

**Simple
Explanation
of all The
Holy Quran
by Sunni
Muslim Scientists
*from Ch.13 To Ch.21***

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IN THE NAME OF ALLAH THE MOST GRACIOUS AND THE MOST MERCIFUL..... **Quran** 13 : 1- 7 Thunder

Tafseer:General explanation : This noble surah opens with the ‘disconnected letters’, which have already been discussed at the beginning of Surat Al-Baqarah. Allah Almighty then declares that these are the verses of the miraculous and highly significant and truly magnificent Qur’an, and that the Qur’an which has been

revealed to you, Prophet, from your Lord is the truth that cannot in any account be obscured by falsehood, but most people do not believe this out of sheer obstinacy and arrogance, despite its absolute clarity. Allah Almighty, who has revealed this book, is He who raised the seven heavens by His power without any pillars—as you can see—then He established Himself upon the Throne in a manner befitting His majesty and glory, and He has made the sun and the moon subservient to His creatures for their benefit, each running its course until an appointed time, which is the end of the world and the beginning of Judgment Day. He directs all affairs of this life and the life to come and makes clear the signs testifying to His absolute power so that you may become certain of being resurrected after death and returned to Him for judgment and recompense. It is He who has spread the earth wide and made it suitable for your livelihoods, placed upon it firm mountains to hold it in place and rivers for you to drink from as well as for other benefits, and of every kind of fruit He has placed in it two types (such as the white and the black, the sweet and the sour), and He causes the night to cover the day with its darkness. Surely in all this there are signs of Allah’s power for people who reflect on them and thus find solid evidence of Allah’s oneness and perfect attributes. The earth itself, Allah states, has astounding wonders of His creation. There are on it tracts of land of different natures parcels of land adjacent to each other, some of which are arable and suitable for growing what is of benefit to people, while some others are salty and unsuitable for cultivation. In the good, arable land there are vineyards, various crops and date palms stemming from the same root or standing alone. All these grow in the same kind of soil and are watered by the same water, yet they differ in taste, shape, color, scent, leaves, flowers and benefit; and He makes some taste better than others. Surely in all this there are signs of Allah’s power for people who use their intellect to guide them to what will benefit them and help them comprehend Allah’s commands and prohibitions. Allah Almighty says: If you think, Muhammad, it is strange that your people still do not believe

despite all these signs and proofs, stranger still is their saying, ‘What! After we have become dust, shall we indeed be brought back to life again?’ It is they who have disbelieved in their Lord who created them out of nothing; it is they who will have shackles on their necks around Judgment Day; and it is they who will be the inhabitants of the Fire, in which they will abide for all eternity. The unbelievers ask you, out of sheer unbelief and derision, to hasten Allah’s punishment with which you have threatened them, rather than asking for His mercy and guidance although they already know of the punishments that afflicted the unbelieving nations before them. How can they not take warning from their example? Surely your Lord, Muhammad, extends His forgiveness to people when they turn to Him in repentance despite their wrongdoing, and He metes out severe punishment to those who persist in their unbelief, error and disobedience.

The unbelievers from among your people in Makkah say, out of sheer unbelief and pure stubbornness, ‘Why has no miraculous sign not been sent down to him from his Lord?’ But you have no hand in the matter. You are only to warn them of Allah’s punishment if they persist in their unbelief; and every nation has its messenger who calls them to Allah and guides them to the truth.

Quran 13 : 8- 14 Thunder Tafseer:General explanation : Allah Almighty tells us about His perfect and all-encompassing knowledge, pointing out that nothing whatsoever is hidden from Him: He knows what every female bears in her womb (whether, among other things, what she bears is a male or female and whether he will attain eternal bliss or be doomed to misery in the hereafter), and He knows what the wombs decrease and increase of the time of gestation and the foetal body, among other things; and everything with His is regulated according to a determined measure which it does not exceed. He knows everything, invisible and visible, both what is beyond and within the reach of any created being’s perception, the All-Great regarding His Supreme Being and names and attributes; the All-Exalted above His creatures with regard to His Supreme Being, decree and complete

