who trust, put their trust in Allah.” (R 2)

13. And those who did not believe said to their messengers, “We will definitely drive you out from our land or else you should return to our religious dictates.” So their Fosterer communicated to them, “We will definitely destroy the unjust,

14. and We will definitely make you dwell in the land after them.” That’s for him who fears standing before Me and fears My threat.

15. And the (messengers) sought for victory, so every compelling opponent was defeated.

16. Hell is before him and he will be made to drink from boiling water.

17. He will drink it little by little but he will not be able to swallow it, and death will come to him from every place yet he will not die, and before him there will be a harsh punishment.

18. The likeness of those who do not believe in their Fosterer (is like those) whose works will be like ashes on which the wind blows hard on a stormy day. They will not have power on anything of that which they earned. That (in fact), will be going far astray (from success).

19. Do you not see that Allah created the skies and the earth in reality? * If He wills He can remove you and bring in a new creation, * The universe is real, not an illusion.

20. and that is not mighty for Allah.

21. And they will all appear before Allah. Then the weak will say to those who were considered great, “We were your followers, so can you keep us safe from anything of Allah’s punishment?” They will say, “Had Allah guided us we would have guided you, (now) it is the same to us whether we are impatient or patient, there is no way of escape for us.” (R 3)

22. And the devil will say after the affair is decided, “Allah certainly promised you the promise of truth and I promised you but went against (my promise to) you, and I had no authority over you except that I invited you and you responded to me, so do not blame me but blame yourselves. I cannot help you (on your cries for help) nor can you help me I certainly rejected that (act of yours) in which you earlier associated me as a partner (with Allah). Those who are unjust, for them there is certainly a painful punishment.”

23. And those who believed and did righteous works will be made to enter the gardens beneath which rivers flow. They will stay therein by the permission of their Fosterer. Their greeting therein will be ‘Peace’.

24. Did you not consider how Allah sets forth a similitude? A good statement is like a good tree, the root of which is firm and the branches of which are in the sky.

25. It gives its fruit in every season by the permission of its Fosterer, and Allah sets forth similitude’s for mankind, that they may be mindful.

26. And (another) similitude: A bad statement is like a bad tree (which can be easily) uprooted from the earth’s surface, it has no stability.

27. Through the confirmed statement Allah establishes those who believe, (both) in the life of this world and in the hereafter, and Allah leaves the unjust in error and Allah does what He wills. (R 4)

28. Did you not see those who exhibit ingratitude in exchange for Allah's favours and make their people alight into the home of loss,

29. hell, they will enter it and it is an evil place (and time for) staying.

30. And they set up equals with Allah that they may mislead (people) from His way. Say, "Enjoy yourselves, but you are certainly destined for hell."

31. Say to My servants who believe, that they should establish worship (salat) and spend from that which We have provided them, secretly and publicly, before the coming of a day in which there will be neither (mutual) trade nor friendship.

32. Allah is He Who created the skies and the earth and sent down water from the sky, then through it He brought forth (many varieties) of fruits (as) provision for you. And He compelled the ships (to follow His laws) and thereby sail in the sea by His command for your (service), and He compelled the rivers (to follow His laws) for your (service).

33. And He compelled the sun and the moon (to follow His laws) constantly for your (service) and compelled the night and the day (to follow His laws) for your service {1}.

34. And He gives you everything which you ask from Him and if you count Allah's favours you will not be able to compute them. Man is certainly unjust, ungrateful. (R 5)

35. And when Ibrahim said, "My Fosterer ! make this city secure and save me and my sons from worshipping idols.

36. My Fosterer ! they have misled many of the mankind, so whoever follows me is of me and whoever disobeys me, then certainly You are Protectively Forgiving, Merciful.

37. Our Fosterer ! I have settled (some) of my off-spring in a valley without cultivation, near Your Sacred House, our Fosterer ! that they may establish worship (salat), so make the hearts of mankind to incline towards them, and provide them with fruits that they may be grateful.

38. Our Fosterer ! You certainly know that which we hide and that which we make public and nothing is hidden from Allah (whether) in the earth or in the sky.

39. Praise is due only for Allah Who has granted me in old age, Ismael and Ishaq, my Fosterer is certainly the Hearer of prayer.

40. My Fosterer ! make me one who establishes worship (salat) and (also) from my off-spring. Our Fosterer ! and accept my prayer.

41. Our Fosterer ! protectively forgive me and my parents and the believers on the day the account (of deeds) will be established.” (R 6)

42. And do not think that Allah is unaware of that which the unjust do. He only gives them time till the day on which the eyes will stare (in horror),

43. (they will be) running with their heads raised without blinking their eyes and their hearts (will be) vacant.

44. And warn mankind of the day when the punishment will come upon them, then those who were unjust would say, “Our Fosterer ! give us time till a near term, we will respond to your invitation and we will follow the messengers.” (They will be answered), “Did you not swear before, that there will be no decline for you?

45. And you dwelt in the dwellings of those who were unjust to themselves and it was made clear to you how We dealt with them and We had set forth similitude's for you.”

46. And they had planned their plan, and their plan is with Allah, and if their plan was implemented (it would have been sufficient) for moving away mountains thereby.

47. So do not think that Allah will go against His promise to His messengers, Allah is certainly Mighty, Capable of retribution.

48. The day on which the earth will be changed to other than the (present) earth and the skies (too), and they will appear before Allah, the One, the Omnipotent.

49. And on that day you will see the criminals linked together in chains,

50. their shirts made of pitch and the fire covering their faces,

51. that Allah may reward every soul (according to) that which it earned. Allah is certainly Quick (at settling) the account.

52. This is a message for mankind that they may be warned thereby and that they may know that He is certainly one God, and that men of understanding may be mindful. (R 7)

15. THE ROCKY TRACT (Al – Hij'r)

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent,, the Merciful.

1. Alif Laam Raa. Those are the signs of the book and a Quran that makes things clear. (P 13)

2. Those who do not believe will often wish that they had been Muslims.

- 3. Leave them eating and enjoying and let (false) hope amuse them, but they will come to know.**
- 4. And We did not destroy any city but at the known prescription (of the time which was destined) for it (earlier).**
- 5. No community can advance (the time of) its term (for destruction) nor can it postpone (it).**
- 6. And they say, “O you on whom the reminder has been sent down ! you are certainly possessed by a jinn.**
- 7. Why do you not come to us with the angels, if you are of the truthful ones?”**
- 8. We do not send down the angels except with the truth and then they would not be given time.**
- 9. We have certainly sent down the reminder and We are its Custodians.**
- 10. And We had indeed sent (messengers) before you to the ancient sects.**
- 11. And there did not come to them a single messenger but they mocked at him.**
- 12. Thus do We make it to enter the hearts of the criminals.**
- 13. (So) they (too) will not believe in it, and this (has been) the procedure of the ancients (who) have passed away.**
- 14. And even if We had opened on them a gate of the sky so that they could keep on ascending in it,**

15. they would only say, “Our eyes are intoxicated. No ! we are people influenced by magic.”
(R 1)

16. And We have made galaxies {1} in the sky and adorned it for those who see.

17. And We have protected it from every driven away devil,

18. except him who steals a hearing, so a clear flame* follows him. * Probably a meteorite.

19. And the earth We have stretched it and We have put in it (sedimentary) mountains and caused to grow in it everything balanced (in due proportion).

20. And We have made for you means of livelihood therein, and for him (too) for whom you are not the providers.

21. And there is not a single thing but with Us are treasures of it and We do not send it down but in a known measure (according to a programme).

22. And We send the winds fertilizing, then We send down water from the sky and We provide it to you for drinking and you are not the storers of it.

23. And certainly, it is We Who bring to life and cause to die and We are the Inheritors.

24. And We indeed know those of you who have (lived and) gone before (you) and We indeed know those who are (yet) to come.

25. And your Fosterer will certainly gather them (all), He is certainly Wise, Knowing. (R 2)

26. And We had created man from mud containing black particles # (which were) processed { 2 }. # Probably carbon compounds

27. And the jinn We had created earlier from a fiery heat wave.

28. And when your Fosterer said to the angels, “I am creating man { 3 } from mud containing black particles (which were) processed,

29. so when I set him up in equilibrium and blow into him of My spirit, then fall bowing down to him.”

30. So the angels bowed down all of them together,

31. except Iblis, he refused to be with those who bowed down.

32. He (Allah) said, “O Iblis ! what is your reason for your not being of those who bowed down?”

33. He (Iblis) said, “I am not one to bow down to man whom You created from mud containing black particles (which were) processed.”

34. He said, “Then get out of it, for you are certainly driven away,

35. and there is certainly a curse on you till the day of judgment.”

36. He said, “My Fosterer ! so give me time till the day they are raised.”

37. He said, “So you are of those who are given time

38. till the day, the timing of which is known.”

39. He said, “My Fosterer ! because You have removed me from the way, I will definitely make (evil) fair seeming to them in the earth and I will definitely remove all of them from the way (leading to paradise),

40. except Your servants among them who exclusively (serve You).”

41. He said, "This (path of My servants) is the path (leading) straight to Me.

42. You will certainly not have any authority on My servants, except him who follows you from among those who are removed from the way (leading to paradise),

43. and hell is certainly the promised place for all of them.”

44. There are seven gates for it, for each of these (gates) there will be an assigned portion. (R 3)

45. And those who guard (against evil) will certainly be in the midst of gardens with water springs.

46. (It will be said to them), “Enter them in peace, being secure.”

47. And We will remove whatever of ill feeling would be there in their hearts, (they will be like) brothers, (sitting) on couches, facing each other,

48. toil will not touch them there in nor will they be sent out from there.

49. Inform My servants that, “I am certainly the Protectively Forgiving, the Merciful,”

50. and (also) that, “My punishment is certainly a painful punishment.”

51. And inform them about the guests of Ibrahim,

52. when they entered in his presence and said, “Peace.” He said, “We are certainly afraid of you.”

53. They said, "Do not be afraid, we (have come to) give you the good news of a son possessing knowledge."

54. He said, "Do you give me the good news when old age has effected me? Then what is it about which you give me good news?"

55. They said, "We give you the good news in truth, so do not be of those who are astray?"

56. He said, " And who despairs of the mercy of his Fosterer except those who are despair."

57. He said, " Then what is your (other) business O you messengers?"

58. They said, "We are sent towards a criminal people,

59. except the family of Lut, we will certainly save all of them,

60. except his wife." We had destined that she should be of those who are to be left behind. (R 4)

61. So when the messengers came to the family of Lut,

62. he said, "You are a people whom (we) do not recognise."

63. They said, "No! we have come to you with that about which they used to doubt,

64. and we have come to you with the truth and we are certainly truthful.

65. So go away with your followers during part of the night, and (you) follow behind them and do not let anyone of you turn round, but go to the place to which you are commanded."

66. And We decided (and revealed) that affair to him, that the roots of these (people who are to be left behind) will be cut off by the morning.

67. And the people of the city came rejoicing.

68. He said, "They are certainly my guests so do not defame me

69. and fear Allah and do not disgrace me."

70. They said, "Did we not forbid you from (speaking on behalf of everyone in) the worlds?"

71. He said," These are my daughters (for marriage), if you are to do (anything)."

72. By your life! they were certainly blindly wandering in their intoxication.

73. So the loud cry seized them at morning.

74. Thus We made their (city) turn upside down and rained on them porous stones of baked clay^{*} . *Probably volcanic debris.

75. In that there are certainly signs for those who understand signs.

76. And the (city) is on the existing road.

77. In that there are certainly signs for those who believe.

78. And the inhabitants of the jungle were also unjust,

79. so We inflicted retribution on them and certainly, both (the cities) are on the open road (seen) clearly. (R 5)

80. And the inhabitants of Al Hijr (The Rocky Tract) denied the messengers.

81. And We sent to them Our signs but they turned away from them.

82. And they used to carve out houses in the mountains (for their) security.

83. So the loud cry seized them at morning.

84. So that which they used to earn was of no use to them.

85. And We did not create the skies and the earth and that which is between them both, but in reality. And the hour of doom is certainly coming, so overlook, overlooking in a good manner.

86. Your Fosterer is certainly the Creator Who knows.

87. And We have given you seven of the frequently repeated (verses of chapter one) and the great Quran.

88. Do not strain your eyes (by looking) towards that which We have given for enjoyment to some groups among them, and do not grieve over them and lower your wing to the believers.

89. And say, " I am certainly a clear warner."

90. Like that We will send down (the punishment) on the dividers,

91. who made the Quran into parts (accepting some and rejecting other parts).

92. So by your Fosterer, We will definitely question all of them

93. regarding that which they used to do. (P 13 ¼)

94. So proclaim that which you are commanded to (proclaim) and turn away from the polytheists.

95. We are certainly sufficient for you against those who mock (at you),

96. those who set up another god with Allah, they will come to know.

97. And We indeed know that your heart is straitened due to that which they say,

98. so glorify by praising your Fosterer and be of those who prostrate.

99. And serve your Fosterer till that which is certain comes to you. (R 6)

16.THE BEE (Al – Nahl)

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

1. The commandment of Allah will come to pass so do not desire to hasten it. Glory be to Him and He is high above that which they associate (with Him as partners).

2. He sends down the angels with the spirit by His command on whom he wills of His servants (with the message) that, “Warn that there is no god but Me, so fear Me.”

3. He created the skies and the earth in reality, He is high above that which they associate (with Him as partners).

4. He created man from a sperm, even then he is an open disputant { 1 }.

5. And He created the cattle for you, (you have) in their (skins) warm clothing and (other) uses, and (some) of them you eat.

6. And there is a beautiful (sight) for you in them, when you bring them home (in the evening) and when you take them out (for pasture, in the morning).

7. And they carry your heavy (things) to a land which you could not have reached but with hardship to yourselves, your Fosterer is certainly full of pity, Merciful.

8. And (He created) horses and mules and asses that you may ride upon them and as an ornament and He creates that which you do not know.

9. And on Allah (rests) the direction (towards the right) way and (some) of the (ways) turn aside and had He willed He would have guided all (of you). (R 1)

10. He it is Who sends down water from the sky for you, from it you drink and through it (grow) trees on which you feed your cattle,

11. through it He causes vegetation to grow for you and (also) the olives and the date palms and the grapes and all (kinds) of fruits. There is certainly a sign in that for a people who reflect.

12. And He compelled the night and the day and the sun and the moon (to follow His laws) for your (service), and the stars (too) are compelled (to follow His laws) by His command. There are certainly signs in that for a people who understand.

13. And He has produced for you in the earth (things) differing in their colours. There is certainly a sign in that for a people who are mindful.

14. And He it is Who compelled the ocean (to follow His laws) that you may eat fresh flesh (of fish) from it and bring out from it ornaments (pearls) which you wear, and you see the ships cleaving (the water and sailing) in it, that you may seek of His grace and that you may be grateful (to Him).

- 15. And He has put in the earth mountains lest it should shake with you { 2 } and (He has made) rivers and roads that you may find guidance (to their desired destination).**
- 16. And (through) landmarks and through the stars they find guidance (to your desired destination).**
- 17. Then, is He Who creates, like one who does not create? Will you not then be mindful?**
- 18. And if you count the favours of Allah you will not be able to compute them. Allah is certainly Protectively Forgiving, Merciful.**
- 19. And Allah knows that which you keep secret and that which you make public.**
- 20. And those whom they pray to, besides Allah, they do not create anything, while they are themselves created.**
- 21.(They are) dead, not alive and they do not perceive when they will be raised. (R 2)**
- 22. Your God is one God, so those who do not believe in the hereafter, their hearts do not recognize(this) and they consider themselves great.**
- 23. Allah assuredly knows that which they keep as secret and that which they make public. He certainly does not like those who consider themselves great.**
- 24. And when it is said to them, “What has your Fosterer sent down?” They say, “Stories of the ancient,”**
- 25.that they may bear their own burdens in full on the day of resurrection, along with the burdens of these whom they mislead without knowledge. Beware! evil is that which they will bear. (R3)**

26. Those before them had (also) planned, so Allah brought (down) their building from the (very) foundations so that the roof fell down on them from above them and the punishment came to them from directions they did not perceive.

27. Then on the day of resurrection He will disgrace them and say, “Where are those whom you associated with Me as partners, due to whom you were in opposition?” Those who are given knowledge will say, “This day disgrace and evil are upon the infidels,”

28. whom the angels take back (cause to die) while they are unjust to themselves. They would then put (forward) submission (saying), “We did not do any evil.” Why not! Allah is certainly the Knower of what you used to do,

29. so enter the gates of hell. They will stay therein. So evil is the home of those who consider themselves great.

30. And (when) it is said to those who guard (against evil), “What has your Fosterer sent down?” They say, “Good.” For those who do good in this world is good, and the home of the hereafter will be better, and the home of those who guard (against evil) is excellent,

31. everlasting gardens, they will enter therein, rivers flowing from beneath them, for them therein, there will be whatever they will (for). Thus does Allah reward those who guard (against evil),

32. those whom the angels take back (cause to die while they are good), saying, “Peace be on you, enter the garden because of that which you used to do.”

33. Do they wait for anything else, except that the angels should come to them or the command of your Fosterer should come to pass? Thus, those before them (also) did, and Allah was not unjust to them but they were unjust to themselves.

34. So the evil (consequences) of what they did afflicted them and that which they used to mock at, surrounded them. (R 4)

35. And those who associate partners (with Allah) say, “Had Allah willed we would not have served (worshipped) anything besides Him, we and our fathers; and we would not have made anything unlawful, besides Him*.” Those before them (also) did like that, so what (else is incumbent) on the messengers except clear conveyance (of the message)? * In addition to His making certain things unlawful.

36. And We had raised a messenger in every community (saying) that, “Serve Allah and keep away from false deities.” So among them were (some people) whom Allah guided and among them were (others) on whom error became due. So travel in the earth and see, how the end of those who denied was (brought about).

37. (Even) if you excessively desire for their guidance, (even) then Allah certainly does not guide him whom He leaves to stray and for them there are no helpers.

38. And they swear by Allah their strongest oaths, “Allah will not raise him who dies.” Why not? It is a promise binding on Him but the majority of mankind does not know.

39. (He will raise them) that He might make clear to them that in which they disagreed and that those who did not believe might know that they were liars.

40. Our saying for anything when We intend it is that We say to it only, “Be,” so it is. (R 5)

41. And those who migrated in (the cause of) Allah after the injustice that was done to them, We will definitely settle them well in this world and the reward of the hereafter will be greater, if (only) they knew,

42. those who were patient and had put their trust in their Fosterer.

43. And We did not send before you, (messengers) other than men, to whom We had communicated. So ask the people who remember, if you do not know,

44. (they came) with clear proofs and books. And We sent down the reminder to you, that you may make clear to mankind that which is sent down to them and that they may reflect.

(P 13 ½)

45. Then, do those who plan evil (things consider themselves) secure that Allah will (not) sink the earth with them, or that the punishment will (not) come to them from directions they do not perceive,

46. or that He will (not) seize them in their going to and fro, when they will not be in (a position to) frustrate (Him),

47. or that He will (not) seize them by causing them to suffer a gradual loss? But your Fosterer is certainly full of pity, Merciful.

48. Or did they not see towards all the things which Allah has created, (how) their shadows return from right and left bowing down to Allah while they are humbly (following His laws)?

49. And to Allah bows down whatever is in the skies and whatever is in the earth of moving creatures and the angels and they do not consider themselves great.

50. They fear their Fosterer above them and do what they are commanded. (R 6)

51. And Allah has said, “Do not take two gods, He is only One God, so fear Me alone.”

52. And whatever is in the skies and the earth is His and His is the law (that prevails) forever. Will you then fear (someone) other than Allah?

- 53. And whatever (items of) comfort are with you they are from (no one) but Allah. Then when harm afflicts you, to Him (alone) do you cry for help.**
- 54. But when He removes the harm from you, then (there is) a party from among you, which associates partners with their Fosterer,**
- 55. so as to be ungrateful for that which We have given them. So enjoy yourselves, but you will come to know.**
- 56. And they assign a portion from that which We have provided them, to that which they do not (even) know. By Allah, you will definitely be asked about that which you forged.**
- 57. And they assign daughters to Allah, far it is from His Glory, and for themselves what they will.**
- 58. And when one of them is given the news of (the birth of a) girl, his face is shadowed black and he becomes a restless restrainer (of grief).**
- 59. He hides himself from the people because of the (presumed) bad news which is given to him, shall he retain her in shame or bury her in the soil? Beware! evil is that which they decide.**
- 60. For those who do not believe in the hereafter, there is an evil similitude and for Allah is the highest similitude, and He is the Mighty, the Wise. (R 7)**
- 61. And had Allah caught mankind for their injustice, He would not have left on the (earth) any moving creature, but He gives them time till an appointed term, so when their term comes (to an end), they will neither be able to postpone the hour of doom nor advance (it).**

62. And they assign to Allah what they (themselves) dislike, and their tongues utter the lie, that the good is for them. Assuredly, for them is the fire and they will be the first to be sent (into it).

63. By Allah, We had sent (messengers) to the communities before you but the devil made their deeds fair-seeming to them, so he is their friend this day and for them there is a painful punishment.

64. And We sent down the book to you so that you should make clear to them that about which they disagree and (that it should serve as) a guidance and a mercy for a people who believe.

65. And Allah sends down water from the sky and gives life through it to the earth after its death, there is certainly a sign in that for a people who listen. (R 8)

66. And there is certainly a lesson for you in the cattle. We give you to drink from that which is in their stomachs, (formed) from (the conjunction) between the particles of food in the intestine and blood, pure milk, agreeable for those who drink (it).

67. And from the fruits of the date palms and the grapes, you take (out) intoxicants there from and (also) good provision (in the form of food). There is certainly a sign in that for a people who understand.

68. And your Fosterer communicated to the bee that it should take residence (by making hives) in the mountains and in the trees and on (buildings) which the men rise high,

69. then eat from all fruits and move in the ways of your Fosterer in humility* . There comes forth from their stomachs a drink, the varieties (colours) of which are different, there is healing in it for mankind. There is certainly a sign in that for a people who reflect. *This movement may be the bee's dance which is a means of communication to other bee's.

70. And Allah creates you then He takes you back (causes you to die) and among you is he who (on account of old age) is brought back to the worst part of life, so that he does not know anything (even) after (having had) knowledge. Allah is certainly Knowing, Powerful. (R 9)

71. And Allah has made some of you to excel others in provision. So those who are made to excel do not give away their provision to those (slaves) whom their right hands possess, so that they all become equal in it. Then is it the favour of Allah (which) they deny?

72. And Allah has made for you, from among yourselves, mates and made for you through your mates sons (and daughters) and grandsons (and grand-daughters) and has provided you of the good things. Then is it falsehood in which they believe and are ungrateful for the favour of Allah?

73. And they serve besides Allah, that which does not control for them anything of the provision from the skies and the earth, nor do they have any power.

74. So do not set forth similitude's for Allah, Allah certainly knows and you do not know.

75. Allah sets forth a similitude: a slave under someone's control, having no power on anything; and (another person) whom We have provided from Ourselves a good provision so that he spends from it secretly and openly; are they equal? Praise is due only for Allah. No! the majority of them does not know.

76. And Allah sets forth (another) similitude (of) two men, one of them dumb having no power on anything and he is a burden on his guardian, in whichever direction he sends him he brings no good; is he equal to (one) who enjoins justice and is on the straight path? (R 10)

77. And Allah's is the unseen of the skies and the earth and the affair of the hour of doom will be like the twinkling of the eye or it may be quicker, Allah certainly has power over everything.

78. And Allah brought you out from the wombs of your mothers (when) you did not know anything and gave you the (senses of) hearing and seeing, and the hearts that you may be grateful.

79. Did you not see towards the birds compelled (to follow His laws) in the space of the sky, no one holds them but Allah, there are certainly signs in that for a people who believe.

80. And (it is) Allah (Who) has made your houses as places of rest for you and He has made for you houses (tents) from the skins of cattle which you find light to carry on the day you travel and on the day you halt (camp), and of their wool and their fur and their hair(you make) things of necessity and (it is) a provision till a time.

