

**Simple
Explanation
of all The
Holy Quran
by Sunni
Muslim Scientists
*from Ch.7 To Ch.12***

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IN THE NAME OF ALLAH THE MOST GRACIOUS AND THE MOST MERCIFUL..... **Quran** 7: 1_18 Al-A'raf Tafseer: Simple explanation: This great surah opens with the 'disconnected letters' to establish the miraculous nature of the Qur'an, which conclusively prove the Arabs' total inability to challenge the Qur'an by producing something like it, even though it is

composed of the very Arabic letters they speak! Allah Almighty then addresses His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, saying that this Qur'an is a divine book that He has revealed to him. He instructs him not to be distressed by conveying it for fear people might not believe it, and not to doubt that it has been sent down by Allah, Exalted and glorified be He, in order for him to warn the unbelievers and admonish the believers. Then He commands people to follow the Qur'an, which has been revealed by Him, and to follow no masters other than Him or besides Him, stating that little do people reflect, call themselves to account and turn to the truth. Allah, Exalted be He, states that He had destroyed the wicked inhabitants of many cities of past nations who worshipped other than Him and denied His messengers, such that His punishment came upon them unawares in their homes and destroyed them completely, either in the dead of night or during the midday siesta. When the scourge fell upon them, all they could do was admit they had been wrongdoers. Then He indicates that, on the Day of Judgment, He will reprovably ask the nations to whom He has sent His messengers whether or not they obeyed Him and followed His messengers, and He will ask those He had sent with His message concerning their duty of conveying it and how their peoples reacted to it. The Lord, who knows everything and who is fully aware of every detail, will relate to people all their words and deeds with full knowledge, for He is never unaware of anything they say or do at any time and he is witness over all things. On that day, He declares, everyone's deeds will be weighed with absolute justice. Those whose weight of good deeds is heavy in the balance will surely be successful, but as for those whose weight of good deeds is light in the balance, in that they are outweighed by their evil deeds, they will suffer loss because of their willful rejection of Allah's revelations and signs. Then Allah Almighty reminds His slaves of the favors He has bestowed upon them, stating that He has established them in the earth, enabled them to control and exploit it and provided all means of existence for them in it, yet little do they give thanks to

Him for His blessings. Then, addressing mankind, He states that He created their father, Adam, and fashioned him in the finest and best of forms, then He commanded the angels to prostrate themselves before Adam. Iblees (Satan), however, arrogantly refused to do so. 'What prevented you from prostrating yourself when I commanded you?' Allah disapprovingly asked him. 'I am better than he,' he replied. 'You created me from fire, but You created him from clay.' Allah then ordered him to get down from Paradise, saying that it is no place for his contemptuous pride. 'Get out, then,' He said, 'You are certainly of those who are disgraced.' Iblees asked Allah Almighty to grant him respite until the Day of Resurrection, and He informed him that he would be among those granted respite. Iblees then swore to his Lord, saying that because He had sent him astray, he would assuredly lie in wait for Adam's descendants on the straight path to turn them away from it and make falsehood seem fair and alluring to them, that he would come to them from all directions and ways to turn them away from the truth, and that He will find the greater part of them are ungrateful and disobedient to Him. Allah ordered him to get out of Paradise, despised, disgraced and expelled from His grace and mercy, and swore that He would assuredly fill Hell with whoever follows him among the unbelieving descendants of Adam all together, as well as with him and his offspring. Quran 7: 19_30 Al-A'raf

Tafseer: Simple explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, commanded Adam and his wife, Eve, to dwell in Paradise and to eat of its fruit from wherever they pleased, but not to approach a certain tree that He had shown them, stating that if they ate of its fruit they would be among those who violate His limits. Then Satan deceitfully whispered evil thoughts to Adam and Eve so that he might reveal to them their intimate parts that had remained hidden from them, falsely claiming that Allah had only forbidden them that tree lest they might become angels or immortals. He swore by Allah Almighty to them that he had offered them his sincere advice. Thus he cunningly deluded them and tempted them into eating of that tree. When they did, their intimate parts became exposed to them.

They felt embarrassed and so they began to cover their bodies with the leaves of Paradise in order to conceal what was revealed of their intimate parts. Their Lord called out to them and reprovably said, 'Did I not forbid you both to approach that tree, and say to you that Satan is surely an open and outright enemy to you?' Admitting their disobedience, they said, 'Our Lord we have wronged ourselves. If you do not forgive us and have mercy on us, we will surely be among the losers.' Allah Almighty ordered Adam, Eve and Satan to get down to earth as enemies to one another, along with their descendants, stating that they would settle on earth so long as they lived, be buried underground after their death and to have on earth their livelihood until the time of their death. 'There you will live,' He said, 'and there you will die, and from it you will be brought forth on Resurrection Day for judgement. Allah, Exalted be He, informs the Children of Adam that He has created and provided them with clothing to cover their nakedness and as adornment for them, and explains that the clothing of piety and good deeds is yet far better than all that. All that He has bestowed on them, He states, are some of His signs testifying to His mercy towards them, so that they may recognize the great blessings He has bestowed upon them, reflect, take heed and give thanks to Him alone. Next, He warns the Children of Adam against being fooled by Satan by letting him deceive them into engaging in acts of disobedience which he makes seem fair and alluring to them, just as he deceived their parents, Adam and Eve, stripping them of their garments to expose their nakedness to them after it had been concealed. He informs them that Satan and his descendants can see them while they by no means can see them, and that He has made the devils companions of the unbelievers to lead them even further astray. When the Quraysh idolaters commit a shameful deed, He states, such as circumambulating the Ka'bah naked, they say—in an attempt to excuse themselves—that they found their fathers doing this and that Allah has enjoined it upon them. In response to this, Allah, Exalted be He, instructs

His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to say to them: 'Allah does not enjoin shameful deeds. How could you attribute something to Allah about which you have no knowledge?' 'My Lord enjoins justice,' He further instructs him to say to them, 'that you sincerely turn to Him alone in your prayers and any act of worship, and that you call upon Him alone.' Allah Almighty reminds them of the beginning and the end: Just as He created you the first time when you were non-existent, so you will be returned to Him on the Day of Resurrection.

Allah, Exalted be He, informs the Children of Adam that He has created, Some of them He has guided, while some have been justly led into error because they have taken the devils for their supporters and masters instead of Allah, thinking all the while that they are rightly guided. Quran 7: 31_38 Al-A'raf Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, commands the Children of Adam to dress themselves in fine clothing that covers their nakedness and give them a decent appearance at every place of worship and in all the prayers, and to eat and drink of the wholesome things He has allowed them, but not to exceed the proper bounds by over-eating or violating His limits by consuming what He has forbidden, stating that He does not like those who exceed the proper bounds. Then He instructs His Prophet to disapprovingly say to the ignorant Arabs who used to circumambulate the Ka'bah naked and deprive themselves of the good things He has permitted them: Who has forbidden you the beautiful things He has brought forth for His servants, such as the clothing which He has created for you, and who has forbidden you the pure, wholesome means of sustenance? 'Inform them,' He further instructs him to say to them, 'that the fine clothing and the good kinds of provision are for the enjoyment of the believers, to be shared with unbelievers, in the life of the world, but they will be exclusively theirs on the Day of Judgment to the exclusion of the unbelievers.' Just as He has explained such ruling in detail,

so He always clarifies everything that needs explaining in the Qur'an for people to understand His revelations and benefit from them. Allah instructs His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to inform the idolaters who associate partners with Him that He has not forbidden what they themselves have made unlawful. He has only made unlawful indecent, shameful deeds, whether committed openly or in secret, and all manner of sin and wrongful oppression; and He has forbidden them to worship anyone or anything besides Him for which He has not sent down any authority at all and to falsely attribute to Him anything of which they have no knowledge whatsoever. Every unbelieving nation, Allah states, has a specific time for punishment to be meted out to them. When the time that He has set for their destruction comes, they all perish, and they can neither delay it, nor advance it by even a single moment. Addressing the descendants of Adam, Allah Almighty exhorts them saying that if His messengers come to them from among themselves, reciting His revelations to them, they must obey them. He declares that those of them who do what He commands and avoid what He forbids will have nothing whatsoever to fear in the hereafter, nor will they grieve for whatever they leave behind in the life of the world. But as for those who deny His revelations and arrogantly turn away from them, they will be the inmates of the Fire, in which they will abide for all eternity. He states that no one does greater wrong than those who invent lies about Him (such as by attributing children or partners to Him) or deny the revelations He has sent down. These, He asserts, will continue to receive their full portion written for them in the Preserved Tablet (Book of Decrees) of allotted provision and lifespan, among other matters until the angels come to them to take away their souls, who will then reprovingly ask them, 'Where are those you used to call upon besides Allah to save you now?' 'They have forsaken us,' they will remorsefully say, and will admit and bear witness against

themselves that they have been unbelievers. 'Enter the Fire,' Allah Almighty will command them on Judgment Day, 'together with other nations of unbelieving jinn and humans who have passed before you.' Whenever one of these nations enters the Fire, it will curse the one that went before it; and when they are all gathered there, the last of them who were the followers will say of the first whom they followed, 'These, Lord, are the ones who led us astray in the life of the world. Let their punishment be doubled in the Fire.' 'All will be doubly punished, He will reply, 'but you do not know the amount of punishment prepared for each. Quran 7: 39_56 Al-A'raf Tafseer:General explanation: and when they are all gathered there, the last of them who were the followers will say of the first whom they followed, 'These, Lord, are the ones who led us astray in the life of the world. Let their punishment be doubled in the Fire.' 'All will be doubly punished, He will reply, 'but you do not know the amount of punishment prepared for each.' The first (the leaders) will say to the last (the followers), 'You were in no way better than us, for we were all unbelievers.' Allah will then say to all of them, 'Taste then the torment for your unbelief and disobedience. Quran 7: 40-41 Al-A'raf Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, mentions that He will not accept the good deeds of those who deny His revelations and arrogantly scorn them, nor will their prayers be answered, nor will blessings descend upon them, and when they die the gates of heaven will not be opened for their souls, nor will they ever enter Paradise, just as a camel cannot possibly pass through the eye of a needle. Thus will He punish the wicked unbelievers. Hell will be their bed, and over them will be coverings of fire. Thus will Allah punish the wrongdoers. Allah, Exalted be He, states that those who believe and do righteous deeds—and He does not burden any human being with more than he can bear—will be the dwellers of Paradise, where they will abide for ever. He will take away all rancor, hatred and envy from their hearts, He

further states. Rivers will be flowing beneath their palaces and gardens, and they will say, 'Praise be to Allah, who guided us to profess faith and do righteous good deeds, which have led us to this eternal bliss, for we would certainly not have found the right path had Allah not guided us. Surely, the Messengers of our Lord did come with the truth.' They will then be told, 'This is Paradise, which you have been granted because of your faith and good deeds. The dwellers of Paradise will call out to the dwellers of Hell after each of them have settled in their eternal abodes, saying, 'Now we have found that what our Lord promised us to be true. Have you, too, found the promise of your Lord to be true?' Yes,' they will reply, and a herald will cry out between them, 'The curse of Allah is upon the wrongdoers, who turned away from Islam in the life of the world and turned others away from it, strove hard to make Islam—Allah's path—look crooked and not straight so that people would not follow it, and who disbelieved in the life to come.' The Almighty then states that there will be a great barrier between Paradise and Hell, which will prevent the dwellers of Hell to get over to Paradise, and on this high dividing wall separating them there will be men—whose good and evil actions will be equal on the scale of deeds. They will recognize the dwellers of Paradise and the dwellers of Hell by the marks of joy or misery on their faces, and they will greet the dwellers of Paradise, saying, 'Peace be upon you.' They will not have yet entered Paradise, but they will be longing to enter it by Allah's grace. And when Allah turns their eyes towards the dwellers of Hell and they see the punishment to which they will be subjected, they will pray to Allah, saying, 'Our Lord, do not place us in the Fire among the wrongdoers.' They will call out to men they recognized to be leaders of unbelief and ascribing partners to Allah in the life of the world and whom they will recognize by the marks of misery of the faces of Hell-dwellers, disapprovingly saying, 'What you amassed was of no use to you, nor was your scornful pride and arrogance.' Then, pointing to the dwellers of Paradise from among

the poor and oppressed, they will further ask them, 'Are these whom Allah has admitted into Paradise the ones you swore in the life of the world would never earn Allah's mercy? , They will be asked 'Are these whom Allah has admitted into Paradise the ones you swore in the life of the world would never earn Allah's mercy?' It will then be said to those on the dividing wall between Paradise and Hell, 'Enter Paradise. You will have nothing whatsoever to fear in the hereafter, nor will you grieve for whatever you have left behind in the life of the world. Quran 7: 50-53 Al-A'raf Tafseer:General explanation: The dwellers of Hell will cry out to the dwellers of Paradise, 'Give us some water to drink or some of the food which Allah has provided for you.' They will reply that Allah has forbidden both the water and food of Paradise to the unbelievers, who made a mockery and sport of their religion which they were exhorted to follow, and whom the life of the world deluded and they turned away from the life to come. Allah will say on Judgment Day that on that day He will forget them as they forgot the meeting of that day, and because they stubbornly denied His revelations and signs. The Almighty swears and emphatically declares that He has assuredly brought them the Qur'an in which He has set out in detail, and with knowledge, everything about which people need an explanation. He has thus explained it to serve as guidance and mercy to the believers because of their faith both in this life and the life to come. Then, pointing out the terrible fate of these who disbelieved the Qur'an, He says: Are they waiting but for the resurrection and Judgment Day to take place, for punishment to descend upon them and for the dwellers of Paradise to enter Paradise and the dwellers of Hell to enter Hell, all of which the Qur'an has warned would happen? On the day this will happen—the Day of Judgment—those who turned away from the Qur'an and its commandments will remorsefully say, 'Our Lord's messengers did indeed bring the truth, but we called them liars. Could we but have intercessors to intercede with Allah on our behalf, or could we but be returned to the world to do righteous

deeds instead of the acts of unbelief and disobedience we used to commit?’ These unbelievers have certainly brought ruin upon themselves, and what they falsely claimed in this world are partners to Allah or gods which they worshipped instead of Allah will fail them and will not in the least avail them. Then Addressing all mankind, Allah says: Your Lord—master, creator, owner and disposer of all your affairs—is Allah, who created the heavens and the earth in six days, then established Himself over the Throne (as befits His glory and sublime majesty). He covers the light of the day with the darkness of the night and covers the darkness of the night with the light of the day, each pursuing the other swiftly and without delay. He has also created the sun, the moon and the stars and are all subservient to His will and command for the benefit of creation. Both creation and command belong to Him alone. Blessed and exalted be Allah, and far removed is He from all imperfection, the Lord of all the worlds. Then He commands people to call upon Him humbly, in total submission to Him, and in secret, between themselves and Him, stating that He, Glory be to Him, does not love those who transgress the bounds He has set regarding supplications and all matters. He also enjoins them not to corrupt the earth with acts of unbelief and disobedience, among other forms of corruption, after it has been well ordered and purged of evil, and directs them to pray to Him, fearing His punishment and longing for His mercy and reward, asserting that His mercy is within reach of the righteous, who perfect their worship and do good to others.

Quran 7: 57_72 Al-A'raf Tafseer: Simple explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, declares that it is He who sends forth the winds, bearing glad tidings of rain with which He shows mercy towards His creation; and when they have gathered heavy rain-laden clouds, He drives them on to some dead land and sends down water to it, and thereby brings forth fruits of every kind. Just as He brings a dead land back to life with water, He points out, so, too, He will bring forth people from their graves alive, so that with such explanation, people may think and reflect and realize His

power to resurrect the dead. The good, pure land, He then states, whose soil is fertile (like the case of the believer who benefits from His revelations and signs) yields good produce swiftly, by His permission; as for the land with poor, infertile soil (like the case of the unbeliever who does not benefit from His revelations and signs), its produce comes forth slowly and with difficulty and is devoid of all benefit, goodness and blessing. Just as He expounds His signs and proofs attesting to His Lordship and power to resurrect the dead, among other things, in diverse forms, so, too, He sets signs out and expounds them in various ways to prove the truth to people who give thanks to Him for His many blessings and show obedience to Him. Allah, Exalted be He, states that He sent Noah to his people to call them to worship Allah alone and to abandon the worship of others. 'My people,' Noah said to them, 'worship Allah alone; you have no other god worthy of worship other than Him. Truly, I fear for you the punishment of the Day of Judgment.' The arrogant leaders among his people said, 'We can see that, by calling us to worship Allah alone and renounce the gods our fathers worshipped, you have deviated from the path of truth and are indeed in manifest error.' He said, 'My people, I have not deviated from the path of truth by calling you to worship Allah alone and desist from worshipping others besides Him, but I have been sent to you by the Lord of all the Worlds, to deliver to you my Lord's message and to give you sincere advice, for I know, through what Allah has revealed to me, what you do not know. Do you find it strange and deem it unlikely that a reminder should come to you from your Lord through a man from among yourselves, so that he might warn you of Allah's punishment for your unbelief, that you might become mindful of Allah by doing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids, and so that you might be graced with His mercy if you obey Him and His Messenger?' Allah Almighty then mentions that they called Noah a liar and rejected him, and so He saved him, along with all those he had taken with him onto the Ark and drowned those

who rejected His signs, stating that they were a people who were blind to the truth and did not perceive it with their hearts. The Almighty states that He sent to the tribe of 'Aad their brother Hud to call them to worship Allah alone and forsake the worship of others. 'My people,' he said to them, 'worship Allah alone. You have no other god worthy of worship other than Him. Will you not be mindful of your Lord by doing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids and fear His punishment and wrath?' The unbelieving and arrogant notables and leaders among his people said, 'We see that you are indeed foolish and weak-minded, and we are certain that you are a liar. 'Foolish and weak-minded I am not, my people,' he replied, 'but I have been sent to you by the Lord of all the Worlds, to deliver to you my Lord's message and to give you honest counsel. Do you find it strange and deem it unlikely that a reminder should come to you from your Lord through a man from among yourselves, so that he might warn you of Allah's punishment for your unbelief? Remember how He has made you the successors of Noah's people after He had destroyed them and increased your tall stature and physical strength. Remember, then, the favors Allah has bestowed upon you so that you may attain success and everlasting happiness.' They said, 'Have you come to tell us to worship Allah alone and give up all that our forefathers worshiped? Bring us, then, the punishment with which you have threatened us if you are telling the truth.' 'You have become deserving of your Lord's punishment and wrath,' Hud said to them. 'Are you arguing with me about idols which you and your fathers have called god, and for which Allah has revealed no sanction for their worship? Wait, then, for the punishment that will befall you; I will wait with you.' The Almighty then mentions that, by His grace, He saved him together with the believers who were with Him and completely destroyed those who denied His signs and would not believe by inflicting a severe punishment on them. Quran 7: 73-79 Al-A'raf

Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, mentions that He sent to the tribe of Thamud their brother Salih to call them to

worship Allah alone and give up the worship of others. 'My people,' he said to them, 'worship Allah alone. You have no other god worthy of worship other than Him. Clear evidence proving the truth of I have brought has now come to you: This is a she-camel Allah has sent as a convincing proof for you to obey me. Let her graze on Allah's earth, and do not do her harm in any way or you will be struck by a painful punishment. Remember Allah's favors to you and how He made you the successors of 'Aad (Hud's people) after He had destroyed them and has settled you in the land (the Hijr area, between the Hejaz and the Levant). You build for yourselves palaces on its plains and carve out homes in the mountains. Remember, then, Allah's numerous favors and do not go about spreading corruption and evil in the land.' The unbelieving and haughty notables and leaders among his people said to the believers who were oppressed and whom they deemed weak, 'Do you know with certainty that Salih is a messenger from Allah to us and that he is not a liar?' The oppressed believers replied, 'Surely we believe in the message with which he has been sent.' 'As for us,' the arrogant leaders said, 'We disbelieve in what you believe in.' Then they killed the she-camel and defiantly disobeyed Allah's command, saying to Salih, 'Bring about that punishment with which you have threatened us if you are truly one of Allah's messengers.' Thereupon the punishment descended upon them: They were overtaken by a dreadful blast so powerful it violently shook the earth, and there they lay lifeless, prostrate on the ground. Salih turned away from them, rebukingly saying, 'I conveyed to you, my people, the message of my Lord and gave you good and sincere counsel, but you had no love for those who give good advice.

Quran 7: 80_93 Al-A'raf Tafseer: Simple explanation: And mention, Muhammad, to the people Prophet Lot, peace be upon him, when he said to his people, 'How can you commit such a monstrously abominable deed as no humans have ever committed

before you?! You willingly choose to lust after men by practising sodomy on them and leave women that Allah has created for you. Truly, you are a depraved people who leave what is lawful to commit what is unlawful and transgress all limits. The only response his people gave was to say to one another, 'Drive Lot and those who share his faith out of your town! They are people who regard themselves to be pure and disdain what you do.' So Allah saved him and his family except for his unbelieving wife; she was of those who were destroyed. Allah Almighty rained down on the unbelievers among Lot's people stones of extremely hot hard clay. See, then, Muhammad, the terrible end of the wicked evildoers! Allah, Exalted be He, mentions that He sent to the tribe of Midian their brother Shu'ayb to call them to worship Allah alone and give up the worship of others. 'My people,' he said to them, 'worship Allah alone. You have no other god worthy of worship other than Him. Clear evidence proving the truth of I have brought has now come to you. Therefore, give full measure and just weight, do not defraud and cheat people out of their rights and do not corrupt the land with unbelief, acts of disobedience and injustice after Allah has purged it of evil by sending messengers and commanding justice. All this is for your own good and will be better for you if you are true believers. Do not lurk on every road, threatening people with death or torture if they do not hand over their property to you, turning away from faith those who believe in Him and preventing them from following His prophet, and seeking to make Allah's path appear crooked. Remember when you were few in number and He multiplied you, and consider the fate of the evildoers. If there are some among you who believe in what Allah has sent me with and some who do not believe, then just wait patiently until Allah judges between us; He is the best of judges. The haughty leaders among the people of Shu'ayb said, 'We will surely expel you, Shu'ayb, and your fellow believers from our town unless you and they follow our religion.' He said, 'What! Will you make us follow your religion against our will even though we abhor it?! We would certainly be inventing

a lie against Allah if we followed your religion after Allah has saved us from it. It is not for us to follow your false religion unless Allah, our Lord, so wills. Our Lord's knowledge encompasses all things. We have put our trust in Allah in all our affairs.' 'Our Lord,' he then prayed, 'judge between us and our people with Your just judgment. You are the best to decide.' But the arrogant leaders among his people, who were obstinately bent on unbelief, said to their followers, 'Indeed, if you follow Shu'ayb, you will be the losers.' The unbelievers among Shu'ayb's people were then overtaken by a mighty earthquake, and there they lay lifeless, prostrate on the ground. It was as if those who rejected Shu'ayb and called him a liar had never lived and prospered there. Those who rejected Shu'ayb were indeed the losers. He turned away from them, rebukingly saying, 'I conveyed to you, my people, the message of my Lord and gave you good and sincere advice. How can I then grieve for an unbelieving people?!'