control over them. He is fully aware of everything, so much so that it is the same to Him whether one speaks secretly or openly, and whether one hides his actions under cover of night or does them openly in broad daylight. Every person has angels in front of him and behind him, taking turns to protect him by Allah's command. Allah would never change a blessing He has bestowed on a people and withdraw it from them until they alter the state of their hearts by changing what He has commanded them to do and disobey Him. And if Allah wills to inflict His punishment on a people because of their own evil deeds, there is no way of averting it, and they will have no helper besides Him to do them good or protect them from harm. Allah, Exalted be He, points out one aspect of His absolute power. He says: It is He who shows you lightning, as one of His signs, inspiring in you both fear of thunderbolts and hopeful expectation of rain, and by His utter power produces rain-laden clouds for your own benefit. The thunder declares His glory and perfection in total submission to Him, and so do the angels in great fear and awe of Him. He sends destructive thunderbolts, striking with them whomever He wills of His creatures. Yet, the unbelievers stubbornly argue about Allah's unity and power to resurrect the dead despite all evidence that He is tremendous in might and severely punishes those who disobey Him. The call of truth—true worship—belongs to Him alone, for none is deserving of worship except He, but the deities that the idolaters worship and call upon besides Allah can never respond to them in any way. Those who worship them are like a thirsty person who stretches out his hands to water, signalling to it and asking it to come to his mouth, but it will never come. The unbelievers' prayers to such false deities are only in vain.

Quran 13 : 15- 24 Thunder Tafseer:General explanation : The Almighty says: To Allah alone submit all those who are in the heavens and the earth: the believers do so willingly and the unbelievers unwillingly (because they disdain to worship Him but their condition and natural inclination to surrender to Allah prove them wrong), and so do their shadows in the morning and the

evening. Say, Muhammad, to the idolaters among your people who associate partners with Allah, ‘Who is the Creator of the heavens and the earth and who regulates all their affairs?’ Say, ‘It is Allah.’ Say to them, asking them to produce evidence for their false worship, ‘Why, then, have you taken besides Him false deities that can neither benefit nor harm even themselves, let alone benefit or harm you?’ Say to them, ‘Are the unbelievers who are blind to the truth equal to the believers who see it? Is unbelief which is all darkness equal to faith which is all light?’ Or have they ascribed to Allah partners who have created something similar to what He has created, so that their creation appears to them like His? Say, ‘Allah alone—and not the idols that do neither harm nor good—is the Creator of all things, and He is the One, who alone is worthy of worship; the Supreme and Irresistible, who holds absolute sway over all creation.’ Allah then gives two examples of truth and falsehood: He sends down water from the sky, causing valleys to flow, each according to its capacity, and the torrent carries along the way a swelling worthless scum on its surface. A similar kind of scum comes from the metals, such as gold and silver, which you smelt in the fire in order to make ornaments, or copper which you smelt to use for other benefits. Thus does Allah illustrate truth and falsehood. Falsehood, just like the scum on the surface of water or that attached to metals when they are smelted in the fire, is rather worthless and so it simply vanishes or is cast away. As for the truth, which is like pure water and pure metals, it remains behind on the earth so people may benefit from it. Just as Allah sets forth these parables to show you that the truth remains and falsehood vanishes, so, too, He strikes parables to people to distinguish truth from falsehood and guidance from misguidance. Next, Allah, Exalted be He, mentions the ultimate outcome of those who follow the truth and that of those who follow falsehood: The believers who obey Allah and His Messenger will have the finest reward—Paradise. As for those who do not believe in Him and do not obey Him and His Messenger, even if they were to possess everything in the world twice over, they would certainly offer it to ransom

themselves from Allah's punishment of the Day of Judgment but it will still not be accepted from them; they will face strict judgment and be called to a terrible account for all their evil deeds, and their permanent home will be Hell. What a bed of misery and an evil resting-place they have prepared for themselves! Allah Almighty addresses His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, stressing that those who follow the truth and those who do not follow it are by no means equal: Is, then, he who knows that what has been sent down to you, Muhammad, from your Lord is the truth and believes in it like the blind one who does not believe? Only people with sound minds will benefit from the Qur'an Allah has revealed to you. They are those who fulfill their obligations to Allah by doing what He commands and avoiding what He prohibits, as well as their obligations to people, such as by honoring contracts and returning trusts to their rightful owners, and never break their covenant; and those who keep together whatever Allah has ordered to be joined (such as maintaining their bond with Allah by believing in Him, obeying His commands and worshipping Him alone, and maintaining kinship ties), stand in awe of their Lord and fear He might call them to account for all their evil deeds and not forgive any of them; and those who endure patiently, seeking their Lord's good pleasure, duly perform the prescribed prayers, pay the prescribed charity (zakat) and discharge all the obligatory financial obligations secretly and openly out of the wealth We have provided for them, repay evil with good and follow up a bad deed with a good deed which will wipe it out. Those who have such qualities will have a joyful end and the best outcome in the hereafter: gardens of perpetual bliss, which they will enter together with the righteous from among their parents, spouses and offspring, all males and females; and the angels will enter upon them from every gate to congratulate them upon being admitted into Paradise, saying, 'Peace be upon you! Allah has saved you from all evil and harm for all that you steadfastly endured in the life of the world. Excellent indeed is your ultimate abode!'