81. And (it is) Allah (Who) has made shelters for you from (things) which He created and He has made (places of) refuge for you in the mountains and made for you garments to protect you from the heat and garments to protect you in your fighting. Thus He completes His favor on you that you may submit (to Him).

82. But if they turn away, then (the only duty incumbent) on you is clear conveyance (of the message).

83. They recognize the favor of Allah (even) then (they behave as if) they have not recognized it, and the majority of them is ungrateful. (R 11)

84. And on the day when We will raise a witness from every community, then (on that day), those who did not believe will not be excused, nor will they be able to seek good will.

85. And when those who did injustice will see the punishment, it will not be lightened for them nor will they be given time.

86. And when those who associate partners (with Allah) will see their (presumed) partners, they will say, “ Our Fosterer! these are our (presumed) partners to whom we used to pray besides You.” But they will throw back (the reply) to them by saying, “You are certainly liars.” (P 13 ¾)

87. And on that day they will offer submission before Allah, and that which they used to forge will go away from them.

88. Those who do not believe and turn away (people) from the way of Allah, We will increase for them the punishment over (their) punishment because they used to cause corruption.

89. And on the day when We will raise from every community a witness against them from among themselves, then (on that day) We will bring you (as) a witness against these. And We have sent down on you the book (which gives) an explanation for everything, and (it is) a guide and a mercy and good news for those who submit (as Muslims).

(R 12)

90. Allah certainly enjoins doing of justice and good (to others) and giving to relatives, and He forbids indecency and (things) not recognized (as good) and rebellion, He admonishes you that you may be mindful.

91. And fulfill the agreement of Allah when you have made an agreement (with Him) and do not break the oaths after you have confirmed them when you have made Allah surety over you. Allah certainly knows that which you do.

92. And do not be like her who breaks her thread, disintegrating it into pieces after it has been (spun) strong, (by) taking your oaths (as means of) deceit between you that you may become a community more elevated (or numerous) than (another) community. Allah only tests you through it, and He will definitely make clear to you on the day of resurrection, that in which you disagreed.

93. And had Allah willed He would have made you a single community, but He leaves astray whom He wills and guides whom He wills and you will definitely be asked about that which you used to do.

94. And do not take your oaths (as a means of) deceit between you, so that your foot should slip after its establishment, and you should taste evil because you turned away (people) from the way of Allah and there should be a great punishment for you.

95. And do not sell the agreement of Allah for a small price. Only that which is with Allah is better for you if you were to know.

96. That which is with you passes away and that which is with Allah remains. And We will definitely reward, those who are patient, with their reward (which will be) better than that which they used to do.

97. Whoever does righteous work, whether male or female and he/she is a believer, We will definitely cause him/her to live a good life and We will definitely reward them with their reward (which will be) better than that which they used to do.

98. So when you recite the Quran, seek the protection of Allah from the accursed devil,

99. he certainly has no authority over those who believe and put their trust in their Fosterer,

100. he has authority only on those who turn to him (for friendship) and those who are polytheists because of him.

(R 13)

101. And when We change (one) sign in the place of (another) sign, and Allah knows best that which He sends down, they say, “You are only a forger.” No! the majority of them does not know.

102. Say, “The holy spirit has brought it down from your Fosterer in truth, that those who believe may be established, and (it is) a guidance and good news for those who submit (as Muslims).”

103. And We indeed know that they say, “Only a man teaches him.” The language of the person towards whom they incline (doubting that he teaches the messenger of Allah) is foreign and this is clear Arabic language.

104. Those who do not believe in the signs of Allah, Allah will certainly not guide them for them and there is a painful punishment.

105. Only they who do not believe in the signs of Allah, forge falsehood and those are the persons who are liars.

106. He who does not believe in Allah after his having believed (in Him), except he who is compelled while his heart is peaceful with belief, but he who opens (his) bosom for infidelity, then on them is anger from Allah and for them there is a great punishment.

107. That is because they love the life of this world more than the hereafter and because Allah does not guide a people who are infidels.

108. Those are the persons on whose hearts and their hearing and their eyes Allah has set a seal and those are the persons who are heedless.

109. Assuredly, they will be the persons who will be at loss in the hereafter.

110. Then certainly your Fosterer, for those who migrated after they are persecuted then struggled and were patient, your Fosterer, after that, is certainly Protectively Forgiving, Merciful. (R 14)

111. (One) day every soul will come pleading for itself, and every soul will be paid back in full (for) that which it did and they will not be dealt with unjustly.

112. And Allah sets forth a similitude of a town (which was) secure, peaceful, its provision coming to it in abundance from every place, then it became ungrateful to Allah's favors, so Allah made it taste the confusion of hunger and fear because of the (evil) they used to do.

113. And there had come to them a messenger from among them but they denied him so the punishment seized them while they were unjust.

114. So eat the lawful and good (things) from that which Allah has provided for you and be grateful for Allah's favor, if it is Him alone you serve (worship).

115. He has forbidden for you only: the dead and blood and flesh of swine and that over which (a name) other than that of Allah has been invoked, but one who is driven to necessity (being helplessly forced to eat) neither desiring it nor revolting, then Allah is certainly Protectively Forgiving, Merciful.

116. And do not say regarding (anything) which is (based just on) the false utterances of your tongues, "This is lawful and this is unlawful," so as to forge (a lie) against Allah, those who forge a lie against Allah will certainly not be successful.

117. A little enjoyment and (then) there will be a painful punishment for them.

118. And on those who are Jews, We had made unlawful that which We narrated to you earlier and We did not do injustice to them but they were unjust to themselves.

119. Then your Fosterer, for those who do evil in ignorance then repent after that and amend (themselves), your Fosterer, after that, is certainly Protectively Forgiving, Merciful. (R 15)

120. Ibrahim was certainly a leader obedient to Allah, upright, and he was not of the polytheists,

121. grateful for His favors, He chose him and guided him to the straight path.

122. And We gave him good in this world and in the hereafter he will certainly be among the righteous.

123. Then We communicated to you that you should follow the religious dictates of Ibrahim the upright and he was not of the polytheists.

124. The Sabbath was appointed only for those who disagreed about it and your Fosterer will certainly judge between them, on the day of resurrection, regarding that in which they used to disagree.

125. Invite to the way of your Fosterer with wisdom and good admonition and dispute with them in (a manner) which is the best. Your Fosterer certainly knows best about him who goes astray from His path and He knows best those who are guided.

126. And if you retaliate then retaliate in a manner similar to that in which you are afflicted, but if you are patient, (then) that is certainly the best for those who are patient.

127. And be patient, and your patience is not (due to anything) but by (the help of) Allah and do not grieve over them nor be in a state of distress because of that which they plan.

128. Allah is certainly with those who guard (against evil) and those who are doers of good. (R16, P 14)

17. THE NIGHT JOURNEY (Al – Isra)

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

- 1. Glorified be He Who made His servant travel on a night from the Masjid-il-Haram (Kaaba) to the Masjid-il-Aqsa (in Jerusalem) the neighborhood of which We have blessed, that We might show him (some) of Our signs {1}. He is certainly the Hearing, the Seeing.**
- 2. And We gave Musa the book and made it a (source of) guidance for the children of Israel (in which it was stated) that: “Do not take a trustee besides Me,”**
- 3. (they were) the descendants of those whom We carried (in the ship) along with Nuh, he was certainly a grateful servant.**
- 4. And We had decreed for the children of Israel in the book, that you will definitely cause corruption in the earth twice and you will definitely transgress (with) a great transgression.**
- 5. So when (the time for) the first of the two promises came, We raised against you Our servants of severe might who entered into the very spaces in between (your) houses, and the promise was fulfilled.**
- 6. Then We gave you back (your) turn (to prevail) over them and We helped you with wealth and sons and We made you a party more numerous.**
- 7. If you do good, you do good for your own selves and if you do evil then it is against it (your own self). Then when (the time for) the second promise came (We raised your enemies against you) that they may spoil your faces and that they may enter the mosque as they had entered it the first time and that they may destroy with utter destruction whatever they conquered.**
- 8. Perhaps your Fosterer will have mercy on you, but if you return (to disobedience) We (too) will return (to punishment) and We have made hell, a prison for the infidels.**
- 9. This Quran certainly guides to that which is the straightest, and gives good news to the believers who do righteous works that for them there is a great reward,**

10. and that, those who do not believe in the hereafter, We have prepared a painful punishment for them. (R 1)

11. And man prays for evil as he ought to pray for good, for man is hasty (by temperament).

12. And We have made the night and the day two signs, then We darken the sign of the night and make the sign of the day visible that you may seek the grace of your Fosterer and that you may know the numbering of years and (keep) the account (of your works). And We have explained everything in detail.

13. And We have made every man's fate (or action) to cling to his neck {2}, and We will bring out for him on the day of resurrection, a book (or a record) which he will find wide open.

14. (It will be said to him), "Read your book, this day your own self is sufficient against you as one who takes account."

15. He who receives guidance receives it only for (the benefit of) his own self and he who goes astray, (the loss of) his going astray is only on him. And no bearer of a burden will bear the burden of another. And We do not punish until We have raised a messenger.

16. And when We intend to destroy a town, We send our commandment to those who are well-off therein, but they transgress in it, thus the word is proved true against the (town), then We destroy it with utter destruction.

17. And how many of the generations have We destroyed after Nuh, and your Fosterer is sufficient (as) One Informed, seeing the sins of His servants.

18. Whoever intends (the comfort of the life of this world) which hasten away, We hasten it for him therein what We will (and) for whom We intend, then We appoint hell for him, he will enter it disgraced, driven away.

19. And whoever intends (to achieve the benefits of) the hereafter and strives for it (with the) striving (due for) it while he is a believer, then those are the persons whose striving will be acknowledged.

20. We help all, these as well as those, from the bounty of your Fosterer, and the bounty of your Fosterer is not confined.

21. See how We have made some of them to excel others, and the hereafter is certainly greater in grades and greater in excellence.

22. Do not set up another god with Allah, lest you sit down disgraced, forsaken. (R 2)

23. And your Fosterer has decreed that you should not serve anyone except Him and (that you should do) good to parents. If one of them or both of them reach old age in your presence, then do not say (even), “Uff,” to them nor scold them, but speak to them in words of honour,

24. and lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy and say , “My Fosterer ! have mercy on them in a manner similar to the manner in which they fostered me when I was a small (child).”

25. Your Fosterer knows best about that which is in your souls (minds). If you are of those who are righteous, then He is certainly Protectively Forgiving to those who turn (to Him).

26. And give to the relative his due, and (also to) the needy and (to) the wayfarer, and do not squander (just) squandering (away).

27. The squanderers are certainly the brothers of the devils, and the devil was ungrateful to his Fosterer (by disobeying Him).

28. And (not having anything to give as charity), if you have to turn away from them seeking mercy from your Fosterer which you hope for, then speak to them (in) words which make them feel easy.

29. And do not make your hand tied to your neck nor stretch it to its full stretching (capacity) lest you sit down blamed, full of regrets.

30. Your Fosterer certainly enlarges the provision for whom He wills and He straitens (it whenever and for whomever He wills), He is certainly informed of His servants, seeing (them). (R 3)

31. And do not kill your children for fear of poverty, We provide for them and for yourselves (too). Killing them is certainly a great mistake.

32. And do not (even) go near adultery, it is certainly indecent and an evil way.

33. And do not kill any person, whose (killing) Allah has made unlawful except (when his killing is) for the right (cause). And whoever is killed unjustly, then We have given authority to his heir, so let his (heir) not exceed the limits in killing (because) he is helped (by the law).

34. And do not go near the wealth of an orphan, except in (a manner) which is the best, till he reaches his (age of physical and mental) strength. And fulfill the agreement, (you will) certainly be questioned (about) the agreement you had made.

35. And give back in full, the measure which you measure, and weigh with a balance that is straight. That is good and best (from the point of view of) the result.

36. And do not follow that about which you do not have (any) knowledge, the hearing and the sight and the heart, regarding each of those (you) will certainly be questioned.

37. And do not walk proudly in the earth, you can neither tear the earth nor can you ever reach the mountains in height.

38. The evil of all that (which is mentioned above) is disliked by your Fosterer.

39. That is from what your Fosterer has communicated to you of wisdom. And do not set up another god with Allah, lest you should be put in hell, blamed, driven away.

40. Then has your Fosterer selected sons for you and He has (Himself) taken daughters from among the angels? You certainly utter a greatly(dreadful)saying. (R 4)

41. And We have repeated (various subjects) in this Quran that they may be mindful, but that increases in them nothing but hatred.

42. Say, “Had there been (other) gods along with Him as they say, then they would have sought a way to the (Real) Owner of the throne (of the universe).”

43. Glory be to Him and He is high above that which they say, Exalted, Great.

44. The seven skies and the earth and whoever is in them, (all) declare His glory, and there is nothing which does not glorify Him by praising Him but you do not understand their glorification. He is certainly Clement, Protectively Forgiving.

45. And when you recite the Quran, We place between you and those who do not believe in the hereafter, an invisible veil.

46. And We have placed coverings over their hearts, lest they understand it, and in their ears is heaviness, and when you mention (about) your single Fosterer in the Quran, they turn on their backs in hatred.

47. We know best about that which they wish to hear when they seek to hear you, and when they have secret talks when the unjust say, “ You follow none except a man under the influence of magic.”

48. See how they strike similes for you, thus they are astray so they cannot find (the right) way. (P 14 ¼)

49. And they say, “What! when we become bones and powder, will we be raised (as) a new creation?”

50. Say, “Become stones or iron,

51. or a creation from (something) which you consider great in your minds.” Then they will say, “Who will return us (to life)?” Say, “He Who initiated your creation the first time.” Then they will shake their heads towards you and say, “When will it be?” Say, “Perhaps it is near,

52. on the day He will call you, you will respond by praising Him and you will think that you stayed but for a little while.” (R 5)

53. And say to My servants, “Speak that which is the best,” the devil certainly instigates (evil) between them. The devil is certainly an open enemy of man.

54. Your Fosterer knows best about you, If He wills he will have mercy on you and if He wills He will punish you, and We have not sent you as a trustee over them.

55. And your Fosterer knows best about whomsoever is in the skies and the earth. And We have made some of the prophets to excel others, and We gave Dawood, Zabur (the book).

56. Say, “Pray to those whom you claim (to be gods) besides Him, they do not have the power to remove (any) harm from you nor (even) to change (it).”

57. Those whom they pray to, they themselves seek the means of access to their Fosterer (competing to see) which of them is nearer, and they hope for His mercy and fear His punishment. The punishment of your Fosterer is certainly something to be cautious of.

58. And there is not a town but We will destroy it before the day of resurrection or punish it with a severe punishment, that is written in the book.

59. And nothing prevents Us from sending the signs except that the ancients (too) denied them. And We gave to Samood, the she-camel which could be seen (clearly), but they were unjust to it (by killing it); and We do not send signs but (to cause) fear.

60. And (remember) when We said to you, “Your Fosterer certainly encompasses mankind.” And We did not make the vision {1} which We showed you but a trial for mankind and (also) the cursed tree (mentioned) in the Quran, and We cause them to fear, but it increases them in nothing except a great rebellion. (R 6)

61. And when We said to the angels, “Bow down to Adam,” they bowed down except Iblis, he said, “Shall I bow down to him whom You created (of) clay?”

62. He (Iblis) said, “Do you see the (person) whom You have honored above me? If You give me time till the day of resurrection I will definitely bring his descendants under my control (all) but a few.”

63. He (Allah) said, “Go, and whoever follows you from among them, then hell will certainly be your reward, an ample reward.

64. And upset and dislodge with your voice whom you can from among them, and collect (your forces) against them (to attack them riding) on your horse and (marching on) your foot (that is, all means at your disposal), and have a share with them in their wealth and children making promises to them. And the devil promises them nothing but deceit.

65. You certainly have no authority on My servants and your Fosterer is sufficient (as) a Trustee.”

66. Your Fosterer is He Who makes the ships to sail in the sea for you that you may seek from His grace, He is certainly Merciful to you.

67. And when harm afflicts you in the sea, (all) whom you pray to, go away (from your minds) except Him, but when He brings you safe to the land, you turn away (from Him). And man is ungrateful.

68. Then do you feel secure that He cannot cause you to sink on a tract of land or send a sand storm on you? Then you will not find for yourselves any trustee.

69. Or do you feel secure that He cannot take you back into it (your plight in the sea) a second time, then send against you a violent wind so as to drown you because of your ungratefulness? Then in that (case) you will not find for yourselves any helper against Us.

70. And We have honored the children of Adam, and We carry them on the land and in the sea, and We provide for them from the good things, and We have preferred them in excellence over many of those whom We have created. (R 7)

71. (One) day We will call all mankind with their leaders, then whoever is given his record (of deeds) in his right hand, they will read their record and they will not be dealt with unjustly even to the extent of the hair on a date stone.

72. And whoever is blind in this (world) then he will be blind in the hereafter, and more astray from the way.

73. And they were about to tempt you away from that which We have communicated to you, so as to make you forge against Us (something) other than what (We had communicated), and (if you had obeyed), then they would have taken you as a friend.

74. And had We not made you firm, you were about to incline towards them to some extent,

75. then in that case We would have made you taste double (punishment in this) life and double (punishment in) death, then you would not have found any helper against Us.

76. And they were about to unsettle you from the land, so as to drive you out of it, and in that case they would not have stayed (therein) after you, except for a little while.

77. (This was Our) procedure with those of Our messengers whom We had sent before you and you will not find a change in Our procedure. (R 8)

78. Establish worship (salat) from the decline of the sun till the darkness of the night, and (recite) the Quran at dawn, (recitation of) the Quran at dawn is certainly witnessed { 3 }.

79. And forsake sleep for (worshiping during part) of the night. (This is) an additional (duty) for you. May be that your Fosterer will raise you to a praised position.

80. And say, “My Fosterer! cause me to enter the entrance of truth and cause me to exit the exit of truth and grant me from Your presence a helping authority.”

81. And say, “The truth has come and falsehood departed. Falsehood is certainly bound to depart.”

82. And We have sent down through the Quran that which is a healing and a mercy for the believers; and to those who are unjust, it adds nothing but loss.

83. And when We bestow favor on man, he keeps away and turns away to his side and when harm afflicts him, he is despairing.

84. Say, “Everyone acts according to the scope allowed { 2 } to him, (through his inherent character or destiny) but your Fosterer knows best, about him who is best guided on the way.” (R 9)

85. And they ask you about the Spirit (Ruh), say, “The Spirit (comes) with the command of my Fosterer[§], and you have been given little knowledge,”(therefore you cannot understand everything). [§] Or, the Sprit is from one of the affairs of my Fosterer.

86. And if We will We can definitely take away that which We have communicated to you, then you would not find for it any trustee (in whom you could put your trust) against Us,

87. but (this has not been done because of) the mercy from your Fosterer. His grace on you is certainly great.

88. Say, “If mankind and jinn were to gather together on (the project of) bringing (out) a Quran similar to this, they would not be able to bring (out anything) similar to it, even if they help each other.”

89. And in this Quran, We have repeated for mankind every kind of similitude, but the majority of mankind refuses (to understand, and accept nothing) but infidelity.

90. And they say, “We will never believe in you till you cause a spring to gush forth from the earth for us.

91. Or you have a garden of date palms and grapes and cause gushing out rivers to gush forth in spaces between the (trees of the garden).

92. Or you cause the sky to fall upon us in pieces as you claim, or you bring Allah and the angels face to face (with us).

93. Or you have a house of gold or you climb into the sky, and we will not believe in your climbing till you bring down to us a book which we could read.” Say, “Glory be to my Fosterer! am I anything but a human (news giving) messenger?” (R 10)

94. And nothing prevents mankind from believing when the guidance comes to them, except that they say, “Has Allah raised up a human being as a messenger?”

95. Say, “Had there been angles walking about as settlers in the earth, We would have sent down to them an angel as a messenger form the sky.”

96. Say, “Allah is sufficient as a witness between me and you, He is certainly informed of and seeing His servants.”

97. And whomsoever Allah guides, then he (it) is (who is really) guided, But whomsoever He leaves in error, then you will not find for him guardians besides Him; and We will gather them on the day of resurrection on their faces, blind and dumb and deaf, their settling place will be hell, whenever (the fire tends to get) extinguished, We will increase for them the blazing flame. (P 14 ½)

98. That is their reward because they did not believe in Our signs and said, “What! when we become bones and powder, will we then be raised up (as) a new creation?”

99. Do they not consider that Allah Who created the skies and the earth is able to create their like? And He has appointed for them a term about which there is no doubt, except unjust refuse (everything) but the infidelity.

100. Say, “Had you (any) control on the treasures of the mercy of my Fosterer, then you would have held back (the treasures, due to the) fear that they will be spent off, and man is niggardly.” (R 11)

101. And We did give to Musa nine signs (as) clear proofs, so ask the children of Israel (about the details) when he had come to them (with these signs). But Firawn said to him, “I definitely consider you, O Musa, one under the influence of magic.”

102. He said, “You do know that none has sent down these (signs) but the Fosterer of the skies and the earth (as) visual proofs, and I definitely consider you, O Firawn, one destroyed.”

103. So he (Firawn) intended to upset and dislodge them from the land, so We drowned him and those with him all together.

104. And We said to the children of Israel after him, “Dwell in the earth, but when the promise of the hereafter comes to pass, We will bring you together (as a gathering of people coming from different directions).”

105. And We have sent it down in reality and it has come down in reality, and We have not sent you but as a conveyer of good news and a warner.

106. And We have divided the Quran (in such a manner) that you may recite it to mankind at intervals, and (therefore) We have sent it down, sending it down gradually.

107. Say, “Believe in it or do not believe.” When it is read out to those who were given knowledge before it, they certainly fall down on their faces prostrating,

108. and saying, “Glory be to our Fosterer, the promise of our Fosterer was surely to be fulfilled.”

109. And they fall down on their faces weeping and it increases their humility.

110. Say “Call upon (God by the name of) Allah or call upon (God by the name of) Rehman (the Beneficent), (by) whichever (name) you call (Him), His are the best names. And do not be loud voiced in your worship (salat) nor be silent in it, but seek a way between these.”

111. And say “Praise is due only for Allah Who has not taken a son and Who has no partner in the kingdom and who needs no guardian due to weakness (which He does not have),” and regard Him Great by proclaiming His Greatness. (R 12)

18. THE CAVE (Al - Kahf)

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

1. Praise is due only for Allah Who has sent down the book to His servant and has not kept any crookedness in it,

2. (and has made it) straight, that He may give warning of a severe punishment from Him, and (convey) good news to the believers who do righteous works, that for them there will be a good reward,

3. in which they will stay for ever,

4. and (also) warn those who say, “Allah has taken a son.”

5. Neither they have any knowledge of it nor their fathers (had). (It is a) grievous word that comes out of their mouths, they speak nothing but a lie.

6. If they do not believe in this statement, then perhaps you will kill yourself with grief, sorrowing after them.

- 7. We have made that which is on the earth an adornment for it, so that We may test them as to which of them is best in conduct.**
- 8. And We will make that which is on it, a barren ground.**
- 9. Or do you think that the companions of the cave and the inscription were a wonder from among Our signs,**
- 10. when the young men sought refuge in the cave and said, “Our Fosterer! give us mercy from Yourself and shape for us the right way in our affair?”**
- 11. So We prevented them from hearing (and kept them sleeping) in the cave, for a number of years.**
- 12. Then We raised them up that We might know (mark out) which of the two parties was better at calculating the time for which they stayed. (R 1)**
- 13. We narrate to you their news in truth, they were young men (who) believed in their Fosterer, and We increased them in guidance,**
- 14. and We strengthened their hearts when they stood up and said, “Our Fosterer is the Fosterer of the skies and the earth, we will never pray to any god besides Him, for then we would have indeed said something far away from truth.**
- 15. These our people have taken gods besides Him, why do they do not bring clear authority (in support) for them? So who is more unjust than he who forges a lie against Allah?**
- 16. And when you withdraw from them and that which they serve (worship) except Allah, then seek refuge in the cave, your Fosterer will shower His mercy upon you and shape an easy course for you in your affair.”**

17. And you would have seen the sun when it rose, move away from their cave to the right and when it set, go past them on the left, and they were in a wide space thereof. That is of the signs of Allah. Whomsoever Allah guides, he (it is who) is (really) guided and whomsoever He leaves in error, then you will never find for him a guardian showing the right way. (R 2)

18. And you might have thought them to be awake though they were asleep, and We turned them to their right and their left, and their dog lay at the entrance with its paws stretched out. Had you looked at them you would have surely turned away from them in flight, and you would have been filled with terror because of them.