Quran 7: 94_112 Al-A'raf Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, states that never did He send any of His prophets to a town and its people disbelieved him but He seized them with poverty and diseases so that they would humble themselves and beseech Him to remove their distress. When such trial was of no avail and they persisted in transgressing Allah's limits, He changed their bad condition into a good one by restoring their health and providing them with abundance until they increased in number, their wealth and offspring multiplied and said, 'Our forefathers had also seen both adversity and prosperity.' Then Allah's punishment seized them suddenly when they least expected it. The Almighty then explains that had the people of those towns believed and feared Him by doing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids, He would have showered upon them blessings from heaven and earth, but instead they disbelieved, and so He inflicted punishment on them for their unbelief and the sins they had committed. Do the unbelieving people of the towns, then, feel secure from Allah's severe punishment coming upon

them at night while they are asleep?! Or do they feel secure from the coming of punishment upon them in the early part of the day while they are at play, sunk in utter heedlessness?! Do they feel secure from Allah's indulging them in His blessings despite their sins, as He did with those before them, thereby leading them step by step to their ruin?! Only the losers who are doomed to ruin feel secure against Allah's indulging them in His blessings despite their unbelief and persistence in sin and then seizes them unawares. Has it, then, not become clear to those who have inherited the earth after the destruction of its former residents that, if Allah so willed, He could also destroy them as well for their sins and seal their hearts, leaving them bereft of hearing the truth and accepting it?! Then Addressing His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, Allah Almighty says: We relate to you of the stories of those earlier communities to give you and the believers solace, serve as an admonition to the pious and as a deterrent to the unbelievers. Their messengers came to them with evidence attesting to their truthfulness, but they would not believe in anything they had brought them because of having rejected the truth the first time it was shown to them. Thus does Allah seal up the hearts of the unbelievers so much so that they will never believe. The Almighty further states that He found the larger part of the past nations which He had destroyed untrue to their covenants, and that most of them were rebellious and disobedient and immersed in evil. Then He mentions that, after the prophets whose stories He has recounted, He sent Moses to Pharaoh and his chiefs with clear proofs and miracles attesting to the truthfulness of what he had brought, but they wronged themselves by disbelieving them and arrogantly spurning them. 'See, then,' He says to His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, 'the fate of the evil-doers. Then Allah, Exalted be He, states that Moses, peace be upon him, said to Pharaoh, 'I have been sent to you by the Lord of all the worlds. I cannot say anything about Allah but the truth. I have now come to you with clear evidence from your Lord, so send the Children of Israel with me.'

'If you have indeed brought a sign,' Pharaoh said, 'produce it then if you are telling the truth.' Thereupon Moses threw down his staff, and it turned into a snake, plain for all to see. Then he drew out his hand from his bosom, and it was white to all beholders! The chiefs among Pharaoh's people said, 'Truly, this is a skillful sorcerer who seeks to drive you out of your land with his magic. Now what do you advise concerning him?' Pharaoh's chiefs said, 'Let him and his brother wait awhile, and send forth criers to the cities of your kingdom to summon every skillful sorcerer to your presence.

Quran 7: 113_126 Al-A'raf Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, points out that the magicians who had been summoned from the cities, came to Pharaoh and said to him, 'Will you give us a reward if we defeat Moses?' 'Yes,' he answered. 'and you will certainly be among those closest to me.' Addressing Moses, they said, 'Either you cast down your staff first, or we will cast down ours first.' Moses told them to throw their rods first. And when they did, they bewitched people's eyes and terrified them by a display of mighty magic. Then Allah, Exalted be He, mentions that He inspired Moses to throw down his staff after the magicians had cast theirs. When Moses did, it turned into a real snake that started devouring what the magicians had thrown down and tricked people into believing they were snakes. Thus did the truth prevail, and all their doings proved false. And thus were the magicians, as well as Pharaoh and his chiefs, vanquished at that large gathering and became utterly humiliated. The magicians then prostrated themselves to their Lord after witnessing Allah's great power, and said, 'We now believe in the Lord of all the worlds, the Lord of Moses and Aaron.' Pharaoh said to the magicians, 'Do you dare believe in Him before I give you permission? This is a plot you and Moses have contrived to turn the people out of their city. You will soon come to know about the severe punishment I will inflict on you. I will cut off the hands and feet of each one of you on opposite sides and then crucify you all.' The magicians, who were now believers, said, 'To our

Lord then will we return. You are spiteful towards us only because we have believed in the signs of our Lord when they came to us.' 'Our Lord,' they prayed, 'pour out upon us patience, and cause us to die in a state of complete submission to You.

Quran 7: 127_133 Al-A'raf Tafseer:General explanation: The notables and chiefs among Pharaoh's people said to him, 'Will you allow Moses and his believing people to perpetrate corruption in the land and to stop worshipping you and your gods?!' Pharaoh replied, 'We will kill their sons and spare only their daughters. We have absolute power over them.' Moses said to his people, 'Seek Allah's help and bear up patiently. The earth belongs to Allah; He gives it to those of His servants whom He chooses. The happy outcome is for those who fear Him by doing what He commands and avoid what He forbids.' The children of Israel said to Moses, 'Pharaoh and his people oppressed us long before you came to us with the message, and since then too.' Moses said to them, 'Hopefully your Lord will destroy your enemy, Pharaoh and his people, and give you the land to inherit. Then He will see how you will act after their destruction. Then Allah Almighty points out that He afflicted Pharaoh and his people with drought, dearth and scarcity of fruits, so that they might take heed, desist from their unbelief and turn to their Lord in repentance. Whenever prosperity came their way and they witnessed fertility and abundance, Allah further states, they said, 'This is our due,' and they would not give thanks to Allah for that. But if evil befell them and they witnessed drought and dearth, they blamed that on Moses and the believers with him! Surely their evil fortune had been decreed by Allah as punishment from Him, and not because of Moses and the believers with him, but most of them did not know this. Pharaoh's people said to Moses, 'Whatever miracles you work to turn us away from our religion, we will never believe you.' So Allah plagued them with the flood that inundated their homes and farms, and with locusts, lice, frogs and blood, as manifest signs attesting to Moses's truthfulness, which all came in succession one after the other; but they arrogantly rejected faith, for they were a sinful

people who persisted in disobeying Allah.

Quran 7: 134_141 Al-A'raf Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, mentions that when His punishment fell upon Pharaoh's people, they beseeched Moses to call upon Allah by what He had commanded him to pray to Him so He would remove such torment, and they made a solemn promise that if He relieved them of their torment they would believe him and what he had brought them and that they would let the Israelites go with him. But when Allah relieved them of the torment and gave them a respite until the time He had appointed for their destruction, they went back on the promise they had solemnly made, and so He inflicted retribution on them for denying His signs and paying no heed to them. Allah then made the Israelites, who had been persecuted and oppressed, inherit all the eastern and the western lands which He had blessed, fulfilled His good promise to them to destroy their enemies and give them dominion over the land as a result of their patience, and He utterly destroyed all building and farms that Pharaoh and his people had built and all the structures and palaces they had erected. Then Allah Almighty points out that He brought the Children of Israel across the sea after destroying their enemies, Pharaoh and his people, and they came upon some people who worshipped some idols of theirs instead of Allah. They said to Moses, 'Make us a god just as they have gods.' He said, 'You are indeed an ignorant people. What these idolaters are doing is doomed to destruction and false and vain is the idol-worship in which they have been engaged, as it will not benefit them in any way.' Appalled at their request, he disapprovingly said to them, 'What, shall I seek a god for you other than Allah, who has preferred you above all nations of your time?!' Then, reminding the Children of Israel of the great blessings He had bestowed upon them, Allah Almighty says: Remember when we delivered you from Pharaoh and his people, who subjected you to cruel suffering, killing your baby boys and sparing your baby girls to enslave and violate their honor. Surely that was a great trial by your Lord.

Quran 7: 142_158 Al-A'raf Tafseer:Simple explanation: Allah,

Exalted be He, states that He appointed for Moses thirty nights after which He would speak to him and give him the Torah, and He completed them with ten, so the appointed time of his Lord was forty nights. Before leaving for Mount Sinai to hold communion with Allah, Moses said to his brother, Aaron, 'Take my place among my people in my absence, do what is right by reforming them and setting things right and do not follow the path of the evildoers.' When Moses came to Mount Sinai at the time Allah Almighty had set for him to speak to him and give him the Torah, and the Almighty spoke to him without an intermediary, Moses asked his Lord to reveal Himself to him so he might see Him. Allah informed him that he could not see Him in this life. 'However,' He added, 'look at the mountain. If it remains firm in its place after revealing Myself to it, only then will you see Me.' When Allah revealed Himself to the Mount, He leveled it to dust with such intensity that Moses collapsed unconscious. After he recovered, he said, 'Glory be to You! Far exalted are You above anything that does not befit Your majesty and greatness! I turn to You in repentance for asking You such a thing, and I am the first to believe. Then Allah Almighty states that He said to Moses that He had chosen him above all people of his time, by sending him as a messenger to the Children of Israel and by speaking to Him without an intermediary. Then He directed him to hold fast to the Torah He had given him, adhere to His commands in it and be among the grateful. He inscribed for him in the Tablets containing the Torah, Allah further states, everything his nation needed in their religion, as an admonition and detailed explanation of all things. 'Observe what I have inscribed for you in the Tablets steadfastly,' He directed him, 'and enjoin your people to observe what is best in the Torah. I will show you the abode of the evildoers who disobey My commands. Then Allah, Exalted be He, mentions that He will prevent those who behave haughtily in the land—those who disdainfully reject the truth and despise people—from understanding His revelations and reflecting on the signs in the universe pointing to His greatness. If they see every

unquestionable sign proving that Allah alone is deserving of worship, they will not believe in it. If they see the way of right guidance, they will not take it as a way. But if they see the way of error, they will take that as a way. This is because they have disbelieved Allah's signs and paid no heed to them. The Almighty then explains that the good deeds of those who deny His revelations, signs and proofs and disbelieve in the resurrection after death and the meeting with Him in the hereafter, will be vain and will go unrewarded, and that they will only be repaid according to their evil deeds. Then Allah, Exalted be He, states that, after Moses had left to hold communion with his Lord, his people made, in his absence, out of their ornaments, a calf—a lifeless body, producing a lowing sound. Did they not see that the calf they had worshipped could neither speak to them nor give them guidance? They took it for worship and thus were transgressors. Later, having bitterly regretted worshipping the calf instead of Allah after Moses, peace be upon him, returned to them, and realising they had deviated from the right path, they said, 'If our Lord does not have mercy on us and pardon us, we will surely be among the losers. After holding communion with His Lord, Allah, Exalted and Sublime be He, states, Moses returned to his people, angry and sorrowful, for Allah had already informed him that his people worshipped the calf in his absence. Moses said to them, 'Evil indeed was what you did in my absence. Did you hasten on my return to you before the end of the time Allah had appointed for its completion and worshipped the calf, in total disregard for my command to you to worship Allah alone until I came to you with His commandments?! Moses then threw down the Tablets and, seizing his brother by the hair of his head, dragged him closer to him. 'Son of my mother,' Aaron said, 'the people who worshipped the calf deemed me weak and disobeyed me when I told them not to worship it. They overpowered me and almost killed me. Therefore, do not let the enemies—the calf worshippers—rejoice at my suffering by hitting and humiliating me, and do not count me among the wrongdoers who worshipped it.

'Lord,' Moses prayed, 'forgive me and my brother, and admit us into Your mercy, for You are the Most Merciful of all those that show mercy.' Those who worshipped the calf, the Almighty declares, will incur the anger of their Lord, as well as disgrace in this life, stating that thus does He punish those who fabricate falsehoods. But to those that do bad deeds but later turn to their Lord in penitence and truly believe, Allah will surely, after such repentance, forgive them and have mercy on them, for He is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful. Then Allah Almighty informs us that when Musa's anger abated, he picked up the Tablets which he had thrown down. He also states that in their inscription was guidance and mercy for those who fear their Lord and show reverence to Him. Moses chose from among his people seventy men for the time and place Allah had appointed for them; and when the earthquake overtook them, Moses prayed, 'My Lord, if You had willed, You could have destroyed them long before, and me as well. Would you destroy us for what the foolish among us have done?! These foolish people's worship of the calf was only a trial from You by which You lead astray whomever You please and guide whomever You please. You are our protector and the disposer of our affairs. Forgive us, therefore, and have mercy on us, for You are the best of those who forgive. Ordain for us what is good, both in this life and in the life to come; We have turned to You in repentance.' Allah Almighty replied, 'I will inflict My punishment in this life on whom I will from among those who deserve it, but My mercy in this life encompasses all my creation; so I will ordain it for those who do what I command, avoid what I forbid, pay the zakat prescribed for them and believe in Our signs and revelations—those who follow Muhammad, the Messenger and illiterate Prophet, whose description they find clearly written in the Torah and the Gospel. He enjoins on them good, forbids them evil, makes lawful what is good and pure, forbids them what is bad and impure and relieves them of their arduous religious obligations, which were like heavy fetters around their necks. Those, therefore, who believe in him, honor him, support him and

follow the Qur'an which Allah has sent down on him will surely be successful. about v.158 Allah, Exalted be He, instructs His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to say to all people: O mankind, I am the Messenger of Allah to all of you. To Him alone belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. There is no god worthy of worship but He. He alone gives life and causes death. Believe, then, in Allah and His Messenger, Muhammad, the illiterate prophet, who believes in Allah and His words (including all the scriptures He has revealed to His messengers), and follow him, so that you will be rightly guided. Quran 7: 159_170 Al-A'raf Tafseer: Simple explanation: There is a group among Moses's people, Allah states, who are guided by the truth that He has revealed, act justly according to it and thus not wrong people. He divided Moses's people into twelve tribes, Allah further states, each of which constituted a large group on its own. Allah revealed to Moses, when his people asked him for water during their wilderness journey, saying, 'Strike the rock with your staff.' Thereupon twelve springs gushed from it and each tribe knew its drinking place. Allah shaded them with clouds to protect them from the intense heat of the sun in the wilderness and sent down to them manna and quails, saying, 'Eat of the good things We have provided for you.' However, by disobeying Allah's command, they did not wrong Him in the least; rather it was themselves they wronged. Mention to the Children of Israel, Muhammad, the time when Allah said to Moses's people—their own ancestors, 'Dwell in the Holy land (Jerusalem), and eat of its fruits, grains and vegetation from wherever you wish, and pray for forgiveness, saying, "We beseech You, our Lord, to forgive us our sins," and enter the gate of the city bowing down humbly and in total submission to Allah: We will forgive you your sins and give increase to those who do good.' The wrongdoers among them, however, acted contrarily to Allah's command by changing what they were told to words that were not said to them, and so Allah let loose on them a scourge from the heavens as punishment for their wrongdoing themselves by persistently disobeying His commands.

Then Allah Almighty instructs His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to ask the Jews of his time—by way of rebuke—about the story of the town which was by the sea and how its Jewish inhabitants had broken the Sabbath and disobeyed His command to them to faithfully observe the Sabbath, devote themselves to His worship, venerate that day and abstain from fishing on it. He instructs him to ask them how they transgressed His limits when fish would come to them in abundance and openly on the day of their Sabbath, but they would not come to them on other days. Thus did Allah try them for their disobedience and for transgressing His bounds. And mention to them, Muhammad, the time when a group of people from that town said to those who admonished the transgressors among them, 'Why do you admonish the Sabbath-breakers whom Allah is going to destroy or to afflict with a severe punishment?' They replied, 'We do so in order to be free from blame before your Lord, who commands us to enjoin good and forbid evil, and so that these transgressors might also become mindful of Him and avoid what He forbids.' However, when the transgressors completely ignored the warnings they had been given them and stubbornly refused to accept their advice, Allah rescued those who forbade evil, but He seized those who wronged themselves by disobeying Him with a grievous punishment because they were given to transgression and disobedience. Then, when they transgressed all prohibitions and scornfully persisted in fishing on the Sabbath, Allah said to them, 'Be apes, despised and contemptible. And remind them, Muhammad, of the time when We informed the Jews of what He had decreed would happen to them—which has come to pass and will inevitably continue to happen—namely that He would continue to send others against them, until Resurrection Day, to afflict them with grievous torment. Surely, your Lord is swift in inflicting punishment on the unbelievers and sinners when they become deserving of it, yet He is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful. The Almighty states that He dispersed the Children of Israel into communities throughout the earth, some of them righteous, and

some of them otherwise; and He tried them with blessings and misfortunes so that they might return to Him in sincere obedience and repent of their sins. Then there came after them an evil generation who inherited the Torah from their ancestors and knew about the laws it contained, yet they ignored its instructions. They would take the unlawful, fleeting worldly gains and say, being self-deluded, 'Allah will forgive us.' And if such unlawful worldly gains came their way once more, they would persist in their sins and take them again! Was a solemn covenant not made with them in the Torah whereby they bound themselves to say nothing about Allah except the truth, given that they had read it and studied its contents well? Surely, the great reward and bliss Allah has prepared in the hereafter for those who do what He commands and avoid what He forbids is far better than such paltry and transitory worldly gains. Will those who take such unlawful gains and act contrary to Allah's commands in the Book, then, understand and use their intellect? As for those who strictly observe Allah's Book (the Qur'an), follow the instructions in it and duly perform the prescribed prayers, the Almighty points out, they will be among the righteous and good-doers, stating that He will by no means deny them their reward.

Quran 7: 171_178 Al-A'raf Tafseer:General explanation: Remind them, Muhammad, of the time when We raised Mount Sinai high above the Israelites as though it were a cloud shading them, and they were certain it was going to fall on them. We said: Hold fast to the Torah and strictly observe the commandments in it so that you may fear Allah and obey Him. And mention to the people, Muhammad, the time when your Lord brought forth from the loins of the Children of Adam all their descendants and made them testify against themselves. 'Am I not your Lord?' He asked. 'Yes,' they replied, 'We testify that indeed You are.' He made them testify against themselves lest they should deny this on the Day of Judgement and say, 'We do not know that Allah is alone worthy of worship'; or lest they say, 'Our forefathers associated

others with You before our time, and we are merely descendants coming after them and we followed in their footsteps. So are You going to punish us for the doings of our forefathers who invented falsehood instead of worshipping You alone?’ The Almighty then states that just as He has clearly made such verses abundantly clear, so He makes the other verses of the Qur’an perfectly plain so that people may be guided by them. Then Allah, Exalted be He, instructs His Prophet to relate to his people the story of the man to whom Allah Almighty had given knowledge of His revelations, but he turned away from them, so Satan overtook him, made him one of his followers and thus he went astray. Had it been Allah’s will, He would have raised him to an exalted position by means of these revelations, but he clung to this earthly life and its pomp and glitter and followed the falsehood that his whims and desires dictated to him. The case of such a person who does not change whether or not he is admonished is like that of a dog, which pants with its tongue hanging out whether you drive it away or leave it alone. Such is the example of those who deny Allah’s revelations. Allah then instructs His Prophet to relate to his people and to the Jews the stories of the past nations He recounts to him in the Qur’an to reflect on them and to turn away from unbelief and the path of error. Evil indeed is such likeness shown of those who deny Allah’s revelations and wrong themselves by subjecting themselves to Allah’s chastisement. Whomever Allah guides are truly guided, but those He leads astray are the losers in this life and in the Hereafter.

Quran 7: 179_186 Al-A'raf Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, states that He has created for Hell many jinn and humans: they have hearts with which they do not understand the truth; they have eyes with which they do not perceive Allah’s signs and proofs; and they have ears with which they do not hear in such a way as to reflect and take heed. They are just like brutes that do not understand the truth; rather they are more astray. They are indeed altogether heedless of Allah’s signs and remembrance, as

well as faith and good deeds that are bound to benefit them. He further mentions that to Him belong the Most Beautiful Names and commands His servants to call Him by them and leave those who blaspheme His Names and deviate from the right way with respect to them, stating that He will assuredly repay them for their evil deeds. Among those Allah has created, He states, there is a group of people who submit themselves to Allah's will, are guided by the truth He has sent down, guide people to it and with it they act justly amongst themselves. As for those who deny His revelations and signs, He will lead them step by step into destruction and severe punishment from where they will not know. He will give them respite, grant them long lives and not hasten their punishment so they may persist in their unbelief and error. His subtle scheme is firm and inescapable. Will those who deny Allah's revelations and signs not reflect, then, on what Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, has brought them—for they are not ignorant of his true character and demeanour—and realise that there he is by no means mad but one who gives clear warning? Will they not ponder upon the kingdom of the heavens and the earth and all the things that Allah has created in them to realise that He is the sole Creator and disposer of all affairs who alone is deserving of worship, and to see that the end of their time might be near so that they may take heed and hasten to repent? In what message after the Qur'an would they then believe? None can guide those whom Allah leads astray, and He leaves them wander blindly in their unbelief, plunged in utter confusion, without ever being guided to the truth.

Quran 7: 187_198 Al-A'raf Tafseer: Simple explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, says to His Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace: People ask you when the Day of Judgment will take place. Say to them, 'None but my Lord has knowledge of it. Only He will reveal it at the appointed time. Its time is unknown to the inhabitants of the heavens and the earth. It will not come on you but suddenly.' They ask you about it, Muhammad, as though you had enquired so much about it that you

are now well-acquainted with its time. Say to them, 'Only Allah has knowledge of it, but most people do not know this.' Say to them, 'I have no power to do good or harm to myself except as Allah wills. And if I had the knowledge of the unseen, I would have availed myself of an abundance of good and no harm would ever have come me. I am only a warner to those who disobey Allah and a bearer of joyful tidings to true believers. It is Allah who has created you all, O mankind, from a single person, Adam, from whom He also created Eve, peace be upon them both, so that he might find comfort in her. Then when he had lain with her, she conceived. Her burden was initially light, and so she carried it with ease. But when the foetus grew bigger and she became heavily pregnant, Adam and Eve both prayed to their Lord, saying, 'If You grant us a sound child, we vow we will ever be grateful.' Then when He granted them what they had prayed for, their descendants associated partners with Allah in respect of what He had granted them. Exalted is Allah far above what they associate with Him. Will they associate with Him partners who can create nothing whatsoever, but are themselves created, and are unable to give them help, nor can they help themselves? If you, who worship idols besides Allah, call your idols to the path of truth, they will not respond to you, as they are merely inanimate objects that can neither think nor hear what you say. It is the same to you whether you call them or you remain silent, as they will by no means follow you or hear what you say. How can you, then, worship them?! Then Addressing those who worship idols besides Him, Allah, Exalted be He, says: Those you worship besides Allah are His creatures, just like you. Call on them, then, and let them answer your prayers if your claim that they are deserving of worship is true. Do they have feet to walk with? Do they have hands to hold whatever they wish with? Do they have eyes to see with? Or do they have ears to hear with? Say, to them, Muhammad, 'Call on your false gods, which you claim are gods besides Allah; then scheme against me to do me harm without delay and

grant me no respite. My Protector, who will protect and support me, is Allah who has sent down the Qur'an, and He takes into His protection the righteous.' Also say to them, 'Those you worship and call upon besides Allah cannot help you, nor can they help themselves against those who intend to harm them. If you call them to the truth, they will not hear you.' You see these carved idols, Muhammad, staring you in the face with the engraved eyes, but they cannot really see.

Quran 7: 199_206 Al-A'raf Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, directs His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to make allowances for people and be tolerant of their nature, to enjoin people to do good and say what is right according to Islam and to ignore those who behave foolishly towards him. He further enjoins him to seek refuge in Him if an evil whisper comes to him from Satan or if a prompting from him stirs him to blind anger, stating that He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. The Almighty also states that when an evil whisper comes to those who do what He commands and avoid what He forbids from Satan or a prompting from him stirs them to anger, they remember Allah's reward and punishment and immediately see His light and guidance with their hearts and thus desist from disobeying Him. He also points out that the devils make misguidance and error seem fair to the devils' brothers—the unbelievers and wicked from among human beings—and ceaselessly draw them into unbelief and sins without ever growing weary of doing so, and their followers and supporters from among human beings never fail to commit such sins. Then, addressing His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, He says to him: If you do not bring the idolaters—who worship idols besides Allah—a miracle which they demand, they ask, 'Why do you not make it yourself?' Say to them: I only follow what is revealed to me from my Lord. This Qur'an contains clear signs for guidance and conclusive proofs confirming the truth from Allah, and it is a guide to the right path and mercy for the believers in this

life and in the hereafter. Then Allah, Exalted be He, commands His servants, when the Qur'an is recited, to listen to it attentively and be silent so that they may be graced with His mercy. He then directs His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to remember Him with his tongue and within himself without anyone noticing, with humility and fear of His punishment. He also instructs him to remember Him with his tongue at the beginning and the end of the day and enjoins him not to be amongst the heedless who neglect remembering Him. He further mentions that the angels who are nearest to Him are never too proud to worship Him, Exalted be He, and that they exalt Him above whatever does not befit Him and humbly prostrate themselves before Him alone.