Quran 13 : 25- 32 Thunder Tafseer:General explanation :After pointing out the qualities of His faithful and pious servants and the rich reward He has in store for them, Almighty Allah mentions the qualities of the wretched and their final abode: They are those who violate Allah's covenant after they have affirmed it, break whatever bonds Allah has ordered to be maintained (such as faith, good deeds and kinship ties), and perpetrate corruption in the land through unbelief, sins and turning people away from Allah's religion. Those with such evil qualities will be excluded from Allah's grace and mercy and will have the worst abode and punishment that will only cause them untold misery. Allah extends or restricts sustenance to whomever He wills of His servants. The unbelievers, who are given abundant provision, rejoice in the pleasures of this worldly life, full of pride, showing ingratitude to Allah and being totally heedless of the hereafter, though the eternal pleasures of this life are rather limited and very brief indeed compared to the pleasures of the hereafter. The unbelievers say, out of sheer obstinacy, 'Why has no miraculous sign been sent down to him from his Lord so we believe his message?' Say to them, 'Surely Allah leads astray whomever He wills of His servants who prefer blindness to guidance, and He guides to Himself all those who repent and turn to Him wholeheartedly. Miracles are not what lead people to believe or disbelieve. You are not led astray simply because a miracle of the sort you ask for is not sent down to me, nor are you guided simply because it is sent. This matter essentially rests with Allah alone.' Allah Almighty points out that those who are worthy of His guidance are the believers, whose hearts find comfort in the remembrance of Allah, for it is indeed in the remembrance of Allah that people's hearts find comfort and perfect peace. These believers, whose hearts are filled with true faith and do righteous deeds, will certainly be in a blissful state in the hereafter, experiencing sheer joy, and will have an excellent return to Allah's good pleasure and Paradise. Allah Almighty tells His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, that he is not the first messenger to preach His message:

Just as We sent prophets before you, so, too, We have sent you, Muhammad, with this Qur'an to convey it and recite it to people, before whom other nations had passed away to whom We also sent messengers; yet in their ignorance your people deny the oneness of the All-Merciful. Say to them, 'I believe in the One in whom you have disbelieved. He alone is my Lord, Creator and Cherisher. There is no god worthy of worship except He. In Him do I put my trust, and to Him shall I return.' Allah, Glorified and Exalted be He, responds to the unbelievers who demanded of the Prophet miracles, saying: If there were a book that is recited whereby the mountains could be removed from their places, the earth could be split, causing rivers to gush forth from it, or the dead could be brought to life and spoken to, just as they have demanded, it would certainly have been this Qur'an which has been revealed to Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace. But all matters are subject to the will and command of Allah alone. Do the believers not know that had Allah willed, He could have made all mankind believe in Him and be guided to faith? Disasters will continue to afflict the unbelievers or strike close to their homes for their misdeeds, until Allah's promise comes to pass—which is their death—or until Judgment Day comes upon them. Surely Allah will not fail to keep His promise. If the idolaters among your people mock you, Muhammad, then patiently endure the harm they inflict on you, for you are not the first messenger whose people denied him and disbelieved My promise. The unbelievers ridiculed the messengers I sent before you; I gave them a little more time and then I meted out My punishment to them when they stubbornly persisted in their unbelief. How terrible My punishment was!