19. And thus We raised them up that they may ask each other. A speaker from among them said, "How long have you stayed (here)?" They said, "We stayed (here) a day or a part of a day." (Others) said, "Your Fosterer knows best about how long you stayed (here). Now send one of you to the city with this silver coin of yours and let him see what food is pure, then let him come to you with (some) provision from it, and let him be courteous and let no one know about you,

20. for if they prevail over you, they will stone you or turn you back to their religious dictates and then you will not succeed for ever."

21. And thus did We make their case known (to people) that they might know that Allah's promise is true and that (as for) the hour of doom, there is no doubt about it. When the (people of the city) disputed among themselves about their affair and said, "Construct a building over them," their Fosterer knew best about them. Those who prevailed over their affair said, "We will definitely make a place of worship over them."

22. (Some) will say, "(They were) three, their dog being the fourth of them," while (others) will say, "(They were) five, their dog being the sixth of them." (They were) seven, their dog being eight of them." Say, "My fosterer knows best, their number, no one knows them except a few." So do not dispute about them except a with a superfluous disputation and do not ask any of them about the (companions of the cave). (R 3)

23. And do not say about anything, “I will do that tomorrow,”

24. without (adding to it),“If Allah wills.” And remember your Fosterer when you forget, and say, “It may be that my Fosterer will guide me to (something) more closer to that which is right, than this.”

25. And they stayed in their cave (for) three hundred years and add nine {1}.

26. Say, “Allah knows best how long they stayed, His is the unseen of the skies and the earth, how clear His sight and how clear His hearing. They have no guardian besides Him and He makes none to share His commandment.”

27. And read that which has been communicated to you from the book of your Fosterer, there is none who can change His statements and you will never find any refuge beside Him.

28. And restrain yourself with those who pray to their Fosterer at morning and evening, intending (to seek) His Attention and do not let your eyes pass beyond them intending (to seek) the adornment of the life of this world and do not obey him whose heart We have made heedless of Our remembrance and who follows his desires and whose affair exceeds due bounds. (P 14 ¾)

29. And say, “(This Quran is) the truth from your Fosterer, so whosoever wills, let him believe and whosoever wills, let him reject. ”We have prepared for those who are unjust, a fire, an enclosure of which will encompass them, and if they ask for water, they will be given water like molten brass which will burn their faces, evil the drink and ill the resting place.

30. Those who believe and do righteous works, (they will have their reward, because) We certainly do not waste the reward of him who does good work.

31. Those are the persons for whom there are everlasting gardens beneath which rivers flow. They will be adorned therein with bracelets of gold and they will wear green robes of fine silk and thick silk brocade interwoven with gold, reclining therein on raised couches, excellent the reward and good the resting place. (R 4)

32. And set forth to them the similitude of two men: We had assigned to one of them two gardens of grapes and We had surrounded them both with date palms and placed between them fields (of vegetation).

33. Each of the two gardens gave its food produce and nothing got reduced from it, and We caused a river to gush forth in the space in between them,

34. and (its) fruit was (totally) his. So he said to his companion while he conversed with him, "I have more wealth than you and I am mightier in the party (of followers).

35. And he entered his garden while he was unjust to himself. He said, "I do not think that this will ever perish,

36. and I do not think that the hour of doom will be established and even if I am brought back to my Fosterer I will definitely find a place of return better than this."

37. His companion said to him while he conversed with him, "Are you ungrateful to Him Who created you from the soil then from the sperm then granted equilibrium to you (in the form of) a man?

38. But as for me, Allah is my Fosterer and I do not associate anything as a partner with my Fosterer.

39. And when you entered your garden why did you not say: That which Allah willed (is in my possession), there is no power except (that) of Allah? If you see me that I am lesser than you in wealth and children,

40. then it may be that my Fosterer will give me (something) better than your garden and will send on it thunderbolts from the sky so that it will become a smooth ground,

41. or He will make its water go deep so that you will never be able to obtain it (again)."

42. And his fruits were encompassed (with destruction), and it fell down on its roofs (trellises) so he began to wring his hands (in regret) on what he had spent on it, and said, "I wish I had not associated anything as a partner with my Fosterer."

43. And he had no group (of his followers) to help him, besides Allah, nor could he defend himself.

44. There : Protection is the right (only) of Allah, He is the Best Rewarder and the Best Requirer. (R 5)

45. And set forth to them the similitude of the life of this world: (It is) like water which We send down from the sky, then the vegetation of the earth mixes up with it then it becomes dry broken pieces which the winds scatter, and Allah is the Holder of power over everything.

46. Wealth and sons are an adornment of the life of this world, but the righteous works that remain are better in the sight of your Fosterer in reward and better in respect of hope.

47. And one day We will cause the mountains to move away and you will see the earth appearing plain and We will gather them so that We will not leave anyone of them,

48. and they will be presented before your Fosterer in ranks. (It will be said), "You have come to Us as We had created you the first time. No ! you thought that We had not appointed for you a time/place for the fulfilment of the promise,"

49. and the records (of deeds) will be placed, then you will see the criminals fearful of that which is in it and they will say, Ah! sorrowful is our state! what a record (of deeds) is this, it has not left (anything) small or great but has computed it." And they will find (all) that they did, present (in it), and your Fosterer does not deal unjustly with anyone. (R 6)

50. And when We said to the angels, "Bow down before Adam," so they (all) bowed down except Iblis, he was of the jinn so he went beyond the limits of the commandment of his Fosterer. What ! would you then take him and his descendants as friends besides Me while they are your enemies ? (The friendship of Iblis, compared to the friendship of Allah, is) an evil exchange for those who are unjust.

51. I did not make them witness the creation of the skies and the earth nor their own creation and I am not One to take misleaders as helpers.

52. And the day (when) He will say, "Call those whom you claimed to be My partners." So they will call them but they will not respond to them and We will make a partition between them.

53. And (when) the criminals will see the fire, then they will guess that they have to fall into it, and they will not find (any way) of turning away from it. (R 7)

54. And We have indeed repeated in this Quran, every kind of similitude for mankind, but man is disputing in most of the things.

55. And nothing holds back mankind from believing when the guidance comes to them, and from asking protective forgiveness from their Fosterer, except that (they wait) that the procedure (adopted) for the ancients should be adopted for them (too), or (that) the punishment should come face to face (with them).

56. And We do not send the messengers but as conveyers of good news and warners. And those who are infidels dispute, (basing their argument) on falsehood, in order to weaken thereby the truth, and they take My signs and that with which they are warned, as mockery.

57. And who is more unjust than he who is reminded through the signs of his Fosterer but he turns away from them and forgets what his hands have sent forth ? We have certainly placed veils over their hearts lest they should understand the (Quran) and heaviness in their ears, and if you invite them towards guidance, even then they will not accept guidance for ever.

58. And your Fosterer is Protectively Forgiving, Possessor of mercy. Had He caught them for that which they earned, He would have hastened the punishment for them, no, for them there is an appointed time from which they will not find a refuge.

59. And those towns : We destroyed them when they were unjust, and We had appointed a fixed time for their destruction. (R 8)

60. And when Musa said to his servant, "I will not give up until I reach the junction of the two seas or I will march on for ages."

61. So when they reached the junction between the two (seas), they both forgot their fish, so it took its way into the sea freely.

62. So when they had gone further (after crossing the junction), he said to his servant, "Bring to us our morning meal, we have met with fatigue from this journey of ours."

63. He (the servant) said, "Did you see! when we stayed on the rock, I forgot the fish, and nothing made me forget to mention it (to you) but the devil, and it took its way into the sea (in) a wonderful (way)."

64. He (Musa) said, "That is what we have been seeking for." So they returned retracing their footsteps,

65. (and) thus they found a servant from among Our servants whom We had given mercy from Us and whom We had given knowledge from Our knowledge.

66. Musa said to him, "May I follow you on (the agreement) that you teach me right (knowledge) from that which you have been taught."

67. He said, "You will not be able to be patient with me.

68. And how can you have patience on (matters) about which you do not have comprehensive information?"

69. He (Musa) said, "You will find me, if Allah wills, patient. And I will not disobey you in any matter."

70. He said, "Well, if you follow me then do not ask me about anything till I myself mention about it to you."

(R 9)

71. So they both proceeded until when they embarked in a boat, he made a hole in it. He (Musa) said, "Have you made a hole in it to drown those in it? You have indeed come with something strange."

72. He said, "Did I not tell you that you will not be able to be patient with me ?"

73. He (Musa) said, "Do not catch me for what I forgot and do not involve me in difficulty in my affair."

74. Then they proceeded until when they met a young man and he killed him. He (Musa) said, "Have you killed an innocent person without (this murder being in retaliation to his

unjustly killing some other) person ? You have indeed come with something unrecognised." (**P 15**)

75. He said, "Did I not tell you that you will certainly not be able to be patient with me ?"

76. He (Musa) said, "If I ask you about anything after this then do not keep me in your company, you would have indeed reached (a point of not accepting any) excuse from my side."

77. Then they proceeded until when they came to a people of a town. They asked its inhabitants for food but they refused to make them guests. Then they found in it a wall on the point of falling down, so he set it right. He (Musa) said, "Had you willed you could have taken a reward for it."

78. He said, "This is (the point of) parting between me and you. I will inform you of the interpretation of that over which you were not able to be patient.

79. As for the boat, it belongs to poor people who work in the sea, I intended to make it defective because there is a king who is after them (and) he takes every boat by force.

80. And as for the young man, his parents are believers and we feared that he will involve them both in rebellion and infidelity,

81. so we desired that their Fosterer should give them in exchange, (one) better than him in purity and nearer to mercy.

82. And as for the wall, it belongs to two orphan boys in the city and beneath it there is a treasure for them and their father was a righteous man, so your Fosterer intended that they should reach their (age of strength and take out their treasure, a mercy from your Fosterer and I did not do it of my own accord. That is the interpretation of that over which you were not able to be patient." (**R 10**)

83. And they ask you about Zulqarnain (Two horned one), say, "I will tell you (something) from his history."

84. We certainly established him in the earth and gave him means of (access to) everything.

85. So he followed a way,

86. until when he reached the setting place of the sun (west), he found it setting in a black muddy spring (or Black Sea) and found near it a people. We said, "O Zulqarnain ! either punish or treat them in a good manner."

87. He said, "As for him who is unjust we will punish him then he will be returned to his Fosterer then He will punish him with an awful punishment.

88. And as for him who believes and does righteous work, then his reward will be good and we will speak to him in an easy (tone) with regard to our affair."

89. Then he followed a way,

90. until when he reached the rising place of the sun (east), he found it rising on a people for whom We had not made any shelter from it.

91. Thus! and We had comprehensive information about (all) that was with him.

92. Then he followed a way,

93. until when he reached (a place)between two mountains he found on the other side of the (two mountains) a people who could hardly understand a word.

94. They said, "O Zulqarnain! Yajooj and Majooj are causing corruption in the earth. Then shall we pay you a tribute on (condition) that you make a barrier between us and them?"

95. He said, "That in which my Fosterer has established me is better, so help me with strength (workers), I will make between you and them a strong bank (wall),

96. bring me blocks of iron." Then at the point when he had leveled (the space) between the two mountain sides, he said, "Blow," until when he made it (red hot) fire, he said, "Bring me molten copper which I may pour over it."

97. Thus they all (communities of Yajooj and Majooj) were not able to climb it nor were they able to pierce it.

98. He said, "This is a mercy from my Fosterer but when the promise of my Fosterer comes to pass, He will make it crumble to pieces and the promise of my Fosterer is true."

99. And We will leave some of them that day (to pass like restless) waves into the others and it will be blown into the trumpet (structure of the universe) and We will gather them all together.

100. And We will present hell on that day to the infidels as a presentation,

101. those whose eyes were under a cover from My reminder and they were unable (even) to hear. (R 11)

102. Then, do those who do not believe think that they can take My servants as guardians besides Me? We have certainly prepared hell (as) an entertainment for the infidels.

103. Say, "Shall We inform you of the greatest losers (in respect of their) works?"

104. Those (are the persons) who misdirect their efforts in the life of this world but they think that they are doing good work.

105. Those are the persons who neither believe in the signs of their Fosterer nor (their) meeting with Him, so their works become fruitless, consequently, on the day of resurrection, We (too) will not assign any weight to their (deeds).

106. That is their reward, hell, because they did not believe and took My signs and My messengers (as items for) mockery.

107. Those who believe and do righteous works, certainly for them, gardens of paradise will be the entertainment.

108. They will stay in it, they will not seek any change from it."

109. Say, "Had the sea been ink for (writing down) the statements of my Fosterer, the sea would get exhausted before the statements of my Fosterer got exhausted, even if We were to bring (another sea) like it to supplement."

110. Say, "I am a man like you. It is communicated to me that your God is One God, so let him who hopes to meet his Fosterer, do righteous work and (let him) not associate anyone with his Fosterer in His service (worship)."

(R 12)

19. MARYAM

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

1. Kaaf Haa Yaa Aiin Saad.

2. A mention of the mercy of your Fosterer on His servant Zakariyya,

3. when he prayed to his Fosterer, praying secretly.

- 4. He said, "My Fosterer! my bones have become weak and my head is shining with grey hair and I have never been unsuccessful in my prayer to you, my Fosterer!"**
- 5. And I fear my heirs after me and my wife is barren. So grant me from Yourself a heir**
- 6. who should inherit me and inherit from the family of Yaqub, and make him, O my Fosterer! pleasing."**
- 7. (It was said), "O Zakariyya! We give you the good news of a son whose name will be Yahya. We did not assign (this) name to anyone before."**
- 8. He said, "My Fosterer! how shall I have a son when my wife is barren and I have reached the extreme degree of old age?"**
- 9. It was said, "(It will be) like that, your Fosterer says it is easy for Me and I had created you before when you were nothing."**
- 10. He said, "My Fosterer! make for me a sign," He said, "Your sign is that you will not speak to mankind for three nights (though) in sound health."**
- 11. So he came out to his people from the sanctuary then communicated to them by signs that they should glorify (Allah) morning and evening.**
- 12. "O Yahya ! hold the book with strength." And We gave him wisdom (in) childhood (itself),**
- 13. and compassion from Us and purity, and he was one who guarded (against evil),**
- 14. and dutiful to his parents and he was not compelling (rebellious), disobedient.**

15. And peace be on him on the day he was born and the day he dies and the day he will be raised alive. (R 1)

16. And mention in the book (about) Maryam when she withdrew from her people to an eastern place,

17. and took a veil (to screen herself) from them. Then We sent to her Our spirit so he appeared to her like a balanced man.

18. She said, "I seek the protection of the Beneficent (Allah) from you if you are one who guards (against evil)."

19. He said, "I am only a messenger of your Fosterer that I may grant to you a pure son."

20. She said, "How can there be a son to me when man has not touched me and I am not one who has exceeded the limits." (P 15 ¼)

21. He said, "(It will be) like that. Your Fosterer says that is easy for Me and that We will make him a sign for mankind and a mercy from Us, and it is an affair decided."

22. So she bore him then withdrew with him to a distant place.

23. And the pains of childbirth drove her to the trunk of a palm tree. She said, "I wish I had died before this and had become forgotten (as something) to be forgotten."

24. Then she was called from beneath her, "Do not grieve, your Fosterer has made a rivulet beneath you,

25. and shake the trunk of the date palm towards you, making ripe dates to fall down to you.

26. Then eat and drink and cool (your) eye, and if you see any man then say: I have vowed a fast to the Beneficent, therefore I will not speak to any man today."

27. Then she came to her people carrying him (Isa). They (her people) said, "O Maryam !you have come with a strange thing.

28. O sister of Harun ! your father was not a bad man nor your mother was one who exceeded the limits."

29. So she pointed towards him (Isa, for the explanation). They said, "How can we talk to one who is a child in the cradle?"

30. He (Isa) said, "I am a servant of Allah, He has given me the book and made me a prophet.

31. And He has made me blessed wherever I may be and has enjoined on me worship (salat) and (giving of) charity (zakat) as long as I live.

32. And (He has made me) dutiful to my mother and has not made me compelling (rebellious), wretched.

33. And peace be on me the day I was born and the day I die and the day I will be raised alive."

34. Such (was) Isa, the son of Maryam. (This is a) statement of the fact about which they doubt.

35. It is not befitting to Allah that He should take to Himself a son, glory be to Him, when He decrees an affair, He says to it only "Be," so it is.

36. And Allah is certainly my Fosterer and your Fosterer so serve Him, this is the straight path.

37. But the parties disagreed among themselves. So sorrowful will be the state of those who do not believe because of their being present on the great day.

38. How clearly will they hear and how clearly will they see on the day they come to Us, but this day the unjust are in clear error.

39. And warn them of the day of regret when the affair will be decided, and (at present) they are in a state of heedlessness and (therefore) they do not believe.

40. We will inherit the earth and whoever is on it and they will be returned to Us. (R 2)

41. And mention in the book (about) Ibrahim, he was certainly a truthful man, a prophet.

42. When he said to his father, "O My father! why do you worship that which neither hears nor sees nor does it make you care-free from anything.

43. O my father! there has come to me of knowledge, (something) which has not come to you. So follow me I will guide you to the balanced path.

44. O my father! do not worship the devil, the devil is certainly disobedient to the Beneficent (Allah).

45. O my father ! I fear that a punishment from the Beneficent (Allah) may afflict you, then you will become a friend of the devil."

46. He said, "Do you forsake my gods O Ibrahim. If you do not desist I will definitely stone you, now go away from me for a long time."

47. He said, "Peace be on you ! I will seek protective forgiveness of my Fosterer for you, He is certainly Gracious to me.

48. And I will withdraw from you and that which you pray to besides Allah, and I will pray to my Fosterer, may be that I will not be unsuccessful in my prayer to my Fosterer."

49. So when he withdrew from them and that which they worshipped besides Allah, We granted to him Ishaq and Yaqub and We made each one of them a prophet.

50. And We granted to them from Our mercy and We assigned to them a high and true renown. (R 3)

51. And mention in the book (about) Musa, he was one who was purified and he was a messenger, a prophet.

52. And We called him from the right (hand) side of the Mount Toor and drew him nearer for secret talk.

53. And We granted to him from Our mercy, his brother Harun, a prophet.

54. And mention in the book (about) Ismael, he was truthful in his promise and he was a messenger, a prophet.

55. And he used to enjoin on his people worship (salat) and charity (zakat) and he was one with whom his Fosterer was pleased.

56. And mention in the book (about) Idris, he was a truthful man, a prophet,

57. and We raised him to a high place.

58. Those are the persons on whom Allah bestowed (His) favour, from among the prophets from the descendants of Adam and from among those whom We carried with Nuh (in the ship) and from among the descendants of Ibrahim and Israel and from among those whom We guided and chose, when the communications of the Beneficent (Allah) were read to them they fell down prostrating and weeping.

59. But the successors who succeeded after them wasted their worship (salat) and followed lusty desires, so they will meet (the punishment for their) error,

60. except him who repents and believes and does righteous work, so those will enter the garden and they will not be dealt with unjustly in anything,

61. gardens of everlasting bliss which the Beneficent (Allah) has promised to His servants in the unseen, His promise will certainly come to pass.

62. Therein they will not hear (any) vain talk but peace, and therein there will be their provision for them morning and evening.

63. That is the garden which We will make (those of) Our servants to inherit who had guarded (against evil).

64. And we do not come down but by the command of your Fosterer, to Him belongs whatever is before us and whatever is behind us and whatever is between that, and your Fosterer is not forgetful.

65. Fosterer of the skies and the earth and that which is between these two. So serve Him and be constant in His service. Do you know (anyone else having the same) name (or attributes, which) belong to Him? (R 4)

66. And man says, "What ! when I am dead, will I surely be brought out alive?"

67. Does not man remember that We created him before, when he was nothing?

68. So by your Fosterer, We will definitely gather them and the devils, then We will definitely make them to be present around hell on their knees.

69. Then We will definitely pull out from every sect those of them who were most severe in their revolt against the Beneficent (Allah).

70. Then surely We know best about those who are most worthy to enter therein.

71. And there is not one of you but will pass over it, this is an inevitable decision of your Fosterer.

72. Then We will deliver those who had guarded (against evil) and We will leave in it those who were unjust, on their knees.

73. And when Our clear signs are read to them, those who do not believe say to those who believe, "Which of the two parties (yours or ours) is better in position and better in assembly?"

74. And how many of the generations have We destroyed before them, who were better in riches and in appearance (show) !

75. Say, "For one who is in error, the Beneficent (Allah) allows (the rope of leniency) to stretch for him (with a set) stretching, until when they see that which they were promised, either the punishment or the hour of doom, then they will know who is in an evil position and weaker in forces.

76. And Allah increases the guidance of those who receive guidance, and the (permanent) righteous works which remain, are better in the sight of your Fosterer, in respect of reward and better in respect of returns."

77. Then have you seen him who does not believe in Our signs and says, "I will definitely be given wealth and children?"

78. Is the unseen disclosed to him or has he made an agreement with the Beneficent (Allah)?

79. By no means, We will write down what he says and We will prolong for him (the period) of punishment (with a set) prolonging.

80. And We will inherit from him what he says and he will come to Us alone.

81. And they have taken gods besides Allah that they may be (a source of) might for them.

82. By no means, they (the false gods) will reject their having worshipped them and they will become their opponents. (R 5)

83. Did you not consider that We send the devils on the infidels to incite them with an incitement?

84. So do not make haste against them, We only number for them, a number (of days).

85. The day We will gather those who guard (against evil, like honourable) guests before the Beneficent (Allah),

86. and We will drive the criminals to hell (like) thirsty (cattle),

87. none will have the power to mediate except him who has received an agreement, (permission) from the Beneficent (Allah).

88. And they say, "The Beneficent (Allah) has taken (to Him self) a son."

89. You have indeed come with a disastrous thing.

90. The skies are about to cleave asunder due to it and the earth to split asunder and the mountains to fall down in pieces,

91. that they invoke a son for the Beneficent (Allah).

92. And it does not suit the Beneficent (Allah) that He should take (to Himself) a son,

93. there is no one in the skies and the earth but he comes to the Beneficent (Allah) as a servant.

94. He has computed them and numbered them a numbering

95. and everyone of them will come to Him on the day of resurrection, alone.

96. Those who believe and do righteous works, the Beneficent (Allah) will certainly assign love for them.

97. So We have made the (Quran) easy in your language only because you should (be able to) convey the good news through it to those who guard (against evil) and warn through it, quarrelsome people.

98. And how many generations have We destroyed before them, do you find anyone of them or hear (even) their whisper? (R 6, P 15 ½)

20. TAA HAA

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

1. Taa Haa.

2. We have not sent down the Quran to you, to distress to you, cause

3. but (it is sent down as) a reminder for him who fears,

4. sent down from Him Who created the earth and the high skies,

5. the Beneficent (Allah), Who is established on the throne (of the universe).

6. Whatever is in the skies and whatever is in the earth is His and (also) that which is between these two and that which is beneath the moist soil.

7. And whether (or not) you are loud in your speech, He certainly knows the secret and that which is yet more hidden.

8. Allah, there is no god but He, His are the best names.

9. And has the story of Musa come to you,

10. when he saw a fire and said to his family, "(You all) wait, I perceive a fire, perhaps I may come to you with a burning brand from it or find guidance at the fire?"

11. So when he came to it, he was called, "O Musa!

12. I am your Fosterer, so take off your shoes, you are in the holy valley Tuwa.

13. And I have chosen you so listen to that which is being communicated..

14. I am Allah, there is no god except Me, so serve Me and establish worship (salat) for My remembrance.

15. The hour of doom is certainly coming, I intend to keep it hidden, so that every soul may be rewarded according to the effort it puts in.

16. So do not let him who does not believe in it and follows his own desire, turn you away from it, lest you perish.

17. And what is that in your right hand O Musa?"

18. He said "This is my staff, I recline on it and I beat down the leaves with it for my sheep and there are other uses in it for me."