Quran 8: 1_19 Al-Anfal Tafseer: Simple explanation: The Almighty says to His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace: Your companions ask you, Muhammad, about the ruling on the spoils of war—particularly the spoils taken at the Battle of Badr: who are they for and how can they be distributed? Say to them: This matter is left to Allah to whom they belong in the first place and is left to His Messenger, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, who undertakes to divide them in accordance with His instructions. Therefore, fear Allah by doing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids, reconcile your differences and obey Allah and His Messenger if you are true believers. Indeed, the true believers are those whose hearts are filled with awe whenever Allah is mentioned, whose faith grows stronger when verses from His Book are recited to them and who place their trust in their Lord alone. They duly perform the prescribed prayers and spend out of what Allah has provided for them. It is these who are true believers. They have exalted grades of rank with their Lord, as well as forgiveness and an honorable provision in Paradise. Just as Allah entrusted you, Muhammad, with the task of dividing the spoils while some of your companions were averse to the manner you distributed them, so He brought you forth from your home to fight for the truth against the Quraysh

idolaters while some of the believers disliked it. They argued with you concerning the truth that Allah had willed (i.e. going forth to battle against the Quraysh idolaters) after it had become manifest (i.e. his informing them that they would be emerge victorious and that there was no escaping the fact they had to fight the enemy). Their condition—due to their intense hatred for fighting when called to it—was like that of someone who was being driven to death with his eyes wide open. Remember, O believers, when Allah promised you that one of the two parties (the trade caravan or the army) would be yours. You wanted the unarmed party (the caravan) to be yours, but Allah wanted you to fight against the armed party to grant you victory over them, make Islam reign supreme and destroy and wipe out the unbelievers. Thus He would certainly establish the truth firmly by making Islam prevail and prove falsehood, as represented by unbelief and idolatry, to be false even though the evildoing idolaters, who worship others besides Him, hate it. Remember, O believers, when you implored your Lord to grant you victory over your enemy, and He answered your prayers, promising you—through your prophet—that He would reinforce you with a thousand angels in succession to fight alongside you. By this reinforcement, Allah meant to give you good news of victory and so that your hearts might be at rest at the prospect of the coming of the angels. Victory comes from no one but Allah. Allah is Almighty, All-Wise. And remember when you were weary and worried about your fate in this battle and He made sleep overtake you, making you feel secure, and He sent down rain upon you from the sky to purify you with it from minor and major ritual impurities, free you from Satan's evil thoughts, strengthen your hearts and fill them with certainty and fortitude and steady your steps by hardening the loose sand under your feet so that they would not sink into it. Remember, Muhammad, when your Lord inspired the angels, saying that He was with them, giving them assistance and support, and commanded them to help fortify their resolve of the believers, stating that He would strike terror into the hearts of the unbelievers, and directed them to strike

off the idolaters' heads and the very tips of their fingers and toes. That is, He explains, because they have disobeyed the commands of Allah and His Messenger and opposed them, adding that He will punish whoever does so, and states that His punishment is severe indeed. This is your punishment in this life, O unbelievers. Taste it, then, and know for sure that you, and other unbelievers, will suffer the eternal punishment of Hell in the life to come. Allah Almighty commands the believers, stating that if they encounter the unbelievers in battle and they approach each other, they must remain firm and steadfast and not turn tail and flee from them, and thus be defeated. If anyone, He warns, turns his back on them on such an occasion—except as a stratagem of war to charge at them or in an endeavour to join another group of the believers who intend to return to fighting and so they return with them to gain advantage against them—he will incur Allah's wrath and his home will be Hell—a terrible and evil destination indeed! Addressing Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and the believers who took part alongside him in the Battle of Badr, Allah says: It was not you, believers, who killed your enemy, the idolaters, at the Battle of Badr, but it was Allah who actually killed them and granted you victory over them. Nor was it you, Muhammad, who made the handful of small pebbles (or dust) reach the eyes of the idolaters when you threw it at them, but it was Allah who actually did so. He did all this to defeat the unbelievers and confer on the believers a great favor so that they will give thanks and be grateful to Him. Surely, Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. All this is the sole doing of Allah. Besides, Allah will frustrate all the evil schemes the unbelievers devise against Islam and its adherents. Then, addressing the Quraysh idolaters who fought Allah's Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and his companions at the Battle of Badr, He says: If you were seeking Allah's judgment on the day the Battle of Badr took place between the Muslims and yourselves and were praying to Him to inflict punishment on the unjust aggressors and destroy the party that was in error, His judgment has now come to you and

you have had what you requested: He has indeed granted victory to the oppressed over their oppressors and supported those follow the truth against those who follow falsehood. If you abandon your unbelief and fighting against Allah's Messenger and the believers, it will be for your own good. But if you resume your hostilities against Muhammad and his believing followers, We will return to inflict defeat on you and subject you to killing and imprisonment; and your forces and supporters, however great their number may be, will not avail you at all, for Allah is with the believers.

Quran 8: 20_26 Al-Anfal Tafseer: Simple explanation: Allah Almighty directs the believers to obey Him and His Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and not to disobey them now that they have heard what has been revealed in the Qur'an. He also enjoins them not to be like the idolaters, who ascribe partners to Allah, who say, 'We hear,' but do not benefit from what they hear, nor pay heed to it, as though they have not heard anything at all. The worst of all creatures in Allah's sight, He further states, are the unbelievers who do not benefit from His signs and admonitions: They are deaf to the truth, dumb (they do not speak it) and they do not understand Allah's admonitions and commands. Had Allah perceived any good in them, He would have surely made them understand them. But even if He had made them understand His revelations and signs, they would still have turned away and obstinately refused to accept them. Allah commands His believing servants to respond to Him and the Messenger, by showing obedience to them, when the Messenger calls them to whatever is bound to set their affairs aright and gives life in the full sense of the word to their bodies and spirits both in this world and the hereafter. They should know, He warns them, that He comes in between a person and his heart if He so wills, so much so that one cannot possibly perceive truth or falsehood with it anymore unless He wills, and that to Him will they all be returned and gathered on the Day of Judgment and be repaid according to their deeds. He also directs them to beware of an affliction from their Lord which will not smite exclusively those who do wrong by

disobeying Him but will rather smite both the wrongdoers and others who see evil being committed but do not forbid it while they are able to, and He urges them to know that He is severe in exacting retribution. He further directs them to remember the time when they were few in number and persecuted by their enemies, ever fearful that their enemies would snatch them away and seize them swiftly, one after the other, but He sheltered them, strengthened them and continued supporting them until they prevailed over their enemies, and provided them with good things so that they might give thanks.

Quran 8: 27_35 Al-Anfal Tafseer: Simple explanation: Allah forbids His believing servants from betraying Him and His Messenger by leaving what He commands and doing what He forbids, and from knowingly misappropriating anything that has been entrusted to them when they know that it is a trust that must be honored. Then He directs them to know that the worldly goods and children He has granted them are but a trial to see whether they will fulfill the obligations Allah has enjoined on them regarding them or let their love for them make them give their whims and desires precedence over keeping what He has entrusted them with, and that He has a tremendous reward in store for those who obey His commands. He explains to them that if they fear Him by doing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids, He will grant them knowledge whereby they will be able to distinguish truth from falsehood, a way out of worldly distress, as well as victory and support, and will wipe away their misdeeds and forgive their sins, stating that His grace is unbounded. Allah Almighty says: Remember, Muhammad, when the Quraysh unbelievers schemed against you in order to imprison you, kill you or banish you from Makkah. Thus were they secretly plotting against you, but Allah put His will into effect and brought their evil scheme to nothing by protecting you from them and destroying them. Allah is the best to punish for evil. He brings the evil scheme of those who disbelieve in Him and disobey Him to nothing and repays them according to the evil of their deeds.

Whenever verses of the Qur'an revelations are recited to these unbelievers, they say, 'We have already heard them. If we wished, we could compose things like these ourselves. They are nothing but fables of the ancients.' Mention to them, Muhammad, when they prayed, 'If what Muhammad recites is indeed the truth revealed by You, then rain down stones upon us from the heavens or bring down upon us a painful chastisement in this life.' But Allah would never punish them while you, Muhammad, are still in their midst. Nor would He ever punish them if they ask Him for forgiveness. But what plea do they have that Allah should not punish them, seeing that they prevent Muslims from reaching the Sacred Mosque, although they are not its rightful guardians? Its qualified, rightful guardians are only the God-fearing who do not ascribe partners to Allah and keep from disobedience to Him, but most of them do not know. The Quraysh idolaters' prayers at the Sacred House (the Ka'bah), the Almighty states, are nothing but whistling and clapping of hands. Then addressing them, He says: Taste then the punishment for your unbelief.

Quran 8: 36_40 Al-Anfal Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty states that the unbelievers spend their wealth to gain the upper hand over Muslims and to turn people away from the religion of Allah. They will spend it, but it will be a source of sorrow for them when it proves unavailing, and then they will be overcome. The unbelievers will be gathered in Hell to be punished there so that Allah may separate the good believers from the evil unbelievers. The believers will be in Paradise, while the unbelievers will be in Hell, and Allah will heap all the wicked unbelievers one upon another and then cast them into Hell. These are the ones who have suffered the greatest loss in this world and in the hereafter. Allah Almighty directs His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to inform the Quraysh unbelievers that if they desist from unbelief and from waging war on the believers, Allah will forgive them their past sins, but if they return to fighting the believers and persisting in their unbelief, then His way of destroying the Quraysh unbelievers at the Battle of

Badr, as well as His way of dealing with unbelieving nations in general, has already gone before. They have already before them the doom of the ancients and they could suffer the same terrible fate. He also commands His believing servants to continue to fight against the unbelievers if they persist in their unbelief and hostilities until there is no more idolatry and unbelief on earth and all worship is devoted to Allah alone. If they desist, then Allah sees all that they do, but if they pay no heed and persist in their unbelief and hostilities, then the believers should know for certain that Allah is their protector and master, who will definitely support them against them—an excellent protector and an excellent helper. Quran 8: 41_49 Al-Anfal Tafseer: Simple explanation: You should know, believers, that the ruling regarding whatever booty you take from the unbelievers after defeating them is that one-fifth of it belongs to Allah, the Messenger, his close relatives from the clan of Hashim and the clan Al-Muttalib, the orphans, the needy and the travellers who cannot afford travel expenses to return to their homelands. As for the remaining four fifths of the booty, they belong to the fighters. This they must observe if they believe in Allah Almighty and the Quranic verses He revealed to His servant Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, on the day when truth was distinguished from falsehood—the day when believing and unbelieving armies met in battle at Badr. Allah has power over all things, for He gave you, Muslims, victory over the unbelievers despite their huge numbers compared to yours. Remember that day, believers, when you were at the nearer end of the Valley of Badr, the closest to Madinah, and they were at its farthest end, while the camel-riders guarding the trade caravan of the Quraysh were below you on the coastal plain. Had you and the idolaters mutually made an appointment to meet at a certain time and place for battle, you would not have been able to hold to the appointment. But Allah made such an encounter possible without any previous appointment so that He would accomplish a matter He had decreed to be done, so that those who were to perish on that day would perish after evidence had been established

against them and those who were to survive would survive after evidence had been established for them. Surely Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. Then Allah Almighty addresses His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, saying: Remember, Muhammad, when Allah showed the unbelieving forces at Badr to you in a dream as few in number, and you informed your companions about what you had seen, so that they were stimulated to fight against them. Had He shown them to you as many in number and you informed Muslims about that, they would surely have lost heart and would surely have disagreed with one another about fighting against the idolaters. But this Allah spared you. He has knowledge of people's innermost thoughts. To confirm the glad tidings overshadowed by the vision, Allah made you see the unbelieving forces when both your armies met in battle as few in number so you may pluck up courage to fight against them, and He made you appear as few in their eyes so they would make light of you and proceed into battle, so that would accomplish a matter He had already ordained, namely to fight against each other at Badr and grant Muslims' victory over the unbelievers; for ultimately to Allah alone are all matters referred for decision. Then Allah directs His believing servants when they encounter an enemy force in battle to remain firm and steadfast and to remember Allah frequently so that they may triumph. He also commands them to obey Him and His Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, not to dispute with one another or else they will lose courage and their resolve will falter, and to have patience, pointing out that He is with those who are patient. He further enjoins them not to be like the Quraysh unbelievers, who left their homes, full of self-conceit and bragging about their large numbers, to fight against the truth and to prevent people from embracing Islam. Allah has full knowledge of what they do. Remember, Muhammad, when Satan made the evil deeds of the Quraysh unbelievers seem fair to them and said to them, 'No one will be able to defeat you today, and I will be close at hand to help you.' But when the two armies, the Muslims and the

unbelievers, came within sight of each other, he turned tail and fled, saying to the Quraysh idolaters, 'I have nothing to do with you. I can see the angels coming down to support the Muslims while you cannot see them. I fear Allah will hasten my punishment in this life and I will perish along with you. Allah is severe in retribution.' Also remember, Muhammad, when the hypocrites and those who have doubts in their hearts then said, 'Muslims have been so deluded by their religion that they have dared to fight against the Quraysh who are far mightier and larger in number!' But whoever puts his trust in Allah will find that Allah will surely protect and support him, for Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise.

Quran 8: 50-54 Al-Anfal Tafseer: Simple explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, says to His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace: If you could see, Muhammad, the angels taking away the souls of the unbelievers while striking their faces and backsides, you would perceive something truly dreadful and terrifying! The angels will say to them, 'Taste the punishment of the Fire that will burn you. That is because of your unbelief and sins, and because Allah is not in the least unjust to His creatures.' The case of the Quraysh idolaters, the Almighty then points out, is just like that of Pharaoh and his people and that of the unbelieving nations before them: They disbelieved in the signs of Allah, and so Allah destroyed them because of their unbelief and sins. Surely Allah is All-Strong, severe in retribution. They suffered such punishment because, in exchange for Allah's favor, they offered only ingratitude. Allah would never withdraw a favor that He has conferred upon a people until they change what is in their hearts by falling into unbelief and sin. Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. The case of these idolaters, He further states, is like that of Pharaoh and his people, as well as that of the unbelieving nations before them: They rejected the signs of their Lord when they came to them; He, therefore, destroyed them for their sins and drowned Pharaoh and his people; and all the past nations that Allah destroyed, as well as the Quraysh unbelievers, had wronged themselves because of their unbelief and their rejection of the truth.

Quran 8: 55_63 Al-Anfal Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty declares that the worst creatures that walk upon the earth in His estimation and judgment are those who disbelieve in their Lord and persist in their unbelief, and who, according to His foreknowledge, will never believe. They are those with whom Allah's Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, makes a peace treaty but time after time violate their treaties with him and have no fear of Allah. Then He enjoins His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, saying that if he gains mastery over them in war, he should make a fearsome example of them for other enemies so that they will be dispersed and learn a lesson which will deter them from violating any treaty they may have made with him. If he has strong reason to fear treachery from a people with whom he is bound by a treaty, due to the existence of signs clearly indicating this, then he should, Allah commands him, openly declare his treaty with them terminated, before embarking on any action against them, so that both parties should be informed of its termination and he will not be accused of treachery, stressing that He does not love the treacherous who betray their covenants. The unbelievers should not suppose, the Almighty warns, that they can escape from Him or His punishment, for He has absolute power over them and they can never frustrate His will. Then Allah Almighty commands His believing servants to make ready against their unbelieving enemies whatever deterrent force they can, as well as well-trained war steeds, so that they may frighten and deter thereby the enemies of Allah, who are their enemies as well, and others besides them whom they do not know, but whom Allah knows. He states that He will reward them for whatever they spend in His cause and pay them their due in full on the Day of Judgment. The Almighty then directs His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to make peace with the unbelieving fighting him if they incline to peace and to put his trust in Him, stating that He is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. If they seek only to deceive him by

their show of peace, He informs him, then he should not fear them, for Allah is enough for him and He will surely protect him against them. It is He, he stresses, who has strengthened him with his help and with his companions who have accepted the faith and whose hearts He has brought together. If the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, had given away all the riches of the earth to bring their hearts together by himself, he would not have been able to, but Allah did bring them together. Surely He is All-Mighty, All-Wise.

Quran 8: 64_71 Al-Anfal Tafseer: Simple explanation: Allah Almighty addresses His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, saying: Prophet, Allah is enough for you and for the faithful who follow you. Prophet, exhort and strongly urge the believers to fight their enemies, to show great patience, to be steadfast and to persevere in their fight against them. If there are twenty steadfast men among them, they will vanquish two hundred; and if there are a hundred, they will overcome a thousand unbelievers, for they are not aware of Allah's great reward and what He has in store for those who fight for His cause. Allah Almighty then declares his abrogation the ruling in this verse to lighten the believers' task, saying: Allah has now lightened your burden, for He already knows that the strength of some among you will not enable them to overcome ten unbelievers, and so He commands each one of you to remain steadfast and stand firm when confronting two enemy fighters instead of ten, with the glad tidings that if there are a hundred of you who are steadfast, they will overcome two hundred; and if there are a thousand of you, they will defeat two thousand with Allah's help, for Allah is truly with those who are steadfast and patiently persevere. The Almighty states that it is not right for a prophet to take unbelieving combatants as prisoners of war until he has fought strenuously against them, become dominant in the land and vanquished them so that they will not be able to fight against the believers after that. Then, addressing the believers, He says: You desired the fleeting

gains of this world by taking the defeated unbelievers prisoners after the Battle of Badr to release them in exchange for ransom, but Allah desires for you the reward of the life to come. Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise. Had it not been for a decree from Allah that had already gone forth, you would have been sternly punished for the ransom you had taken from the Quraysh unbelievers. Then He commands them to enjoy the good and lawful things which they have gained in war, and to fear Him by doing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids, stating that He is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful. After that, He directs His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to inform the prisoners of war whom the Muslims released in exchange for ransom that if Allah finds goodness in their hearts and a sincere determination to accept Islam and be true believers, He will certainly grant them the best of this life and the hereafter, which will be far better than what has been taken from them, and He will forgive them their sins; surely Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful. But if they seek to betray you, He tells His prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, they have already betrayed Allah, and He has made the believers triumph over them and take them captive. Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

Quran 8: 72_75 Al-Anfal Tafseer:General explanation: The Muhajiroon (Emigrants), who have embraced the faith and believed in everything they thought to believe in, left their homes and unbelieving people, spent their wealth to support Allah's religion and striven hard with their possessions and their lives for Allah's cause, as well as the Ansar (Helpers), who sheltered the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and his Companions, the Muhajiroon, and aided them against their enemies, are true allies and supporters of one another. As for those who have embraced the faith but have not left their homes for the land of Islam, you are not in any way responsible for their protection until they leave the abode of unbelief to the abode of Islam. But if they ask you for help against religious persecution, it is your duty to give them such assistance, unless they ask your

support against an unbelieving people with whom you have a peace treaty, in which case you should not betray the unbelievers by violating such a treaty. Allah sees what you do, so do not disobey His command. The Almighty then asserts that the unbelievers are allies and supporters of one another, then, warning the believers, He states that unless they act likewise among themselves, there will be dissension and great corruption in the land. The Muhajiroon (Emigrants), who have embraced the faith and fought the unbelievers to make Allah's religion reign supreme, as well as the Ansar (Helpers), who have sheltered and aided them and striven hard to champion Allah's religion, are indeed the true believers. They will receive Allah's forgiveness as well as a bountiful provision in Paradise. Addressing the Muhajiroon and the Ansar, Allah says: Those who believed afterwards, emigrated from the abode of unbelief to the abode of Islam and fought for the cause of Allah alongside with you to make His religion reign supreme are of you, Then He states that those who are bound by ties of blood are more entitled to inherit from one another and proclaims that He has knowledge of all things.

Quran 9: 1_12 The Repentance At-Tawbah Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says: This is a declaration of freedom from all obligations by Allah and His Messenger to all the idolaters who associate partners with Allah with whom you, Muslims, have made a treaty but they have breached its terms; therefore, you may go about freely in the land, O Arab idolaters, for four months—which is the grace period—without suffering any harm whatsoever at the hands of the Muslims, but know that you will not escape Allah's punishment if He wishes to inflict it on you, and that Allah will humiliate the unbelievers. Allah, Exalted be He, says: This is a declaration from Allah and His Messenger to all people, Muslims and non-Muslims alike, on the Day of Sacrifice (Yawm An-Nahr, or the Day of Sacrifice, refers to the 10th day of the lunar month of Dhul-Hijjah.) that Allah is free from all treaty obligations to the idolaters who associate partners with Allah, and so is His Messenger. Therefore, if you repent, O idolaters, it will be for your

own good; but if you turn away, know then that you will by no means frustrate Allah's plan and escape His punishment. Give, O Muhammad, the unbelievers the news of a painful punishment. Of these, Allah excludes those unbelievers who have made a treaty with the Muslims and who have honored the treaty in every detail without failing to fulfil their obligations required by the treaty towards Muslims. He then commands the believers to keep to the agreement into which they have entered with them until the end of the term agreed with them, stating that He loves the righteous who honor their agreements and never violate them. Then, when the four-month grace period have elapsed, Allah declares, the believers must kill the idolaters who associate partners with Allah wherever they find them, take them prisoner, confine them, prevent them from spreading everywhere, besiege them and lie in wait for them at every conceivable place. They should, however, leave them alone and let them go their way once they repent, duly perform the obligatory prayers and pay zakat to those entitled to it, for Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful. Allah then commands His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to grant protection to any of the idolaters who seeks his protection from amongst those he is fighting until he hears the Word of Allah—the Qur'an—from him, then if he does not convert to Islam he should let him return to his country where he feels safe, for they are a people who do not know. Allah Almighty says: How can those who ascribe partners to Allah have a covenant of safety with Allah and His Messenger, may Allah bless him and great him peace? This is not at all likely, except for those with whom you, believers, have made a covenant in the vicinity of the Sacred Mosque on the day Al-Hudaybiyyah treaty was concluded. Adhere to the terms of the treaty until the end of the term agreed with them as long as they do so, and do not be the first to violate it. Allah loves the righteous who do what He commands and avoid what he forbids. How can those who associate partners with Allah have a covenant of safety since if they prevail against you, O believers, they will show you no mercy, nor will they respect any tie of kinship with you or any

treaty you have concluded with them? They seek to please you by saying kind words to you, but their hearts belie what they say; and most of them are transgressors. Allah Almighty states that the idolaters who associate partners with Allah have exchanged Allah's revelations for paltry worldly gains, refused to accept and follow the truth, prevented others from following Islam and striven hard to dissuade those who converted to Islam from following the truth. If they prevail against a believer, they respect with regard to him neither Allah, nor kinship nor any treaty whatsoever, and it is they who transgress Allah's bounds and oppress people. Then, addressing the faithful, He says: If those who associate partners with Allah repent, duly perform the prescribed prayers and pay zakat to those eligible for it, then they are your brothers in faith and fellow Muslims, and We make Our revelations clear for people endowed with knowledge. If, however, they break their solemn pledges after having concluded a covenant with you, revile and disparage your religion, then fight the leaders of unbelief—for they have no regard for binding pledges—so that they may desist from unbelief and misguidance.