Quran 13 : 33- 40 Thunder Tafseer:General explanation : These noble verses reveal an aspect of arguments with the idolaters, criticizing them and their illogical reasoning and exposing their appallingly absurd way of thinking. Almighty Allah says: Is, then, He who takes charge of the affairs of all creation, including their sustenance, who is fully aware of what they do and keeps count of their actions to repay them according to them like the lifeless and

powerless idols that cannot do anything of this sort?! Yet they ascribe to Him partners from among His creation which they worship besides Him. Say to them, Muhammad, ‘Just as Allah has the most beautiful names and the loftiest attributes, give them the names they deserve as long as you associate them with Allah. You will by no means find anything about your false gods that makes them worthy of worship. Or do you presume that you could inform Allah of His alleged partners on His earth that He does not know about? Or do you just use empty words for them when they have no real existence?!’ In fact, the unbelievers’ falsehood seems fair to them, and so they have been turned away from Allah’s path due to their unbelief. Whomever Allah leads astray can never find any guide. These unbelievers will suffer punishment in the life of this world (through killing, imprisonment, disgrace, calamities and afflictions), but the punishment of the next world will be harsher still, and there will be no one to protect them against Allah’s punishment. Allah Almighty mentions what He has in store for the believers in the hereafter, saying: Such is Paradise that Allah has promised the pious who do what He commands and avoid what He forbids: Rivers flow beneath its trees and palaces. Its food is perpetual, and so is its shade. That will be the ultimate outcome and abode of the pious, but the ultimate outcome and abode of unbelievers will be the Fire. Allah then explains that the People of the Book (the Jews and Christians) have split into two groups regarding the Qur’an: a group that rejoice in its revelation and another group that denies some of it: Those to whom We have given the book from among the Jews and Christians, who have believed in you, Muhammad, rejoice in the Qur’an which Allah has revealed to you, as it agrees with and confirms the truth they have in their own books, while some of those who have rallied against you from the unbelievers among them as well among others deny a part of it. Say to them, Muhammad, ‘Allah has commanded me to worship none but Him. To Him do I invite people to worship Him alone; to Him do I refer all my affairs and to Him shall I return.’ Next, He points out that He has sent His

Messenger with the language of his own people just as He has sent messengers before him with the language of their own people: Just as We sent down the books to the previous prophets in their own languages, so, too, We have sent down the Qur'an to you, as a perfect code in the Arabic tongue, to judge between people. And if you were to follow the idolaters' whims and desires after the truth that has come to you from Allah, you would have none to help you and take charge of your affairs, nor would you find anyone to protect you against Allah's punishment. Allah, Exalted be He, responds to those who object to the fact that Allah's Messenger is a human being who also marries women, saying: We have sent human messengers before this messenger, and We blessed them with wives and offspring. Why, then, do you object to him being a human messenger and gets married although they themselves were human and had wives and offspring? Then He responds to the unbelievers who asked the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to produce a physical miracle, saying that it is not for any messenger to bring forth a miracle testifying to his truthfulness without Allah's permission. For every appointed term and every matter that Allah decrees there is a book in which it is recorded and a set time in which it will take place, that can neither be delayed nor advanced. Allah effaces and retains whatever matter He has decreed; that is, in the scrolls that are with the angels, and He has the Master Book—the Preserved Tablet (Book of Decrees). Allah then says to His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace: Whether We show you, during your lifetime, part of the punishment with which We have threatened the idolaters for their unbelief, or cause you to die even before witnessing it, in either case your duty is only to convey the message, and it is for Us to judge them and repay them according to their deeds.

Quran 13 : 41- 43 Thunder Tafseer:General explanation : Almighty Allah says: Have these unbelievers not seen that Allah grants Muslims victory and make them gain the idolaters' lands, one after the other, diminishing their borders and reducing their territory to be added to the Muslim territory? Allah, Sublime be He,

commands and decides whatever He wills regarding His creation. None can reverse His decision or repel His judgment. His judgment is sure to take place, and He is swift in taking His servants to account and repaying them according to what they have done. The unbelieving predecessors of the Arab idolaters devised evil schemes against their messengers, disbelieved them and tried to expel them from their land, but Allah put His will into effect, thwarted their evil schemes and inflicted His punishment on them, for all scheming is controlled by Allah, who is master of every subtle plan. He knows all the good and evil deeds each person does and will repay them according to them; and the unbelievers will on Judgment Day know who will have the good outcome and the blissful abode. The unbelievers say to you, Muhammad, ‘You have not been sent by Allah.’ Say to them, ‘It is quite sufficient enough for me that Allah bears witness that I am telling the truth and you are liars. Those who have knowledge of the Torah and the Gospel from among the Jews and Christians also bear witness that I have been sent by Allah.’