19. He said, "Throw it down O Musa."

20. So when he threw it down it became a moving snake.

21. He said, "Catch it and do not fear, We will return it to its original condition.

22. And put your hand under your armpit it will come out white without (any) harm, another sign,

23. that We may show you (some) of Our great signs.

24. Go to Firawn, he has certainly rebelled." (R 1)

25. He said, "My Fosterer expand for me my bosom

26. and make easy for me my affair

27. and loose the knot from my tongue

28. (so that) they should understand what I say

29. and appoint for me a minister from my family (to help me),

30. Harun my brother

31. and strengthen through him my back

32. and make him my partner in my affair

33. that we may glorify You much

34. and remember (or mention) You much,

35. You certainly see us."

36. He said, "You are granted your request, O Musa.

37. And We had bestowed a favour on you another time (earlier)

38. when We had communicated to your mother that which was communicated:

39. that (she) should put him (Musa) in a box and put the box in the river, then the river will cast him on the bank, (then) he will be taken by one who is an enemy to Me and an enemy to him. And I cast on you love from Me, so that you might be brought up before My eye.

40. When your sister went and said: shall I direct you to one who will take charge of him? Thus We returned you to your mother that her eye might be cooled and (that) she might not grieve. And you killed a man but We delivered you from the distress and We tried you (with

a) trial, then you stayed for years among the people of Midian, then you came here according to (My) programme, O Musa.

41. And I have trained you for Myself.

42. You and your brother go with my signs and do not slacken in remembering (or mentioning) Me.

43. Both go to Firawn, he has certainly rebelled,

44. but speak to him a gentle word, perhaps he may be mindful or fear."

45. They said, "Our Fosterer! we fear that he may hasten (to do evil) to us or that he may rebel (against our message)."

46. He said, "Do not fear, I am certainly there with both of you, I do hear and see.

47. So go both of you to him and say: We are messengers of your Fosterer so send the children of Israel with us and do not punish them, we have come to you with a sign from your Fosterer, and peace will be on him who follows the guidance.

48. It has been communicated to us that punishment (will be inflicted) on him who denies and turns away."

49. He (Firawn) said, "So who is the Fosterer of you two, O Musa?"

50. He said, "Our Fosterer is He Who gave to everything its creation (or character), then guided (it)."

51. He said, "Then what is the condition of earlier generations?"

52. He said, "The knowledge of that is in a record with my Fosterer. My Fosterer neither errs nor forgets."

53. He (it is) Who has made the earth habitable for you, and made roads for you therein, and sent down water from the sky then We brought out through it various kinds of vegetation,

54. (so that you may) eat and feed your cattle, certainly there are signs in that for possessors of sense. (R 2)

55. From the (earth) We created you and into it We will return you and from it We will bring you out a second time.

56. And We showed him (Firawn) all Our signs but he denied and refused.

57. He said, "Have you come to drive us out from our land through your magic, O Musa?"

58. So we too will definitely produce before you magic similar to it, therefore let there be an appointment between us and you which we shall not break, neither we nor you, at a (neutral) place (where both have) equal (opportunity of victory)."

59. He said, "Your appointment is on the day of adornment (festival) and let the people gather (before) noon."

60. So Firawn went away and brought together (all magicians and made arrangements for) his plan, then came (back).

61. Musa said to them, "Sorrowful is your state, do not forge a lie against Allah lest He destroy you by punishment, and one who forges (a lie) surely fails."

62. So they disputed among themselves about their affair but kept their talk secret.

63. They said, "These two are surely magicians who intend to drive you out of your land by their magic and do away with your exemplary traditions.

64. So collectively decide (about) your plan, then come in ranks, so one who is uppermost this day will indeed be successful."

65. They said, "O Musa! will you throw or shall we be the first to throw?"

66. He said, "No! you throw." So when (they threw), their ropes and their rods appeared to him, due to their magic, as if they were in motion.

67. So Musa conceived a fear in his mind.

68. We said, "Do not fear, you will certainly be uppermost,

69. and throw that which is in your right hand, it will swallow that which they have made. (What) they have made is only a magician's plot and the magician will not be successful wherever he goes."

70. So the magicians were thrown bowing down, saying, "We believe in the Fosterer of Harun and Musa."

71. He (Firawn) said, "You believe in him before I give you permission? He (Musa) is certainly a great (expert) among you all who has taught you the magic. So I will definitely cut off your hands and your feet from opposite sides and I will definitely crucify you on the trunks of the palm trees, and you will definitely know which of us has more severe and more lasting punishment."

72. They said, "We will never prefer you to what has come to us of the clear proofs and to Him Who initiated our creation. So decide whatever you (wish to) decide, you can decide only about the life of this world.

73. We certainly believe in our Fosterer, (and hope) that He will protectively forgive us our faults and the magic to which you compelled us, and Allah is the Best and One Who remains for ever." (P 15 ¾)

74. Whoever comes to his Fosterer as a criminal, then for him, certainly there is hell, he will neither die therein nor live.

75. And whoever comes to Him as a believer having done righteous works, then those are the persons for whom there are high ranks,

76. gardens of everlasting bliss, beneath which rivers flow, they will stay therein and that is the reward of him who purifies (himself). (R3)

77. And We communicated to Musa that (you should) travel by night with My servants, then strike a dry path for them in the sea, neither fearing to be overtaken nor being afraid.

78. Then Firawn followed them with his forces but there covered them from the flowing water, that which covered them (when the stationary sea started to flow).

79. So Firawn led his people astray and he did not guide (them a right).

80. O children of Israel! We delivered you from your enemy and We made a promise with you on the right (hand) side of the Mount Toor and We sent down on you manna and quails.

81. Eat from the good things which We have provided for you and do not transgress therein lest My anger come down upon you, and he on whom My anger comes down, he will indeed perish.

82. And I am certainly Protectively Forgiving for him who repents and believes and does righteous work (and is) then guided.

83. (It was asked), "And what has made you to hasten in advance of your people, O Musa?"

84. He said, "They are close on my footsteps and I hastened to You my Fosterer, to please You."

85. He said, "And We have tested your people after you (left them) and Samiri has misled them."

86. So Musa returned to his people angry and (in) grief. He said, "O my people! did your Fosterer not promise you a good promise? Then, did the (time of) agreement appear long to you? Or did you intend that the anger of your Fosterer should come down upon you (and) therefore you went against your agreement made with me?"

87. They said, "We did not go against (our) agreement with you on our own accord but we were made to carry the burdens of the ornaments of the people, so we put them (in the fire) because Samiri had put (the suggestion) like this."

88. Then he took out for them a body of a calf, it had a hollow sound, then he said, "This is your god and the god of Musa, but he forgot."

89. Then could they not see, that it did not return to them (even) a word (in reply) and it had no control on harming or benefiting them? (R 4)

90. And Harun had indeed said to them earlier, "O my people! you are only being tested through it and your Fosterer is certainly the Beneficent (Allah), so follow me and obey my order."

91. They said, "We will not give up sticking to its (worship) till Musa returns to us."

92. He (Musa) said, "O Harun! what prevented you, when you saw them going astray,

93. that you did not follow me, did you then disobey my order?"

94. He said, "O son of my mother! do not catch me by my beard nor by my head, I feared lest you should say: you have caused a division among the children of Israel and did not wait for my word."

95. He said, "So what was your affair O Samiri?"

96. He said, "I saw that, which they did not see, so I took a handful from the footstep of the messenger then I threw it and thus did my soul incline me (to do)."

97. He said, "Then go away, and in this life (it will) certainly (be incumbent) on you to say: do not touch me. And (this is) certainly a promise for you against which you can never go. And look at your god to whose (worship) you were sticking, we will definitely burn it, then we will definitely uproot it disintegrating it in the river.

98. Your God is only Allah, other than Whom there is no god, (His) knowledge extends over everything."

99. Thus do We narrate to you (some) of the news of what happened before. And We have given you a reminder from Us,

100. one who turns away from it, then he will carry a burden on the day of resurrection,

101. staying under it, and it will be an evil (burden) for them to carry on the day of resurrection,

102. the day it will be blown into the trumpet (structure of the universe), and We will gather the criminals blind on that day,

103. whispering among themselves, "You did not stay but (for) ten (days)."

104. We know best that which they talk about, when the best of them in tradition (following sequence of events) will say, "You did not stay but (for) a day." (R 5)

105. And they ask you about the mountains, so say, "My Fosterer will uproot them (to result in) a disintegration,

106. so that He will leave them as a leveled expanse.

107. You will see neither any crookedness nor unevenness."

108. On that day they will all follow the announcer, there will be no crookedness (in responding) to him, and voices will humble before the Beneficent (Allah), so that you will not hear anything except a faint sound.

109. On that day mediation will not be profitable except of him whom the Beneficent (Allah) permits, and with whose word He is pleased.

110. He knows that which is before them and that which is behind them but they cannot encompass it in(their) knowledge.

111. And faces will humble before the Living, the Eternally Existing and he who carries (the burden of) injustice would indeed fail.

112. And whoever does works of righteousness while he is a believer, then he will have neither the fear of injustice nor of getting lesser than what is due to him.

113. And thus We have sent it down an Arabic Quran and We have repeated in it (some) of the threats that they may guard (against evil) or (that) it may serve them as a reminder.

114. So Highly Exalted is Allah the Real King. And do not be in haste with the Quran before its communication to you is completed, and say, "My Fosterer! increase me in knowledge."

115. And We had indeed made an agreement with Adam earlier but he forgot, and We did not find determination in him. (R 6)

116. And when We said to the angels, "Bow down to Adam," they (all) bowed down, except Iblis, he refused.

117. Then We said, "O Adam! this is certainly an enemy to you and your wife, so let him not drive you both out of the garden so that you face distress.

118. It is certainly (ordained) for you that you will neither be hungry therein nor naked,

119. and you will neither be thirsty therein nor be exposed to sun's rays, (because of plenty of food, drinks, clothes and the pleasant environment)."

120. But the devil whispered to him saying. "O Adam! shall I lead you to the tree of eternity and a kingdom that has no downfall?"

121. So they both ate from it, consequently their shame became manifest to them and they both began to cover themselves with the leaves of the garden, and Adam disobeyed his Fosterer therefore he went astray.

122. Then his Fosterer chose him and turned to him (mercifully) and guided him.

123. He said, "Go down from here both of you together, some of you (will be) enemies of others, but when guidance comes to you from Me, then whoever follows My guidance, he will neither go astray nor face distress.

124. And whoever turns away from My reminder, then his life will certainly be miserable and We will raise him blind on the day of resurrection."

125. He will say, "My Fosterer! why did you raise me blind when I was one with sight (in the life of the world)?"

126. He will say, "Thus Our signs came to you but you forgot them, therefore in a similar manner, you are forgotten this day."

127. And thus do We reward one who exceeds the limits and does not believe in the signs of his Fosterer and the punishment of the hereafter is more severe and more lasting.

128. Then does not (this fact serve as) guidance for them: how many of the generations, in whose dwelling places they walk, have We destroyed before them? Certainly in that there are signs for possessors of sense. (R 7)

129. And had a statement not gone forth from your Fosterer and a term appointed, the (punishment) would have become inevitable (on them).

130. So be patient on what they say and glorify your Fosterer by praising Him before the rising of the sun and before its setting, and during hours of night (too) glorify (Him), and (also) at the two ends of the day, that you may be pleased.

131. And do not stretch your eyes towards that with which We have made some classes of them to enjoy. (It is) a splendor of the life of this world that We may test them thereby, and the provision of your Fosterer is the best and more lasting.

132. And enjoin worship (salat) on your people and be constant therein. We do not ask you for provision, We provide for you. And the consequence of guarding (against evil, is good).

133. And they say, "Why does he not bring to us a sign from his Fosterer?" Has a clear proof not come to them through that which was there in previous books?

134. And had We destroyed them with punishment before (sending) him, they would have said, "Our Fosterer! before we were humbled and disgraced, why did you not send to us a messenger, so that we could have followed Your signs (orders)."

135. Say, "Everyone is waiting, so you (too) wait, and you will come to know who the companions of the balanced path are, and who is (rightly) guided?" (R 8 , P 16)

21. THE PROPHETS (Al – Anbiya)

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

1. (The time for giving) an account of their deeds has come near for mankind yet they turn away in heedlessness.
2. There does not come to them (anything) new from the reminder of their Fosterer but they hear it while playing,
3. their hearts (being involved) in pastime. And those who are unjust talk in secret, "Is this (person something) other than a man like yourselves? Why do you then come to magic while you see?"
4. Say, "My Fosterer knows what is spoken in the sky and the earth and He is the Hearing, the Knowing."
5. No ! they say, "Confused dreams, no, he forged it, no, he is a poet, so let him bring to us a sign like that which was sent through the earlier (prophets)."
6. No city which We destroyed before them believed, so will they believe?

7. And We sent before you only men, to whom We communicated, so ask people who remember if you do not know.

8. And We did not make for them bodies which did not eat food, and they were not those who stayed (as immortals).

9. Then We fulfilled Our promise to them and delivered them and him whom We willed and We destroyed those who committed excesses.

10. We have sent down to you the book in which (there is) a reminder (for) you, will you not then understand? (R 1)

11. And how many a town, which was unjust, did We destroy? And We produced after them other people.

12. So when they felt Our might then they ran away from it.

13. Do not run away but return to the enjoyment in which you were (engulfed) and your dwellings, that you may be questioned.

14. They said, "Sorrowful is our state, we were certainly unjust."

15. So, that call of theirs did not cease till We made them (as) reaped (corn), motionless.

16. And We did not create the sky and earth and that which is between these two, for sport.

17. Had We intended to take to pastime We could have taken it from near Us, if (at all) We were to do (it).

18. No ! We hurl the truth against the falsehood and it knocks out its brain and then it departs, and sorrowful is your state because of that which you describe.

19. And whoever (or whatever) is in the skies and the earth is His and those who are with Him do not consider themselves great to serve Him nor/are they tired.

20. They glorify (Him) night and day without slowing down.

21. Or have they taken gods from the earth who will raise them (after their death)?

22. Had there been (other) gods in the (skies and the earth), besides Allah, there would have been disorder, both (in the skies and the earth). So glorified be Allah, the Lord of the throne (of the universe). (He is high above) that which they describe.

23. He cannot be questioned about what He does but they will be questioned.

24. Or have they taken gods besides Allah? Say, "Bring your proof; this is a reminder for those with me and a reminder for those before me." But the majority of them does not know the truth, therefore they turn away.

25. And We did not send any messenger before you but We communicated to him that, "There is no god except Me, so serve Me."

26. And they say, "The Beneficent (Allah) has taken a son." Glorified be He. No, they are (His) honoured servants.

27. They do not precede Him in speech and they act according to His command.

28. He knows that which is before them and that which is behind them, and they cannot mediate except for him (with whom) He is pleased and they are afraid due to fear of Him.

29. And whoever among them says, "I am god besides Him," then that (is the person) whom We will reward with hell, thus do We reward those who are unjust. (R 2)

30. Have not those who do not believe considered that the skies and the earth were both joined together then We tore both of them asunder {1}; and We made every living thing from water, will they not then believe?

31. And We have made mountains in the earth lest it should shake with them and We have made in it wide ways that they may be guided.

32. And We made the sky a guarded roof elevated and inclined (spherical), yet they turn away from its signs.

33. And He it is Who created the night and the day and the sun and the moon, each one moves fast in an orbit.

34. And We did not assign immortality to any man before you. Then if you die will they be immortal?

35. Every soul tastes death. And We test you with evil and good trial (unfavourable and favourable circumstances), and you will be returned to Us.

36. And when those who do not believe see you, they do not take you but as one to be mocked at (saying), "Is this the one who mentions (about) your gods?" And they, at the mention of the Beneficent (Allah), are rejecters.

37. Man has been created of haste {2}. I will show you My signs, so do not ask Me to hasten.

38. And they say, "When will this promise (come to pass) if you are truthful?"

39. Had those who do not believe but known the time when they will not be able to stop the fire from their faces and from their backs and they will not be helped (they would not have asked you such a question).

40. No! it will come on them suddenly so as to confound them, and they will not be able to turn it away and they will not be given time.

41. And messengers before you were mocked at, then that which they used to mock at, surrounded those of them who ridiculed. (R 3)

42. Say, "Who can guard you from the Beneficent (Allah) in the night and the day?" No! they are the persons who turn away from the remembrance of their Fosterer.

43. Or do they have gods besides Us who can guard them? They cannot help themselves nor can they be defended from Us.

44. No ! We gave provision to these and their fathers (too) till life lasted on them. Then do they not see that We give the earth its reduction from its borders? Will they then prevail?

45. Say, "I warn you only according to the communication (I receive), but the deaf do not hear the call when they are warned."

46. And (even) if the breath of the punishment of your Fosterer were to touch them, they would definitely say, "Sorrowful is our state, we were certainly unjust."

47. And We will set up a just balance on the day of resurrection so that no soul will be dealt with unjustly (in any) thing, and if there be (even) the weight of a grain of a mustard seed, We will bring it (to account) and We are sufficient to take account.

48. And We gave to Musa and Harun that which differentiates (between right and wrong) and a light and a reminder for those who guard (against evil),

49. who fear their Fosterer in secret (without having seen Him) and are (also) fearful of the hour of doom.

50. And this is a blessed reminder which We have sent down. Will you then reject it? (R 4, P 16 ¼)

51. And earlier We gave Ibrahim (instructions to follow) the way (which was) right for him and We knew about him

52. when he said to his father and his people, "What are these images to whose (worship) you stick (devotedly)?"

53. They said, "We found our fathers worshipping them."

54. He said, "Indeed you are and your fathers were in clear error."

55. They said, "Have you (really) brought to us the truth or are you of those who are not serious?"

56. He said, "No! your Fosterer is the Fosterer of the skies and the earth Who initiated their creation and I am of those who bear witness to that.

57. And by Allah, I have a definite plot for your idols after you go away turning your backs."

58. So he broke them to pieces, except the big one among them, so that they might return to it.

59. They said, "Who has done this to our gods? He is certainly one of the unjust."

60. They said, "We heard a young man mentioning about them, they call him Ibrahim."

61. They said, "Then bring him before the eyes of the people that they may bear witness."

62. They said, "Did you do this to our gods, O Ibrahim?"

63. He said, "No! he did it, this big one among them, then ask them if they can speak."

64. Then they turned to themselves and said, "Certainly you yourselves are the unjust."

65. Then they were made to hang down their heads (saying), "You surely know that they do not speak."

66. He said, "What! then do you worship besides Allah, that which can neither benefit you in anything nor harm you?"

67. Fie * on you and that which you worship besides Allah ! Have you then no sense?" * An expression of disgust

68. They said, "Burn him and (thereby) help your gods, if (at all) you are to do (anything)."

69. We said, "O fire! be cool and (a source of) peace for Ibrahim."

70. And they intended to set a plot for him but We made them greater losers.

71. And We delivered him and Lut (and brought them safe) to the land (Syria) in which there was Our blessing for the worlds.

72. And We granted him Ishaq and Yaqub in addition (as a grandson), and each of them We made righteous.

73. And We made them leaders who guided by Our command and We communicated to them, "Do good deeds and establish worship (salat) and give charity (zakat)," and they were (only) Our servants.

74. And Lut, We gave him wisdom and knowledge, and We delivered him from the town which practiced bad things, they were certainly an evil people, transgressors.

75. And We admitted him into Our mercy, he was certainly of the righteous. (R 5)

76. And Nuh, when he prayed (to Us) earlier, We responded to him and saved him and his followers from the great distress.

77. And We helped him against the people who denied Our signs. They were certainly an evil people so We drowned them all together.

78. And Dawood and Sulaiman, when they both gave judgment concerning the field when the people's sheep pastured therein by night, and We did witness their judgment.

79. So We made Sulaiman to understand it, and to each We gave wisdom and knowledge, and We compelled the mountains and the birds to glorify (Us) with Dawood, and it was We Who did (that).

80. And We taught him the (art of) making coats of mail for you that they might protect you in your wars. Will you then be grateful?

81. And (We made) the violent wind to blow for Sulaiman by his command to the land which We had blessed, and We have knowledge of everything.

82. And of the devils were those who dived for him and did works other than that, and We were the Custodians for them.

83. And Iyub, when he prayed to his Fosterer, "Harm has afflicted me and You are the Most Merciful of those who are merciful."

84. So We responded to him and We removed that which was of harm to him, and We gave him his people (family) and with them (more) like them, a mercy from Us and a reminder for those who serve (worship).

85. And Ismael and Idris and Zul Kifl each one was of the patient ones.

86. And We admitted them into Our mercy, they were certainly of the righteous ones.

87. And Zan Nun when he went away in anger thinking that We have no power over him, then he prayed from the depths of darkness that, "There is no god but You, glory be to You, it was I (who) was of the unjust ones."

88. So We responded to him and delivered him from the distress, and thus do We deliver the believers.

89. And Zakariyya when he prayed to his Fosterer, "My Fosterer! do not leave me alone, though you are the Best of inheritors."

90. So We responded to him and We granted to him Yahya by setting right for him his wife (who was barren). They were certainly those who were quick in doing good deeds and prayed to Us hoping and fearing and they were humble before Us.

91. And she who guarded her chastity, so We breathed into her from Our spirit and We made her and her son a sign for the worlds.

92. This community of yours is certainly one community and I am your Fosterer so you all serve Me.

93. And their (followers) divided their (religious) affair among themselves (becoming sects), each one will return to Us. (R6)

94. So whoever does works of righteousness while he is a believer, then there will be no rejection of his striving and We will certainly record it for him.

95. And there is a prohibition on (the people of) the town which We have destroyed, that they will not return

96. until when Yajooj and Majooj are opened (or are made to conquer) and they set (themselves) free (or fall) from every elevated place.

97. And the true promise will come near, so as a consequence of this, the eyes of those who do not believe will stare (in horror): "Sorrowful is our state, we were indeed heedless of this, no, we were the unjust ones."

98. You and that which you worshipped besides Allah are certainly fuel of hell, you will be presented to it.

99. Had these been gods they would not have been presented to the (hell) and each will stay in it.

100. There will be the sound of blazing fire for them therein and therein they will not (be able to) hear.

101. Those for whom the good has gone forth from Us, they will certainly be kept far away from it.

102. They will not hear its slightest sound and they will stay in (such a state that they will have) what their souls will.

103. The great horror will not grieve them, and the angels will I meet them (saying), "This is your day which you were promised."

104. The day We will roll up the sky (by pulling together all that is in it), like the rolling up of the sheet for writings (in the form of a roll), as We began the first creation We will get it reproduced, a promise binding on Us, We will certainly fulfil it { 3 }.

105. And We had written in the book, after the reminder, that My righteous servants will inherit the earth.

106. There is certainly a message in this for a people who serve Us.

107. And We have not sent you but as a mercy for the worlds.

108. Say, "It is communicated to me that the God of you all is only One God. Will you then submit (as Muslims)?"

109. But if they turn back then say, "I have announced (the message) to all of you equally, and I do not know whether that which you are promised is near or far.

110. He certainly knows (that which is) manifest in speech and He knows that which you hide.

111. And I do not know perhaps it may be a trial for you and a provision till a time."

112. He said, "My Fosterer! judge with truth. And Our Fosterer is the Beneficent (Allah) Whose help is sought over that which you describe." (R 7, P 16 ½)

22. THE PILGRIMAGE (Al – Haj)

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

1. O mankind! fear your Fosterer. The quaking of the hour of doom is certainly a great thing.

2. The day you will see it, every mother giving suck will forget that which she suckled (i.e her child), and every pregnant woman will lay down her burden, and you will see mankind intoxicated though they will not be intoxicated, but the punishment of Allah will be severe.

3. And among mankind is he who disputes regarding Allah without knowledge and follows every rebellious devil.

4. It is written down about him (devil): whoever turns to him for friendship, he will certainly mislead him and he will guide him to the punishment of the blazing fire.