Quran 9: 13-16 The Repentance At-Tawbah Tafseer:General explanation: Addressing the believers, Allah says: Will you not fight the idolaters who have violated the treaty you have made with them and have determined to drive Allah's Messenger, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, out of Makkah, and they are the ones who initiated hostilities against you and breached the peace treaty between you and them by attacking you say to them that he listens for their own good, believes in Allah Almighty alone and believes what the believers tell him but not the hypocrites and the unbelievers. Furthermore, he is a mercy to the sincere believers among them, but those who malign the Allah's Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, will suffer an agonizing punishment. The Almighty further states that the hypocrites swear by Allah to the believers to please them, and declares that Allah and His Messenger are worthier of being pleased if they are true believers as they claim. Are these

hypocrites not aware that those who defy and oppose Allah and His Messenger and disobey them will be condemned to Hellfire, to remain in it for ever? That is surely the greatest, ultimate disgrace. Allah Almighty says: The hypocrites dread that Allah will reveal a surah concerning them, exposing the unbelief and hypocrisy they conceal in their hearts and instructs His Prophet to say to them, ‘Keep mocking. Allah will surely bring to light what you are dreading.’ If you ask the hypocrites, Muhammad, why they disparage your companions and revile your religion, they say, ‘We were only talking idly and jesting without intending to vilify Islam and Muslims.’ Say to them, ‘Would you make a mockery of Allah Almighty, His revelations and His Messenger? Make no excuses. You have revealed and confirmed your unbelief after having feigned belief to deceive the believers.’ If We pardon a group of you for showing true repentance, We will punish another group for persisting in their unbelief and hypocrisy. Allah Almighty points out that the hypocrites, both men and women, are all alike as far as unbelief and hypocrisy are concerned. They enjoin what is evil, forbid what is good and refrain from spending their wealth as Allah commands them. They have deliberately neglected to remember Allah, and so Allah has disowned them and has not guided them. He will not show mercy to them and will make them suffer punishment in Hellfire for all eternity in the life to come. Surely it is the hypocrites are truly disobedient transgressors. Allah has promised the hypocrites, both men and women, and the unbelievers the fire of Hell, where they dwell eternally: a sufficient punishment. Allah has excluded them from His mercy, and they will endure an incessant, never-ending chastisement. Then, addressing the hypocrites and the unbelievers, the Almighty says: You act like those from amongst the past nations did—who were superior to you in strength and had more abundance of wealth and of children. They enjoyed the portion decreed for them in this world, in preference to the eternal bliss in the next life, and you have enjoyed your portion in this world, as they did. You have turned away from the hereafter, just as the unbelievers before you

did, and you have indulged in unbelief, falsehood and mocking Allah and His signs and Messenger just as they did. Their works came to nothing in this world and will come to nothing in the afterlife, and they are the true losers. Has the news of Allah's destruction of the past nations not come to these hypocrites and unbelievers—the stories of Noah's people; and of the tribes of 'Ad and Thamud, to whom Hud and Salih were sent respectively; and of Abraham's people; and of the inhabitants of Midian, to whom Shu'ayb was sent and of the people of Lot, whose cities were turned upside down? Their messengers brought them manifest miracles, but they obstinately disbelieved them and so Allah destroyed them. Allah did not wrong them, but they wronged themselves by their unbelief, disobedience and disbelieving Allah's messengers, hence the just punishment they received. The Almighty points out that the believers, both men and women, help and support one another. They enjoin good, forbid evil, duly perform the obligatory prayers, give zakat to those eligible for it and obey Allah and His Messenger. Surely Allah will show mercy to them. Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise. He also states that He has promised them gardens beneath whose trees rivers flow, to remain in them for all eternity. He has also promised them excellent, magnificent mansions in gardens of permanent bliss which they will never leave; yet Allah's good pleasure with the believers will be far better and greater than all the bliss in Paradise. What Allah has promised the believers, men and women, is indeed be the greatest, ultimate success.

Quran 9: 73-82 The Repentance Tafseer:General explanation: Allah instructs His Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to strive mightily against the unbelievers and the hypocrites, stating that their ultimate abode in the hereafter will be the fire of Hell—evil indeed is the abode you out of His bounty if He so wishes. Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Fight those from among the Jews and the Christians who believe neither in Allah, nor in the Last Day, nor forbid what Allah and His Messenger have forbidden, nor profess Islam until they pay the tribute with their

own hands and are utterly subdued.

Quran 9: 30_33 The Repentance At-Tawbah Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty states that the Jews say, ‘Ezra is the son of Allah,’ while the Christians say, ‘Jesus Christ, son of Mary, is the son of Allah.’ That is what they say with their mouths, imitating the assertions made by the unbelievers from the nations before them. Allah has excluded them from His mercy. How can they stray from the truth and embrace falsehood? They have taken their scholars and monks as masters besides Allah who made for them the lawful unlawful and the unlawful lawful and so they obeyed them in this. Similarly, the Christians have taken the Messiah, Jesus Christ, son of Mary, a god besides Allah. This is despite the fact that they are commanded to worship only One God, namely Allah. There is no god but He. Far exalted be He above those to whom they ascribe divinity! Allah Almighty states that the People of the Book seek and endeavor to disprove and confute Allah’s religion—Islam—by uttering false statements with a view to disproving the truth of the Islamic faith and defaming the truth. Nevertheless, Allah will not be pleased with anything other than bringing His religion to perfection and making it clear to people, even though the unbelievers detest it. It is he, He further declares, who has sent His Messenger, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, with true guidance and the true religion—Islam—to make it superior to the rest of religions, though those who associate partners with Allah abhor it.

Quran 9: 33_40 The Repentance General explanation: Allah Almighty says: Believers, many Jewish rabbis and Christian monks unlawfully take possession of people’s wealth, turn away from the truth and turn people away from it. To those who amass gold and silver and do not pay the set proportion due on them prescribed by Allah, nor spend out of them in the way of Allah, give the news, O Muhammad, of an agonizing punishment, on the day when their treasures will be heated up in the fire of Hell,

and their foreheads, sides and backs will be branded with them. They will be sarcastically and mockingly told, "This is what you hoarded up for yourselves. Taste, then, the punishment for what you used to hoard." The Almighty states that the number of months with Him, Exalted be He, is twelve months, as determined and decreed by Him and recorded on the Preserved Tablet since the creation of the heavens and the earth. Of these, four during which fighting is forbidden and sins committed in them are considered even graver than in other months. That is the right religion and the accurate reckoning, so do not wrong yourselves in them by committing evil deeds; and fight the idolaters who associate partners with Allah all together just as they fight you all together, and know that Allah is with the righteous who do what He commands and avoid what He forbids. Allah Almighty explains that the Quraysh idolaters were in the habit of delaying the sacred months and changing the times He has set for them, an act which only increased in their unbelief. Whenever it suited them, they would declare the sacred lunar month of Muharram ordinary and replace it with the ordinary month of Safar, which they then declared sacred. In this way, they made the month of Safar acquire the sacredness of the month of Muharram for which they had substituted it. In the following year, they would declare the month of Muharram sacred again, whereby the unbelievers were led astray. They considered such postponement and change lawful one year and unlawful another year to tally exactly with the number of months Allah has made sacred every year. By doing so they made lawful what Allah has forbidden. Their evil deeds seemed pleasing to them. Allah does not guide those who persist in their unbelief. Almighty says: Believers, what is the matter with you that when you are asked to fight in the cause of Allah you cling lazily and incline to stay at home?! Are you content with the transitory pleasures of this life instead of the eternal delights of the life to come? The enjoyment of this worldly life is rather insignificant compared to that of the life to come. Unless you engage in the fight in Allah's cause when you are summoned to it, Allah will punish

you severely and replace you by other people who will readily respond to the call of fighting in Allah's cause, and you will not harm Him in the least if you do not do so. Allah has power over all things. If you do not assist Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, then Allah will assist him, just as He assisted him before when he found himself compelled to leave Makkah, and he was only one of two—there was no one with him except Abu Bakr, may Allah be pleased with him—when they were hiding from the Quraysh in a cave in Mount Thawr. He turned to Abu Bakr and said, 'Do not grieve, for Allah is with us.' Then Allah sent down His tranquillity on the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and strengthened him with armies of angels, which you did not see and made the word of the unbelievers the lowest. As for the Word of Allah is inherently the uppermost. Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise.

Quran 9: 41_47 The Repentance General explanation: Allah commands the believers to hasten to go into battle to fight against the unbelievers, lightly armed or heavily armed, and to strive with their wealth and their lives to make Allah's religion reign supreme, for this will be better for them, if only they knew the virtue of fighting in Allah's cause and the superiority and merits of those who engage in it. Allah then addresses His Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, saying: Had there been a prospect of a booty close at hand and an easy journey to a place right on the doorstep, the hypocrites who had chosen not to take part in fighting the Romans, would have definitely gone forth with you, but nevertheless they considered the travelling distance to the northern borders to fight the Romans and the rather extreme hardship this would involve too great for them, and so they resolved to stay behind. They will falsely swear to you, Muhammad, saying, 'We swear by Allah that we would have surely gone out with you to fight had we been able to do so,' thus only incurring Allah's wrath due to their hypocrisy and false oaths, and Allah knows that they are certainly lying. Allah has pardoned you, Muhammad, for permitting these hypocrites to stay behind

when they asked you to exempt them from going forth with you. Why did you give them permission? You should not have given them leave until you had known for certain those who spoke the truth and offered legitimate excuses and the liars who had no legitimate excuses whatsoever. Allah Almighty addresses His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, saying: Those who truly believe in Allah and the Last Day would not ask your permission to be excused from fighting against the unbelievers with their possessions and their lives. Allah is fully aware of the righteous who do what He commands and avoid what He forbids. Those who seek your leave to stay behind and to be exempted from fighting the unbelievers, giving you false and flimsy excuses, are outright hypocrites who do not believe in Allah nor the Last Day and whose hearts are filled with doubt, and thus they waver in it and oscillate between belief and unbelief. Had they truly intended to go into battle they would have made the necessary preparations for it, but Allah, fully aware of their evil intentions, was averse to their going forth along with the believers, and so He made them lag behind and they were told, ‘Sit around among those who stay behind.’ Had they gone forth with you, believers, they would have only proved a source of evil and added nothing to you but trouble and would have hurried about amongst you, scattering scandalous rumors and stirring up dissention amongst you. There are some among you, believers, who would avidly listen to them, believe what they say and obey them. Allah is fully aware of the wrongdoers.

Quran 9: 48-60 The Repentance Tafseer:General explanation:Allah, Exalted be He, states that the hypocrites had even before this time endeavored to sow discord among Muslims and sought to do harm to Allah’s Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace. With this end in view, they left no stone unturned and continued devising all manner of evil scheme until Allah granted Muslims victory and made His religion prevail, much to their dislike. He states that some among the hypocrites said to Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, when he gave

them orders to prepare to raid the Romans, ‘Allow me to stay behind and do not tempt me, for I am strongly addicted to women, and I am afraid that if I see the Roman women I will not be able to control myself.’ The Almighty indicates that they had, as a result of this, fallen into the greater temptation by persisting in clinging to unbelief, committing the sin of lagging behind and disobeying Allah’s Messenger, stating that Hell will surely encompass the unbelievers. Allah Almighty further states that if He grants the believers victory over their enemies and they take booty and achieve prosperity, this causes the hypocrites severe distress; but if a calamity befalls them, be it defeat, injuries or fatalities, they say, ‘We have already taken our precautions and have been on our guard; we have not come to any harm as a result of not going forth with you,’ and they turn their away well-pleased. Allah instructs His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to say to them, ‘Nothing will happen to us except what Allah has decreed for us. He is our Master and Protector, and in Allah alone should the believers put all their trust and to Him should they commend themselves.’ He also instructs him to say to them, ‘Do you expect something other than one of the two best things—victory or martyrdom—to happen to us? On our part, we expect Allah to send His punishment to you either directly from Himself, or by our hands. So wait; we, too, are waiting.’ Allah commands His Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to say to the hypocrites that whether they spend their wealth willingly or with reluctance, their spending will not be accepted from them, because they are a people who are given to unbelief and persistent disobedience to Allah. And the reason why their contributions are not accepted from them is that they do not believe in Allah and His Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, they do not perform the prayers otherwise than lazily, and they do not spend their wealth on good causes otherwise than reluctantly. Allah enjoins His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, not to feel wonder at the hypocrites’ wealth and children, stating that He, Exalted be He,

only intends to torment them by means of these in this worldly life, and so that they die while stubbornly persisting in their unbelief. He also informs us about their lies and cowardice, stating that they swear by Allah to the believers that they are in truth of them, when they are by no means of them, and that they are afraid of the believers and so they only swear to them to win their trust and be safe from them. He states that if they could find a stronghold in which to take refuge, caves in mountains or tunnels dug deep in the ground, they would run in frantic haste to seek refuge in them because of their intense hatred for the believers, their aversion to them and the fear of going into battle with them. Some among the hypocrites criticize you, Muhammad, concerning your distribution of zakat among those entitled to it. If they are given the share that they desire, they are content and refrain from speaking ill of you; if, however, they are not given the share that they desire, they grow angry with you and try to find fault with you. Were they pleased with what Allah gives them and the share His Messenger distributes to them and say, 'Sufficient is Allah for us. Allah will give us out of His abundance and His Messenger will give us the share we deserve. To Allah alone do we turn to improve our lot and to enrich us from His bounty,' this would indeed be better for them concerning their faith and worldly life. Those eligible for zakat funds are the poor, the needy, those employed to collect and distribute them to the rightful beneficiaries, those whose hearts are to be inclined and won to Islam, for the freeing of slaves, for those who are in debt and insolvent, for the advancement of Allah's religion, and to travellers who cannot afford to go back home. This is an ordinance from Allah, and Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise.

Quran 9: 61-72 The Repentance Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty states that among the hypocrites is a group who malign the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, saying, 'He lends an ear to everything that is said to him and believes it.' He then instructs him to say to them that he listens for their own good, believes in Allah Almighty alone and believes what the believers tell him but not the hypocrites and the unbelievers. Furthermore, he

is a mercy to the sincere believers among them, but those who malign the Allah's Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, will suffer an agonizing punishment. The Almighty further states that the hypocrites swear by Allah to the believers to please them, and declares that Allah and His Messenger are worthier of being pleased if they are true believers as they claim. Are these hypocrites not aware that those who defy and oppose Allah and His Messenger and disobey them will be condemned to Hellfire, to remain in it for ever? That is surely the greatest, ultimate disgrace. Allah Almighty says: The hypocrites dread that Allah will reveal a surah concerning them, exposing the unbelief and hypocrisy they conceal in their hearts and instructs His Prophet to say to them, 'Keep mocking. Allah will surely bring to light what you are dreading.' If you ask the hypocrites, Muhammad, why they disparage your companions and revile your religion, they say, 'We were only talking idly and jesting without intending to vilify Islam and Muslims.' Say to them, 'Would you make a mockery of Allah Almighty, His revelations and His Messenger? Make no excuses. You have revealed and confirmed your unbelief after having feigned belief to deceive the believers.' If We pardon a group of you for showing true repentance, We will punish another group for persisting in their unbelief and hypocrisy. Allah Almighty points out that the hypocrites, both men and women, are all alike as far as unbelief and hypocrisy are concerned. They enjoin what is evil, forbid what is good and refrain from spending their wealth as Allah commands them. They have deliberately neglected to remember Allah, and so Allah has disowned them and has not guided them. He will not show mercy to them and will make them suffer punishment in Hellfire for all eternity in the life to come. Surely it is the hypocrites are truly disobedient transgressors. Allah has promised the hypocrites, both men and women, and the unbelievers the fire of Hell, where they dwell eternally: a sufficient punishment. Allah has excluded them from His mercy, and they will endure an incessant, never-ending chastisement. Then, addressing the hypocrites and the unbelievers, the Almighty says:

You act like those from amongst the past nations did—who were superior to you in strength and had more abundance of wealth and of children. They enjoyed the portion decreed for them in this world, in preference to the eternal bliss in the next life, and you have enjoyed your portion in this world, as they did. You have turned away from the hereafter, just as the unbelievers before you did, and you have indulged in unbelief, falsehood and mocking Allah and His signs and Messenger just as they did. Their works came to nothing in this world and will come to nothing in the afterlife, and they are the true losers. Has the news of Allah's destruction of the past nations not come to these hypocrites and unbelievers—the stories of Noah's people; and of the tribes of 'Ad and Thamud, to whom Hud and Salih were sent respectively; and of Abraham's people; and of the inhabitants of Midian, to whom Shu'ayb was sent and of the people of Lot, whose cities were turned upside down? Their messengers brought them manifest miracles, but they obstinately disbelieved them and so Allah destroyed them. Allah did not wrong them, but they wronged themselves by their unbelief, disobedience and disbelieving Allah's messengers, hence the just punishment they received. The Almighty points out that the believers, both men and women, help and support one another. They enjoin good, forbid evil, duly perform the obligatory prayers, give zakat to those eligible for it and obey Allah and His Messenger. Surely Allah will show mercy to them. Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise. He also states that He has promised them gardens beneath whose trees rivers flow, to remain in them for all eternity. He has also promised them excellent, magnificent mansions in gardens of permanent bliss which they will never leave; yet Allah's good pleasure with the believers will be far better and greater than all the bliss in Paradise. What Allah has promised the believers, men and women, is indeed be the greatest, ultimate success.

Quran 9: 73-82 The Repentance Tafseer:General explanation:
Allah instructs His Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to strive mightily against the unbelievers and the

hypocrites, stating that their ultimate abode in the hereafter will be the fire of Hell—evil indeed is the abode in which they will end up! He also states that the hypocrites falsely swear by Allah that they have not on any account uttered a statement of unbelief (such as by abusing the Prophet and reviling Islam), but they have indeed uttered it and renounced Islam after embracing it, sought to do what they could not attain and have had no reason whatsoever to be spiteful and critical except that Allah and His Messenger has enriched them out of His bounty. Hence, if they repent of their unbelief and hypocrisy, this will be for their own good; but if they turn away from faith and repentance, Allah will inflict a painful punishment on them in this world and in the life to come, and they will find no helper in the world to help them or benefit them, nor any supporter to protect them against harm. Allah asserts that some hypocrites pledged themselves to Allah, vowing that if He gave them of His bounty they would pay the prescribed charity and be among the righteous who are dutiful to Allah and fulfill their duties towards others. However, when Allah bestowed His bounty on them, they grew niggardly, disobeyed Him and went back on their pledge. Thus, Allah caused hypocrisy to take root and settle in their hearts and remain there until the day they die and meet Allah, for having reneged on the solemn promise they made to Allah and for lying and contradicting their own words. Are these hypocrites not aware that Allah knows what they conceal and what they talk about in secret, and that He, Exalted be He, knows full well all the things that are beyond the reach of human perception? Allah Almighty states that He Himself scoffs in return at the hypocrites who taunt the rich believers who voluntarily give to charity and taunt the poor among them who have nothing to give except the little they earn through their hard toil, stating that these hypocrites will receive an agonizing punishment in Hell. Allah then addresses His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, saying: It is the same whether or not you, Muhammad, ask forgiveness for them, for Allah will never forgive them. Even if you ask forgiveness for them seventy times, Allah will in no way forgive

them because they have disbelieved in Allah and His Messenger, and Allah does not guide the evildoers who obstinately disobey Him. Allah Almighty states that the hypocrites whom Allah had forsaken and had deprived of the special privilege of fighting for His cause were happy to disobey the orders of the Prophet to go into battle and had chosen to stay behind after he had set out for Tabuk. They were averse to fighting the unbelievers with their possessions and persons to make Allah's religion prevail and reign supreme and they said to one another, 'Do not go forth along with the Muslims to Tabuk to fight the Romans in such intense heat.' Allah then instructs His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to say to them, 'The fire of Hell is even more intense.' Had they truly understood Allah's statements, they would have gone forth to war with the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, in the heat to protect themselves against the heat of Hellfire, which is far hotter. Therefore, let the hypocrites laugh a little in this transient world, as they will surely weep much in the everlasting life in Hellfire—as a punishment from Allah for their unbelief and hypocrisy and the acts of disobedience they have done in this worldly life.

Quran 9: 83-100 The Repentance Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says to His Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace: If Allah brings you back from the Battle of Tabuk and you meet a group of these hypocrites who have previously stayed behind in Madeenah without a legitimate excuse, and they ask your permission to go forth to war with you to fight another battle, say to them, 'By no means will you ever go forth with me, nor will you ever fight an enemy with me. You chose to sit at home the first time you were called to go forth with me to Tabuk, so sit now with those who remain behind.' Allah then forbids His Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to pray over any of these hypocrites if he dies or to stand at his grave, because they have disbelieved in Allah and His Messenger and they die while persisting in their disobedience to Allah. He also enjoins him not to feel wonder at their possessions

and offspring, for He, Exalted be He, only intends to torment them by means of them in this worldly life, and so that die while stubbornly persisting in their unbelief. Allah Almighty says to His Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace: Whenever a surah of the Qur'an is revealed enjoining people to believe in Allah and to fight along with His Messenger, the wealthy among the hypocrites ask you to exempt them, saying, 'Let us stay with those who are to stay behind.' They are content to stay at home with women without a legitimate excuse, and so Allah has set a seal upon their hearts, leaving them bereft of comprehending His admonitions and of realising that fighting for His cause is far better for them. But it does not really matter if these hypocrites choose not to go forth to war and fight for Allah's cause, for the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and his companions—who are far better than them—have undertaken this noble task and striven hard with their possessions and their persons. These will surely have numerous blessings and good things in this world and in the hereafter, and they have attained the bliss they have sought. Allah has made ready for them gardens underneath whose trees and mansions rivers flow, to dwell in them for all eternity. That is the ultimate success. Allah Almighty states that many among the Bedouins (desert Arabs) came with excuses to the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to grant them exemption from going into battle, and the hypocrites, who falsely claimed they believed in Allah and His Messenger, remained at home and did not bother to go to him with their excuses. He declares that the unbelievers among the Bedouins will suffer an agonizing punishment. Allah Almighty then mentions the legitimate excuses for not going to war for Allah's cause, saying: Neither the weak, nor the sick, nor those who do not find the means with which to equip themselves for the battle are considered sinners for failing to go into battle as long as they are true to Allah and His Messenger and behave themselves faithfully towards them. There is no cause of blame or punishment whatsoever against those who do good,

and Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful. Nor is blame attached to those who, when they came to you, Muhammad, requesting you to arrange transport for them to fight the battle with you and you said you could find none to carry them, went away in tears, grieving that they could not find anything to spend to prepare themselves for the campaign. Allah, Exalted be He, then explains the rulings on those who make false excuses, saying: Those who truly deserve punishment are the hypocrites who ask you to exempt them from taking part in the battle even though they are wealthy. They are content to stay at home with women, who are exempt from fighting. Allah has set a seal on their hearts, leaving them bereft of understanding the dire consequences of their actions. Addressing the faithful, Allah Almighty says: The hypocrites who stayed behind and did not take part in the battle for Allah's cause without a legitimate excuse will offer excuses to you when you return to them from your journey and your military campaign. Say to them, Muhammad, 'Do not make excuses; we will never believe you. Allah has already informed us of your secrets and now we know for sure that you made false excuses. Allah will surely see how you act in this life, and so will His Messenger. Then you will be brought before Him who knows all that is done in public and in private and what is hidden and what is manifest; and He will declare to you what you have done and repay you accordingly.' They will swear to you, O believers, by Allah when you return to them from the Battle of Tabuk, saying they were unable to go forth with you, so that you may leave them alone and not blame them or reproach them for staying behind; therefore, turn aside from them as a means of degrading and despising them, for they are indeed inwardly defiled and their acts are wicked, and their ultimate destination in the hereafter will be Hellfire, as repayment for what they have done. These hypocrites will swear to you in order to please you and gain your acceptance, but even if you are pleased with them, this will be of no avail to them and you should not do that, for Allah will never be pleased with the evildoers who obstinately disobey Him. The Almighty asserts

that the desert Arabs are worse in their unbelief and hypocrisy than the urban unbelievers and hypocrites and that they rightly deserve to remain ignorant of the lawful and the unlawful and the laws that Allah has revealed to His Messenger, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace. Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise. He also points out that some desert Arabs consider what they spend on good causes nothing but a loss, hence their reluctance to spend as they do not anticipate any divine reward whatsoever. They wait for some disaster to strike the Muslims and hope to see them run into serious trouble or be vanquished by their enemies. Ill fortune will only come their way. Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. The Almighty explains that among the desert Arabs there are also those who believe in Allah and the Day of Judgment and take what they spend on good causes as a means of drawing closer to Allah whereby they anticipate divine reward—and their being remembered in the Messenger's prayers. Indeed, the Messenger's prayers are a great means for them to draw closer to their Lord. Their Lord will surely admit them into His mercy. He is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful. Allah Almighty then asserts that He is well-pleased with the Companions of Allah's Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, who were the first and foremost to embrace Islam among the Emigrants and the Helpers, and those who came after them and followed in their footsteps with respect to faith and righteous deed, stating that he is well-pleased with them and they are also well-pleased with Him. He has made ready for them gardens under whose trees and mansions rivers flow, to dwell in them forever. That is the ultimate success.