Quran 14 : 1- 8 Ibrahim Tafseer:General explanation : This great surah opens with the ‘disconnected letters’, which have already been discussed at the beginning of Surat Al-Baqarah. The Almighty then declares that He has revealed this Qur’an to His Messenger, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to bring all mankind, by their Lord’s permission and help, out of the darkness of unbelief, ignorance and sin into the light of faith, knowledge and obedience to follow the clear and straight path that Allah has set for His servants and made it lead to the Almighty, worthy of all praise—Allah, to whom belongs all that is in the heavens and the earth. Woe to the unbelievers because of a severe torment which they will suffer on the Day of Judgment. They are the ones who love the transient life of this world, preferring it to the permanent life to come, prevent people from following Allah’s religion, striving hard to make it appear crooked to suit their whims and desires. These have indeed strayed far from the truth. Allah Almighty says: Each messenger We sent before you,

Muhammad, spoke only in the language of his own people to make their religion clear to them; then Allah leads astray from the truth whomsoever He wills and He guides to the truth whomsoever He wills; He is the Almighty, the All-Wise. We sent Moses to the Children of Israel, supported him with great miraculous signs proving his truthfulness, and We commanded him to call them to the path of truth to be led out of the darkness of unbelief and error into the light of faith and obedience, and to remind them of the days of Allah's grace and punishment. Surely in this reminder there are signs for everyone who exercises great patience and is greatly thankful to Allah. Mention to your people, Messenger, the story of Moses when he said to the Children of Israel, 'Remember the grace and favor of Allah upon you when He rescued you from Pharaoh and his people, who subjected you to the severest torment, killing your baby boys and sparing your baby girls to subject them to slavery and domestic servitude, which was a terrible test from your Lord.' Moses said to them, 'Remember when your Lord solemnly declared, "If you are grateful to Me for My blessings, I will certainly bestow more blessings upon you; but if you are ungrateful, My punishment will be severe indeed."' Moses added, 'If you are ungrateful, you and everyone else on earth, then know that Allah is self-sufficient and independent of all His creation, worthy of all praise.'

Quran 14 : 9- 18 Ibrahim Tafseer:General explanation : Allah, Exalted be He, says, warning the unbelievers and reminding them of the punishment He inflicted on the past unbelieving nations: Have you not heard the stories of the nations before you—the people of Noah, the tribes of 'Aad and Thamud and of many other nations after them? Only Allah knows how many they were. Their messengers came to them with clear signs and proofs, but they thrust their hands into their mouths, biting them in anger and out of extreme spite, and said, 'We totally reject and disbelieve what you have been sent with, and we strongly doubt the faith to which you are inviting us.' Their messengers said to them, 'Is there any doubt about Allah, the Creator of the heavens and the earth out of

absolutely nothing, who calls you to worship Him alone and obey Him in order to forgive you your sins and let you live without inflicting any chastisement on you until your appointed earthly term comes to an end?’ They argued, ‘You are no more than humans like us and you have no advantage over us which entitles you to be messengers! You only wish to turn us away from the idols that our forefathers worshipped. Bring us, then, some compelling proof or wondrous miracle to confirm your authority and the truthfulness of your message.’ Their messengers said to them, ‘We are indeed only humans like you, but Allah favors whomsoever He chooses of His servants by granting them prophethood and preferring them over many of what He has created. It is not in our power to bring you the sort of proof or miraculous sign which you suggest without Allah’s permission; and it is in Allah alone that the believers must place their trust in all their affairs. Why should we not put our trust in Allah, when He has truly guided us to the way which leads those who follow it to His mercy and saves them from His punishment? We will patiently endure whatever harm you may cause us, and in Allah alone must the faithful put their trust.’ Allah Almighty states that the unbelievers, annoyed by what the messengers said to them, threatened them, saying, ‘We will surely expel you from our land unless you return to our religion.’ So Allah revealed to His messengers, ‘We will surely destroy the wrongdoers and make you and your followers dwell in their land after their destruction. This is My promise to those who fear standing before Me on the Day of Judgment and fear My punishment by doing what I command and avoid what I forbid.’ The messengers then prayed to their Lord for help and asked Him to destroy their enemies and give them victory over them, and so every arrogant tyrant who obstinately rejected the truth was doomed to destruction, with Hell awaiting him to suffer its punishment in the hereafter and to be made to drink the blood and pus flowing from the bodies of the dwellers of Hell. He will sip it against his will, due to his extreme thirst, and he will be hardly able to swallow it because of its fetid odor, intense heat and