5. O mankind ! if you are in doubt about the resurrection, then We certainly created you from the soil, then from the sperm, then from that which clings and hangs like a leech, then from (a thing like) chewed flesh in proportion and out of proportion { 1 }. (This description is given so) that We may make clear to you (the process of your birth). And We cause to stay in the wombs that which We will, till an appointed term, then We bring you out as infants, then (you grow) so as to reach your full strength (of maturity). And among you is he who is caused to die (young), and among you is he who is brought back to (that) worst part of life (i.e. old age), that (even) after having (had) knowledge, he does not know anything. And you see the earth barren, then when We send down water on it, it stirs and swells and puts forth every kind of beautiful growth.

6. That is because, Allah is the Reality, and it is He Who gives life to the dead and He certainly has power over everything.

7. And the hour of doom will come, there is no doubt about it, and Allah will certainly raise up those who are in the graves.

8. And among mankind is he who disputes regarding Allah without knowledge and without guidance and without a book giving light,

9. turning away in pride that he may mislead (people) from the way of Allah, for him is disgrace in this world and on the day of resurrection We will make him taste the punishment of burning,

10. that is because of what your two hands have sent before and Allah is certainly not unjust to His servants. (R 1)

11. And among mankind is he who serves Allah (standing) on the verge, so that, if good befalls him he is satisfied with it but if a trial afflicts him he turns away his attention (from the service of Allah). He loses this world as well as the hereafter, that is a clear loss.

12. Besides Allah he prays to that which neither harms him nor benefits him, that is going far astray.

13. He prays to him whose harm is nearer than his benefit, evil is the guardian and evil is the friend.

14. Allah will certainly admit those who believe and do righteous works into gardens beneath which rivers flow. Allah certainly does what He intends.

15. One who thinks that Allah will not help him (Muhammed) in this world and the hereafter let him stretch (himself) through (some) means to the sky, then let him cut off (the means) then let him see whether this plot of his removes that which angers him.

16. And thus We have sent down the (Quran containing) clear signs, and Allah certainly guides whom He intends to.

17. Those who believe and those who are Jews and the Sabaeans and the Christians and the Magians and those who associate partners (with Allah), Allah will certainly judge between them on the day of resurrection, Allah is certainly a Witness over everything.

18. Did you not consider that whoever is in the skies and whoever is in the earth and the sun and the moon and the stars and the mountains and the trees and the moving creatures and many among mankind, certainly bow down to Allah (by obeying Him), and there are many on whom the punishment is due, and one whom Allah disgraces there is no one to give him honour, Allah certainly does what He wills.

19. These two disputants dispute regarding their Fosterer. So (as for) those who do not believe, garments will be cut for them from fire (and) boiling water will be poured over their heads,

20. whereby that which is there in their stomachs and (their) skins will be melted,

21. and for them are whips of iron,

22. whenever they will intend to go out from it due to the distress, they will be returned into it, and (it will be said), "Taste the punishment of burning." (R 2)

23. Allah will certainly admit those who believe and do righteous works into gardens beneath which rivers flow, they will be adorned therein with bracelets of gold (and) pearls and their garments therein will be of silk.

24. And they are guided to (that which is) pleasingly good of (all) speech and they are guided to the path of the Praised One.

25. Those who do not believe and turn away (people) from the way of Allah and the Sacred Mosque which We have made equal for (all) mankind, for one who resides therein and for the visitor, and whoever has the intention of perversion (and of doing) injustice therein, We will certainly make him taste a painful punishment. (R 3)

26. And (remember) when We had assigned to Ibrahim the place of the house (Kaaba and ordered) that, you do not associate with Me anything (as partner), and clean My house for those who walk around (it) and stand and bow down prostrating (in worship),

27. and announce among mankind about the Hajj, they will respond to you (by) coming on foot and on every lean/ hidden (means of travel), they will come from every latitude and longitude { 2 },

28. that they may witness benefits for them, and mention the name of Allah during the known days on that which He has provided to them of the herbivorous cattle, then eat from it and feed the distressed poor.

29. Then let them complete the rites and let them fulfill their vows and let them go round the ancient house (Kaaba),

30. (let it be like) that. And whoever respects the sacred things of Allah, it is better for him with his Fosterer. And the cattle are made lawful to you except that which has been read to you. So avoid the uncleanness of the idols and avoid false speech,

31. being upright for Allah without associating partners with Him. And whoever associates partners with Allah, it is as if he has fallen from the sky, then the birds snatch him away or the wind drops him in a far off place.

32. (It is like) that. And whoever respects the symbols of Allah, then certainly this (respect) is due to restraining the hearts (from evil).

33. There are benefits for you in them till an appointed term, then their place of sacrifice is near the ancient house (the Kaaba). (R 4)

34. And for every community We have appointed rites of sacrifice that they may mention the name of Allah on that which He has provided them of the herbivorous cattle. And your God

is One God therefore submit to Him and convey the good news to those who humble themselves,

35. who fear in their hearts when Allah is mentioned and who are patient on that which afflicts them and who establish worship (salat) and spend from that which We have provided them.

36. And the camels for sacrifice, We have made (them) among symbols of Allah for you, there is good for you in them. So mention the name of Allah (as) they line up (for sacrifice), then when they fall down on their sides eat from them and feed the one who is content and the one who begs. Thus We have subjected them to you that you may be grateful.

37. Neither their flesh nor their blood reaches Allah, but it is (the feeling of His) fear in you that reaches Him. Thus He has subjected them to you that you may regard Allah Great for having guided you, and convey the good news to the doers of good.

38. Allah will certainly repel (the enemies) from the believers. Allah certainly does not love one who is a betrayer, ungrateful. (R 5, P 16 ³/₄)

39. Permission (to fight) is granted to those, against whom people fight, because they have certainly been dealt with unjustly, and Allah certainly has the power over helping those

40. who were driven out of their houses unjustly, only because they said, "Our Fosterer is Allah." And had Allah not repelled some people by others (then) cloisters and churches and synagogues and mosques wherein Allah's name is remembered much, would have surely been pulled down. And Allah will definitely help him who helps Him, Allah is certainly Strong, Mighty.

41. Those who, if We establish them in the earth, would establish worship (salat) and give charity (zakat) and enjoin that which is recognized (as good) and forbid that which is not recognized (as good). And it is for Allah (to decide) the results of affairs.

42. And if they deny you, then before them, the people of Nuh and Aad and Samood had also denied,

43. along with the people of Ibrahim and people of Lut

44. and the inhabitants of Midian. And Musa was also denied; so I gave to the infidels time (for amending themselves) then caught them. Then how was My rejection (of them)?

45. So how many a town did We destroy while it was unjust, so it fell down on its roofs with (many a) deserted well and lofty palace reduced in size.

46. Then did they not travel in the earth so as to have hearts (minds) with which they could understand or ears with which they could hear? Then certainly, the eyes are not blind but the hearts, that are in the bosoms, are blind.

47. And they ask you to hasten on the punishment and Allah never goes against His promise, and a day with your Fosterer is certainly like a thousand years of what you number.

48. And how many a town is there to which I gave time (for amendment) while it was unjust, then I caught it and towards Me is the destination. (R 6)

49. Say, "O mankind! I am a clear warner to you.

50. So for those who believe and do righteous works, there is protective forgiveness and an honoured provision.

51. And those who strive against Our signs to defeat (them), those are the inhabitants of the hell fire."

52. And We did not send before you, any messenger or prophet, but when he desired (something) the devil put into his desire (some evil, as he normally does with human beings). Therefore Allah (first) wipes off that which the devil puts (into the desires of messengers and prophets and) then Allah establishes His signs (Divine communication), Allah is Knowing, Wise,

53. that He may make that which the devil puts in, a temptation for those in whose hearts is a disease and those whose hearts are hardened (and not for the messengers and prophets), and the unjust are certainly in deep opposition,

54. and that those who are given knowledge may know that the (Quran) is certainly the truth from your Fosterer (which has not been polluted in any way) so that they may believe therein and their hearts may humbly submit to Him. And Allah certainly guides those who believe, to the straight path.

55. And those who do not believe will not cease to be in doubt about it, till the hour of doom suddenly comes upon them or the punishment of the barren day comes upon them.

56. The kingdom on that day will be Allah's, He will judge between them. So those who believed and did righteous works will be in gardens of bliss.

57. And those who did not believe and denied Our signs, then for them there will be a disgraceful punishment. (R 7)

58. And those who migrated in the way of Allah then were killed or died, Allah will definitely provide them a good provision and Allah is certainly the Best of providers.

59. He will definitely make them enter an entry, with which they will be pleased and Allah is certainly Knowing, Clement (Kind).

60. (It will be like) that. And one who retaliates with the like of that with which he was made to suffer, then (if) he is oppressed, Allah will definitely help him. Allah is certainly Pardoning, Protectively Forgiving.

61. That is because Allah makes the night to enter into the day and He makes the day to enter into the night and Allah is certainly Hearing, Seeing.

62. That is because Allah is the Reality and that which they call upon besides Him, that is falsehood and because Allah, He is the High, the Great.

63. Did you not see that Allah sends down water from the sky so the earth becomes green? Allah is certainly Subtly Informed.

64. Whatever is in the skies and whatever is in the earth is His, and Allah is certainly the Independent, the Praised. (R 8)

65. Did you not consider that Allah has subjected to your service that which is in the earth, and the ships sailing in the sea by His command, and He withholds the sky from falling on the earth, (the sky cannot fall down) without His permission? Allah is certainly full of pity and Merciful to mankind.

66. And He it is Who gave you life, then He will cause you to die, then He will (again) make you alive. Man is certainly ungrateful.

67. For every community We have appointed devotional rites which they are to perform, so let them not dispute with you about the affair, and invite (them) towards your Fosterer, you are certainly on right guidance.

68. And if they dispute with you then say, "Allah knows best about that which you all do.

69. Allah will judge between you on the day of resurrection concerning that wherein you used to differ.

70. Did you not know that Allah knows that which is in the sky and the earth, that is certainly in a record, that is certainly easy for Allah?"

71. And they serve (worship) besides Allah, that for which He has not sent down any authority, and that about which they have no knowledge. And for those who are unjust there will be no helpers.

72. And when Our clear signs are read to them you can recognize rejection in the faces of those who do not believe, (as if) they are about to attack those who read Our signs to them. Say, "Shall I inform you of (something) worse than that? The fire ! Allah has promised it for those who do not believe, and it is an evil destination." (R 9)

73. O mankind ! a similitude is set forth, so listen to it: those whom you pray to, besides Allah, certainly cannot create a fly (even) if they all get together for it, and if the fly snatches away something from them they cannot (even) take it back from it, weak are the seeker and the sought.

74. They have not estimated Allah with the estimation that is due to Him, Allah is certainly Strong, Mighty.

75. Allah chooses messengers from among the angels and (also) from among mankind, Allah is certainly Hearing, Seeing.

76. He knows that which is before them and that which is behind them, and all affairs are returned to Allah.

77. O you who believe ! bow down and prostrate and serve (worship) your Fosterer and do good that you may be successful.

78. And strive in (the cause of) Allah with the striving that is due to His (cause). He has chosen you and He has not made any difficulty for you in religion, the religious dictates of your father Ibrahim, He had named you Muslims before and in this (too), that the messenger may be a witness over you (by keeping an eye on you all) and you may be witnesses over mankind (by keeping an eye on them). So establish worship (salat) and give charity (zakat) and hold fast to Allah. He is your Guardian and an Excellent Guardian and Excellent Helper. (R 10, P 17)

23. THE BELIEVERS (Al – Munimum)

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

- 1. Successful indeed are the believers:**
- 2. Those who are humble during their worship (salat)**
- 3. and those who keep away from what is vain**
- 4. and those who are active in giving charity (zakat)**
- 5. and those who guard their private parts**
- 6. except from their mates or those whom their right hands possess, then (in their case) they are certainly free of blame,**
- 7. but whoever seeks beyond that, then those are the persons who transgress,**
- 8. and those who are keepers of their trusts and their agreements**
- 9. and those who guard their worship (salat).**

10. Those are the inheritors

11. who will inherit paradise, they will stay in it.

12. And We have indeed created man from something taken out from clay.

13. Then We made it a sperm in a settling place,

14. then We proportioned the sperm (into) that which clings and hangs like a leech, then We proportioned that which clings and hangs like a leech (into a thing like) chewed flesh, then We proportioned (the thing like) chewed flesh (into) bones, then We clothed the bones with flesh, then We developed him in another creation. So blessed be Allah, the Best of Proportioners.

15. Then after that you certainly die.

16. Then on the day of resurrection you will certainly be raised.

17. And We have created seven paths above you, and We are not heedless of the creation.

18. And We send down water from the sky with a (set) programme, then We settle it in the earth, and We have the power on its removal.

19. And from it We produce gardens of date palms and grapes for you, there are many fruits for you in them and you eat from them,

20. and the (olive) tree that springs out from Mount Sinai, growing with oil (in it) and a curry for those who eat.

21. And there is certainly a lesson for you in the cattle, We make you to drink from that which is in their stomachs and there are many benefits for you in them and (some) of them you eat,

22. and on them and on the ships you are carried. (R 1)

23. And We had sent Nuh to his people so he said, "O my people! serve (worship) Allah, there is no god for you other than Him. Will you not then guard (against the evil of worshipping others)?"

24. So the leaders of those who did not believe from among his people said, "He is no more than a man like yourselves, he intends to achieve superiority over you, and had Allah willed He would have sent down angels, We have not heard this among our ancient forefathers.

25. He is nothing but a man who is possessed by jinn, so bear with him till (some) time."

26. He said, "My Fosterer! help me because they deny me."

27. So We communicated to him, "Make the ship before Our eyes and (according to) Our communication. Then when Our commandment comes and the water gushes forth from (the reservoir in) the valley, make each pair (consisting) of two, to enter the (ship) along with your people, except him among them against whom the word has already gone forth, and do not speak to me regarding those who are unjust, they will certainly be drowned.

28. Then when you are balanced on the ship, you and those with you, then say: "Praise is due only for Allah Who delivered us from the unjust people."

29. And say, "My Fosterer! make me alight a blessed alighting and You are the Best of those who cause to alight."

30. There are certainly signs in that, and We are ever testing (people).

31. Then after them We produced another generation,

32. then We sent among them a messenger from among themselves (saying), "Serve Allah, there is no god for you other than Him. Will you not then guard (against the evil of worshipping others)?" (R 2)

33. And the leaders of his people who did not believe and denied the meeting of the hereafter and whom We had made to enjoy in the life of the world said, "This is no more than a man like yourselves, he eats from that from which you eat and he drinks from that which you drink.

34. And if you obey a man like yourselves, then you will certainly be of the losers.

35. Does he promise you, that when you are dead and you become (part of the) soil and bones, that you will be brought out (alive again)?

36. Far, far is that which you are promised.

37. There is nothing except our life of this world, we die and we live and we will not be of those who are raised (after death).

38. He is nothing but a man who has forged a lie against Allah and we are not of those who believe in him."

39. He said, "My Fosterer! help me because they deny me."

40. He said, "In a little while they will definitely become regretters."

41. So a loud cry took hold of them in reality, then We made them rubbish, so away with the unjust people.

42. Then after them We produced other generations.

43. No community can advance its term nor can it postpone it.

44. Then We sent Our messengers one after another. Whenever its messenger came to a community, it denied him, so We made some of them to follow others and We made them stories, so away with the people who do not believe.

45. Then We sent Musa and his brother Harun with Our signs and clear authority,

46. to Firawn and the leaders of his (people), but they considered themselves great and they were a transgressing people.

47. So they said, "Shall we believe in two men like us while (the people) of their community are our servants?"

48. So they denied them, therefore they became of those who were destroyed.

49. And We gave Musa the book that they may be guided.

50. And We made the son of Maryam and his mother a sign; and for shelter We took them to a high place, with springs, (which was) meant for staying. (R 3)

51. O you messengers! eat from the good things and do righteous work, I certainly know about that which you do.

52. And this community of yours is certainly a single community and I am your Fosterer so fear Me.

53. But they (their followers) divided their (religious) affairs among themselves (becoming different) sects, each party being happy with that which was with it.

54. So leave them in their confused ignorance till a time.

55. Do they think that by Our helping them with wealth and sons,

56. We are hastening good things for them? No! they do not perceive.

57. Those who are afraid due to the fear of their Fosterer,

58. and those who believe in the signs of their Fosterer,

59. and those who do not associate partners with their Fosterer,

60. and those who give that which they give, with their hearts full of fear because they have to return to their Fosterer,

61. those are the persons who certainly hasten in good things and they are foremost in them.

62. And We do not task a soul except to its capacity. And with Us is a record which speaks the truth, and they will not be dealt with unjustly.

63. No ! their hearts are in a confused ignorance about this, and theirs are works besides that, which they (go on) doing

64. until when We afflict those who are well off among them with punishment, then they will cry for help.

65. Do not cry for help this day, you will certainly not be helped by Us.

66. My signs were indeed read to you but you used to turn back on your heels,

67. considering yourselves great with respect to them, getting engaged in story telling and shameful talk.

68. Do they not reflect on the word or has there come to them (something) which had not come to their ancient forefathers?

69. Or are they not recognizing their messenger, (and) therefore they are rejecting him?

70. Or do they say he is possessed by jinn? No! he has come to them with the truth but most of them are haters of truth.

71. And had the truth followed their desires, then the skies and the earth and whoever (whatever) is therein would have surely been in disorder. No! We have given to them their reminder but they turn away from their reminder.

72. Or do you ask them for a recompense (for preaching)? Then the recompense of your Fosterer is the best and He is the Best of those who provide.

73. And you are certainly inviting them to the straight path, (P 17 ¼)

74. but those who do not believe in the hereafter, they are certainly deviating from the path.

75. And (even) if We show mercy to them and remove the harm with which they are afflicted, they would still persist blindly wandering on in their rebellion.

76. And We had caught them in the punishment but (even then) they do not submit themselves to their Fosterer, and they do not humble themselves,

77. until when We open on them the door of severe punishment, then they will be in despair therein. (R 4)

78. And He it is Who has produced for you the ears and the eyes and the hearts (but) the gratitude which you show is (comparatively) less.

79. And He it is Who has multiplied (and spread) you in the earth and to Him you will be gathered.

80. And He it is Who gives life and causes death and the alternation of the night and the day is due to Him. Will you not then understand?

81. No ! they say the like of that which the ancients said.

82. They say, "What! when we are dead and become (part of the) soil and bones, will we really be raised?"

83. We are promised this, we and our forefathers earlier, these are nothing but stories of the ancient."

84. Say, "Whose is the earth and whoever is therein, if you know?"

85. They will say, "Allah's." Say, "Will you not then be mindful?"

86. Say, "Whose is the Fostering of the seven skies (higher levels) and the Lordship of the great throne (of the universe)?"

87. They will say, "Allah's." Say, "Will you not then guard (against evil)?"

88. Say, "Who is it in Whose hand is the control of everything and He protects and there is no (one who can) protect against Him, if you know?"

89. They will say, "(This is also in) Allah's (control)." Say, "Then how are you under the influence of magic?"

90. No ! We have brought to them the truth but they are certainly liars.

91. Allah has not taken any son nor is there any (other) god with Him, (had there been two or more gods, then) in that case, each god would have taken away that which he had created and some would have dominated over others, glorified be Allah above that which they describe,

92. Knower of the unseen and the seen and He is Highly Exalted above that which they associate as partners (with Him). (R 5)

93. Say, "My Fosterer! if you show me that which they are promised,

94. my Fosterer! then do not make me to be among the unjust people."

95. And We are certainly able to show you that which We have promised them.

96. Repel evil with that which is the best, We know best about that which they describe.

97. And say, "My Fosterer! I seek Your protection from the suggestions of the devils,

98. and I seek Your protection, my Fosterer! lest they be present with me."

99. (Some people continue to do evil) until when death comes to one of them (then) he says. "My Fosterer! send me back

100. that I may set right in (the world, all wrongs) which I have left behind." By no means! It is (only) a sentence which he says. And behind them is a barrier till the day they are raised.

101. Then when it will be blown into the trumpet (structure of the universe) then there will be no relationships between them on that day and (therefore) they will not (be able to) demand from one another.

102. Then those whose weight (of good) is heavy, those are the successful persons.

103. And those whose weight (of good) is light, those are the persons who (have put) themselves (in) loss, they will stay in hell.

104. The fire will burn their faces, and (due to severe suffering), they will have therein, an expression of torture with their lips apart.

105. Were not My signs read to you? But you used to deny them.

106. They will say, "Our Fosterer! our misfortune prevailed over us and we became a misguided people.

107. Our Fosterer ! take us out of this, if we again return (to evil) then we will certainly be unjust."

108. He will say, "Go away into it and do not speak to Me.

109. There was a party from among My servants who said: Our Fosterer ! we believe, so protectively forgive us and have mercy on us and you are the Best of those who are merciful.

110. But you took them as a ridicule to the extent that they made you forget (even) My remembrance and you used to laugh at (some) of them.

111. I have rewarded them this day because they were patient, they are certainly the achievers (of success)."

112. He will say, "How long did you stay in the earth, counting in years?"

113. They will say, "We stayed for a day or part of a day but ask those who keep the account."

114. He will say, "You did not stay but a little, had you but known."

115. Did you then think that We created you without any purpose and that you will not be returned to Us?"

116. So Highly Exalted is Allah the Real King, there is no god except Him, Lord of the honoured throne (of the universe).

117. And he who prays to another (presumed) god along with Allah, having no proof with him of it (being a god), then (the responsibility of taking) his account (rests) only on Allah. The infidels will certainly not be successful.

118. And say, "My Fosterer! protectively forgive and have mercy and You are the Best of those who are merciful." (R 6)

24. THE LIGHT (Al – Nur)

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

1. A chapter which We have sent down, and which We have ordained, and through which We have sent down clear signs, that you may be mindful,

2. The adulteress and the adulterer, flog each of them (with) hundred stripes, and pity for them should not withhold you in (implementing) the law of Allah if you believe in Allah and the period hereafter, and let a party of believers witness their punishment.

3. The adulterer shall not marry any but an adulteress or a polytheist (woman). And the adulteress, none shall marry her except an adulterer or a polytheist, and that is forbidden to the believers.

4. And those who accuse chaste women then do not bring four witnesses, flog them (with) eighty stripes and do not accept their testimony forever, and those are the persons who exceed the limits,

5. except those who repent after that and mend (themselves), then Allah is certainly Protectively Forgiving, Merciful.

6. And those who accuse their wives and have no witnesses except themselves, then the testimony of one of them (maybe accepted if) he bears witness (by swearing) four times by Allah that he is certainly of those who are truthful,

7. and the fifth (time) that Allah's curse be on him if he is of those who lie.

8. And it shall turn off the punishment from her if she testifies (and) bears witness (by swearing) four times by Allah that he is certainly of those who lie,

9. and the fifth (time), that Allah's anger be upon her if he is of those who are truthful.

10. And had the grace of Allah not been on you with His mercy, and that Allah is the Acceptor of repentance, Wise, (then you would have been at a loss). (R 1)

11. Those who came up with the devised falsehood {1} are certainly a group from among you. Do not think that it is harmful for you, no, it is good for you. For every man among them, is that which he has earned of the sin, and he among them who is responsible to a greater extent (regarding devising the falsehood), for him there is a great punishment.

12. Why did the believing men and the believing women, on hearing the (devised falsehood), not have good thoughts in their souls (minds) and say, "This is clearly a devised falsehood?"

13. Why did they not come up with four witnesses over it (if they were speaking the truth)? So when they did not come with witnesses, then they are the liars before Allah.

14. And had the grace of Allah not been on you with His mercy in this world and the hereafter, a great punishment would (have afflicted you because of the talk you indulged in,

15. when you were speaking (about) it with your tongues and saying with your mouths that about which you had no knowledge and you thought it to be an easy (matter) but with Allah it was great.

16. And when you heard it, why did you not say, "It is not (suitable) for us to talk about this, glory be to You (Allah), this is a great false charge?"

17. Allah admonishes you that you should never return to the like of it, if you are believers.

18. And Allah makes clear to you the signs and Allah is Knowing, Wise.

19. For those who love that indecent things should spread among those who believe, there will certainly be a painful punishment in this world and the hereafter, and Allah knows while you do not know.