Quran 9: 101_129 The Repentance Tafseer: Simple explanation: Allah Almighty says: Some of the desert dwellers around you, Muslims, are hypocrites, and so are some of the inhabitants of Madeenah who stubbornly persist in hypocrisy without ever repenting of it. You do not know them, Muhammad, but we know them well. We will punish them twice—in this world and in their

graves—then they will be given over to a most grievous punishment in Hellfire. And there are others who have confessed their wrong actions. They have done some good deeds and some bad ones. Allah will certainly accept their repentance and forgive their sins. Surely, Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful. Allah commands His Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to take charity from the Muslims' wealth to purify them thereby and cleanse them thereby of the stains of their sins. He also instructs him to pray for them upon taking it, as his prayers comfort their hearts and provide a source of tranquility for them. Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. Do they not know that it is indeed Allah alone who accepts repentance from those who repent and accepts His servants' charity, and that He is the Acceptor of Repentance, the All-Merciful? Allah Almighty says to His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace: Say, Muhammad, 'Do as you will, for Allah will surely see all your deeds and will repay you according to them; and so will His Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and the believers see what Allah will reveal to them regarding these actions and will thus testify as to what you have done. Then, on the Day of Judgment, you will be brought before Allah who knows the unknown and the manifest, and He will declare to you what you have done and repay you accordingly.' The Almighty then indicates that among those who did not take part in the Battle of Tabuk and stayed behind are left awaiting Allah's command as to whether He will punish them or pardon them. Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise. Allah Almighty tells us here about another group of hypocrites who built a mosque in Madeenah to cause harm to the believers and in opposition to them and to their mosque in which they assembled, to propagate disbelief in Allah, Glorified and Exalted be He, to foment division among the believers and to provide an outpost for those who have already been warring against Allah and His Messenger. He further indicates that, in addition to these evil intentions, they will still swear to you, believers, that they had the best of intentions,

but Allah bears witness that they are certainly liars. Allah then forbids His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to pray in the mosque built by the hypocrites at any time, stating that it is more fitting that he should pray in the mosque that was founded from the very first day upon fear of, and obedience to, Allah; for in it are men who love to purify and cleanse themselves of filth and sins, and Allah loves those who purify themselves. The Almighty then points out that those who erect their structure upon the fear of, and obedience to, Allah Almighty and those who erect theirs on the edge of a crumbling pit that crumbles down along with the structure and its builder into the fire of Hell are by no means equal, and Allah does not guide the wrongdoers. He also asserts that the mosque the hypocrites built to sow dissension among Muslims will continue to be a source of doubt and hypocrisy in their hearts until their hearts are torn to pieces and die in that state. Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise. The Almighty mentions that he has bought from the true believers their lives and their wealth, promising them Paradise as a price: They fight to support His religion and make it reign supreme. They will be admitted into Paradise whether they kill the unbelievers or are killed by them. This is truly a promise which He has made incumbent upon Him in the Torah, the Gospel and the Qur'an; and there is no one who is more faithful to his promise than Allah. The Almighty then tells the believers who fight in His cause to rejoice in the bargain which they have made, affirming that this will be the ultimate success. Then Allah Almighty mentions the qualities of the believers from whom He has purchased their lives and their wealth, stating that they are those who turn to Him in repentance, those who worship and praise Him under all circumstances, those who fast and perform the prescribed prayers, those who enjoin what is good and forbid what is evil and those who do not neglect any of His commandments or reject any of His laws. Next, He instructs His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to give the believers the good news of all good both

in this life and in the life to come. Allah Almighty says: The Prophet and the believers should not pray for forgiveness for the idolaters who associate partners with Allah even if they are their relatives, after it has become clear to them that they will be the inhabitants of Hell, to abide in it forever, if they die in unbelief. He explains that Abraham prayed for forgiveness for his father only because he had promised him to do so. When it became clear to Abraham, however, that his father was an enemy of Allah, he renounced him and refrained from praying for his forgiveness. Indeed, Abraham was compassionate, soft-hearted and long-suffering, and he frequently prayed to his Lord and humbled himself before Him. The Almighty then states that it is not His way to cause people to stray after He has guided them to the true faith until He has made clear to them what they should avoid so as to guard against straying. Surely, Allah has full knowledge of everything. The Almighty further asserts that it is He to Whom alone belongs the Kingdom of the heavens and the earth, that He alone gives life and causes death and that people have no one besides Him to benefit them, protect them or support them. The Almighty declares that He has turned in His mercy to the Prophet, the Emigrants and the Helpers, who obeyed him by going forth with him to participate in the Battle of Tabuk at a time when they were really hard-pressed: the heat was oppressive, the journey was rather long, the provisions were meager and the water and mounts they had for the arduous journey were barely sufficient. He turned in His mercy to them and pardoned them after the hearts of a party of them had almost deviated and swerved from duty and the truth. Once again He turned to them in His mercy, for He is All-Compassionate and All-Merciful to them. He explains that He has also pardoned and turned in His mercy to the three companions of the Prophet whose case the Prophet had deferred and left awaiting Allah's judgment. When they were so despondent that the earth, vast as it is, was straitened for them and their own souls became utterly constricted for them because of the distress, anguish and sorrow they had suffered and they knew for certain that there was

no refuge from Allah except in Him, He turned to them in His mercy so that they might repent; for He is the Acceptor of Repentance, the All-Merciful. Allah then commands the faithful to fear Him by doing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids and to be with the truthful who uphold the cause of the truth. About v. 120_121, The Almighty points out that the inhabitants of Madeenah and the Bedouins who dwelled around them should not have stayed behind when the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, had gone forth to fight the Battle of Tabuk; nor should they have preferred their own lives to his by seeking ease and comfort when he had to suffer distress and hardship. That is because neither thirst, nor fatigue, nor extreme hunger in the way of Allah afflicts them, nor do they set foot on any land which enrages the unbelievers, nor inflict any loss or defeat on the enemy, but Allah records good deeds and rich rewards in their favor. Surely, Allah never lets the good deeds of those who do good go unrewarded. Nor do they spend any amount, small or great, nor they do pass a valley during their campaign but the reward for all that is recorded for them, and Allah will surely repay them the best reward for what they have done. The Almighty states that the believers should not go forth to war all together at the same time. Of every group of them, He teaches, a party only should go forth to fight so that the rest of Muslims may gain sound knowledge in Allah's religion when they stay behind for this purpose, and so that those who stay behind to study their religion teach those who have gone forth to fight when they return to them, so that they, too, may be wary of the consequences of disobeying Allah and beware of His wrath and punishment. Allah then enjoins the faithful to fight the unbelievers who live around them close to their territory, ensure that the unbelievers should find them stern and formidable when they fight them, and to rest assured that Allah is with the righteous who do what he commands and avoid what he forbids. The Almighty states that if He sends down a surah of the Qur'an to His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, some among the hypocrites sarcastically say to others,

‘Which of you has this strengthened and increased his faith?’ He explains that the revealed surah does increase the believers’ faith beyond their former faith and gives them joy. As for those who have doubts and hypocrisy in their hearts, it only increases them in unbelief and doubts and they die unbelievers. Do the hypocrites not see that they are tested every year once or twice?! Yet still they do not repent, nor do they take heed. The Almighty then states that if He reveals a surah of the Qur’an divulging what the hypocrites attempt to hide, they look at each other, asking, ‘Is there anyone watching us who may inform Muhammad about what we say and thus he discovers our secrets?’ Then they turn away from faith, stubbornly refuse to follow the surah’s teachings and be guided to the truth even though the Qur’an has informed them of their secrets. Allah has turned their hearts away from the truth because they are devoid of understanding due to their deliberate rejection of the truth. very.129 :Allah Almighty addresses the Arabs, saying: Surely a messenger—Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace—has come to you from among yourselves. He feels deeply troubled and distressed by any hardship and harm you may suffer, very keen to guide you to the path of truth and give you all that is good, and compassionate and merciful towards the believers. Then, addressing the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, He says: If they refuse to believe and obey you, say to them, ‘Allah is sufficient for me. There is no one deserving of worship but He. I put my trust in Him alone, and I entrust all my affairs to Him; and He is the Lord of the Mighty Throne.’

Quran 10: 1-2 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation:Allah Almighty opens this great surah with the 'disconnected letters' to establish the miraculous nature of the Qur’an, which conclusively prove the Arabs’ total inability to challenge the Qur’an by producing something like it, even though it is composed of the very Arabic letters they speak! Then He explains that these lofty and sublime verses are indeed verses of the perfect Qur’an that is full of wisdom. The Almighty then says: How can the unbelievers from

among the Quraysh and the Arabs find it strange that He has revealed to a man from amongst them—Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace—to warn all mankind of Allah’s punishment for unbelief and disobedience and to give the believers the good news of a rich reward for their good deeds? Even though We have sent revelations to a man from their own midst with the message to warn them and give them glad tidings, the unbelievers simply said about this messenger that he is clearly a mere sorcerer.

Quran 10: 3-4 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation:Your Lord, mankind, is Allah, who created the heavens and the earth in six days, then He established Himself over the Throne (as befits His glory and sublime majesty). He disposes of all His creatures’ affairs. No one can intercede with Him on behalf of another on Judgment Day until He gives him permission to do so. That is Allah, your Lord; therefore, worship Him alone. Will you not reflect and take heed? To Him alone will you all be returned on the Day of Judgment after resurrecting you from your graves. Allah’s promise is true and will certainly be fulfilled. He brings creation into being out of nothing and will then restore it and bring it back to life on the Day of Judgment, so that He will reward with equity the believers who do righteous deeds. As for the unbelievers, theirs will be extremely hot water to drink and a painful punishment for their unbelief.

Quran 10: 5-6 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation:It is He who has made the sun to shine by day and the moon for a light by night and has ordained its phases so that you may know the number of years and calculate the days and months. Allah has not created all this without a purpose. He sets out in detail the signs and proofs of the truth for those endowed with knowledge. In the alternation of night and day, and in all that God has created in the heavens and the earth, there are clear signs pointing to the Creator, Exalted be He, for the God-fearing Surely in the alternation of the day and the night, and in all that Allah has created in the heavens and the earth, there are truly clear signs pointing to the Creator, Exalted be He, for those who shun His wrath and punishment by doing what He

commands and avoiding what He forbids.

Quran 10: 7-10 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation:The Almighty states that those who do not expect to meet Him on the Day of Judgment, are satisfied with the worldly life instead of the hereafter and are content with it, and those who are heedless of His signs will have Hell as their abode for their unbelief and disobedience. As for those who believe and do righteous deeds, Allah will guide them, in the hereafter, to His gardens because of their faith. Rivers will flow beneath them in gardens of bliss. Their prayer in Paradise will be, 'Glory be to You, Allah!', their greeting to one another in it will be, 'Peace!' and the end of their prayer will be, 'Praise be to Allah, Lord of all the worlds.

Quran 10: 11-12 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation:Allah Almighty explains that were He to hasten evil for people the way they try to hasten good, they would indeed have been destroyed, and that He leaves those who do not expect to meet Him in the hereafter to wander blindly in their error. When affliction befalls man, He prays to his Lord in all postures—lying down on his side, sitting or standing. However, as soon as Allah relieves his affliction, he continues in his unbelief and error, forgets or ignores the affliction he has suffered before and does not give thanks to Allah who has relieved it, as though he had never called on Him to relieve his distress. Thus do the evil deeds of the transgressors who defiantly persist in their unbelief and disobedience seem fair to them.

Quran 10: 13-14 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation:Allah, Exalted be He, addresses the idolaters who ascribe partners to Him, saying that He destroyed the nations before them when they did wrong by associating partners with Him and rejecting His messengers. These messengers brought them clear, conclusive signs and proofs proving their truthfulness, but they obstinately refused to believe them, for Allah sealed up their hearts due to their intense unbelief and outright rejection of the truth. Thus does Allah punish the unbelievers who are lost in sin and who persist

in overstepping His limits. He then has made them their successors in the land after destroying them to see how they will act.

Quran 10: 15-17 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation:The Almighty states that when the clear Quranic verses of the Qur'an testifying to the truth are recited to the idolaters, those who do not believe in resurrection say to the Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, 'Bring us a Qur'an in which we do not find what we loathe, or change it to suit our wishes.' In response to this, Allah directs him to say to them: It is not for me to change it of my own accord. I follow nothing except what Allah reveals to me. I fear, were I to disobey my Lord, the punishment of a dreadful day (that is, the Day of Judgment). He also directs him to say to them: Had Allah pleased, I would never have recited the Qur'an to you, nor would Allah have brought it to your knowledge. I spent a whole lifetime among you before this Qur'an was revealed to me [and you know that I have never lied to you and that I neither read nor write]. Will you not then use your intellect and realise it is from Allah? No one is more wicked and does greater wrong than those who invent a falsehood about Allah or deny and disbelieve His revelations. Surely the unbelievers will never succeed.

Quran 10: 18-20 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, points out that the idolaters worship besides Him creatures that can neither harm them nor benefit them, and they say, 'These will intercede for us with Allah.' Allah directs His Prophet, Muhammad, to say to them, 'Would you presume to inform Allah of something in the heavens or the earth that He knows does not exist?' Glory be to Him! High be He exalted above what they worship besides Him! He then explains that people were of one religion only—submitting to, and worshipping Allah alone—then they disagreed among themselves about their religion and started worshipping others besides Allah. Had it not been for a decree Allah had previously issued to give the unbelievers and the disobedient respite and defer their punishment until Judgement Day, He would have decided the matter between them regarding what they differed about, by saving those who

worship Him alone and punishing those who associate partners with Him. The idolaters say, Allah further states, 'Why has no miraculous sign of the sort we propose to him been sent down to him from his Lord, so that we know that he is truly a messenger from Allah?' 'Say to them,' He instructs him, 'that miraculous signs are part of the unseen which is known to none but Allah, and which no one else can send down. It is all up to Him to send them down if He so wills. Wait, then, for Allah's judgment between us to punish the party that follows falsehood and support the one that follows the truth. I am waiting with you.

Quran 10: 21-23 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation:The Almighty mentions that whenever He lets the idolaters who ascribe partners to Him taste a blessing after some misfortune has afflicted them, they engage in scheming by denying and mocking the truth. In response to such evil scheming, Allah directs His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to say to them: Allah is swifter in drawing you towards destruction step by step than you in your devising evil schemes. His angels record whatever plots you devise. It is He who enables you to travel by land and sea.

When you are in the ships which sail with you in a favorable wind and, while the passengers rejoice at such fair wind, a tempestuous wind overtakes them and the waves come upon them from every side. Knowing for certain that they are encompassed by death they cannot possibly escape drowning, they sincerely call upon Allah, saying, 'If You save us from this hardship, we will truly be among the thankful.' Nevertheless, as soon as He has saved them, they break their promise to Him and transgress in the land unjustly by disobeying His commands, committing acts of unbelief and oppression and worshipping false gods besides Him. Mankind, He declares, your rebellion is only against yourselves. What you seek and get by your offenses is only the enjoyment of the present, worldly life, then to Allah will you be returned on the Day of Judgement, and He will inform you of your good and bad actions in this life and repay you according to them.

Quran 10: 24-25 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation: The

Almighty sets forth a parable of the fleeting nature of the present life and its adornment, stating that it is like rain which He sends down from the sky, which then mingles with the plants of the earth to provide food for both people and animals. Then, when the earth is at its loveliest and takes on its finest appearance and is beautifully adorned with the various types of plants, grains, fruits and flowers of numerous colors and shapes, and its owners feel sure they have power over it and are able to harvest it and to reap its fruits, Allah's judgment comes to it suddenly, by night or day, and He lays it waste as though its plants had never blossomed before. Just as Allah strikes out this parable to show you the true nature of life, so too He clearly explains His signs in similar detail for people who reflect and take heed so that they may not be deceived by this transitory life. The Almighty further states that He invites His servants to His Paradise—the Adobe of Peace—which is free from all defects and anything that disturbs happiness, and that He guides and helps whomever He wills of His servants to follow the straight path, which is Islam that leads to Paradise.

Quran 10: 26-27 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation: Almighty Allah points out that for those who do good in this life will receive a most excellent reward in the life to come, namely Paradise, and more besides, including the honor of looking at the Countenance of Allah, which will be the greatest of all pleasures; and neither dust nor disgrace will cover their faces. These will be the dwellers of Paradise in which they will abide for ever. As for those who do evil deeds and disobey and disbelieve in Allah and His Messenger, they will have a recompense that will make them feel bitterly grieved and distressed commensurate with the evil deeds they have committed. Disgrace will cover their faces, and they will have none to protect them from Allah's wrath and punishment. Their faces will be, due their intense blackness, as though they were covered with pieces from the depth of the darkness of night. These will be the dwellers of Hell in which they will remain for ever.

Quran10:28-30 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation:Allah Almighty addresses His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, saying: Mention to the people, Muhammad, the day when We will gather them all together, humans and jinn and believers and unbelievers alike, for the final judgment, and We will say to the idolaters, 'Keep to your respective places, you and those you claim are Allah's partners in divinity!' We will separate them one from another—the objects of worship from their worshippers. Those they worshipped will say to them, 'It was not us that you actually worshipped. Rather, your worshipped your whims and the devils who bade you worship us. Sufficient is Allah as our witness and your witness, for He knows full well that we did not order you to worship us, nor were we even aware of your worship.' There and then—on the Land of Gathering on the Day of Judgment—will every person know what good and evil deeds they have done, which he will find all recorded and according to which he will be repaid. Those who worship false gods besides Allah will be returned to Allah their True Lord—master, creator, owner and disposer of all their affairs—to judge them justly, and the falsehood they have invented about Allah (their claim that Allah has partners that benefit those they worship besides Him, protect them against harm and bring them closer to Him) will desert them and will be of no avail to them.

Quran 10: 31-33 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation:Allah enjoins His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to ask the idolaters who associate partners with Him: Who provides for you from the heavens and the earth? Who has endowed you with hearing and sight? Who brings forth the living from the dead and the dead from the living because of His ultimate power? Who disposes of all creation's affairs and manages the heavens and the earth as He wills?' They will say, 'Allah alone can do that.' Say to them, He directs him, 'Will you not take heed and fear His punishment, then?' It is Allah who

does all this, your True Lord, who alone deserves to be worshipped. So what is there other than the truth but error and misguidance? How then can you turn away from the truth? The Almighty then explains that just as the idolaters who ascribe partners to Him turn away from the truth and persist in their idolatrous practices, so too has His decree, based on His foreknowledge, been justified concerning those who rebelliously forsake the truth and follow error and misguidance: they will never believe.

Quran 10: 34-36 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation:Allah instructs His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to ask the idolaters, 'Can any of your gods, that you associate as partners with Allah and claim they deserve to worshipped besides Him, create anything out of nothing and then bring it to life again if it dies?' 'Allah alone can create everything out of nothing and bring it to life after it dies whenever He wills.' Allah enjoins him to tell them. 'How, then, do you turn away from the truth and follow falsehood?!' He also instructs him to say to them, 'Can any of your gods, that you associate as partners with Allah and claim they are deserving of worship besides Him, guide to the truth?' 'Allah alone can guide to the truth,' He enjoins him to say to them. 'Who is more worthy to be followed: Allah who alone can guide to the truth, or those that you ascribe as partners to Him that themselves are in need of guidance, nor can find the right way unless they are guided? What has come over you that you so judge?' Allah Almighty then explains that by worshipping false deities besides Him, most of these idolaters follow nothing but mere conjecture, without any certainty whatsoever, and He proclaims that conjecture is in no way a substitute for the truth, and that He has full knowledge of everything they do.

Quran 10: 37-40 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation:The Almighty affirms that the Qur'an could not possibly have been produced by anyone other than Allah. He has revealed it, He points out, to confirm the scriptures He has previously revealed to His prophets and to provide a detailed explanation of the laws and religious duties He has prescribed for the Muslim nation. There is no doubt,

therefore, that it is from the Lord of all the worlds. And yet they claim that Muhammad has invented the Qur'an himself. 'Say to them,' Allah instructs him, "If I have invented it myself, then produce a surah of similar merit, for you are Arabs like me; and call on whomever you can besides Allah to help you in the task, if your claim that I have invented it is true.'" Rather, the idolaters have rejected and disbelieved the Qur'an without grasping the knowledge it contains and before the punishment Allah has warned He would inflict on them for disbelieving it has taken place yet. Thus did those before them disbelieve the truth. See, then, Muhammad, the terrible fate of the past nations who disbelieved Allah's signs. that Among the idolaters, the Almighty points out, are those who will believe the Qur'an and repent of disbelief, and among them there are some who will never believe it and will persist in their unbelief until death. You Lord, Muhammad, is best aware of the evildoers.

Quran 10: 41-44 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation:Allah says to His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace: If the idolaters disbelieve you and refuse to believe the truth you have brought them, then say to them, 'My deeds are mine and your deeds are yours. You are not accountable for my actions, nor am I accountable for what you do.' Some among them, He further says to him, listen to you reciting the Qur'an and to your own statements, but their hearts are so heedless that they do not benefit from what they hear. Can you, then, make the deaf hear you, incapable as they are of understanding? Some of them look at you. But can you show the way to the blind, bereft as they are of sight? Surely Allah does not do the least wrong to people, but it is people who wrong themselves because of their unbelief and disobedience and thus become justly deserving of His punishment. By so doing, they will in no way harm Allah.

Quran 10: 45-47 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation:The Almighty says: On the day Allah gathers the unbelievers together on the Plain of Gathering for the final judgment, it will seem to them as

if they had stayed in the worldly life no longer than an hour of a day, getting to know one another as they used to do in the life of the world. Those who denied the meeting with Allah will then lose Allah's reward and Paradise; they were not in the slightest guided to the truth for having denied the resurrection and life after death. Whether We let you, Muhammad, witness the unbelievers' punishment during your lifetime by hastening it for them, or We cause you to die before it befalls them, still to Us will they be returned. Allah is witness to all their actions, and He will repay them according to what they have done. The Almighty then states that He has sent a messenger to every nation to call them to faith and to worship Him alone; and that when their messenger comes on Judgement Day to bear witness that he has conveyed His message to them, Allah will judge between them with absolute justice and will not wrong them at all.

Quran 10: 48-53 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation:The Almighty mentions that the idolaters who associate partners with Him say to the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and his followers: When will the divine punishment with which you threaten us take place if you are telling the truth? In response to this, Allah instructs him to say to them, 'I have no power to harm or benefit even myself except as Allah wills, nor can I possibly bring the punishment you have asked for upon you. An appointed time has been set for every nation; and when they reach their appointed time, they can neither delay it by a single hour nor put it forward.' 'Tell me,' He further directs him to say to them, 'should Allah's punishment come upon you by night or day, which part of it would the evildoers then try to hasten, as all of it will be evil itself which they will not be able to escape?! And then, when it actually comes about, will you believe when faith will not then avail you? 'Now do you believe,' it will be then said to them, 'and wish it far from you, when you previously denied it and desired it should be hastened?!' The Almighty then states that on the Day of Resurrection it will be said to those who have wronged themselves because of their unbelief: Taste the torment of eternity. Have you

been repaid for anything other than what you did in the life of the world? Then, addressing His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, He says to him: The idolaters sarcastically ask you, 'Is the punishment you have warned us of true?' 'say to them,' He instructs him to tell them, 'I swear by my Lord it is certainly true. There is no doubt about it, and you will not be able to escape it, for He has absolute power over you.

Quran 10: 54-58 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation:Allah, Exalted be He, states that if every person that has done wrong by disbelieving in Him or associating partners with Him and worshipping them besides Him possessed all that is on earth, he would gladly offer that as ransom on Judgment Day to be saved from the punishment, but even then it would by no means be accepted. The unbelievers will hide their remorse when they see Allah's punishment on that day and become certain it will be inflicted on them. Allah will then judge them in all fairness and will not wrong them in any way. Surely to Allah belongs all that the heavens and the earth contain. Surely the promise of Allah is true, but most of these idolaters do not know it. It is He Who gives life and takes it away, and to Him will you all, mankind, be brought back after your death, so that He will repay you on the Day of Resurrection according to your deeds. Allah, Exalted and Sublime be He, addresses all mankind, saying: Mankind, the Qur'an has come to you from your Lord: It is an admonition that softens your hearts, a cure for the hearts for whims and doubts, guidance that will save those who follow it from punishment as well as mercy. Allah then enjoins His Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to say to all people, 'Rejoice in faith and the Qur'an, not in the life of the world and its transitory riches and pleasures. That is better than all the fleeting worldly wealth people amass.