bitterness. Death, with all its severity and agony, will come to him from every organ and place of his body and from every side, but he will not die and thus be relieved. Awaiting him, after such punishment, will be yet another harsh torment. Allah then strikes out a parable to depict the unbelievers' good actions, saying: The good deeds that the unbelievers do in this life are like ashes which the wind blows about fiercely and scatters on a stormy day such that nothing remains of it. Just as the fierce wind violently scatters the ashes, so, too, unbelief destroys the reward for their good deeds such that they will find nothing with Allah whatsoever to benefit them in the life to come. That is truly the farthest one can stray from the right way.

Quran 14 : 19- 27 Ibrahim Tafseer:General explanation :Allah, Exalted be He, says: Have you not seen that Allah has created the heavens and the earth for a good reason and not in vain—namely so that people worship Him alone—and that He is capable of bringing them back to life on Resurrection Day? If He so wills, He can destroy you, people, if you disobey Him and bring forth people other than you who are obedient to Him; and that is not difficult for Allah at all. The Almighty then mentions part of the argument that will take place on the Day of Resurrection between the followers and those they followed: All mankind will rise up from their graves on Judgment Day and appear before Allah, the One who holds absolute sway over all that exists. They will be assembled on a plain earth, and none of them will be hidden from Him. The followers will say to their leaders who were too arrogant to follow the truth in the worldly life, 'We were your followers in the life of the world; we obeyed you, but you led us astray. Can you, then, protect us from Allah's punishment in any way at all?' The leaders will reply, 'Had Allah guided us to faith, we would have guided you to it. Now it is all the same for us whether we grieve impatiently or suffer patiently; there is no way for us to escape punishment.' Allah, Sublime be He, states that, after judgment has taken place and the dwellers of Paradise are admitted into Paradise and the dwellers of Hell enter Hell, Satan will say to

his followers, ‘Allah made you, through His messengers, the true promise that there would be resurrection and recompense and that you would be safe if you followed them, and He has now fulfilled His promise. I, too, made you the false promise that there would be no resurrection and recompense and that I would come to your aid, but I have now failed you. I did not show you any evidence to prove that my promise was true, nor did I have any authority whatsoever over you. I only called you to disbelieve in Allah, associate partners with Him and disobey His commands, and you readily responded to me. Therefore, do not blame me, but blame yourselves. I cannot save you from Hellfire, nor can you save me from it. I absolve myself of your associating me as a partner with Allah in the life of the world. Surely the unbelievers who have wronged themselves by not worshipping and obeying the One True God will suffer a painful punishment.’ Those who believe in Allah and His Messenger and do righteous deeds will be admitted into gardens, under whose trees and palaces rivers flow, to stay there forever by their Lord’s permission. Their greeting in it among themselves and from Allah and the angels will be, ‘Peace!’

Almighty Allah says: Do you not know, Muhammad, how Allah likens a good word—namely the statement affirming pure monotheism ‘There is no god worthy of worship except Allah’—to a good tree, whose roots are firmly planted in the ground and its branches soar up into the sky, yielding its abundant, fine produce at all times by its Lord’s permission? The good word, just like the good tree, also continues to yield the believer’s good deeds at all times, which ascend to Allah at any time of the day or night and He accepts them. Thus does Allah set forth parables for people so that they may reflect on them, understand what He wants them to know, and do what He commands and avoid what He forbids. But an evil word—the word of unbelief—is like a foul-tasting tree that is uprooted from the face of the earth, with no roots to hold it firm and strong, nor any branches whatsoever reaching into the sky, nor does it bear any fruit or have any benefit at all. The unbelievers’ unbelief, just like the evil word, neither stays firm,

nor is there any good in it, nor does it yield any benefit, nor do the good deeds the unbelievers do ascend to Allah, nor does Allah accept them. Allah makes the believers steadfast with the firm word—namely the testimony of faith ‘There is no god worthy of worship except Allah and Muhammad is Allah’s Messenger’—which is firmly established in their hearts; He makes them steadfast with it in the life of this world by making their faith firm, at the time of their death by granting them a good ending and in the grave at the time when the two angels question them about their Lord, their religion and their Prophet and they respond correctly; and He leads the unbelievers and hypocrites astray for having wronged themselves. Allah does whatever He wills by guiding and strengthening the faithful and leading the wrongdoers astray.