20. And had the grace of Allah not been on you with His mercy, and that Allah is full of pity, Merciful, (then you would have been at a loss). (R 2, P 17 ½)

21. O you who believe ! do not follow the footsteps of the devil, and whoever follows the footsteps of the devil, then he will certainly enjoin indecency and that which is not recognized (as good), and had the grace of Allah not been on you with His mercy, not (even) one of you

would have ever been pure, but Allah purifies whom He wills and Allah is Hearing, Knowing.

22. And do not let those of you who possess grace and (financial) capability (to help), swear not to give to relatives and to the poor and the migrants in the way of Allah, and let them pardon and overlook. Do you not like that Allah should (also) protectively forgive you? And Allah is Protectively Forgiving, Merciful.

23. Those who accuse chaste innocent believing women, they are certainly cursed in this world and the hereafter and for them there will be a great punishment (on)

24. the day their tongues and their hands and their feet will bear witness against them as to that which they used to do.

25. On that day Allah will pay in full their due reward and they will come to know that Allah is the Manifest Truth.

26. Bad women are for bad men and bad men are for bad women, and good women are for good men and good men are for good women, they are free from that which they say. For them is protective forgiveness and an honourable provision. (R 3)

27. O you who believe! do not enter houses other than your own houses until you have asked for permission and greeted by invoking peace on the people living in them, that is better for you that you may be mindful.

28. And if you do not find anyone therein then do not enter them until permission is given to you, and if it is said to you, "Go back," then go back, that is purer for you, and Allah is the Knower of that which you do.

29. There is no sin on you if you enter non residential buildings wherein your provision (is stored), and Allah knows that which you manifest and that which you hide.

30. Say to the believing men that they should keep their looks down and guard their private parts, that is purer for them. Allah is certainly informed of that which they do.

31. And say to the believing women that they should keep their looks down and guard their private parts, and that they should not let their beauty be exposed, except that which appears thereof, and that they should draw their head covering over their bosoms and not let their beauty be exposed (by removing their head covering), except before their husbands or their fathers or fathers of their husbands or their sons or their husband's sons (through other wives) or their brothers or their brothers' sons or their sisters' sons or their women or those whom their right hands possess (slave girls) or male servants not having need (of women) or children who have no knowledge of hidden parts of women, and they should not strike their feet so as to make known that which is hidden of their beauty. And turn to Allah all together, O believers! that you may be made successful.

32. And arrange for the marriage of those among you who are single and the righteous among your male and female slaves (servants). If they are in poverty Allah will enrich them out of His grace and Allah is Omnipresent (Ample-giving), Knowing.

33. And let those who do not find the means to marry, restrain (themselves by keeping chaste), till Allah enriches them out of His grace. And from among those whom your right hands possess (slaves), those who seek a written (declaration from you for freeing themselves by paying you some money), then write it for them if you know any good in them and give them from the wealth of Allah which He has given you. And do not compel your slave girls to prostitution when they intend to be chaste, in order to seek the apparent good of the life of this world, and whoever compels them, then after their being compelled, Allah is certainly Protectively Forgiving, Merciful.

34. And We have sent down to you clear signs and the example of those who have passed away before you and an admonition for those who guard (against evil). (R 4)

35. Allah is the light of the skies and the earth. The likeness of His light is like an enclosure with one opening in which there is a lamp, the lamp is in a glass, the glass is as if it were a brilliant shining planet,(the lamp) is lit from a blessed olive tree, neither eastern nor western, whose oil is almost inflammable although fire has not (even) touched it, light upon light, Allah guides to His light whom He wills and Allah sets forth similitude's for mankind and Allah is the Knower of everything.

36. (His light is) in houses which Allah has ordered to be elevated and in which His name is remembered, He is glorified therein in the mornings and the evenings,

37. (by) men whom neither commerce nor trade diverts from the remembrance of Allah and the establishment of worship (salat) and giving of charity (zakat), they fear the day on which the hearts and the eyes will be overturned,

38. (and hope) that Allah will reward them with (something) better than that which they did and increase their (reward) out of His grace; and Allah provides without measure to whom He wills.

39. And (as for) those who do not believe, their deeds will be like a mirage in the desert, which the thirsty person supposes to be water until when he comes to it and finds it to be nothing, and finds Allah with him (to take his account of deeds), so He pays in full to him that which is due to him and Allah is Quick in (settling) the account.

40. Or like darkness in the deep sea, there covers him a wave, above which is another wave above which is a cloud, (layers of) darkness one above another, when he takes out his hand he is almost unable to see it; and he for whom Allah does not assign light, for him then, there is no light. (R 5)

41. Did you not consider that Allah is He Whom do glorify all who are in the skies and the earth and the birds (too) with wings spread out? Each one knows its worship (method of

submission for close association with Allah) and its glorification (method of being occupied obeying Allah's orders). And Allah is the Knower of that which they do.

42. And Allah's is the kingdom of the skies and the earth and towards Allah is the destination.

43. Did you not consider that (it is) Allah (Who) causes the driving of the clouds then the unification between them, then He makes them a heap, so you see the rain coming out of the spaces in between them, and He causes (the rain) to be sent down from the sky, from the mountainous volumes therein of coolness {2}, then He causes it to fall on whom He wills and turns it away from whom He wills, the flash of His lightning almost takes away the sights.

44. Allah causes the oscillation of the night and the day, in that there is certainly a lesson for those who have insight.

45. And Allah created every moving creature from water, so among them is one that moves on its stomach and among them is one that walks on its two feet and among them is one that walks on four (legs). Allah creates what He wills, Allah certainly has power over everything.

46. We have indeed sent down clear signs, and Allah guides whom He wills to the straight path.

47. And they say, "We believe in Allah and in the messenger and we will obey," then a party from among them turns away after that (commitment), and those are not with the believers.

48. And when they are invited towards Allah and His messenger that he may judge between them, then a party from among them turns away.

49. And if the right (that is due to them) is on their side, they come to him being fast in obedience.

50. Is there a disease in their hearts or are they in doubt or do they fear that Allah and His messenger will act with prejudice against them, no, they themselves are the unjust. (R 6, P 17 ¾)

51. The statement of the believers, when they are invited towards Allah and His messenger that He may judge between them, is only that they say, "We have heard and we obey," and those are the successful persons.

52. And one who obeys Allah and His messenger and fears Allah being careful of Him, then those are the persons who are achievers (of success).

53. And they swear by Allah their strongest oaths, that if you command them they will definitely go out (to fight in the cause of Allah). Say, "Do not swear, recognized obedience (is required of you), Allah is certainly informed of that which you do."

54. Say, "Obey Allah and obey the messenger, but if you turn away, then on him (the messenger, is the responsibility of) that which he is to bear and on you (is the responsibility of) that which you are to bear. And if you obey him you will be guided, and there is no other responsibility on the messenger except clear conveyance (of the message)."

55. Allah has promised those of you who believe and do righteous works that He will definitely make them successors (rulers) in the earth like those before them whom He had made successors, and He will definitely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and after their fear, He will definitely change for them their (condition and grant them) peace. They will serve Me, not associating anything with Me, and whoever is ungrateful after that then those are the persons who are transgressors.

56. And establish worship (salat) and give charity (zakat) and obey the messenger so that you may be dealt with mercifully.

57. Do not think that those who do not believe will be defeaters in the earth when their settling place is the fire, and it is an evil destination. (R 7)

58. O you who believe! let those whom your right hands possess (slaves/servants) and those among you who have not reached the age of puberty seek your permission three times: Before the worship (salat) of dawn, and at the time when you put off your clothes due to afternoon heat, and after the worship (salat) of night. (These are the) three times of privacy for you. There is no sin on you or on them beyond (these) times if they move about you, some (attending) on others. Thus Allah makes clear to you the signs and Allah is Knowing, Wise.

59. And when the children among you attain the age of puberty, let them (also) seek permission like those before them (had) sought permission. Thus Allah makes clear to you His signs and Allah is Knowing, Wise.

60. And the elderly among the women who have no hope of marriage, there is no sin on them if they put off their (extra) clothes without exposure of (the things of their) beauty, but if they restrain (themselves even from this) it is better for them, and Allah is Hearing, Knowing.

61. There is no blame on the blind nor is there blame on the lame nor is there blame on the sick nor on yourselves that you eat from your own houses or houses of your fathers or houses of your mothers or houses of your brothers or houses of your sisters or houses of your father's brothers or houses of your father's sisters or houses of your mothers' brothers or houses of your mothers' sisters or (from places) the keys of which are in your control or (from) your friend. There is no sin on you if you eat together or separately. So when you enter houses then greet (by invoking peace) among yourselves, a blessed pleasingly good greeting from Allah. Thus Allah makes clear to you the signs that you may understand. (R 8)

62. Only those are believers who believe in Allah and His messenger and when they are with him on an affair of common interest, they do not go away until they have asked for his permission. Those who ask for your permission, those are certainly the persons who believe in Allah and His messenger, so when they ask for your permission for some affair of theirs,

permit those of them whom you will, and seek protective forgiveness for them from Allah. Allah is certainly Protectively Forgiving, Merciful.

63. Do not make the invitation of the messenger to you (for religious works) like your invitation of one another. Allah indeed knows those of you who steal away, hiding themselves. Let those who go against his order beware, lest a trial afflict them or they be afflicted with a painful punishment.

64. Beware! whatever is in the skies and the earth is certainly Allah's. He indeed knows that on which you are, and the day they are returned to Him, He will inform them about that which they did, and Allah is the Knower of everything. (R 9)

25. THE DISTINCTION (Al – Furqan)

(between right and wrong)

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

1. Blessed is He Who sent down on His servant the distinction (between right and wrong), that he may be a warner for the worlds,

2. He, Whose is the kingdom of the skies and the earth. And He has not taken (anyone as) a son, and He has no partner in the kingdom. And He created everything then programmed for it a programme.

3. And they have taken gods besides Him who do not create anything while they themselves are created, and they do not control (even) for themselves any harm or profit nor do they control death nor life, nor (do they have the power of) raising the dead (to life).

4. And those who do not believe say, "This is nothing but a lie which he has forged and other people have helped him at it." Thus they have come up with injustice and falsehood.

- 5. And they say, "Stories of the ancient, which he has got written down as they are dictated to him morning and evening."**
- 6. Say, "He Who knows the secrets of the skies and the earth has sent it down. He is certainly Protectively Forgiving, Merciful."**
- 7. And they say, "What is (wrong with) this messenger, he eats food and walks in the markets? Why has not an angel been sent down to him so that he could be a warner along with him?"**
- 8. Or (why has not) a treasure been thrown down to him or (why is there no) garden for him from which he could eat?" And those who are unjust say, "You follow none but a man under the influence of magic."**
- 9. See how they set forth similitude's for you. Thus they have gone astray, therefore they will not be able to find the way. (R 1)**
- 10. Blessed is He, Who, if He wills, can make for you (something) better than that: Gardens beneath which rivers flow, and make for you palaces.**
- 11. No, they deny the hour of doom, and We have prepared a blazing fire for him who denies the hour of doom.**
- 12. When it sees them from a far off place, they will hear its fury and the sound of blazing fire.**
- 13. And when they are thrown into a narrow place thereof, linked together, there they will pray for destruction.**
- 14.(It will be said), "This day do not pray for a single destruction but pray for many destructions."**

15. Say, "Is that better or the garden (meant) for staying, which is promised to those who guard (against evil)?" It is a reward for them as well as a destination.

16. They will stay (and) have therein, what they will for. It is a promise of your Fosterer which should be asked for.

17. And the day He will gather them and (all) that they served (worshipped) besides Allah, then He will say, "Was it you who misled these servants of Mine or they themselves went astray from the way?"

18. They will say, "Glory be to you! it was not for us to accept those turning to us, besides You, but You made them and their fathers enjoy to the extent that they forgot the reminder and (thus) became a lost people."

19. (It will be said), "So they have denied you regarding that which you say," then you will neither be able to turn away (the punishment) nor (will you get any) help, and whoever among you is unjust, We will make him taste a great punishment.

20. And We had not sent any messengers before you, but they ate food and walked in the markets. And We have made some of you a trial for others. Will you (bear with) patience? And your Fosterer is Seeing. (R 2, P 18)

21. And those who do not hope to meet Us say, "Why have not angels been sent down on us or (why) do we not see our Fosterer?" They are indeed proud of themselves and they revolted with a great revolt.

22. The day they will see the angels, on that day it will not be a good news for the criminals, and they will say, "(May we be) prevented (from that through some) prevention."

23. And We will turn to the work which they did, then We will make it as scattered dust.

24. On that day the place/time of stay of the inhabitants of the garden will be good, and their resting place the best.

25. And on that day the sky will be split with the clouds (coverings) and the angels will be sent down, descending.

26. The kingdom on that day, as a right, will be of the Beneficent (Allah), and the day will be difficult for the infidels.

27. And on that day the unjust will bite his hands saying, "I wish I had taken a way with the messenger.

28. O sorrowful is my state, I wish I had not taken such a one as a friend,

29. he has misled me from the reminder after it had come to me, and the devil is a traitor for man."

30. And the messenger says, "O my Fosterer ! my people have certainly taken this Quran as a forsaken thing."

31. And thus did We make for every prophet, an enemy from among the criminals, and your Fosterer is sufficient as a Guide and a Helper.

32. And those who do not believe say, "Why has not the whole Quran been sent down on him all at once?" Thus (We have not sent it down all at once) that We may make your heart firm through it, and (therefore) We have caused the Quran to be recited to you gradually (in portions, after) intervals {1}.

33. And they do not come to you with any similitude (question or problem) but We give you the correct (answer) with the best explanation.

34. Those who will be gathered towards hell on their faces, those will be in an evil place and away from the way. (R 3)

35. And We gave the book to Musa and We made his brother Harun responsible with him.

36. Then We said, "Both of you go to the people who have denied Our signs." Then We destroyed them (with a total) destruction.

37. And the people of Nuh, when they denied the messengers, We drowned them and We made them a sign for mankind. And We have prepared for those who are unjust, a painful punishment,

38. and (also for) Aad and Samood and the inhabitants of the Rass and many generations between them.

39. And for everyone We had set forth examples and everyone We destroyed (with a total) destruction.

40. And indeed they have passed by the town on which was rained an evil rain, did they not then see it? No, they do not hope to be raised (after death).

41. And when they see you, they do not take you for anything but mockery (saying), "Is this the one whom Allah has raised as a messenger?"

42. He would have almost misled us from our gods had we not patiently adhered to them. And they will know when they" see the punishment, who is more astray from the way.

43. Have you seen him who takes his desire (as) his god, (he who follows only his desire and nothing else)? Then will you be a trustee over him?

44. Or do you think that the majority of them hears or understands? They are nothing but like cattle, no, they are more astray from the way. (R 4)

45. Did you not consider (the work of) your Fosterer, how He stretches the shade (which ultimately ends in night)? And had He willed he could have made it stationary. Then We have made the sun its guide,

46. Then We draw it towards Ourselves, an easy in drawing.

47. And He it is Who has made the night a covering for you and the sleep a (source of) rest and He has made the day for rising up again.

48. And He it is Who sends the winds (giving) good news before His mercy, and We send down from the sky clean water,

49. that We may give life through it to a dead land and We make many cattle and human beings, whom We created, to drink it.

50. And We have repeated it among them that they may be mindful, but the majority of mankind refuses (everything) except infidelity.

51. And had We willed We would have raised a warner in every town.

52. So do not obey the infidels and strive against them with it (the Quran), a great striving.

53. And He it is Who has let free the two seas, one that quenches thirst, sweet; and the other saltish, bitter. And He has made between them a barrier and prevented (them from getting mixed up, by a) prevention { 2 }.

54. And He it is Who created man from water and has appointed for him blood relationships and marriage relationships and your Fosterer is Powerful.

55. And they serve (worship) besides Allah that which neither profits them nor harms them. And the infidel is one who helps against his Fosterer.

56. And We have not sent you except as a conveyer of good news and as a warner.

57. Say, "I do not ask you for a reward for this, except that whoever wills, he may take a way towards His Fosterer."

58. And put your trust in the Living Who does not die and glorify (Him) by praising Him, and He is sufficient as One informed of the sins of His servants.

59. (He it is) Who created the skies and the earth and that which is between these two in six days (periods) then He set the balance on the throne (of the universe), the Beneficent (Allah), so ask one who is informed about Him.

60. And when it is said to them, "Prostrate before the Beneficent (Allah)," they say, "And what is the Beneficent? Shall we prostrate before anything you enjoin on us?" And it increases their hatred. (R 5)

61. Blessed is He Who has made galaxies in the sky and made in it (the sun as) a lamp, and a radiant moon (reflecting sun light).

62. And He it is Who has made the night and the day succeeding (each other) for one who intends to be mindful or intends to be grateful.

63. And the servants of the Beneficent (Allah) are those who walk on the earth in humility, and when the ignorant address them they say, "Peace."

64. And those who spend the night prostrating and standing before their Fosterer.

65. And those who say, "Our Fosterer! turn away from us the punishment of hell." Its punishment is certainly a lasting difficulty.

66. It is certainly an evil dwelling place/time for staying.

67. And those who, when they spend, are neither extravagant nor niggardly and their (spending) is established between these (two limits).

68. And those who do not pray to another (presumed) god along with Allah, and do not kill any person whose (killing) Allah has forbidden except in (the cause) of truth, and they do not commit adultery and whoever does that, he will meet (the punishment of his) sin.

69. The punishment will be doubled for him on the day of resurrection and he will stay therein, disgraced,

70. except he who repented and believed and did righteous work, then for them Allah will change their evil deeds to good deeds, and Allah is Protectively Forgiving, Merciful.

71. And he who repents and does righteous work, then he is certainly the one who turns to Allah in (true) repentance.

72. And those who do not witness falsehood, and when they pass by that which is vain, they pass by honourably.

73. And those who, when they are reminded through the signs of their Fosterer, do not fall down thereat (as if) deaf and blind.

74. And those who say, "Our Fosterer! grant to us through our wives and descendants comfort of the eyes and make us leaders of those who guard (against evil)."

75. Those will be rewarded with high places, because they were patient, and they will be met therein with greetings and peace.

76. They will stay therein, excellent will be the dwelling place/ time for staying.

77. Say, "My Fosterer does not (even) care for you all if you do not pray (to Him), and you have denied so (the consequence of) it will be inevitable." (R 6, P 18 ¼)

26. THE POETS (Al – Shu'ara)

In the name of Allan, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

1. Taa Siin Miim.

2. Those are the signs of the book that makes clear.

3. You will perhaps kill yourself with grief because they do not believe.

4. If We will, We can send down on them a sign from the sky, so that their necks would remain bowed down before it.

5. And there does not come to them any new reminder from the Beneficent (Allah) but they turn away from it.

6. So they have denied (it), therefore the news of that which they mock at, will come to them.

7. Did they not see towards the earth how many beneficial (things) of every kind have We caused to grow in it?

8. There is certainly a sign in that but the majority of them does not believe.

9. And your Fosterer ! He is certainly the Mighty, the Merciful. (R 1)

10. And when your Fosterer called out to Musa, that, "Go to the unjust people,
11. people of Firawn. Will they not guard (against evil)?"
12. He said, "My Fosterer! I fear that they will deny me,
13. further, my bosom straitens and my language is not fluent, so send for Harun (to help me).
14. And they have (the charge of) a crime against me so I fear that they will kill me."
15. He said, "By no means, so both of you go with Our signs, We are with you, Hearing.
16. So go to Firawn then say: We are sent (by) the Fosterer of the worlds (with a message)
17. that you should send the children of Israel with us."
18. He (Firawn) said, "Were you not fostered among us as a child? And you did stay among us for many years of your life,
19. and you did that deed of yours which you did and you are of the ungrateful ones."
20. He said, "I did it then, when I was of those in error,
21. so I fled from you when I feared you, but my Fosterer granted me wisdom and made me one of the messengers.
22. Now (should) that favour with which you favoured me (become the cause) for your enslaving the children of Isreal?"

23. Firawn said, "And who is the Fosterer of the worlds?"

24. He said, "The Fosterer of the skies and the earth and that which is between them, if you (want) to be of those who are certain."

25. He said to those around him, "Do you not hear?"

26. He said, "Your Fosterer and the Fosterer of your ancient fathers."

27. He said, "Your messenger who has been sent to you is certainly possessed by jinn."

28. He said, "Fosterer of the east and the west and that which is between them, if you have sense."

29. He said, "If you take a god other than me I will definitely place you among the prisoners."

30. He said, "Even if I bring to you something as a clear proof?"

31. He said, "Then bring it, if you are of the truthful ones."

32. So he threw down his staff when it became a clear serpent,

33. and he drew out his hand when it became white for those who were seeing. (R 2)

34. He (Firawn) said to the leaders (of his community) around him, "This is certainly a learned magician,

35. he intends to drive you out from your land by his magic, so what do you advise?"

36. They said, "Keep him and his brother (waiting) in hope and send into the cities (your officials) who gather (people)

37. (so that) they should bring to you every learned magician."

38. So the magicians were gathered at the appointed time on a known day.

39. And it was said to the people, "Will you gather,

40. so that we may follow the magicians if they are the winners?"

41. So when the magicians came, they said to Firawn, "Is there a sure reward for us if we are the winners?"

42. He said, "Yes, then you will certainly be of those who are near (to me)."

43. Musa said to them, "Cast down what you are going to cast down."

44. So they cast down their ropes and their rods and said, "By the might of Firawn we will certainly be winners."

45. Then Musa cast down his staff when it swallowed that which they had falsely devised.

46. Consequently the magicians were thrown down prostrating.

47. They said, "We believe in the Fosterer of the worlds,

48. Fosterer of Musa and Harun."

49. He (Firawn) said, "You believe in him before I give you permission, he is certainly your chief who taught you magic, but you will know, I will definitely cut off your hands and your feet from opposite sides and I will definitely crucify you all together."

50. They said, "No harm, we will return to our Fosterer,

51. we certainly hope that our Fosterer will protectively forgive us our faults, because we are the first of the believers." (R 3)

52. And We communicated to Musa that, "Take away my servants by night, you will be pursued."

53. So Firawn sent into the cities (his officials) who gathered (people)

54. (saying), "They are certainly a small party

55. and they have angered us

56. and we are an alert army."

57. Thus did We drive them out from gardens and springs

58. and treasures and an honoured position.

59. Like that (it happened). And We made the children of Israel to inherit them.

60. So they pursued them at sunrise.

61. So when the two parties saw each other, the companions of Musa said, "We are caught."

62. He said, "By no means, My Fosterer is certainly with me, He will guide me."

63. So We communicated to Musa that, "Strike the sea with your staff," so it was split and each part became like a great mountain.

64. And We brought others near, there (at the same place),

65. and We delivered Musa and those with him, all together,

66. then We drowned the others.

67. In that there is certainly a sign, but the majority of them does not believe.

68. And your Fosterer, He is certainly the Mighty, the Merciful. (R 4)

70. when he said to his father and his people, "What do you worship?"

71. They said, "We worship idols and we will remain sticking to them."

72. He said, "Do they listen to you when you pray to (them)

73. or benefit you or harm you?"

74. They said, "No, we found our fathers doing like that."

75. He said, "Then do you see, that which you worship,

76. you and your fathers before you?

77. For they are enemies to me except the Fosterer of the worlds,

78. Who created me, then He it is Who guides me

79. and Who feeds me and gives me to drink

80. and when I am sick, then He it is Who cures me

81. and Who will cause me to die, then give me life (again)

82. and (from) Whom I hope, that He will protectively forgive me my mistakes on the day of judgment.

83. My Fosterer! grant me wisdom and join me with the righteous

84. and assign for me a true mention among later (generations),

85. and place me among the inheritors of the garden of bliss,

86. and protectively forgive my father, he is certainly among those who are astray,

87. and do not disgrace me on the day they are raised (again),

88. the day on which neither wealth nor sons will benefit,

89. except him who comes to Allah with a pure heart."

90. And the garden will be brought near for those who guard (against evil).

91. And the hell will be made manifest to the erring ones.

92. And it will be said to them, "Where are those whom you used to worship

93. besides Allah? Can they help you or help themselves?"

94. Then they will be thrown headlong into it, they and the misleaders

95. and the army of Iblis (devil), all together.