Quran 10: 59-66 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty orders His Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to say to the idolaters: 'Have you considered the sustenance that Allah has sent down to you, some of which you

have made unlawful and some lawful?' Say to them, 'Has Allah given you permission to do so, or are you inventing lies about Him?!' Then the Almighty warns them of the terrible fate awaiting them for having the audacity to invent lies about Him. He says: What do those who fabricate lies about Allah think He will do to them on the Day of Judgment for inventing falsehood about Him?! Do they think He will leave them unpunished? By no means. They will receive a severe punishment for their lies. Allah is extremely kind and bountiful to mankind for the numerous bounties He has bestowed on them, including the countless worldly blessings He has given them and showing forbearance to them by not hastening their punishment to afford them the opportunity to repent and turn to Him; however, most of them are not grateful to Him for His goodness. The Almighty says: In whatever activity you may be engaged and whatever surah of the Qur'an you recite, Muhammad, and whatever you people do, be it good or bad, small or big, Allah is certainly witness over you when you engage in it and is fully aware of whatever you do; He keeps count of all that, and He will repay you according to your actions. Not even as much as the weight of an ant in the earth or in the heavens escapes your Lord, nor is there anything smaller than that, or greater, but it is written in the Preserved Tablet, in which everything is recorded. Indeed, Allah's righteous servants whom He gives help and support and for whom He shows His love and care will have nothing whatsoever to fear in the hereafter, nor will they grieve for whatever they leave behind in the life of the world. They are those who believe in what they ought to believe in and are mindful of Him by doing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids. Theirs are good tidings in the life of the world and in the hereafter. There is no changing the words of Allah, and His promise cannot be unfulfilled. That is the supreme triumph.

Quran 10: 67-70 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation:Allah Almighty addresses people, reminding them of some of the countless blessings He has bestowed on them, saying that He

alone has made the night for them in order for them to find peace and rest in it from fatigue, and has made the day full of light so they may earn their livelihoods and cater for their needs. Surely, He declares, in this there are signs for those who listen to Allah's revealed verses and reflect on them. Then He explains that the Arab idolaters claim that He has begotten children! Glory be to Him! Self-sufficient is He, and far exalted is He above having any need for a wife and children, or any of His creation, for that matter! To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth, so how can He have any children from what He has created and everything belongs to Him? These idolaters have no evidence whatsoever for such an assertion. Would they say something about Allah which they do not even know if it is true? Then, addressing His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, He instructs him to say: Those who invent falsehood about Allah will not succeed in this life or in the hereafter. They will have only a brief enjoyment in this life, but then they will be returned to Us and We will make them taste the terrible punishment for their unbelief.

Quran 10: 71_82 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, instructs His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to relate to the idolaters of Makkah the story of Noah, peace be upon him, with his people when he said to them, 'If my presence among you and my reminding you of Allah's signs and proofs has become too much for you to bear, know, then, that in Allah have I placed my trust and He will certainly protect me against your harm; therefore, decide on what you plan to do against me, and seek the help of those you associate with Allah and worship besides Him. Do not intrigue in secret, then go ahead and carry out against me whatever you may have decided and give me no respite. If you turn away from the message my Lord has commanded me to convey to you, then remember that I have not asked you for any reward whatsoever. My reward rests with none but Allah Almighty, and I have been commanded to be among those who have surrendered themselves to Him.' Noah's people

disbelieved him, Allah states, and so He saved him and those who were with him in the Ark and made them successors of the unbelievers in the land, and He drowned those who disbelieved His signs and proofs. Then He asks His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to see and reflect on the evil fate of these people whose messenger had warned them of Allah's severe punishment for their unbelief and rejection of their messenger. Then The Almighty mentions that after Noah, He sent messengers to their respective people with miracles and proofs attesting to the truthfulness of their message, but their idolatrous people would not believe in what they had denied and rejected before when they were sent to them. Just as Allah sealed up the hearts of these people so much so that they did not believe, so too He seals up the hearts of the transgressors who violate Allah's limits by persisting in their unbelief and disobedience. Then, after these messengers, Allah sent forth Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh and his chiefs with signs and miracles proving their truthfulness, but they acted arrogantly and disdained to accept the truth, for they were a guilty people who were given to committing abominable sins and perpetrating odious crimes. When the truth Moses had brought came to Pharaoh and his people, they said the signs Moses had brought them were nothing but clear, downright magic. Moses disapprovingly replied, 'Do you call the truth when it comes to you manifest magic?! Is what you see truly magic?! Magicians will never succeed in this life or in the life to come.' Pharaoh and his chiefs said, 'Have you come to turn us away from the faith of our forefathers and to worship Allah alone and give up the worship of our gods, so that you and Aaron may have absolute power and control over the land of Egypt? We do not believe that you are truly Allah's messengers. When Pharaoh perceived Moses's insistence on calling him and his people to worship Allah alone, the Almighty states, he said to his chiefs, 'Bring me every skilled magician.' When the magicians arrived, Moses said to them, 'Cast down whatever ropes and staffs you have.' And when they had thrown down their ropes and staffs, Moses said to them, 'What you

have brought and cast down is mere magic, which Allah will bring to nothing and prove false. Allah does not set right the work of the evil-doers who perpetrate corruption in the land. Allah will establish the truth I have brought you and prove it to be true by His Words and Command, and He make it reign supreme over your falsehood, even though the wicked evildoers hate it.

Quran 10: 83_95 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation:Despite all the miracles Moses performed and the signs and wonders he showed Pharaoh and his people to prove his truthfulness, the Almighty states, only a few Israelite youths among his people believed him while fearing that Pharaoh and their own nobles might persecute them and turn them away from their religion. Pharaoh was indeed a tyrant in the land, who persisted in his unbelief and wickedness and transgressed all bounds. Moses reassuringly said to his people, 'If you believe in Allah, my people, then place your trust in Him if you have truly surrendered yourselves to Him.' They said, 'We have placed our trust in Allah and to Him we have entrusted all our affairs.' 'Our Lord,' they prayed, 'do not make them prevail over us lest they are led away from the truth and become more tyrannical, thinking they are better than us and believing that were we following the truth they would not overpower us. And save us, by Your grace, from the unbelievers. Then The Almighty states that He revealed His will to Moses and his brother Aaron to settle their people in houses in Egypt, to make their houses places of worship in which to pray and to perform the obligatory prayers at their stated times, and He directed Moses to give the believers the good news of victory and Allah's reward. 'Lord,' Moses prayed, 'You have bestowed on Pharaoh and the nobles among his people splendour and wealth in this life, as punishment to draw them towards destruction step by step and so they are led astray and they lead others astray. Lord, wipe out their riches so they will not benefit from them and seal up their hearts, so that they will not believe until they see the agonising punishment, and in order that their declaration of

faith will not benefit them then.' 'Your prayer regarding Pharaoh and his chiefs and wealth will be answered,' Allah said to them, 'so firmly adhere to your religion and continue to call Pharaoh and his people to obey Me and worship Me alone, and do not follow the path of those who do not know the nature of My warning, for I never break My promise. Then Allah, Exalted be He, says: We then brought the Children of Israel across the sea, and Pharaoh and his troops pursued them in arrogance and aggression, until they were overwhelmed by the waters of the sea. But as he was drowning, Pharaoh cried out, 'Now I believe that there is no god but the God in whom the Israelites believe, and I am of those who declare obedience to Him and surrender themselves to Him.' 'Now that you are dying you believe in Allah,' Allah said to Him, 'while you disobeyed Him before it descended on you, and you were a rebel and evildoer who turned people away from His path?! Today we deliver your body and your body armour to a raised part of the earth to be seen by those who did not believe you would die and to be a lesson for those who come after you.' Many people are heedless of Our signs, do not reflect on them and do not learn lessons from them. Then The Almighty makes mention of the blessings that He bestowed upon the Children of Israel, saying: We then settled the Israelites into fine dwellings, and We provided good things for their sustenance in the Blessed Land. They did not differ—in that some of them acknowledged Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, who fits the description of the prophet who was foretold in their Book, while some others didn't—until what they knew deep down in their hearts to be the truth came to them, namely, when the Qur'an came down making it clear that he is a true messenger and his religion is the truth. Your Lord, Muhammad, will judge their differences regarding you on the Day of Judgment and, as a result, will admit those who disbelieve you into Hell and those who believe you into Paradise. If you are in doubt, Messenger, about what We have informed—namely that the Children of Israel did not differ regarding you until your advent, as they find you fit the description of the prophet they

were foretold in the Torah and is clearly written in their books— then ask those who read the Torah and the Gospel revealed before your time, for that is truly confirmed in their books. The absolute truth that you are Allah’s Messenger has now come to you from your Lord, and these Jews and Christians know this is the truth, for they find your description clearly written in their books but they deny it despite their knowing of it. Therefore, do not be of those who entertain doubts about this; nor be of those who reject the verses of the Qur’an, otherwise you will be among the losers who have earned Allah’s wrath and become justly deserving of His punishment.

Quran 10: 96_103 Yunus Tafseer:General explanation:Allah, Exalted be He, addresses His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, saying: Those for whom the truth of your Lord’s decree that they will die unbelievers, be excluded from His grace and be subjected to His punishment has been confirmed—for having chosen blindness to guidance— will never believe in such a way as to benefit from their faith before their death; not even if every sign were to come to them until they see the agonizing punishment awaiting them, but their faith then will be of no avail to them. There has never been any past community that believed in its entirety and benefited by its faith, except the people of Prophet Jonah, peace be upon him. When they knew with certainty that they were going to be doomed to divine punishment after seeing signs portending it, they sincerely turned to Allah, and so He spared them the punishment of disgrace against which their prophet had warned would afflict them in this life, and He allowed them to enjoy their life until their appointed time of death. Had your Lord so willed, Messenger, all the people of the earth would have believed what you have brought them, but Allah guides whomever He wills and sends astray whomever He wills for reasons known only to Him, and it is not in your power to compel people to believe. It is not for any person to believe except by Allah’s will; therefore, do not exert yourself for that end to the utmost, and Allah visits His wrath and punishment on those who

do not reflect on His signs and do not observe His commands and prohibitions. Then The Almighty says :Say ,Messenger, to the idolaters who demand miraculous signs of you: Look at and reflect on whatever signs of Allah there are in the heavens and the earth that all attest to His absolute unity and oneness, for they will surely serve the purpose instead of the miracles you demand.

But neither miracles nor signs portending His punishment will ever avail those who will not believe because of their stubbornness and outright rejection of the truth. What are they waiting for but the same fate as that of the unbelieving nations before them? Say to them, Messenger, 'Wait, then, for Allah's punishment to descend upon you. I am waiting with you for it. Then We save Our messengers and those who believe. Just as We saved those messengers and those who believed them, We too will, by Our mercy and grace, save you, Messenger, and those who believe you.

Quran 10: 104_109 Yunus Tafseer:Simple explanation:Allah Almighty says: Say, Muhammad, to these people: If you are in doubt as to whether my religion, Islam, to which I am calling you is true, then under no circumstances will I worship the idols that you worship, but I worship Allah alone, who causes you to die, and He has commanded me to be of the believers. He has commanded me thus: Adhere exclusively and sincerely to the true faith— Islam—never deviate from it to seek a religion other than it and do not be of those who associate others with Allah in His divinity, otherwise you will be of those doomed to punishment. Do not worship or invoke idols or anything else besides Allah because they can do you neither good nor harm; if you do, you will surely be of those who wrong themselves by worshipping others besides Him. If Allah inflicts harm on you, Messenger, no one can remove it but He; and if He intends good for you, no one can withhold His bounty. He grants prosperity and adversity to whomever He wills of His servants; and He is the All-Forgiving, who pardons those who turn to Him in repentance; the All-Merciful, who shows mercy towards those who believe in Him and obey His commands.

Say, to all mankind, Messenger: The clear truth about which there is no doubt—the Qur'an which contains right guidance—has come to you from your Lord. Therefore, whoever follows its guidance does so for his own good, but whoever chooses to deviate from its guidance and persist in error does so to his own loss. It is not in my power to compel you to believe, nor do I keep count of your actions to repay you for them. Follow, Muhammad, what Allah has revealed to you and continue to patiently endure the harm the idolaters inflict on you while conveying His message until He judges between you and them, for He is the best of judges, and His judgments are perfectly just.

Quran 11: 1_11 Hud Tafseer: Simple explanation: Allah Almighty opens this great surah with the 'disconnected letters' to establish the miraculous nature of the Qur'an, which conclusively prove the Arabs' total inability to challenge the Qur'an by producing something like it, even though it is composed of the very Arabic letters they speak! The Almighty then explains that this book—the Qur'an—which He has revealed to Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, is a great book indeed, whose verses are perfected such that they are neither defective nor do they contain any falsehood whatsoever, then are expounded in detail through true accounts and commands and prohibitions; it is undoubtedly from Allah, the All-Wise, the All-Aware who disposes of all affairs and knows their consequences and outcomes perfectly well, so that you worship none but Allah and not associate any partners with Him. Then He commands His Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to say to the people: I have been sent to you from Allah to warn you of His punishment and to give you good tidings of His reward. Ask your Lord for forgiveness and turn to Him in penitence. He will let you enjoy a good life until your appointed time of death, and will graciously and fully reward those who have merit by good words and deeds. But if you pay no heed and turn away from what I am calling you, I fear for you the punishment of a mighty day—the Day of Judgment. To Allah will you all be returned after death, so

beware of His punishment; and He has power over all things: He is perfectly capable of resurrecting you, gathering you together for judgment and repaying you according to your deeds. These idolaters conceal their unbelief in an attempt to keep it secret, thinking that Allah is not fully aware of what they hide in their minds. Surely, even if they cover themselves with their garments, nothing is concealed from Him and He knows what they conceal and what they reveal, He has full knowledge of their secrets, intentions and innermost thoughts. Then Allah, Exalted be He, explains that no living creature on earth but depends for its sustenance on Him, all by His grace and through His munificence; and He knows the place of its retreat in this life and where it dies and its final resting place after its death. All this is recorded in the clear book of His decrees—the Preserved Tablet. It is He, Allah declares, who created the heavens and the earth in six days—and His Throne was upon water before that—to test people and see which of them excel in obedience and good deeds. Then He addresses His Prophet, saying: If you say, Messenger, to these idolaters that they will be resurrected after death, they will hasten to deny it and say, 'The Qur'an that you recite to us is clearly nothing but manifest, downright magic. Then Allah Almighty swears and emphatically declares that if He defers these idolaters' punishment to an appointed time and they find it too slow to come, they deny it, mockingly saying, 'What is preventing this torment from coming now if it is real?' Surely the day such punishment falls upon them, there will be no one to divert it from them; and they will be surrounded by such punishment, which they have previously mocked and disbelieved, from all sides. If We let man taste some of Our grace and bestow on him a blessing, such as good health and security, and then take it away from him, he abandons all hope in Allah's mercy and becomes ungrateful to Allah, forgetting all the favors He has bestowed upon him. And if, after adversity, We let him taste prosperity, ease and plenty, he will surely say, 'Gone are my sorrows and hardships,' and grows exultant and boastful, behaving arrogantly towards people. Not so

are those who are patient in adversity and do righteous deeds in prosperity to give thanks to Allah for His favors. These will certainly have their sins forgiven, and they surely will receive a mighty reward in the hereafter.

Quran 11: 12_23 Hud Tafseer:General explanation:Allah Almighty addresses His Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, saying: Perhaps you may feel inclined to leave part of what Allah has revealed to you and may be distressed thereby, lest they make certain demands, out of sheer stubbornness, such as by saying, 'Why has no treasure been sent down to him? And why has no angel come with him to prove his truthfulness?' Just convey to them what I have revealed to you, for you are merely a warner, and Allah is the guardian of all things: He disposes all people's affairs and keeps count of their actions and He alone will repay them according to their deeds. They even go so far as to assert that you have invented the Qur'an! Say to them, 'If what you claim is true, produce, then, ten invented surahs of similar merit, and call upon whosoever you may of Allah's creation to assist you with this task.' If those you call on to aid you do not respond to you and fail you, know for certain, then, that this Quran has been revealed to Muhammad, comprising Allah's knowledge, as well as His commands and prohibitions, and that there is no god deserving of worship except Allah. Now that the evidence has been established against you, will you, surrender yourselves to Him and obey Him and His Messenger? Allah, Exalted and Sublime be He, shows the evil fate of those who do not seek with their words and deeds other than Allah's good pleasure: For those who seek with their striving and good deeds only the life of this world and its adornment and glitter, We will repay them in full for their works in this life, and their reward will not be in the least diminished. These are the ones who will have nothing in the hereafter except the Fire, in which they burn and suffer its intense heat. Fruitless will be their good deeds, and vain will be all their works, for they have not done them solely for Allah's good pleasure. The Almighty further says: Are those, then, who

follow clear guidance and stand on manifest evidence from their Lord, which is followed up and supported by another witness from Allah, that conforms to, and follows, such evidence, namely the Qur'an, and yet another witness before the Qur'an, namely the Torah, which was revealed to Moses as a guide for the Israelites and mercy from their Lord towards them, the same as those who care only for this worldly life and its glitter? Those who follow clear guidance and stand on manifest evidence from their Lord believe in this Qur'an and act in accordance with its commandments. As for those who reject the Qur'an and disbelieve in it from among those who oppose the Messenger of Allah, may Allah bless him and grant him peace; they will be consigned to the Fire which will inevitably be their appointed place on Judgment Day. Therefore, do not have the least doubt, Messenger, of the Qur'an being from your Lord given the proofs attesting to this. Know that it is undoubtedly the truth from your Lord, but most people do not believe so, out of sheer obstinacy and arrogance. Then The Almighty affirms that no one is more wicked and does greater wrong than those who forge lies and attribute them to Allah. These, He states, will be brought before their Lord on Judgment Day to judge them for their deeds; and the witnesses from the angels, the prophets and the believers will say, 'These are they who lied about their Lord in the life of the world.' Now, surely, Allah will exclude them from His grace and mercy these wrongdoers, who turn people from Allah's true religion, seek to make it look crooked so that people would not follow it, and who disbelieve in the life to come and the consequent resurrection and divine judgment. They can by no means escape Allah's punishment in this life if He wishes to inflict it on them, and they will have no supporters to protect them against it. Their torment in Hell will be doubled for them for having been unwilling to listen to the Qur'an to benefit from it and for having been averse to seeing and reflecting on Allah's signs in this universe so they might be guided to the truth. These are they who have brought ruin upon themselves for forging lies about Allah, and the false gods

they claim would intercede with Allah for them will fail them and will not be there to help them or benefit them in any way. Without a doubt, they will be the worst losers of all people in the hereafter for having chosen the lowest depths of Hell instead of the high degrees of honor in Paradise. Having Hell as their eternal abode will indeed be a loss beyond compare. As for those that believe and do righteous deeds and humble themselves before their Lord, they will be the inhabitants of Paradise for all eternity. They will never die in it, nor will they ever be brought out of it.

Quran 11: 24_30 Hud Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty then sets forth a parable to depict the case of the unbelievers and the believers, saying: These two groups are like the blind and the deaf in comparison to those who can see and hear well: The unbelievers cannot possibly see the truth to follow it, nor can they hear the caller to Allah to be guided by him, as opposed to the believers who have seen the truth and heard the caller to Allah and followed him. Can they be alike at all? Will you not, then, reflect and pay heed? The Then Almighty swears that He sent Noah to his people who said to them: I have come to warn you of Allah's punishment if you worship other than Him and to plainly explain to you His commands and prohibitions, with which He has sent me to you. Worship none but Allah. I fear that if you do not worship Allah alone, he will inflict an agonising punishment on you on the Judgment Day. The unbelieving chiefs and notables among his people said to him, 'We see you only as a human being like ourselves, not an angel at all. How could you have received revelations but not us?! We also see that no one follows you except the lowliest among us, who do so hastily and without thinking; nor do we perceive any excellence and merit in you and your followers above us to follow you. In fact, we believe all of you are liars.' 'Tell me, my people,' Noah said, 'if I have clear evidence from my Lord regarding what I have brought you, whereby truth is distinguished from falsehood, and He has favored me with grace from Himself, namely prophethood and His message, and He has kept the truth hidden from you as punishment,

can we compel you to accept it when you are averse to it? We cannot possibly do that; nonetheless, we leave this matter to Allah who will decide on it as He wills.' 'I do not ask you for money in return for calling you to worship Allah alone,' Noah, peace be upon him, went on to say. 'My reward rests with none but Allah. Nor will I drive away the believers just because you look down on them, for they will surely meet their Lord on Judgment Day to repay them according to their deeds; but I can see that you are an ignorant people for asking me to repulse and drive away Allah's servants. And were I to drive them away, my people, who would then protect me from Allah's punishment? Will you not reflect and desist from your error and ignorance?

Quran 11: 31_35 Hud Tafseer:General explanation: I do not say to you that I possess Allah's treasures, nor do I claim that I have knowledge of what is hidden; I do not claim to be an angel, nor do I say to the poor believers you disdain and hold in contempt that Allah will not reward them for their faith—Allah alone knows best what is in their hearts. Were I to say so, I would indeed be among the wrongdoers, who wrong themselves and others. You have argued with us, Noah,' his people said to him, as Allah Almighty informs us, 'and you have prolonged the dispute with us. Bring down on us the punishment with which you threaten us if what you claim is true.' He said, 'Only Allah can bring it upon you if He so wills, and you will by no means escape it if He wishes to inflict on you, for nothing whatsoever in the heavens or the earth can ever frustrate His purpose. My advice will not benefit you, no matter how hard I try to call you to faith, if Allah wants you to go astray and remain in error because of your persistent obstinacy. He is your Lord and to Him will you all be returned in the hereafter for judgement. Or do your idolatrous people, Muhammad, say that you have invented the Qur'an and fabricated Noah's story yourself? Say to them, 'If I have invented the Qur'an, as you falsely claim, I will bear the burden of my own sins for inventing falsehood about Allah; but I am telling the truth, then you are indeed the wicked evildoers, and I am innocent of your unbelief

and the sins and crimes you commit.

Quran 11: 36_44 Hud Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted, be He, mentions that He revealed to Noah, upon him be peace, saying, 'None of your people will believe other than those who have already done so before. Do not be distressed, therefore, by what they have been doing. Build the Ark under Our watchful eyes and protection and in accordance with Our instructions through inspiration. Do not ask Me to forgive those who have done wrong among your people because of their unbelief, for they will assuredly be drowned in the Deluge. Noah, peace be upon him, set about building the Ark, the Almighty states, and every time the unbelieving notables of his people passed by him, they ridiculed him. He said, 'If you mock us today because of your ignorance that Allah's promise is true, we will mock you just as you mock us. You will soon come to know who will receive a humiliating punishment in this life and suffer an everlasting torment in the hereafter. Then Allah Almighty says: When Our command to destroy Noah's unbelieving people came to pass, as We had promised Noah, and the oven gushed forth water to portend the imminent punishment and to be a sign for him for the start of the Flood, We said to Noah: Take into the Ark a pair (the male and female) of each kind of living creature, and your family—except those on whom Our sentence of destruction has already been passed. Also take into it the believers among your people.' Yet only a few people believed along with him. 'Embark,' Noah said to the faithful. 'In the Name of Allah it will set sail and in Allah's Name it will cast anchor. Surely my Lord is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful.' The Ark sailed with them, Allah states, amidst waves that kept rising until they became as high as the mountains. Noah cried out to his son, who stood apart, far from the Ark, saying, 'Embark with us, son, and do not be with the unbelievers who will soon drown.' His son replied, 'I will seek refuge on a mountain, which will protect me from the water and save me

from drowning.’ Noah said, 'Today there is no protection for anyone from Allah’s judgment, and from drowning and destruction, except by the Most Merciful—Almighty Allah. The waves surged in between them, separating father from son, and he was amongst the drowned. Then Allah commanded the earth, after the destruction of Noah’s people, to swallow up its water and the sky to cease raining, and the floodwater receded and started to decrease and sink into the earth. Allah’s command to destroy Noah’s unbelieving people and save the believers amongst them was carried out, the Ark came to rest on Mount Judi and it was said, 'Destroyed and excluded from Allah’s grace and mercy are the wrongdoers!