Quran 14 : 28- 41 Ibrahim Tafseer:General explanation :The Almighty says: Have you not seen, Muhammad, how the Quraysh unbelievers have exchanged Allah’s blessing for unbelief? Instead of showing gratitude to Allah for sending you to them as a messenger, they have chosen to disbelieve in Allah and reject your message, and thus have caused their followers to dwell in the Abode of ruin and perdition—Hell, which they will enter and in which they will suffer from its intense heat that will encompass them from all sides. What an evil place to settle in! They set up false deities as equals to Allah and worship them besides Him to lead people away from His religion. Say to them, Muhammad, ‘Enjoy the pleasures of this transitory life for a while, for your destination is the Fire.’ Say, Muhammad, to My believing servants to duly perform the five obligatory prayers at their stated times and spend what I have prescribed for them from the bounties which We have provided for them secretly and openly, before the coming of the Day of judgment, when neither ransom, nor trade nor friendship will be of any benefit at all. Allah Almighty says: It is He who has created the heavens and the earth out of nothing and sends down rain from the clouds with which He brings forth various fruits for your sustenance. He has subjected the ships for your service, sailing through the sea by His command, and has

subjected the rivers for you so that you may drink from their water, to irrigate your crops and give drink to your animals, among many other benefits. He has also subjected for you the sun and the moon, both constantly pursuing their courses and running in their respective orbits, to be of service to you, and has subjected the night for you to find peace and rest in it from fatigue, and the day so that you may seek His bounty. He has given you of everything for which you have asked Him, and if you tried to count Allah's blessings, you would never be able to number them, let alone give thanks for all of them due to their infinite number and enormously wide diversity. Surely man is most persistent in wrongdoing—by worshipping other than Allah, the True Lord and God, and having the audacity to disobey Him—and very ungrateful to Him despite the boundless bounties He has bestowed on him. Almighty Allah says: Tell the people, Muhammad, about Abraham when he prayed to his Lord, saying, 'My Lord, make this city of Makkah secure, so that all those in it feel safe, and keep me and my children away from the worship of idols. My Lord, many people have strayed from the path of truth because of these idols. Whoever, therefore, follows me by worshipping You alone indeed follows my religion and my ways; as for those who disobey me and choose unbelief, I leave them to You to determine what You do with them. You are All-Forgiving, All-Merciful: You can inspire and help them turn to You in repentance, believe in You and worship You alone. Our Lord, I have settled some of my offspring in a barren valley with neither vegetation nor water, close to Your Sacred House. Our Lord, I have only done so in order that they may duly perform the prayers, remember You and worship You alone. Make, therefore, some people's hearts drawn towards them and make them yearn to make pilgrimage to Your Sacred House, and provide them with sustenance and all sorts of fruits, so that they may give thanks and to be a means for them to persevere in obeying You.' Allah answered his prayer. 'Our Lord,' Abraham further prayed, 'You certainly know what we conceal and what we reveal. Nothing whatsoever, whether on earth or in in the heavens, escapes Allah's

knowledge. All praise is for Allah who has bestowed on me Ishmael and Isaac despite my old age. Indeed, my Lord hears and answers all prayers. My Lord, make me constant in duly observing the prayers, and of my seed likewise. Our Lord, accept my supplication. Our Lord, forgive me, my parents and all the believers on the Day of Resurrection, when You will judge people.'