96. They will say while they quarrel therein,

97. "By Allah, we were certainly in clear error

98. when we considered you equal to the Fosterer of the worlds,

99. and no one has misled us except the criminals,

100. so we have no mediators

101. and no intimate friend.

102. So if we are given (another chance to) return (to the world), then we will certainly be of those who believe."

103. There is certainly a sign in that, but the majority of them does not believe.

104. And your Fosterer, He is certainly the Mighty, the Merciful. (R 5)

105. The people of Nuh denied the messengers

106. when their brother Nuh said to them, "Will you not guard (against evil)?

107. I am certainly a trustworthy messenger to you,

108. so fear Allah and obey me,

109. and I do not ask you for any reward for it, my reward is with none but the Fosterer of the worlds,

110. so fear Allah and obey me."

111. They said, "Shall we believe in you when the worst (people) follow you?"

112. He said, "And what knowledge do I have of what they do?"

113. (The responsibility of taking) their account is on none but my Fosterer, if you (could only) realize.

114. And I am not (supposed) to drive away the believers,

115. I am nothing but a plain warner."

116. They said, "If you do not desist, O Nuh! you will definitely be of those who are stoned (to death)."

117. He said, "My Fosterer! my people have certainly denied me, (P 18 ½)

118. so decide between me and them (by pronouncing) a judgment, and deliver me and those of the believers who are with me."

119. So We delivered him and those with him, in the loaded ship.

120. Then after that We drowned those who remained behind.

121. There is certainly a sign in that, but the majority of them does not believe.

122. And your Fosterer, He is certainly the Mighty, the Merciful. (R 6)

123. The (people of) Aad denied the messengers

124. when their brother Hud said to them, "Will you not guard (against evil)?

125. I am certainly a trustworthy messenger to you

126. so fear Allah and obey me,

127. and I do not ask you for any reward for it, my reward is with none but the Fosterer of the worlds.

128. Do you build a monument on every high place, without any purpose?

129. And you take (for dwellings) strong fortresses that perhaps you may stay (in them for ever).

130. And when you take hold (of people), you take hold (of them) as tyrants.

131. So fear Allah and obey me.

132. And fear Him Who helped you with that which you know,

133. He has helped you with cattle and sons

134. and gardens and springs,

135. I certainly fear for you the punishment of the great day."

136. They said, "It is equal to us whether you admonish or you do not be of those who admonish.

137. This is nothing but a customary (warning) of the ancient,

138. and we will not be punished."

139. Thus they denied him, therefore We destroyed them, there is certainly a sign in that, but the majority of them does not believe.

140. And your Fosterer, He is certainly the Mighty, the Merciful. (R7)

141. The (people of) Samood denied the messengers

142. when their brother Saleh said to them, "Will you not guard (against evil)?

143. I am certainly a trustworthy messenger to you

144. so fear Allah and obey me.

145. And I do not ask you for any reward for it, my reward is with none but the Fosterer of the worlds.

146. Will you be left secure in that which is here:

147. in gardens and springs

148. and cultivations and date palms, the spathes of which break (due to the weight of the fruit).

149. And you exultingly carve houses out of mountains,

150. so fear Allah and obey me,

151. and do not obey the command of the extravagant

152. who cause corruption in the earth and do not act aright."

153. They said, "You are only one of the bewitched, * * One under the influence of magic.

154. you are nothing but a man like us, so bring a sign if you are of the truthful ones."

155. He said, "This is a she-camel, for it there (is a portion of water for) drinking and for you (a portion of water for) drinking on a known day.

156. And do not afflict her with evil lest the punishment of a great day seize you."

157. But they stabbed her then became regretters.

158. So the punishment seized them, there is certainly a sign in that, but the majority of them does not believe.

159. And your Fosterer, He is certainly the Mighty, the Merciful. (R 8)

160. The people of Lut denied the messengers

161. when their brother Lut said to them, "Will you not guard (against evil)?

162. I am certainly a trustworthy messenger to you

163. so fear Allah and obey me,

164. and I do not ask you for any reward for it, my reward is with none but the Fosterer of the worlds.

165. What! of all creatures you approach males,

166. and leave those of your wives whom your Fosterer has created for you? No, you are a transgressing people."

167. They said, "If you do not desist, O Lut! you will definitely be of those who are driven out."

168. He said, "I am certainly of those who hate your acts.

169. My Fosterer ! deliver me and my followers from that which they do."

170. So We delivered him and his followers all together

171. except an old woman, (who was) among those who remained behind.

172. Then We destroyed the others

173. and We rained on them a rain, so evil was the rain of those who were warned.

174. There is certainly a sign in that, but the majority of them does not believe.

175. And your Fosterer, He is certainly the Mighty, the Merciful (R 9)

176. The inhabitants of the jungle denied the messengers

177. when Shuaib said to them, "Will you not guard (against evil)?

178. I am certainly a trustworthy messenger to you

179. so fear Allah and obey me,

180. and I do not ask you for any reward for it, my reward is with none but the Fosterer of the worlds.

181. Give back full measure and do not be of those who cause loss.

182. And weigh with a balance that is straight (correct),

183. and do not give less to people, the things due to them, and do not cause disturbance in the earth being corrupt,

184. and fear Him Who created you and the ancient generations."

185. They said, "You are only one of the bewitched,

186. and you are nothing but a man like us, and our guess about you is that you are of those who lie.

187. Then make pieces from the sky to fall on us if you are of the truthful ones."

188. He said, "My Fosterer knows best about what you do."

189. So they denied him therefore the punishment of the over shadowing cloud seized them, it was certainly a punishment of a great day.

190. There is certainly a sign in that, but the majority of them does not believe.

191. And your Fosterer, He is certainly the Mighty, the Merciful. (R 10)

192. And the (Quran) has certainly been sent down by the Fosterer of the worlds,

193. the trustworthy spirit came down with it

194. on your heart that you may be (one) of the warners

195. in plain Arabic language

196. and it is (mentioned) in ancient scriptures (too).

197. Is it not a sign for them that the learned (men among) the children of Israel know it?

198. And had We sent it down on any of the foreigners

199. and had he recited it to them, they would not have believed in it.

200. Thus did We cause it to enter into the hearts of the criminals:

201. (that) they should not believe in it till they see the painful punishment,

202. which will come upon them suddenly while they are not conscious,

203. then they will say, "Shall we be given time (for amendment)?"

204. What ! do they still seek to hasten on Our punishment?

205. Then do you see? If We make them enjoy for years

206. then there comes to them that which they were promised.

207. (at that time), that which they were made to enjoy will not be of any use to them.

208. And We did not destroy any town but it had its warners

209. (for) reminding, and We are not unjust.

210. And the devils have not come down with the (Quran),

211. and it neither suits them nor are they capable (of doing it),

212. (on the contrary) they have been removed far away (even) from hearing (it).

213. So do not pray to another (presumed) god with Allah, lest you be of those who are punished.

214. And warn your family (consisting) of close relatives.

215. And lower your wing for him who follows you from among the believers.

216. And if they disobey you then say, "I am certainly free of that which you do."

217. And put your trust in the Mighty, the Merciful,

218. Who sees you when you stand

219. and your movements among those who prostrate.

220. He is certainly the Hearing, the Knowing.

221. Should I inform you (of those) on whom the devils come down?

222. They come down on every liar, sinner,

223. they deliver hearsay and most of them are liars.

224. And the poets, those in error follow them.

225. Do you not see that they wander distracted in every valley

226. and that they say that which they do not practice,

227. except those who believe and do righteous works and remember Allah much, and defend themselves after the in-justice that is done to them? And those who are unjust will know, to which place of turning back they will turn back. (R 11)

27. THE ANT (Al – Naml)

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

1. Taa Siin. Those are the signs of' the Quran and a book that makes clear,

2. a guidance and good news for the believers,

3. who establish worship (salat) and give charity (zakat) and they are certain of the hereafter.

4. For those who do not believe in the hereafter, We have certainly made their deeds fair seeming to them, so they blindly wander,

5. those are the persons for whom there is a severe punishment and in the hereafter they will be the greatest losers.

6. And you are certainly made to receive the Quran from the Wise, the Knowing. (P 18 ³/₄)

7. When Musa said to his family, "I perceive a fire, I will bring information to you from it or I will come to you with a flaming and burning brand, so that you may warm yourselves."

8. So when he came to it, a voice was heard that, "Blessed is whoever is in the fire and whoever is around it and glory be to Allah the Fosterer of the worlds."

9. O Musa ! I am Allah, the Mighty, the Wise.

10. And throw your staff," then when he saw it moving as if it were a snake he turned back retreating and did not return. "O Musa! do not fear, the messengers do not fear (when they are) with Me,

11. nor he who was unjust, then he changed it (with) good after the evil, for I am certainly Protectively Forgiving, Merciful.

12. And enter your hand into (the opening of) your bosom, it will come out white without any evil. (These are) among the nine signs to Firawn and his people, they are certainly a transgressing people."

13. So when Our visible signs came to them, they said, "This is clear magic."

14. And they knowingly denied it unjustly and proudly while they were certain about it (in) their souls (minds). Then see how the end of those who were corrupt, was (brought about). (R 1)

15. And We had given knowledge to Dawood and Sulaiman and they said, "Praise is due only for Allah Who has preferred us above many of His believing servants."

16. And Sulaiman was Dawood's heir and he said, "O mankind! we have been taught the speech of birds and we have been given of everything. This is certainly a clear grace."

17. And his armies of the jinn and human beings and the birds were gathered before Sulaiman and they were formed into ordered ranks,

18. until when they came to a valley of the ants, an ant said, "O you ants! enter your houses lest Sulaiman and his armies crush you while they do not perceive."

19. So he smiled (and) laughed at its statement and said, "My Fosterer! grant me such orderliness that I should be grateful for Your favour with which You have favoured me and my parents, and that I should do such righteouswork which should please You; and admit me by Your mercy, among Your righteous servants."

20. And he sought for the birds, then said, "How is it that I do not see the hoopoe or is he among those who are absent?"

21. I will definitely punish him with a severe punishment or slaughter him or he should definitely come to me with a clear authority (justifying his absence)."

22. So without making (him) wait for long (the hoopoe came) and said, "I have acquired (knowledge) of that which you do not know, and I bring to you true news from Saba.

23. I found a woman ruling over them and she has been given of everything and she has a great throne.

24. I found her and her people prostrating to the sun besides Allah, and the devil has made their deeds fair seeming to them and turned them away from the way, so they are misguided (to the extent)

25. that they do not prostrate to Allah Who brings forth that which is hidden in the skies and the earth and knows that which you hide and that which you make public.

- 26. Allah, there is no god except Him, He is the Lord of the great throne (of the universe)."**
- 27. He said, "We will see whether you speak the truth or you are of the liars.**
- 28. Go with this letter of mine and deliver it to them, then turn away from them and see what (answer) they return."**
- 29. (The Queen) said, "O you chiefs! an honourable letter has been delivered to me,**
- 30. it is from Sulaiman, and it is: In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful,**
- 31. that, exalt not yourselves against me and come to me as those who submit (as Muslims)."**
(R 2)
- 32. She said, "O you chiefs! advise me in this affair of mine, I do not decide an affair until you are present with me."**
- 33. They said, "We are endued with strength and endued to fight severely, and it is on you to command, therefore you see what you (wish) to command."**
- 34. She said When kings enter a township, they certainly cause disorder in it, and make the mightiest of its people most disgraced and thus they (too) will do,**
- 35. and I am sending a gift to them, so as to see with (what answer) the messengers return."**
- 36. So when he (the envoy) came to Sulaiman he said, "What ! will you help me with wealth? But that which Allah has given me is better than that which he has given you. No, it is you who are happy with your gift (not I).**

37. Return to them, and we will definitely come to them with armies which they will not be able to oppose, and we will definitely drive them out from there, disgraced, and they will be degraded."

38. He said "O you chiefs ! which of you will bring her throne to me before they come to me surrendering (as Muslims)."

39. One cleverly alert among the jinn said, "I will bring it to you before you rise from your place and I certainly have the reliable strength to do it."

40. One who had knowledge of the book* said, "I will bring it to you before the blinking of your eye." So when he saw it settled in his presence, he said, "This is (something) from the grace of my Fosterer to test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful, and one who is grateful, then his being grateful is only for (the benefit of) his own soul and one who is ungrateful, then my Fosterer is certainly Independent, Honourable." * [Law of teletransportation](#)

41. He said, "Make her throne unrecognizable for her, we will see whether she is capable of receiving guidance or she is of those who are not capable of receiving guidance."

42. So when she came, it was said to her, "Is your throne like this?" She said, "It is just like it and we were given the know edge before it and we have submitted (as Muslims)."

43. And that which she worshipped besides Allah, had hindered her (earlier), she was certainly of the people who were infidels.

44. It was said to her, "Enter the palace." So when she saw it, she thought it to be an expanse of water and removed (the covering) from her ankles (to cross it). He (Sulaiman) said, "It is a palace made smooth with glass." She said, "My Fosterer! I have been unjust to myself and I submit with Sulaiman to Allah, the Fosterer of the worlds." (R 3)

45. And We indeed sent to Samood their brother Saleh, (saying) that, “Serve Allah,” when they became two parties disputing (with each other).

46. He said, “O my people! why do you seek to hasten on the evil before the good, why do you not seek protective forgiveness of Allah that you may be dealt with mercifully?”

47. They said, “We have met with ill luck because of you and because of those with you.” He said, “Your ill luck is with Allah, no, you are a people who are being tested.”

48. And there were nine persons in the city who caused corruption in the land and did not act right.

49. They said, “Swear to each other by Allah that we will definitely attack him and his people by night, then we will definitely say to his heir: we did not witness the destruction of his people and we certainly speak the truth.”

50. And they planned a plan and We (too) planned a plan while they did not perceive.

51. Then see what was the end of their plan, We destroyed them and their people all together.

52. So those are their houses fallen down because they were unjust, there is certainly a sign in that for a people who know.

53. And We delivered those who believed and who had guarded (against evil).

54. And (We sent) Lut, when he said to his people, “Why do you commit indecency while approach men besides women? No, you are an ignorant people.”

55. What! Do you indeed lustfully approach men besides women? No, you are an ignorant people?

56. So the reply of his people was nothing but they said, "Drive out Lut's followers from your town, they are persons who want to be clean."

57. So We delivered him and his followers except his wife, We destined her to be of those who remained behind.

58. And We rained on them a rain, so evil was the rain of those who were warned. (R4)

59. Say, "Praise is due only for Allah, and peace on His servants whom He has chosen. Is Allah better or that which they associate as partners (with Him)? (P 19)

60. Who is it, Who has created the skies and the earth and sent down for you water from the sky? Then We cause to grow through it, beautiful gardens, it is not (possible) for you to cause the trees to grow therein. Is there a god with Allah? No, they are a people who equate (others with Allah).

61. Who is it, Who has made the earth a place for staying, and made rivers in the passages therein, and made mountains on it, and made a barrier between the two seas? Is there a god with Allah? No, the majority of them does not know.

62. Who is it, Who responds to the distressed when he prays to Him and removes the evil and makes you successors of the earth? Is there a god with Allah? Little is it that you mind.

63. Who is it, Who guides you in the darkness of the land and the sea, and Who sends the winds as good news before His mercy? Is there a god with Allah? Highly Exalted is Allah above that which they associate as partners (with Him).

64. Who is it, Who begins the creation then gets it reproduced, and Who provides you from the sky and the earth? Is there a god with Allah? Say, "Bring your proof if you are truthful."

65. Say, "No one in the skies and the earth knows the unseen except Allah, and they do not perceive when they will be raised."

66. No, their knowledge has reached (its limit with regard to its penetration) into the hereafter, no, they are in a doubt regarding it, no, they are blind regarding it. (R 5)

67. And those who do not believe say, "What! when we become (part of the) soil and our fathers (too), will we be brought out?"

68. We have been promised this, we and our fathers before, these are nothing but stories of the ancient."

69. Say, "Travel in the earth, then see how the end of the criminals was (brought about)."

70. And do not grieve over them nor be in distress because of that which they plan.

71. And they say, "When will this promise (be fulfilled) if you are truthful?"

72. Say, "It may be that part of that which you are seeking to be hastened on, is following you closely."

73. And your Fosterer is certainly full of grace for mankind but the majority of them is not grateful.

74. And your Fosterer certainly knows that which is hidden in their bosoms and that which they make public.

75. And there is nothing of the unseen in the sky and the earth but it is (recorded) in a clear record.

76. This Quran certainly narrates to the children of Israel, most of those (matters) in which they differ,

77. and it is certainly a guide and mercy for the believers.

78. Your Fosterer will certainly decide between them by His judgment, and He is the Mighty, the Knowing,

79. so put your trust in Allah, you are certainly on clear truth.

80. You cannot make the dead to hear nor can you make the deaf to hear the call when they return retreating,

81. nor can you lead the blind (away) from their error, you can make no one to hear except those who believe in Our signs, so they submit (as Muslims).

**82. And when the word becomes incumbent on them, We will bring out for them a living creature from the earth which will speak to them because mankind was not sure of Our signs
(R 6)**

83. And the day We will gather from every community, batches of those who denied Our signs, they will be formed in to ordered ranks,

84. until when they come (before Allah), He will say, “Did you deny My signs and did not comprehend them in (your) knowledge, or what was it that you did?”

85. And the word will become incumbent on them because they were unjust, so they will not (be able to) speak.

86. Did they not see that We have made the night that they may rest therein and the day to give visibility? In that there are certainly signs for a people who believe.

87. And the day it will be blown into the trumpet (structure of the universe), then whoever is in the skies and whoever is in the earth will be horrified except such as Allah wills, and all will come to Him humbled.

88. And you see the mountains, you suppose them to be firm, but they will pass away like the passing away of clouds. The work of Allah Who perfected everything. He is certainly informed of what you do.

89. Whoever comes with good, then for him is (a reward) better than that and they will be among those who will be secure from the horror of that day.

90. And Whoever comes with evil, they will be thrown on their faces into the fire. Will you be rewarded (for something) other than that which you used to do?

91. I am commanded only to serve the Fosterer of this city (of Mecca) which He has made sacred and to Whom belongs everything, and I am commanded to be among those who submit (as Muslims),

92. and to read (and follow) the Quran, because one who receives guidance, then he receives guidance only (for the benefit) of his own soul, and one who goes astray,(does so for his own loss), then say (to him, “ I am only of those who warn.”

93. And say, “Praise is due only for Allah Who will show His signs to you, so that you will recognize them, and your Fosterer is not unaware of what you do.” (R 7)

28. THE NARRATIVE (Al - Qasas)

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

1. Taa Siin Miim.

- 2. Those are the signs of the book that makes clear.**
- 3. We recite to you (something) from the history of Musa and Firawn with truth, for a people who believe.**
- 4. Firawn certainly exalted himself in the land and made its people (divided) into sects, weakening a party from among them, getting their sons slaughtered and leaving their women alive, he was certainly among those who caused corruption.**
- 5. And We intended to bestow favour on those who were weakened in the land and make them leaders and make them the inheritors,**
- 6. and establish them in the earth, and to make Firawn and Haman and their armies see through them, that against which they were cautious.**
- 7. So We communicated to the mother of Musa, “Suckle him, but when you fear about him (that they may slaughter him) then cast him into the river and do not fear nor grieve, We will certainly bring him back to you and We will make him (one) of the messengers.”**
- 8. Then the people of Firawn picked him up that he might be an enemy to them and (a source of) grief. Firawn and Haman and their armies were certainly at fault.**
- 9. And the wife of Firawn said, “Comfort of the eye for me and you, do not kill him, it may be that he will be of (some) benefit to us or we may take him as a son,” and they did not perceive.**
- 10. And the heart of Musa’s mother became void (of patience and) she would have almost exposed it had We not strengthened her heart so that she might remain among the believers.**
- 11. And she said to his sister, “Follow him,” so she kept him in sight from a distance and they did not perceive.**

12. And before this, We had forbidden on him suckling (from foster mothers). So she (Musa's sister) said, "Should I show to you, people of a house who can take up the responsibility (of suckling) him for you, and who will take good care of him?"

13. Thus We brought him back to his mother, that her eye might be comforted and that she might not grieve, and that she might know that the promise of Allah is true, but the majority of them does not know. (R 1, P 19 ¼)

14. And when he reached his strength and balance (maturity), We granted to him wisdom and knowledge and thus do We reward the doers of good.

15. And he entered the city when its people were unaware, and found therein two men fighting, one from his sect and the other from his enemies. Then he who was of his sect asked him for help over him who was from his enemies. So Musa struck him with his fist thus killing him. He said, "This is an act of the devil, he is certainly an enemy who clearly misleads."

16. He said, "My fosterer! I have been unjust to myself so protectively forgive me." So He protectively forgave him, He is certainly the Protectively Forgiving, Merciful.

17. He Said, "My Fosterer! Because you have bestowed favour on me, therefore I will never be a helper of the criminals."

18. So he entered into the city in the morning fearfully vigilant. Then, when he whom he had helped the day before (again) cried to him for help, Musa said to him, "You are certainly one erring openly."

19. And when he intended to catch him, who was an enemy to them both, he said, "O Musa! do you intend to kill me as you killed a person the day before? You intend nothing but to be a tyrant in the land and you do not intend to be of those who set things right."

20. And a man came running from the farthest end of the city, saying, “O Musa! the chiefs are consulting about you to kill you, therefore get away, I am certainly (one) of your well wishers.”

21. So he went away from there fearfully vigilant. He said, “My Fosterer! save me from the unjust people.” (R 2)

22. And when he turned his face towards Midian he said, “Perhaps my Fosterer will guide me to a balanced way.”

23. And when he came to the watering (place) of Midian he found there a group of people watering (their flocks), and besides them, he found two women staying back. He said, “ What is the matter with you?” They said, “We cannot water until the shepherds take away (their flocks), and our father is a very old man.”

24. So he watered for them, then turned back to the shade and said, “My Fosterer! I am certainly in need of whatever good you send down on me.”

25. Then one of the two (women) came to him walking shyly, she said, “My father invites you that he may reward you with a payment for having watered for us.” So when he came to him and narrated (his) narrative, he said, “Do not fear, you are safe from the unjust people.”

26. One of the two (women) said, “O my father! employ him (on wages), certainly the best among those whom you can employ, is the one (who is) strong, trustworthy.”

27. He said, “I intend to marry you to one of these two daughters of mine, on condition that you should be in my employment for eight years but if you complete ten then it will be from (your own good will), and I do not intend to put you under hardship, and if Allah wills, you will find me of the righteous.”

28. He said, “ That (is settled) between me and you, whichever of the two terms I fulfill, but let there be no unjust (compulsion) on me, and Allah is the Trustee over what we say.” (R 3)

29. Then when Musa fulfilled the term and was traveling by night with his family he perceived a fire on the side of the Mount Toor. He said to his family, “Stay here! I perceive fire, may be I will bring to you some news from it or a brand from the fire that you may warm yourselves.”

30. So when he came to it, he was called from the tree in the blessed spot of the right (hand) side of the valley, that, “O Musa! I am Allah, the Fosterer of the worlds.”

31. And that, “Cast down your staff,” then when he saw it moving as if it were a snake, he turned back retreating and did not return. “O Musa! come near and do not fear, you are certainly of those who are secure,

32. put your hand into (the opening of) your bosom, it will come out white without (this effect being due to some) illness, and draw your armpit towards yourself (to get rid) of the fear. So those two are the proofs (of your prophet hood) from your Fosterer to Firawn and his chiefs, they are certainly a transgressing people.”

33. He said, “My Fosterer! I have killed a person from among them, so I fear that they will kill me,

34. and my brother Harun, he is more eloquent than me in speech, so send him with me as a helper to confirm me, I fear that they will deny me.”

35. He said, “We will strengthen your arm with your brother, and assign authority to both of you, so that they will not be able to advance towards you because of Our signs. Both of you and those who follow you two will be victorious.”

36. So when Musa came to them with Our clear signs, they said, “This is nothing but forged magic and we have not heard of this among our ancient fathers.”

37. And Musa said, “My Fosterer knows best about him who comes with guidance from Him and foe whom is the final (good) home. And those who are unjust will certainly not be successful.”