Quran 11: 45-49 Hud Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty mentions that that Noah, peace be upon him, called out to Him, saying, 'Lord, You promised you would save me and my family from drowning and destruction, and this son of mine is of my family. Your promise is surely true and is always fulfilled, and You are the Most Just of all judges.’ 'Noah,’ Allah said, 'your son who perished is not of your believing family members whom I promised you to save, for he was guilty of unbelief, which is an evil deed. Do not, therefore, ask Me for something about which you have no knowledge. I admonish you, lest you should be among the ignorant by asking me for such a thing.’ 'I seek refuge in You, Lord from asking You for anything about which I have no knowledge,’ Noah said. 'Unless You forgive me and have mercy on me, I will surely be among the losers.’ 'Disembark, Noah in peace and security from Us,’ Allah said, 'and with Our blessings on you as well as on many nations that will descend from the believers who are with you in the Ark. But as for other nations from their unbelieving descendants, We will provide for them to enjoy themselves until their appointed time of death, then We will make them suffer a painful punishment on the Day of Judgement.’ The story of Noah and his people We have related to you, Muhammad, is one of the true accounts of the distant, unknown past, which We reveal to you. Neither you nor your

people knew it before this time. Therefore, persevere and exercise patience, when your people disbelieve you do harm to you, as did the prophets before you, for the best end result in this life and in the life to come is for the God-fearing who do what Allah commands and avoid what He forbids.

Quran 11: 50_60 Hud Tafseer:General explanation: To the tribe of 'Aad, the Almighty informs us, He sent their brother Hud. 'My people,' he said, 'worship Allah alone faithfully and sincerely, for you have no other god worthy of worship other than Him. Surely by ascribing partners to Allah, you are only inventing lies about Him. I ask no wage from you, my people, by calling you to abandon idol worship and worship Allah alone. My reward is only with Allah who has created me. Will you not, then, use your intellect and distinguish between truth and falsehood?! My people, seek forgiveness of your Lord and turn to Him in penitence. He will send from the sky abundant rain upon you, thereby increasing your blessings, and will add strength to your strength by multiplying your progeny and bestowing successive bounties on you. Do not turn away from what I am calling you to and do not persist in your unbelief and disobedience.' They said, 'Hud, you have brought us no clear evidence to prove the truthfulness of what you calling to, and we are not going to forsake our gods merely because you say so, nor are we going to believe you. All we can say is that some of our gods have afflicted you with madness for forbidding us to worship them.' He said to them, 'I take Allah to be my witness, and you also bear witness, that I disown all the idols and false deities that you take up as partners with Allah and worship them besides Him. Plot anything that you wish against me and do me harm, you and your alleged gods, without any delay at all. I have placed my trust in Allah—my Lord and your Lord—who owns and manages everything, and thus no harm will afflict me except by His will. He is powerful over all things, and there is no living creature that He does not own and is not completely under His control and power. Straight indeed is my Lord's way: all His judgments, laws and commands are perfectly just; He Justly

rewards the good and punishes the evil. I have placed my trust in Allah—my Lord and your Lord—who owns and manages everything, and thus no harm will afflict me except by His will. He is powerful over all things, and there is no living creature that He does not own and is not completely under His control and power. Straight indeed is my Lord's way: all His judgments, laws and commands are perfectly just; He Justly rewards the good and punishes the evil. But if you choose to turn away and refuse to worship Allah alone, as I have commanded you, then know that I have delivered to you my Lord's message and that you have no excuse before Him after evidence is fully established against you. And because you refuse to believe in Allah, He will destroy you and replace you with another people who will take possession of your homes and wealth and sincerely worship Him alone, and you will in no way harm Him by stubbornly rejecting faith. Surely my Lord watches over all things, and He will keep me safe from your any harm you may consider inflicting on me.' And when Our command to destroy Hud's unbelieving people came to pass, We saved Hud and the believers by Our grace and mercy, and We will save them, too, from a severe punishment—that of the Day of Judgment. That was the end of the tribe of 'Aad, who disbelieved Allah's signs, disobeyed His messengers and followed the order of everyone who rebelled against Allah's command and obstinately rejected the truth. They were followed in this world by a curse—in that they were excluded from His grace and mercy—and so will they be on the Day of Judgement. Surely the tribe of 'Aad denied and disobeyed their Lord. Excluded indeed was the tribe of 'Aad from Allah's mercy and from all good.

Quran 11: 61_68 Hud Tafseer:Simple explanation: And to the tribe of Thamud, the Almighty states, He sent their brother Salih. 'My people,' he said to them, 'worship Allah alone faithfully and sincerely, for you have no other god worthy of worship other than Him. It is He who brought you into being from the earth by creating your father Adam from it and made you its inhabitants. Ask Him, therefore, to forgive you your sins and sincerely turn to

Him in penitence, for my Lord is ever near those who show true repentance, ever responsive to their prayers.' 'Salih,' they said, 'great were the hopes we placed in you before this statement of yours, as we were hoping you would hold a position of considerable authority amongst us. Would you now forbid us to worship the gods our forefathers worshipped? We are certainly in disquieting doubt concerning the religion to which you are calling us.' 'Tell me, my people,' Salih said, 'if I have clear evidence from my Lord which I have learnt about and of which I am absolutely certain, and He has granted me prophethood and wisdom, who will protect me from Allah's punishment if I disobey Him by neglecting to convey His message to you? If I obey you and disobey my Lord, you would in this case do nothing for me except increase my loss and keep me away from all good. This is a she-camel which Allah has sent as a sign for you proving my truthfulness and that of the message I am conveying to you. Leave her alone to pasture at will on Allah's earth—for you do not have to provide her sustenance—and do her no harm, otherwise a swift punishment will overtake you. Nonetheless, they disbelieved him and killed the she-camel. 'Enjoy yourselves in your time only for three days, after which the punishment will certainly descend upon you,' Salih warned them. 'This is a true warning which will inevitably come to pass.' When Our command to the destroy the tribe of Thamud came to pass, We saved Salih and those who believed along with him from destruction, all by Our grace and mercy, and We saved them from the disgrace of that day. Your Lord, Muhammad, is the All-Strong, the All-Mighty. And the mighty blast and awful cry overtook those who had done wrong, and there they lay lifeless in their homes, prostrate on the ground. Their destruction was so swift it appeared as though they had never lived there. Surely the tribe of Thamud disbelieved in their Lord and disbelieved His signs and proofs. Excluded indeed was the tribe of Thamud from Allah's mercy and from all good.

Quran 11: 69_76 Hud Tafseer:Simple explanation: Allah Almighty states that the angels came to Abraham and his wife Sarah to give

them the glad tiding of the birth of their son Isaac and, after Isaac, of their grandson Jacob. They greeted him, saying, 'Peace be with you!' 'Peace be with you!' he replied, and he hastened to bring them a roasted calf. However, when he noticed that their hands did not reach out towards it to help themselves to the food, he found this rather strange and became apprehensive of them. The angels, perceiving fear on Abraham's face, said to him, 'Do not be afraid. We are the angels of your Lord who has sent us to destroy the people of Lot. Abraham's wife, Sarah, who was standing behind the screen listening to them, laughed in astonishment at what she heard; whereupon Allah gave her the glad tiding—through the angels—of the birth of Isaac and, after Isaac, of his son Jacob, peace on them. 'How can I bear a child when I am an aged woman, and this husband of mine is well advanced in years?' she said in utter astonishment. 'It is a very strange thing indeed that a child should be born to such an aged couple!' They said, 'Are you astonished at the command and decree of Allah? May Allah's mercy and blessings be upon you, family of Abraham. He is worthy of all praise and glory, and so are His attributes and actions.' When Abraham's fear subsided and the good news of the birth of Isaac and Jacob had been conveyed to him, he began to plead with the angels for Lot's people and argue with them concerning their destruction; for Abraham was indeed most clement—never desiring to hasten punishment—and most tender-hearted, who often humbly and earnestly called upon Allah and frequently turned to Him in all his affairs. 'Plead no more for lot's people, Abraham,' the angels told him, 'for they have become justly deserving of divine punishment, and your Lord's command to destroy them has already gone forth. They will certainly be afflicted with a punishment that cannot be averted.'

Quran 11: 77_86 Hud Tafseer:Simple explanation: These verses begin by depicting the emotional state of Lot, peace be upon him, when the angels came to him. He grew extremely anxious and was rather distressed, as he felt he lacked the strength to offer them protection against his people. 'This is a dreadfully distressful day,'

he said. His people, long addicted to the evil practice of lusting after men instead of women, came hurrying towards him, impelled by their perverted desire. 'My people,' he said, 'here are my nation's women; marry them, for They are pure and lawful for you through marriage. Fear Allah and beware of His punishment, and do not disgrace me by assaulting my guests. Is there not one sensible man among you to enjoin the evildoers from committing such a shameful deed?' They said, 'You already know that we have no need for women, and you know exactly what we are after.'

When he saw their clear determination to commit abominations, he said, 'If only I had power and supporters with me, or could seek the help of a clan against you.' 'Lot,' the angels said, 'we are the messengers of your Lord who has sent us to destroy your people. They will by no means reach you or do you any harm at all. Therefore, set out with your family in some part of the night, and let none of you look back. Take all of your family with you with the exception of your wife, for she will suffer the same dreadful fate they will undergo. The appointed time for their destruction will be the morning, which will come very soon indeed. When Our command to destroy Lot's people came to pass, We turned their cities upside down and rained down upon them clustered stones of baked clay, specially marked and designated by your Lord for the purpose. Indeed, such dreadful punishment is never far from the wrongdoers, as they could suffer the same terrible fate. And to the tribe of Midian, Allah Almighty states, He sent their brother Shu'ayb to call them to worship Allah alone and give up the worship of false gods. 'My people,' he said, 'worship Allah alone. You have no other god worthy of worship other than Him. Do not defraud people out of their rights by giving them short measure and weight. I see you are well off and in a happy state, and I fear for you, if you persist in worshipping false gods besides Allah and cheating people out of their rights, the punishment of a day whose horrors none of you will escape. My people, give full measure and weight in all fairness, do not deprive people of what is rightfully theirs and do not act wickedly in the land, disobeying

Allah, committing sins and spreading corruption. Whatever lawful profit Allah grants you from your transactions, when you do justice to others and give full measure and weight, is far better for you than the unlawful gains you make by fraud, if you truly believe in Allah; therefore, obey His commands. I am not a guardian over you to keep count of your actions. My task is only to convey Allah's message to you.'

Quran 11: 87_99 Hud Tafseer:Simple explanation: Shu'ayb,' they scornfully said, 'Do your prayers, that you so often perform, instruct you that we should abandon the idols our fathers worshipped or cease earning wealth in whatever fraudulent manner we please? Indeed, you are such a tolerant, sensible man.'

'Tell me, my people,' Shu'ayb said, 'if I stand on clear evidence from my Lord regarding what I command and forbid you to do, and He has provided me with abundant, lawful sustenance, should I fall into error and go astray as you have? I do not wish to act contrary to my instructions only to practise myself what I forbid you. I seek only to reform you and set your affairs right as far as I can. My success in this task lies only with Allah. In Him have I placed my trust, and to Him do I always turn in penitence. My people, do not let your opposition to me and your enmity towards me make you stubbornly persist in your unbelief and thus bring upon yourselves the same destruction that befell the people of Noah, the people of Hud and the people of 'ali'. It is not long since the people of Lot were punished, nor are their dwellings distant from yours. Seek forgiveness of your Lord, obey His commands and continue to do so. Surely my Lord is All-compassionate and All-Loving towards those who repent and turn to Him in penitence.' The Almighty informs us that the people of Shu'ayb then said to their prophet, 'We do not understand much of what you say, Shu'ayb. In fact, we see you weak in our midst; and were it not for your clan, who profess the same faith as ourselves, we would have certainly stoned you to death, for we do not hold you in high esteem and you have no great status among us.' 'My people,' Shu'ayb said, 'do you have more regard

for my clan than for Allah, turning your backs on Him entirely and not heeding His commands? Surely my Lord is Fully Aware of what you do. Nothing is hidden from Him, not even as much as the weight of an atom, and He will repay you according to your deeds. My people, act and persist in your ways, and I will act and persist in my ways and adhere to my religion. You will certainly come to know who will receive a punishment to disgrace him and who is a liar. Just wait and see what will befall you. I, too, am waiting.'

And when Our command to destroy the people of Shu'ayb came to pass, We saved Our Messenger Shu'ayb, together with those who shared his faith, all by Our grace and mercy, and the mighty blast and awful cry seized those who had done wrong, destroying them completely; and there they lay lifeless in their homes, prostrate on the ground, as if they had never lived there at all. Excluded indeed was the tribe of Midian from Allah's mercy and from all good, as was the tribe of Thamud before them. Almighty Allah states that He sent Moses with manifest signs, conclusive proofs and stunning miracles proving his honesty and the truthfulness of his prophethood, to Pharaoh and his chiefs and followers, but they followed Pharaoh's command and ways, preferring unbelief to faith which Moses had brought them. Indeed, Pharaoh's command was by no means wise, nor did his ways produce any good outcome. He will head his people on the Day of Judgment and lead them into the Fire. Evil and terrible indeed will be the place to which they will be led! Just as he was their example in error and unbelief in this life, so, too, he will be their example in the Fire. In addition to the punishment Allah inflicted on them, He cursed them by excluding them from His grace and mercy in this world and will also exclude them from His grace in the next world. Terrible indeed will be the combined punishment and curse in this life and in the hereafter!

Quran 11: 100_108 Hud Tafseer: Simple explanation: Allah Almighty addresses His Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, saying: These are some of the accounts of the fate of

those ancient communities which We relate to you. The dwellings of some are still standing, but the dwellings of some others were destroyed without a trace. We did not wrong them or punish them for something they had not done, but they wronged themselves for their unbelief and for spreading corruption in the land. The gods they use to called on besides Allah to protect them from harm proved of no avail to them whatsoever when your Lord's command to destroy them came to pass. In fact, they only added to their ruin and loss. Just as your Lord, Muhammad, seized these evildoing communities when they obstinately disobeyed My commands and disbelieved My messengers, so I seize the communities that wrong themselves by persisting in their unbelief and sins. Indeed, His punishment, when He seizes the wrongdoers, is very painful and severe. The terrible punishment I meted out to these evildoing past communities serves as a lesson and warning for those who fear Allah's punishment in the hereafter. That will be the day for which all mankind will be gathered together before Allah to judge them and repay them according to their deeds, and it will be witnessed by all creatures. We delay the Day of Judgment only for a term that We have already fixed as We deem appropriate. When that day comes, no one will speak except by His permission. Some will be miserable, deserving of Allah's punishment; while some others will be happy, deserving of Allah's grace and bliss. Those who will be wretched on that day will be in the Fire, violently sighing and sobbing on account of the intense torment to which they will be subjected. They will remain in Hell for ever, except for whoever of the disobedient believers who declared Allah's unity, your Lord, Muhammad, wills to take out of Hell after remaining sometime in it and then admit into Paradise, by His grace and mercy. Your Lord, Muhammad, does whatever He wills. As for those whom Allah will grant bliss, they will enter Paradise and remain in it for ever, with the exception of those your Lord, Muhammad, wills to admit into Hell first, namely the disobedient believers who declared Allah's unity, after which time He will take them out of it and admit them into Paradise, by His grace and mercy. Your Lord

will grant these in Paradise a bounty which will not be interrupted. Quran 11: 109_123 Hud Tafseer: Simple explanation: Allah Almighty says: Do not entertain the slightest doubt, Muhammad, that your idolatrous people follow nothing but falsehood and worship only false gods. They blindly follow in the footsteps of their fathers by worshipping as their fathers worshipped before them, and We will certainly give them their full due for whatever good or evil they have earned, not in the least diminished. We gave Moses the Torah before, but his people disagreed concerning it, splitting into believers and unbelievers, just as your own people have done concerning the Qur'an; and had it not been for a decree Allah had previously issued to give them respite and defer their punishment, He would have delivered His judgment between them, whereby the unbelievers will be destroyed and the faithful will be saved; and those who follow the Torah are still in grave and serious doubt about their book. Your Lord will give each of those differing people, whose accounts We have related to you, their full due on Judgment Day for whatever good or evil they may have done. Your Lord has full knowledge of what they do. The Almighty then enjoins His Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and his followers to staunchly adhere to His religion, saying: Therefore, stand firm, Muhammad, and remain steadfast as you have been commanded, together with those along with you who have turned to Him, and none of you should overstep the limits He has set for you, for He sees all that you do and nothing is hidden from Him, and He will repay you according to your actions. Nor incline towards those who do wrong and approve their evil actions, or the Fire will touch you, and then you will have no one to help you or save you from Allah's punishment. Duly perform the prescribed prayers, Prophet, at the beginning and end of the day, as well as during parts of the night. Indeed, good deeds wipe out evil deeds. What Allah has hitherto commanded you and forbidden you all to do is a reminder for those

who pay heed, seek His reward and fear His punishment. Be patient, Prophet, and persevere in what Allah commands you to do, and patiently bear the harm of your idolatrous people, for Allah does not fail to repay those who do good and will never deny their reward. Allah Almighty says: Why were there not among the past generations that We destroyed before you individuals possessed of good sense, virtue and piety to forbid and warn against unbelief and corruption in the land, except for a few who believed and whom We saved when the punishment overtook the wrongdoers? But most of the wrongdoers only pursued the worldly pleasures they were given, preferring them to life hereafter, and were wicked evildoers who persisted in their unbelief and sins, and so they became deserving of punishment. Your Lord, Muhammad, would never unjustly destroy any community while its people are righteous and avoid corruption, oppression and injustice. Had your Lord willed, He could surely have made all mankind one single community following the same religion, namely Islam, but He willed it otherwise, and so they continue to differ in their religion, except for those upon whom your Lord has bestowed His grace and so they believe in Him and follow His messengers, never disputing the fact that Allah is the only True God worthy of worship and that their messengers have brought them the truth. It is His will, for reasons known to Him alone, to create them into two different groups, one group will attain eternal bliss and the other will be doomed to misery, and everyone will find it easy to do such deeds as will lead him to his destined place for which he has been created. And thus the decree of your Lord based on His foreknowledge—that He will fill Hell with those deserving it among the jinn and humankind who follow Satan and his soldiers and are not guided to faith—will certainly be fulfilled. Allah, Exalted be He, says: Out of all the accounts relating to the messengers before you, Muhammad, We relate to you everything you need that will make your heart firm and strengthen your faith to help you convey your message. The Truth you follow has come to you through these accounts in this surah, as well as lessons and

reminders for the believers. Say, Muhammad, to the unbelievers who do not acknowledge Allah's Unity: Persist in your ways and do whatever lies within your power to oppose Islam and harm the Messenger and his followers; we will certainly persist in our ways and continue to adhere to our religion and obey Allah's commands; and watch and wait for the outcome of our actions. We are also watching and waiting for the outcome of your actions. To Allah alone belongs the knowledge of what is hidden in the heavens and the earth, and to Him all will be returned and all matters will be referred on Judgment Day. Therefore, worship Him, Prophet, and put your trust in Him. Your Lord is never unaware of what you do, and He will surely repay all people according to their actions.

Quran 12 :1_6 Yusuf Tafseer: Simple explanation: Allah Almighty opens this noble surah with the 'disconnected letters' to establish the miraculous nature of the Qur'an, which conclusively prove the Arabs' total inability to challenge the Qur'an by producing something like it, even though it is composed of the very Arabic letters they speak! Then He declares that these are the verses of the Qur'an, which is clear in every respect, in terms of its provisions, expressions and the different types of meanings its words carry; it is also clearly the truth and is the Clear Book that makes plain what is unclear and ambiguous. The Almighty further declares that He has sent down this Qur'an in the Arabic tongue—the language of the Arabs—so that they may understand it and obediently follow His guidance laid down in it. Then He addresses His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, saying: By revealing this Qur'an to you, We relate to you the best of stories, and you were indeed before this Qur'an revealed to you among those who did not know anything about such accounts and totally unaware of them. Then Allah Almighty says: Mention to your people, Muhammad, the statement of Joseph to his father Jacob, peace be upon them both: 'Father, I saw in a dream eleven stars, as well as the sun and the moon. I saw them prostrating themselves before me.' 'My son,' he replied, 'say nothing of this dream to your brothers, lest they become jealous of you and plot to harm you, for

Satan is man's open foe and can incite people to do such an evil thing. Just as your Lord has shown you this dream, so, too, He will bestow prophethood on you and teach you the interpretation of people's dreams and make you understand the meaning of Allah's scriptures and His prophets' ways. He will also perfect His favor to you with prophethood and to the family of Jacob, as He perfected it with prophethood to your forefathers Abraham and Isaac before you. Your Lord knows perfectly well who of His servants deserves to be chosen for prophethood, and is All-Wise in disposing of the affairs of His creation.

Quran 12 :7-10 Yusuf Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, says: Surely in the story of Joseph and his brothers there are lessons and proofs attesting to Allah's power and wisdom for those who want to know about their story. They said to each other, 'Surely Joseph and his full brother are dearer to our father than we are and he prefers them to us even though we are a group of so many and are of greater benefit to him. Indeed, our father is clearly mistaken. Kill Joseph or cast him out to some unknown, faraway land so that your father's attention will become exclusively yours and you will have no rivals in his love, and then you can thereafter repent and become righteous.' One of them said, 'Do not kill Joseph. But if you must do something, throw him down to the bottom of a well; some travellers will pick him up, and you will thus get rid of him without there being any need to kill him.

Quran 12 :11-14 Yusuf Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty informs us that Joseph's brothers requested their father to let Joseph go out with them, after they had plotted to separate him from their father. 'Father,' they said, 'why do you not trust us with Joseph when in truth we only wish him well and his wellbeing is our main concern? Send him with us tomorrow ,so that he may eat, play and have a good time. We will surely take good care of him and protect him from everything you fear might harm him.' Jacob said, 'It would much grieve me to let him go with you, and I fear a wolf should eat him when you are not paying

attention.' They said, 'Should a wolf eat him when we are a strong group and there are so many of us, we would indeed be worthless and we should certainly die ourselves.

Quran 12 :15-18 Yusuf Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says: When Joseph's brothers took him with them, and having already resolved to throw him down to the bottom of the well, they mercilessly carried out their evil plan. We then revealed to him, saying, 'A time will come when you will inform them of this deed of theirs and they will not know you.' At nightfall they returned to their father, weeping. 'Father,' they said, feigning grief and sorrow, 'we were racing with one another, and left Joseph behind with our provisions and clothes, and a wolf devoured him. We know that you will not believe us even though we are telling the truth.' They brought his shirt, stained with false blood, which they claimed was Joseph's blood in order to make him believe their false story. He said, 'What you say is by no means true. Rather, your evil-commanding souls have tempted you to do something evil to Joseph and do him some sort of harm; they made such an evil deed seem fair to you, and you carried it out. Sweet patience! I will patiently bear this without complaining to anyone, and Allah's help is ever there to seek against the lies that you describe.

Quran 12 :19-21 Yusuf Tafseer:General explanation: Informing us about what happened to Joseph, peace be upon him, after his brothers had thrown him down the well, Allah Almighty says: A group of travellers came that way and sent their water-bearer to the well to draw water for them, and, having let down his bucket, Joseph clung to it. Seeing Joseph, he exclaimed, 'Good news! What a lucky find! It is a boy!' They concealed him as part of their merchandise, bent on selling him, but Allah was fully aware of everything they were doing. They later sold him for a trifling price, merely a few silver coins (dirhams), only wanting to get rid of him. The travellers brought him in safety into Egypt, whose Chief Minister bought him of them. 'Make his stay with us honorable and

be kind to him,' the Chief Minister said to his wife. 'He may prove useful to us, or we may adopt him as our own son. Just as We saved Joseph from the well and made Egypt's Chief Minister hold him in great affection, so, too, We established him in the land of Egypt, where We put him in charge of the nation's storehouses and taught him the interpretation of dreams, as well as the meaning of Allah's scriptures and His prophets' ways. Allah has power to accomplish His will and execute His purpose, but most people do not know that all power of decision rests with Him.

Quran 12 :22-25 Yusuf Tafseer:General explanation: When Joseph attained his full manhood, Allah states, He bestowed on him prophethood and knowledge. Just as We rewarded Joseph for doing good, We, too, reward those who do good. The Chief Minister's wife, having formed an unlawful affection for Joseph and attempted to seduce him, locked all the doors of the house and said, 'Come to me.' 'Allah is my refuge!' he replied. 'I seek His protection from the wicked deed to which you are calling me and from betraying my master who has treated me with such loving kindness and has taken good care of me. Indeed, those who wrong themselves by doing what they must not to do will never succeed.' The Chief Minister's wife desired Joseph so much she was determined to commit such a dreadful sin, and he himself desired her—though for him it was merely a passing thought that did not crystallise into determination—and he would have succumbed to her persistent advances had he not seen a sign from his Lord which strengthened his faith and prevented him from disobeying Him. Thus We willed it to be in order to keep evil and indecency away from him, for he was truly one of Our faithful and purified servants whom We had chosen to convey Our message and whom We had guarded against idolatry, evil and immorality. Joseph rushed to the door to flee out of the room, and she also rushed after him to grab hold of him, and pulling his shirt from behind to prevent him from escaping, she tore his shirt in the process, only to encounter her husband at the door. She said, seeking to accuse Joseph of attempted assault, 'What is the penalty for someone who tried to

violate your wife, except to be thrown into prison or to suffer a painful punishment?' 'It was she who attempted to seduce me and I simply refused,' Joseph said, protesting his innocence.

Quran 12 :26-29 Yusuf Tafseer:General explanation: 'It was she who attempted to seduce me and I simply refused,' Joseph said, protesting his innocence. A member of her own family suggested, judging the case, 'If his shirt is torn from the front, then she has spoken the truth and he is a liar; but if his shirt is torn from the back, then she has lied and he has clearly told the simple truth.' When her husband perceived that Joseph's shirt was torn from the back, which made him absolutely certain of Joseph's innocence, he turned to his wife and said, 'This is an instance of your guile, women! Your guile is great indeed.' 'Joseph,' he then said, 'ignore all this and do not mention what happened to anyone; and you, woman, ask pardon for your sin; You have certainly done wrong by trying to seduce him and telling a lie about him.

Quran 12 :30-32 Yusuf Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty informs us that the story of the wife of Egypt's Chief Minister spread far and wide, and that some women in the city who started talking about it disapprovingly said, 'The Chief Minister's wife has sought to seduce her servant. She is passionately in love with him. We can see that she is clearly wrong in so doing.' Having heard of their malicious gossip and taunting comments, she invited them to her house to attend a banquet. She prepared for them a place of reclining and gave each one of them a knife. Then while they were cutting and eating their food, she ordered Joseph to present himself before them. When they saw him, they were so awestruck by his remarkable beauty and attractive manners that they cut their hands, exclaiming, 'Good God! This is not a human being but a noble angel.' 'So now you have seen for yourselves,' she said to them. 'He is the one you blamed me for. I did indeed try to seduce him and make him yield to me, but he was unyielding and he resolutely refused. Now if he does not do what I order him, he will certainly be thrown into prison and will be utterly disgraced.

Quran 12 :33-35 Yusuf Tafseer:General explanation: 'Lord,'

Joseph prayed, seeking Allah's protection against their evil guile, 'prison is more desirable to me than the sinful act they are inviting me to commit. Unless You turn their guile away from me and protect me from their cunning devices, I might yield to them and thus be of the foolish.' Allah thereupon answered Joseph's prayer and turned away their cunning from him. Surely He is the All-Hearing, who heard and answered Joseph's prayer and always hears all those who call on Him; the All-Knowing, who was fully aware of Joseph's needs and what would benefit him, as well as all His creatures' needs and what will be best for them. In the end the Chief Minister and his advisers thought it best, even after they had seen all the irrefutable proofs of Joseph's innocence, that they should imprison him for a while until such a time as people forgot about this incident and ceased to talk about it.

Quran 12 :36-39 Yusuf Tafseer:General explanation: Two young men, Allah Almighty states, happened to go to prison at the same time as Joseph. One of them said, 'I dreamt that I was pressing grapes for wine.' The other said, 'I dreamt that I was carrying bread on my head, from which birds were eating.' 'Tell us,' they said to Joseph, 'the interpretation of our dreams, for we see that you are of the good-doers; do us good, then, and tell us the meaning of our dreams.' Joseph said to them, 'I can tell you the meaning of whatever food you are provided with in your dreams even before its interpretation comes to pass. The interpretation I will give you is part of what my Lord has taught me, for I have believed in Him and I devote my worship to Him alone. I have shunned the faith of a people who disbelieve in Allah and deny the resurrection and divine judgment in the life to come, and I follow the religion of my fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. It is not right for us to associate anything with Allah in worship. Such affirmation of Allah's oneness, with which Allah has blessed us, is part of His grace upon us and people whom He has made us call to it, but most people do not give thanks.' 'Fellow prisoners,' Joseph went on to say, 'which is better, worshipping different created gods

that do neither harm nor good or worshipping Allah alone, the One God, who holds absolute power over all that exists? Those you worship instead of Allah are nothing but meaningless names you and your fathers have made up for them, because you are ignorant and misguided, and for which Allah has sent down no proof whatsoever authorizing their worship. All judgment rests with Allah alone. He has commanded you to worship none but Him. Quran 12 :40-42 Yusuf Tafseer:General explanation: All judgment rests with Allah alone. He has commanded you to worship none but Him. That is the right and true religion, but most people do not realise it.' 'Fellow prisoners,' he said, 'here is now the meaning of your dreams: one of you will be discharged from prison and will serve wine to the king of Egypt. As for the other, he will be crucified and left for the birds to feed off his head. The matter about which you inquired has thus been decided, and my interpretation of your dreams will certainly come to pass.' Joseph then said to the prisoner who he knew would survive, 'Mention me to your master the king when you are freed and inform him that I have been unjustly imprisoned.' Satan, however, made that young man forget to mention Joseph's case to the king, and so he stayed in prison a few more years.

Quran 12 :43_53 Yusuf Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says: The King of Egypt said to his courtiers, 'I saw in a dream seven fat cows being devoured by seven lean ones, and seven green ears of grain next to seven others dry. Tell me the meaning of my dream, my nobles, if you can interpret dreams.' They replied, 'They are only confused dreams, and we do not know the interpretation of such kind of dreams.' Thereupon Joseph's fellow prisoner, one of the two youths who had been freed, remembered Joseph and his case after all that time, said, 'I can inform you of the interpretation of this dream, so send me forth to Joseph in prison to bring you its real meaning.' When he visited Joseph in the prison, he said to him, 'Joseph, man of truth, tell us the real meaning of the dream of someone who saw seven fat cows being eaten by seven lean ones, and also of seven green ears of

grain next to seven others which were dry, so that I can return to the king and his courtiers and inform them of the interpretation of the King's dream so they may know your good standing and worth.' Joseph replied, giving his interpretation of the king's dream, 'Sow diligently for seven consecutive years as usual in order to obtain abundant crops, store whatever grain you reap every year by leaving it in the ear so it will not be ruined, except for the little you will need to eat. These seven years of great abundance will be followed by seven severe years of famine, in which all the crops you have prepared for them will be consumed except for a little of what you have stored up. After that there will come a year of abundant rain, in which Allah will relieve people's hardships, and they will be able to press fruits due to the sheer abundance of crops. Then Almighty Allah states that when the king understood the real meaning of his dream, he said to his aides, 'Take this man who interprets dreams out of prison and bring him before me.' But when the king's messenger came to him, Joseph said, 'Go back to your master the king, and ask him first to find out the truth about those women who cut their hands so that the truth becomes known to all and my innocence is established. My Lord has full knowledge of their guile and what they have done, for nothing whatsoever is hidden from Him.' Thereupon the king sent for the women who had cut their hands; and when they came, he asked, 'What was it that you hoped to achieve when you tried to seduce Joseph the day you attended the banquet? Did you find him morally dubious in any way?' The women replied, 'God forbid! We did not perceive the least disgraceful thing on his part!' 'The truth has now come to light!' the Chief Minister's wife then admitted. 'It was I who sought to seduce him, but he firmly refused and he has told the truth. I have declared Joseph's innocence and admitted my guilt so that Joseph may know that I have not lied about him behind his back, for Allah never guides the treacherous and the unfaithful, nor does He let their schemes succeed. I do not seek to absolve myself of blame and guilt, for indeed man's inner self often incites him to commit sins, except those upon whom my

Lord bestows His grace and protects against sin. My Lord is All-Forgiving—He forgives the sins of those who turn to Him; Most Merciful towards them.

Quran 12 :54-57 Yusuf Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, states that after the King of Egypt had learnt of Joseph's innocence, he said, 'Bring him to me. I will surely attach him to my own person and appoint him my closest advisor.' Joseph came, and after the king had spoken to him, and clearly perceived that he was a man of admirable qualities and high integrity and was fully convinced now of his innocence, he said to him, 'From now on, you will be in a position of high standing and you will be entrusted with everything.' Now Joseph, desiring to benefit people and establish justice between them for the sake of the common good, he said to the king, 'Put me in charge of the storehouses of the land, for I am a truly reliable and faithful treasurer and I am highly skilled in this regard.' Just as Allah blessed Joseph by having him freed from prison, He, too, established him in a position of authority in the land of Egypt, to settle there wherever he wished. We grant Our grace to whomever We will of Our servants, and We never allow the reward of those who do good deeds to go to waste. Surely better and far greater will be the reward of the life to come for those who believe in Allah, fear His punishment, do what He commands and avoid what He forbids.

Quran 12 :58_62 Yusuf Tafseer:Simple explanation: Allah Almighty says: Joseph's brothers journeyed to Egypt to buy food after famine had struck their land. They came into Joseph's presence who recognized them, but they failed to discern his identity and recognize him because it was a long time since they last saw him and because his appearance changed significantly. Joseph had ordered they be honored and shown generous hospitality, then he provided them with the food supplies they required. They told him that they had a brother from their father—that is, his full brother—whom they had not brought along with them. 'Next time you come here,' he said to them, 'bring me your brother on your father's side to receive an additional camel-load

of grain. Do you not see that I have given you full measure, have been very hospitable to you and that I am the best of hosts? If you do not bring him to me next time, do not expect a single measure of grain from me, nor even come to my land again.' They said, 'We will do our best to persuade his father to let him come with us, and we will leave no stone unturned to accomplish his.' Joseph said to his servants, 'Put their money back into their saddlebags, so that they will recognize it when they return home to their family, and hence be more eager to come back to us again.

Quran 12 :63_68 Yusuf Tafseer:Simple explanation: The Almighty says: Joseph's brothers returned to their father, and they informed him about the special honor with which Egypt's Chief Minister had treated them and the lavish hospitality he had offered them. Then they pleaded, 'Father, he will not give us any further food supplies unless we take with us our brother we had told him about, so send him along with us so that we may receive our full measure of grain, and we promise to take good care of him.' Their father said, 'How will my trusting him to your care be different from entrusting his brother Joseph before when you broke your promise to look after him? I do not trust your promise to safeguard him against harm, but I do trust Allah's protection, who is the Best Guardian and Protector and the Most Merciful of the merciful. I pray that He will have mercy on me and protect him and restore him to me.' Then when they opened their saddlebags and discovered that the money they had spent on the goods had been returned to them, they said, 'Father, what more could we ask for? Here is our money, which the Chief Minister fully returned to us; therefore, rest assured that our brother will be safe and send him with us to bring more food for our family, and we will take good care of our brother and receive an extra camel-load of grain; for the Chief Minister gives each person a camel-load of grain, which is nothing for him and he can easily give it.' Jacob said to them, 'I will by no means send him with you until you make me a solemn promise and swear by Allah that you will certainly bring him

back to me, unless you are overwhelmed by circumstances beyond your control.' When they had given him their solemn promise in Allah's name, he said, 'Allah is witness of what we say. He is a sufficient witness and He alone is sufficient to protect us. Then Allah Almighty says: When they determined to go down to Egypt, their father said to them, 'My sons, do not enter Egypt through one gate, but enter it through different gates. Despite my advice to you and this precaution of mine, I cannot avail you anything against Allah's will. Judgment is Allah's alone. In Him alone have I placed my trust, and in Him alone should the believers put their trust.' Then when they entered Egypt through different gates, as their father had instructed them, this would have proved of no avail whatsoever to them against anything Allah had willed; it was but a need and a desire in Jacob's heart, which he thus satisfied by giving them such advice out of loving care. Jacob was truly endowed with vast knowledge of his religion which Allah had taught him, but most people do not know it.

Quran 12 :69-77 Yusuf Tafseer:General explanation: Almighty Allah says: When Joseph's brothers presented themselves before Joseph, he took his full brother aside and confided to him that he was indeed his full brother. He also told him not to feel distressed about what their half-brothers had done to them before and instructed him to keep what he had told him secret. After Joseph had provided them with food supplies that were loaded on their camels, he slipped the king's drinking cup, which he also used as a grain measure, into his full brother's bag. As they mounted their camels to embark on their journey homewards, a crier called out after them, saying, 'You, owners of the grain-laden caravan! You are thieves!' Turning to the crier and those with him, Jacob's sons asked, 'What are you missing?' 'We are missing the King's drinking cup and grain measure,' they replied, 'and whoever brings it will receive a camel-load of grains as reward.' The crier then added, 'I solemnly pledge my word of honor that I will personally give whoever brings it back a camel-load of grains.' Joseph's

brothers said, 'We swear by Allah—and you have already ascertained—that we did not come to Egypt to do wrong and commit evil in it, nor have we ever committed theft, for we are not thieves by nature.' The crier and his helpers said to Joseph's brothers, 'What is the punishment for theft according to your laws if you are lying and we find the drinking cup among your belongings?' They replied, 'The thief's punishment, in our religion and according to our laws, is that he becomes the slave of the person from whom he has stolen. Thus do we punish the wrongdoers who are guilty of theft.' They were brought before Joseph to be searched, and he himself started searching their belongings. He started with the bags of his half-brothers before his full brother's to ensure his plan to keep his full brother with him would work. At length he took the drinking cup from his brother's bag. Then Almighty Allah says: Joseph started with the bags of his half-brothers before his full brother's to ensure his plan to keep his full brother with him would work. At length he took the drinking cup from his brother's bag. Thus did We help Joseph devise this scheme to enable his full brother to stay with him. Had Allah not willed, Joseph could not have kept his full brother as a slave for theft under the king's law. We raise the rank of whomever We will over others in this world, just as We raised the rank of Joseph; and above everyone who is endowed with knowledge, there is one who knows better than him, and so on until all knowledge ends with Allah Almighty, the Knower of all—seen and unseen. When the drinking cup was pulled out of their half-brother's bag, they said, in an attempt to distance themselves from him and clear themselves of such shameful accusation, 'If he has stolen, his full brother did indeed steal before.' Joseph patiently bore such unjust accusation and said within himself, without revealing his thought to them, 'You are far worse in this respect when you carried out your evil plot to harm me, and Allah is fully aware of the lies you have told.'

Quran 12 :78-87 Yusuf Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty states that Joseph's brothers, keen not to break the promise they had made to their father, earnestly appealed to Joseph, saying, 'Chief Minister, he has an aged father who loves him dearly and cannot bear his absence, so take one of us instead of him. We can see that you are a very good man.' Joseph said, 'God forbid that we should take any but the man with whom we have found the drinking cup, otherwise we will surely be unjust.' Having now despaired of having their request granted, they withdrew from people and began to consult among themselves. The oldest of them said, 'Do you not know that you made your father a solemn promise and swore by Allah that you would bring your brother back to him unless you were overwhelmed by circumstances beyond your control, and how, before that, you failed him regarding Joseph? Therefore, I will not leave the land of Egypt until my father gives me permission to or my Lord decides for me; for Allah is the best of judges and the fairest to judge between people. Then Allah, Exalted be He, says: The eldest brother said to his siblings, 'Go back to your father and tell him exactly what happened. Say to him, "Father, your son has stolen. We bear witness only to what we know to be the truth: we saw the grain measure in his bag; and although we gave you our pledge to return him to you, we did not know that he would steal. If you do not believe us, father, ask the people of Egypt and whoever was with us in the caravan in which we were together. We are certainly telling the truth.'" When they returned to their father and informed him of what had happened, he said, 'No! You yourselves devised a scheme, as you did regarding Joseph before, and your inner selves made your evil act seem fair to you. Sweet patience! I will patiently bear this without complaining to anyone whatsoever. Allah may well bring all my sons back to me (that is, Joseph, his full brother and their eldest brother who stayed behind for the sake of his young brother). He is fully aware of my situation, All-Wise in His actions and decisions. He turned away from them, lamenting, 'So great is my grief for Joseph!' His eyes became white with deep

grief, and his heart was filled with sorrow which he suppressed in silence. His sons said, 'By Allah, you will not stop remembering Joseph until your health is ruined or even lose your very life, so take it easy on yourself.' Jacob replied, 'I complain of my deep anguish and sorrow only to Allah, for He alone can remove harm and hardship, and I know something of Allah's mercy and relief that you do not know. My sons, go back to Egypt and search for Joseph and his brother and enquire about them tirelessly and relentlessly. Do not despair of Allah's mercy and relief, for none despairs of Allah's mercy except those who deny His absolute power and disbelieve in Him.

Quran 12 :88-93 Yusuf Tafseer:General explanation: Joseph's brothers returned to Egypt, Allah Almighty states, and, presenting themselves before Joseph again, they pleaded, 'Chief Minister, extreme hardship has afflicted us and our families due to famine that struck our land, and so we have brought but little money to buy food, but please give us our full measure of grains like you did before. Be generous and charitable to us and accept these worthless dirhams, for Allah rewards the charitable who generously spend on the needy.' Their pitiful condition touched Joseph's heart, and, feeling compassion for them, he revealed his identity to them and said, 'Do you remember the harm you did to Joseph and his brother when you were still ignorant of the consequences of your actions?' They said, 'Are you really Joseph?' 'I am Joseph,' he replied, 'and this is my full brother. Allah has been gracious to us by bringing us together again after such a long separation. Allah will richly reward those who fear Him by doing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids and patiently endure hardships, for He never lets the reward of those who do good go to waste.' 'We swear by Allah,' they said, 'Allah has chosen you in preference to us and blessed you with knowledge, forbearance, grace and power, and we were clearly in the wrong for what did to you.' He said, 'There is no blame on you today. May Allah forgive you! Of all those who show mercy He is the Most Merciful towards those who repent of their sins and become

obedient to Him. When he asked them about his father and they told him that he had lost his eyesight as a result of weeping over his loss, he said to them, 'Go with this shirt of mine and lay it over my father's face, and he will recover his eyesight. Then come back to me with all your families.

Quran 12 :94_101 Yusuf Tafseer:Simple explanation: Allah Almighty says: When the caravan with which Jacob's sons were travelling set out from Egypt for the Levant, Jacob said to the people around him, 'You will not believe me and you will think I am a senile dotard, but I do indeed sense the smell of Joseph.' 'By Allah,' they said, 'you are surely under the same old illusion of yours.' When Jacob's sons approached their father's home, one of them—who had Joseph's shirt and was the bearer of the good news that Joseph was still alive—raced to Jacob and laid Joseph's shirt over their father's face, and Jacob regained his sight. Jacob then said to his children, 'Did I not tell you that I truly know something of Allah's mercy and relief that you do not know?' 'Our father,' they begged, 'ask Allah to forgive us our sins. We admit that we have done wrong.' Their father said, 'I will implore my Lord to forgive you. He it is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful. Then Almighty Allah says: When Jacob and his family arrived in Egypt and presented themselves before Joseph, he embraced his parents and received them graciously. Then, saying to all his family, 'Enter Egypt and make it your home. If Allah so wills, you will be safe and secure here.' He seated his parents by his side on the throne, and they all, including his parents, fell down on their knees and prostrated themselves before Joseph as a form of great respect and reverence. Then he said to his father, 'Father, all your prostrating to me is the interpretation of the dream I saw in my childhood, which my Lord has now made it all come true. Allah Almighty was truly kind to me when He freed me from prison and brought you all from the desert after Satan had sown discord between me and my brothers and stirred up trouble between us. My Lord is extremely kind to anyone He pleases and always fulfills His purpose for whomever He wills in subtle ways. He is indeed All-Knowing, All-

Wise.' Joseph then called upon Allah, saying, 'My Lord, You have granted me some power and authority over Egypt and you have taught me the interpretation of dreams and made me understand the meaning of revealed scriptures and the prophets' ways. Originator of the heavens and the earth! You are my guardian and protector in this world and in the world to come. Allow me to die a Muslim, and grant me such rewards and degrees of honor as to be admitted me among the righteous.

Quran 12 :102_107 Yusuf Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says: The story of Joseph and other incidents which We have revealed to you, Muhammad, were accounts beyond your knowledge. We reveal them to you so they may help make your heart firm and strengthen your faith, and so that you may patiently endure the afflictions that befall you. You were not with Joseph's brothers when they resolved on throwing him down the well and contrived a plot against him. However eager you may be to guide people to the truth, most people will not believe in Allah and what you have brought them from Him. You do not ask them for any reward whatsoever for guiding them to the right path and conveying the message you have been assigned to impart to them. This Quran, with which you have been sent, is only a reminder to all mankind. Many are the signs in the heavens and the earth that attest to the fact that Allah alone is deserving of worship, yet people pass them by and neither reflect on them nor pay heed to them. Most of them do not believe in Allah without also

associating others with Him in worship. Do they feel secure that an overwhelming punishment from Allah will not come upon them unawares for associating partners with Him, or that the Day of Judgment will not take them by surprise when they least expect it? Quran 12 :108_111 Yusuf Tafseer:General explanation: Almighty Allah says: Say, Muhammad, 'This is my way. With sure knowledge and clear evidence do I call on people to worship Allah alone, and so do those who follow me. I declare Allah absolutely free from all imperfections, and I am not of those who associate others with Allah and worship them besides Him. The Almighty

then explains to His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, that the messengers He sent before him were not but men—neither angels nor women—to whom He revealed to call people to worship Him alone and obey His commands, and they were among city dwellers (because city dwellers generally tend to be more knowledgeable, more forbearing, and wiser than desert dwellers who are mostly characterized by crudeness, harshness and ignorance). Have these idolaters who associate partners with Allah not travelled through the land and seen how Allah had destroyed the nations before them who denied and rejected the messengers, and try to pay heed? Just as We saved those who do what We command and avoid what We forbid in the world when punishment descended on the unbelievers and the disobedient, so We will save them in the hereafter as well. Surely the abode of the hereafter—Paradise and its eternal bliss is far better for those who do what Allah commands and avoid what He forbids. Will they, then, not reflect on the dire consequences of unbelief and the rich reward Allah has in store for the righteous so that they may believe in Allah and desist from ascribing partners to Him? When at length Allah’s messengers despaired and it occurred to them that the help they had been promised was denied them, due to the prolonged adversity and delayed victory, His help suddenly came to them, and He saved them along with their believing followers. No one can possibly save the idolaters and the unbelievers who deny and reject their messengers from Allah’s punishment. In the story of Joseph and his brothers and the stories of messengers with their nations there is truly a lesson for those who are endowed with insight and sound intellects. This Quran and the stories it contains cannot be a fabrication, rather it is a confirmation of the truth of whatever there still remains of earlier scriptures that were revealed to Allah’s prophets, a detailed explanation of everything people need, as well as guidance and mercy for people who believe.