38. And Firawn said, “O you chiefs! I do not know of any god for you other than me, so O Haman! put the fire over the clay for me (for preparing bricks) and make for me a lofty tower that I may reach the God of Musa, and I definitely consider him to be of the liars.”

39. And he considered himself great in the earth, without having the right to do so and his armies (too). And they thought that they will not be returned to Us.

40. So We caught him and his armies, then We threw them in the flowing water of (the sea), then see how the end of the unjust was (brought about).

41. And We made them leaders inviting towards the fire, and on the day of resurrection they will not be helped.

42. And We made a curse to follow them in this world, and on the day of resurrection they will be among those who are disgracefully hated. (R 4)

43. And We gave the book to Musa after We had destroyed the earlier generations, visual proofs for mankind and a guidance and a mercy that they may be mindful.

44. And you were not on the western side when We decreed the commandment to Musa and you were not among the witnesses.

45. But We produced generations and life lasted on them, and you were not dwelling among the people of Midian reciting to them Our signs, but We were the senders (of messengers).

46. And you were not at the side of the Mount Toor when We called out (to Musa), but (this information is) a mercy from your Fosterer that you may warn a people to whom no warner came before you that they may be mindful.

47. And had (you) not been (sent and had) they been afflicted with a disaster because of what their hands had sent before, then they would have said, “Our Fosterer! why did You not send a messenger to us, so that we could follow Your signs (instructions) and be among the believers.”

48. But when the truth came to them from Us, they said, “Why is he not given the like of what was given to Musa?” Did they not reject that which was given to Musa earlier? They say, “Two magicians helping each other,” and they say, “We certainly do not believe in all.”

49. Say, “Then bring a book from Allah which is a better guide than these two (that) I may follow it, if you are truthful.”

50. But if they do not respond to you, then know that they follow only their desires, and who is more astray than one who follows his desire without guidance from Allah, Allah certainly does not guide the unjust people. (R 5)

51. And We indeed made the word to reach them that they may be mindful.

52. Those to whom We gave the book before it, they believe in it. (P 19 ½)

53. And when it is read to them, they say, “We believe in it, it is certainly the truth from our Fosterer, (even) before it (came) we were of those who had submitted (as Muslims).”

54. Those will be given twice the reward due to them, because they were patient and they turn off evil with good and spend from that which We have provided them.

55. And when they hear vain talk they keep away from it and say, “For us our deeds and for you your deeds, peace be on you, we do not desire (to be involved) with those who are ignorant.”

56. You certainly cannot guide (him) whom you love, but Allah guides whom He wills and He knows best those who are capable of receiving guidance.

57. And they say, “If we follow the guidance with you, we will be snatched away from our land.” Have We not established (the Kaaba as) a secure sanctuary for them, to which fruits of all kinds are brought (as) a provision from Us? But the majority of them does not know.

58. And how many towns have We destroyed which were boastful in their livelihood? So those are their houses, they have not been dwelt in after them except a little, and We were the inheritors.

59. And your Fosterer did not destroy the towns unless He had raised in their capital a messenger who read to them Our signs, and We do not destroy the towns unless their people are unjust.

60. And things which you are give are a provision of the life of this world and its adornment, and that which is with Allah is better and more lasting. Will you not then understand? (R 6)

61. Then, is he, whom We have promise a good promised and (the fulfillment of) which he will meet, like him, whom We have made to enjoy the life of this world, then on the day of resurrection he will be presented (before Us for giving an account)?

62. And on the day He will call them and say, “Where are those whom you claimed (that they were) My partners?”

63. Those against whom the word will be proved true will say, “Our Fosterer! these are the persons whom we led astray, we led them astray as we were ourselves astray. We (seek to) free ourselves from (this sin and come) to You, they did not worship us (on their own).”

64. And it will be said, “Call your (presumed) partners (of Allah),” so they will call them but they will not respond to them, and they will see the punishment, would that they had received guidance.

65. And on the day He will call them and say, “What response did you give to the messengers?”

66. On that day (all) the news will be obscured on them so they will not (be able, even to) ask each other.

67. So, as for him who repents and believes and does righteous work, may be he will be among the successful.

68. And your Fosterer creates what He wills and He chooses, the choice is not theirs. Glory be to Allah and Exalted be He above that which they associate (with Him as) partners.

69. And your Fosterer knows that which your bosoms conceal and that which they make public.

70. And He is Allah, there is no god except Him, praise is due only for Him (both) in the earlier (past) and the later (future periods), and His is the command and to Him you will be returned.

71. Say, “Do you consider, if Allah were to make the night everlasting on you till the day of resurrection, (then) who is the god other than Allah who could bring light to you? Will you not then hear?”

72. Say, “Do you consider, if Allah were to make the day everlasting on you till the day of resurrection, (then) who is the god other than Allah who could bring the night to you that you could rest therein ? Will you not then see?”

73. And it is from His mercy that He has made the night and the day for you, that you may rest therein and that you may seek of His grace, and that you may be grateful.”

74. And on (that) day He will call them and say, “Where are those whom you claimed (that they were) My partners?”

75. And We will bring out from every community a witness, then We will say, “(All of you) bring your proof.” Then they will know that the truth is Allah’s, and that which they used to forge will go away from them. (R 7)

76. Qaroon was certainly from among the people of Musa but he oppressed them. And We had given him so much from the treasures, that their keys would have been a burden (even) for a strong group of men possessing strength. When his people said to him, “Do not exult, Allah certainly does not like those who are exultant,

77. but seek the home of the hereafter through that which Allah has given you, and do not forget your portion of the world, and do good (to others) as Allah has done good to you, and do not seek to cause corruption in the earth, Allah certainly does not like those who are corrupt.”

78. He said, “I have been given this only because of the knowledge I have.” Did he not know that Allah had certainly destroyed, from among the generations before him, those who were more severe than him in strength and more in collection (of people/ wealth)? And the criminals are not asked about their sins (and then punished).

79. Then he came out before his people in his pomp. Those who intended (to achieve success only) in the life of this world said, “Ah! would that we had the like of what Qaroon is given, he is certainly a possessor of great good fortune.”

80. But those who were given knowledge said, “Sorrowful is your state, Allah’s reward for him who believes and does righteous work, is better, and no one is made to receive it except those who are patient.”

81. So We caused him to sink with his house into the earth. Then there was no one from the group to help him against Allah nor was he among those who could defend themselves.

82. And in the morning, those who had longed for his position (only) the day before, (were heard) saying, “Ah! (it is) Allah Who enlarges the provision for whom He wills of His servants and straitens (for whomever and whenever He wills). Had Allah not been gracious to us, He would have caused the sinking along with us. Ah! the ungrateful are not successful.” (R 8)

83. That home of the hereafter, We have made for those who intend neither to be proud in the earth nor (to cause) corruption (in it), and the (good) end is for those who guard (against evil).

84. One who comes for good, then for him there is (something) better than that, and one who comes with evil, then those who do evil will not be rewarded except for that which they used to do.

85. He Who has ordained (the implementation of) the Quran on you will certainly bring you back to the place of return (Mecca). Say, “My Fosterer knows best him who comes with guidance and him who is in clear error.”

86. And you had not expected that the book would be communicated to you. (It is nothing) but a mercy from your Fosterer, therefore never be a helper of the infidels,

87. and let them not turn you away from the signs of Allah after they have been sent down to you, and invite (people) towards your Fosterer and do not be of the polytheists.

88. And do not pray along with Allah, to any other (presumed) god, there is no god except Him. Everything will perish except His Person, His is the judgment and towards Him will you be returned. (R 9, P 19 ¾)

29. THE SPIDER (Al - Ankabut)

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

1. Alif Laam Miim.

2. Do human beings think that they will be left alone because they say, “We believe,” and they will not be tested?

3. And We did test those before them, that Allah may definitely know (mark out) those who are truthful and definitely know (mark out) the lairs.

4. Do those who do evil think that they will escape Us? Evil is that which they judge.

5. Whoever expects to meet Allah, let (him know that the end of) the term (fixed) by Allah will certainly come, and He is the Hearing, the Knowing.

6. And whoever strives, he strives only for (the benefit of) his own soul. Allah is certainly Independent of the worlds.

7. And those who believe and do righteous works, We will definitely wipe off from them (the effects of) their evil deeds, and We will definitely reward them (with something) better than that which they used to do.

8. And We have enjoined on man goodness to his parents, but if they strive with you that you should associate partners with Me, of which you have no knowledge, then do not obey them, to Me is your return then I will inform you about that which you used to do.

9. And those who believe and do righteous works, We will definitely admit them among the righteous.

10. And among mankind is he who says, “We believe in Allah,” but when he is harmed in (the cause of) Allah, he regards the persecution of mankind like the punishment of Allah. And when victory comes from your Fosterer, they definitely say, “We were certainly with you.” Is not Allah the Best Knower of that which is there in the bosoms of (those in) the worlds.

11. And Allah definitely knows those who believe and He definitely knows the hypocrites.

12. And those who do not believe say to those who believe, “ Follow our way and we will (carry the burdens of)your faults.” And they will not be the carriers of anything from their faults, they are certainly liars.

13. And they will definitely carry their own burdens plus burdens with their burdens, and they will definitely be questioned on the day of resurrection about that which they used to forge. (R 1)

14. And We sent Nuh to his people, so he stayed among them for a thousand years less fifty years, then the flood took hold of them while they were unjust.

15. So We delivered him and his companions of the boat, and made it a sign for the worlds.

16. And (We sent) Ibrahim when he said to his people, “Worship Allah and fear Him, that is the best for you if you know.

17. You worship besides Allah, only idols, and you invent a lie; those whom you worship besides Allah, do not control any provision for you, so seek provision from Allah and worship Him and be grateful to Him, to Him you will be returned.

18. And if you deny, then the communities before you had (also) denied, and nothing is incumbent on the messenger except clear conveyance (of the message).”

19. Did they not consider how Allah begins the creation than gets it reproduced? That is certainly easy for Allah.

20. Say, “Travel in the earth and see how He began the creation, then Allah produces the later generations, Allah certainly has power over everything.

21. He punishes whom He wills and has mercy on whom He wills, and to Him you will be turned back.

22. And you cannot frustrate Him in the earth nor in the sky, and you have neither a guardian nor a helper besides Allah.” (R 2)

23. And those who do not believe in the signs of Allah and (in their) meeting Him, those have lost hope of My mercy and those are the persons for whom there is a painful punishment.

24. So the answer of his (Ibrahim’s) people was nothing except that they said, “Kill him or burn him.” But Allah saved him from the fire. There are certainly signs in that for a people who believe.

25. And he said, “You have taken (for worship) only idols, besides Allah. Your mutual love is in the life of this world, then on the day of resurrection some of you will reject others and some of you will curse others, and your settling place will be the fire and you will not have any helpers.”

26. So Lut believed in him and said, “I am a migrant towards my Fosterer, He is certainly the Mighty, the Wise.”

27. And We granted to him (i.e. Ibrahim), Ishaq and Yaqub and made the prophet hood (to remain) in his descendants and (also) the book. And We gave him his reward in the world, and in the hereafter he will certainly be among the righteous.

28. And Lut when he said to his people, “You certainly commit an indecency which no one in the worlds had committed before you.

29. What! do you come to males and cut off the way (for committing robbery) and in your assemblies you commit things not recognised (as good)?” So the answer of his people was nothing except that they said, “Bring upon us the punishment of Allah if you are of the truthful ones.”

30. He said, “My Fosterer! help me against the corrupt people.” (R 3)

31. And when Our messengers came to Ibrahim with good news, they said, “We are going to destroy the people of this town, its people are certainly unjust.”

32. He said, “(But) Lut is certainly there in it.” They said, “We know better about who is there in it, we will definitely save him and his followers except his wife, she will be of those who remain behind.”

33. So when the messengers came to Lut, he was grieved on account of them and distressed on account of them (because of his) incapability (to protect them), but they said, “ Do not fear, nor grieve, we will certainly save you and your followers except your wife, she will be of those who remain behind.

34. We are going to bring down on the people of this town a penalty form the sky because they used to exceed the limits.”

35. And We indeed left a clear sign of it for a people who understand.

36. And to Midian (We sent) their brother Shuaib, so he said, “O my people! serve Allah, and do expect (the coming of) the period hereafter, and do not cause disturbance in the earth being corrupt.”

37. But they denied him, so the earthquake took hold of them and the morning found them lying motionless in their houses.

38. And the Aad and the Samood, and (their punishment) is indeed clear to you from (the remains of) their houses. And the devil had made their deeds fair seeming to them (and) thereby turned them away from the way, though they had insight.

39. And Qaroon and Firawn and Haman; and Musa came to them with clear proofs, but they considered themselves great in the earth and (therefore) they could not escape (Our punishment).

40. So each one We caught on account of his sin. So among them was he on whom We sent a sand-storm (or a rain of hot volcanic debris), and among them was he whom the loud cry afflicted, and among them was he whom We caused to sink into the earth, and among them was he whom We drowned and it was not Allah Who was unjust to them but they used to be unjust to themselves.

41. The likeness of those who have taken guardians besides Allah, is as the likeness of the spider which takes hold of a house and certainly the weakest of (all) the houses is the house, of the spider, if they (only) know.

42. Allah certainly knows whatever thing they pray to, besides Him, and He is the Mighty, the Wise.

43. And those similitude's, We sent forth for mankind, but none understand them except those who are learned.

44. Allah has created the skies and the earth in reality (it is not an illusion), certainly there are signs in that for the believers. (R 4, P 20)

45. Read that which is communicated to you of the book and establish worship (salat), worship (salat) certainly keeps one away from indecency and things not recognized (as good), and the remembrance of Allah is greatest, and Allah knows the work which you do.

46. And do not dispute with the owners of the book except in (a way) which is better, save (with) those who are unjust among them, and say (to them), "We believe in that which has been sent down to us and sent down to you and our God and your God is One and to Him we submit (as Muslims)."

47. And thus We have sent down the book to you, so those to whom We gave the book (earlier), believe in it and of these (Meccans too) there are those who believe in it, and no one knowingly denies Our signs except the infidels.

48. And earlier to this, you were not (able) to read from a book nor were you (able) to write it with your right hand. (Had you known reading and writing) then those involved in falsehood would have doubted.

49.No, those are clear signs in the bosoms of those who are given knowledge, and no one knowingly denies Our signs except those who are unjust.

50. And they say, "Why are signs not send down on him from his Fosterer?" Say, "Signs are only with Allah, and I am only a plain warner."

51. It is not enough for them that We have sent down to you the book which is read to them? Certainly in that there is mercy, and (it is) a reminder for a people who believe. (R 5)

52. Say, “Allah is sufficient as a Witness between me and you. He knows whatever is there in the skies and the earth. And those who believe in falsehood and do not believe in Allah, those are the persons who are the losers.”

53. And they ask you to hasten on the punishment, and had it not been (fixed at the end of) an appointed term, the punishment would have come (to them), and it will definitely come to them suddenly while they do not perceive.

54. They ask you to hasten on the punishment, and hell will certainly encompass the infidels.

55. On that day the punishment will cover them from above them and from beneath their feet and He will say, “Taste that which you used to do.”

56. O my servants who believe! My earth is certainly vast, so serve Me alone.

57. Every soul tastes death, then you will be returned to Us.

58. And those who believe and do righteous works, they will definitely be settled by Us in high places in a garden beneath which rivers flow, they will stay therein, an excellent reward for those who work (for it),

59. those who are patient and put their trust in their Fosterer.

60. And how many moving creatures are there which do not carry their provision, Allah provides for them and you (all too) and He is the Hearing, the Knowing.

61. And if you ask them, “Who created the skies and the earth and subjected (to your service) the sun and the moon?” They will definitely say, “Allah.” How then are they turned away (from the truth)?

62. Allah enlarges the provision for whom He wills of His servants and straitens it, for whomever (and whenever He wills), and Allah is certainly the Knower of everything.

63. And if you ask them, “Who sends down the water from the sky then gives life through it to the earth after its death?” They will definitely say, “Allah.” Say, “Praise is due only for Allah, but the majority of them does not understand.” (R 6)

64. And this life of the world is nothing but a pastime and play and the home of the hereafter, that certainly is life, if they but know.

65. So when they embark on a ship they pray to Allah, making religion exclusively for Him, but when He brings them safe to the land then they associate partners (with Him),

66. so as to be ungrateful for that which We gave them and that they may enjoy, but they will come to know.

67. Did they not see that We have made the sanctuary (Kaaba) secure, while human beings are snatched away from around them? Then do they believe in falsehood and are ungrateful for the grace of Allah?

68. And who is more unjust than he who forges a lie against Allah or denies the truth when it comes to him? Will not the home of the infidel be in hell?

69. And those who strive for Us, We will definitely guide them to Our ways, and Allah is certainly with the doers of good. (R 7)

30. THE ROMANS (Al – Rome)

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

1. Alif Laam Miim.

2. The Romans have been defeated

3. in the lowest (part of) the earth {1}, and they will be victorious after their defeat,

4. within some years; Allah's is the command in the past and in the future, and on that day the believers will rejoice

5. with the help of Allah, He helps whom He wills and He is the Mighty, the Merciful.

6. (It is a) promise of Allah. Allah does not go against His promise, but the majority of human beings does not know.

7. They know the superficial (things) of the life of this world and they are unaware about the hereafter.

8. Did they not reflect among themselves, (that) Allah has not created the skies and the earth and what is between them both, but in reality and for an appointed term? But many of the human beings certainly do not believe in the meeting with their Fosterer.

9. Did they not travel in the earth and see how the end of those before them was (brought about)? They were more severe than them in strength and they dug the earth and built upon it more than these have built upon it. And their messengers came to them with clear proofs, so it was not Allah Who was unjust to them but they were unjust to themselves.

10. Then evil was the end of those who did evil, because they denied the signs of Allah and they used to mock at them. (R 1)

11. Allah begins the creation then He gets it reproduced, then to Him you will be returned.

12. And on the day the hour of doom will be established, the criminals will be in despair.

13. And there will be no mediators for them from among their (presumed) partners (of Allah), and they will reject their (presumed) partners (of Allah).

14. And on the day the hour of doom will be established, on that day they will be divided:

15. So as for those who believed and did righteous works, they will be made happy in a garden,

16. and as for those who did not believe and denied Our signs and the meeting of the hereafter, those be made to be present in the punishment.

17. So glory be to Allah when you enter the evening and when you enter the morning.

18. And praise is due only for Him (both) in the skies and the earth, and (in) the evening and when are at midday.

19. He brings forth the living from the dead and He brings forth the dead from the living, and He gives life to the earth after its death, and thus you (too) will be brought out (again). (R 2)

20. And among His signs is that He created you from the soil then (after that) now you are human beings (who) are scattered (far and wide).

21. And among His signs is that He created from among yourselves mates for you that you might find tranquility in them, and He placed between you love and mercy. Certainly there are signs in that for people who reflect.

22. And among His signs is the creation of the skies and the earth and the difference in your languages and your colors. Certainly there are signs in that for the learned.

23. And among His signs is your sleeping at night, and the day when you seek from His grace. Certainly there are signs in that for people who listen.

24. And among His signs is that He shows you the lightning for fear and hope and He sends down water from the sky, then gives life through it to the earth after its death. Certainly there are signs in that for people who understand.

25. And among His signs is that the sky and the earth subsist by His command, then when He calls (with) a (single) call, at that time you will come out of the earth.

26. And His is whoever (whatever) is in the skies and the earth, all are obedient to Him.

27. And He it is Who begins the creation then gets it reproduced, and that is easiest for Him and He is the Highest Similitude in the skies and the earth, and He is the Mighty, the Wise. (R 3, P 20 ¼)

28. He sets forth for you a similitude (selecting a situation) from among yourselves. Have you, and those whom your right hands possess (slaves), partners in the provision which We have given you, so you are all equal in it? (Do you) fear them as you fear (each other among) yourselves? Thus do explain Our signs in detail for a people who understand.

29. No, those who are unjust follow their own desires without knowledge. So who can guide him when Allah leaves to go astray? And they have no helpers.

30. So set (right) your attention for (following) the upright religion which is the original creation of Allah on which He initially created mankind, there is no altering for the creation of Allah, that is the established religion (law) but the majority of mankind does not know.

31. (Be of) those who turn to Him in repentance and fear Him and establish worship (salat) and do not follow the footsteps of the polytheists,

32. of those who divided their religion and became sects, each party exulting in that which they have been given, and they are not with Him.

33. And when harm afflicts human beings, they pray to their Fosterer being those who turn to Him in repentance, but when He (makes) them taste mercy from Him, then a party of them associates partners with their Fosterer,

34. so as to be ungrateful for that which We have given them, so enjoy yourselves, but you will come to know.

35. Or have We sent down on them an authority so that it tells (them something) about that which they should associate as partners with Him?

36. And when We make human beings taste mercy, they rejoice in it, and if evil befalls them because of that which their (own) hands have sent forth, then they are in despair.

37. Did they not see that Allah enlarges the provision for whom He wills and straitens (it for whom He wills) and whatever He wills)? Certainly there are signs in that for a people who believe.

38. So give to the relative his due and (also) to the needy and the wayfarer. That is best for those intend (to seek) the Attention of Allah, and those are the persons who are successful.

39. And that which you give as usury that it may (cause an) increase in the wealth of mankind, it does increase with Allah; but that which you give as charity (zakat) intending (to seek) the Attention of Allah, then those are the persons who (get back) multiplied.

40. It is Allah Who created you then provided for you, then He causes you to die then He will bring you to life. Is there anyone of your (presumed) partners (of Allah) who does any of those things? Glory be to Him and the Exalted be He above that which they associate (with Him) as partners. (R 4)

41. Corruption has appeared in the land and the sea because of that which the hands of human beings have earned, that He may make them taste (the result of) a part of that which they have done so that they may return (to the truth).

42. Say, "Travel in the earth and see how the end of those before (you) was (brought about), most of them were polytheists."

43. So set (right) your attention for the established religion, before the coming of the day from Allah from which there is no turning away, on that day they will be split (into groups).

44. Whoever rejects (the truth), then on him is (the responsibility of) his rejection, and whoever does righteous work, then they prepare a (good) habitation for themselves,

45. so that He rewards those who believe and do righteous works, from His grace. He certainly does not reward like the infidels.

46. And among His signs is that He sends the winds as conveyers of good news and that He may make you taste of His mercy and that the ships might sail by His command and that you may seek of His grace and that you may be grateful (to Him).

47. And We did send messengers to their people before you, and they came to them with clear proofs, then We inflicted retribution on those who were criminals, and helping the believers is incumbent on Us.

48. It is Allah who sends the winds, so they raise the cloud, then He spreads it in the sky as He wills, then He makes it (into) pieces, then you see the rain coming out from the spaces in between it, then when He wills, He makes it to fall on whom he wills of His servants, then they rejoice,

49. though before it was sent down on them, (just) before it, they were in despair.

50. Then look at the signs of Allah's mercy, how He gives life to the earth after its death? He is certainly the Giver of life to the dead and He has power over everything.

51. And if We send a wind and they see it yellow, (even) after that they will remain to be those who reject (the truth).

52. So you certainly cannot make the dead to hear nor can you make the deaf to hear the call when they turn back retreating.

53. And you cannot lead the blind away from their error, you can make none to hear except those who believe in Our signs, so they are the persons who submit (as Muslims). (R 5)

54. It is Allah how created you (in a state) of weakness, then He gave strength after (the state of) weakness, then after (the state of) strength He gave weakness and gray hair. He creates what He wills, and He is the Knowing, the Powerful.

55. And on the day the hour of doom will be established, the criminals will swear that they did not stay for more than an hour, thus they used to be turned away (from truth).

56. But those who are given knowledge and belief will say, "According to the record of Allah you indeed stayed till the day of resurrection, and this is the day of resurrection, but you, you did not (bother to) know."

57. So on that day their excuses will not be of (any) benefit to those who were unjust and they will not receive the good will (of Allah).

58. And We have indeed set forth in this Quran every (kind) of similitude for human beings, and if We come to them with a sign, those who do not believe will definitely say, "You are nothing but the

involved in falsehood.”

59. Thus does Allah set a seal on the hearts of those who do not know.

60. So be patient, the promise of Allah is certainly true, and do not let those who are not certain, hold you in light estimation. (R 6)