Quran 14 : 42- 52 Ibrahim Tafseer:General explanation : The Almighty says: Do not think, Muhammad, that Allah is unaware of the wrongdoers' actions, like the idolaters among your people. He is fully aware of what they do, and He will certainly punish them for their wrongdoing. He only defers their punishment to a day, which will be so awful and terrible that their eyes will stare in dread at the horrors they will see and as a result of the dreadful fright by which they will be gripped, hastening forward, after rising forth from their graves, to the Land of Gathering for judgment, with their heads upraised, their eyes not blinking, not be able to direct their gaze wherever they want, and their hearts and minds will be utterly void due to excessive terror. And warn people, Muhammad, of the punishment of the Day of Judgment, when those who have wronged themselves because of unbelief and disobedience will cry, 'Lord, grant us respite for a short while and take us back to the life of the world so that we may believe in You and follow the messengers.' Allah will say to them, 'Did you not swear in the worldly life that there would be no resurrection and no life after death? You lived in the dwellings of those who wronged themselves due to unbelief and it was made clear to you, from their ruins and the accounts you had heard about them, how We destroyed them when they persisted in their unbelief and disobedience, and We set forth many a parable for you in the Qur'an to serve as a lesson and warning for you, but you never took heed.' They devised their mighty evil scheme, but their scheming is known to Allah, who will judge them according to their deeds and punish them accordingly. The unbelievers' scheming is so feeble it will not move mountains; and even if it

could, they would by no means destroy Islam, for Allah will certainly support His faith and make it reign supreme. Allah, Exalted be He, says: Do not think, therefore, Muhammad, that Allah will ever fail to keep His promise to His messengers to grant them victory over their enemies. Allah is All-Powerful whose power cannot be resisted, the Lord of just retribution, who avenges Himself on His enemies. This will take place on the day the earth will be changed into another earth, as will be the heavens, and all people will rise forth from their graves to appear before, and be judged by, Allah, the Omnipotent, the sole King, Creator and Disposer of all affairs who holds sway over all creation. On that Day you will see, Muhammad, the wicked unbelievers bound together in chains; their garments will be of highly flammable pitch, and the fire will cover and burn their faces. That would indeed be the recompense of the wicked for their wrongdoing, and Allah will repay every person according to their deeds. Surely Allah is swift in reckoning. This Quran, which We have sent down to you, Messenger, is a message to all mankind and it is sufficient for them to attain the highest degrees. We have sent it down so that they may be warned of Allah's punishment and know that Allah is the only God worthy of worship, and so that those who are endowed with insight and sound intellects may take heed.

Quran 15 : 1-15 Al-Hijr simple Explanation : This great surah opens with the 'disconnected letters', which have already been discussed at the beginning of Surat Al-Baqarah. Allah Almighty then states that these noble verses are the verses of the Qur'an—the clear, miraculous book, which comprises all forms of perfection and shows the truth in the best and the clearest manner. The unbelievers will regret rejecting the true faith on the Day of Judgment and will desperately wish they had been Muslims and surrendered themselves to Allah in their life time. Let them, Muhammad, eat and enjoy the worldly pleasures, and let deluding and false hopes divert them from believing in Allah and obeying Him. They will know the evil end to which they will come when they realise they are losers and doomed to a painful and

humiliating punishment. Never have We destroyed any community for their wrongdoing unless their appointed time for their destruction was reached, so that their destruction can neither be advanced beyond the appointed time, nor delayed. The idolaters, Allah Almighty mentions, mockingly said to Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, ‘You who claim the Qur’an has been revealed to you, you are crazy to ask us to follow you and forsake what we have found our fathers practising. Why do you not bring us the angels to endorse your message if what you say is true?’ Allah replies to such ridicule and impudence, saying: We do not send the angels down except for a just cause and a good reason, such as sending them down with revelation or punishment, and not to meet the demands they make; for once the angels are sent down and they still persist in their unbelief after seeing them, they will certainly be punished without their being allowed any further respite. Is this Quran not enough for them as a miraculous sign which Allah has sent down to His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and which He has taken upon Himself to protect against all corruption? Allah Almighty states: We sent messengers before you, Muhammad, to past nations, but they mocked and disbelieved every single messenger that came to them. Just as We made a way for the previous messengers’ books in the hearts of their unbelieving peoples, so, too, We have made a way for the Qur’an in the hearts of the wicked among your people, such that they hear it, comprehend it and know it is the truth but they still would not believe in it despite the many examples of Allah’s way of destroying the unbelievers that have gone before. Even if We opened for the unbelievers of Makkah a gateway to heaven and they continued to ascend through it to witness the wonders of Allah’s Kingdom in the heavens, they would still disbelieve and say, ‘Our eyes have truly been shut because of the effect of magic and so we have not seen anything at all! In fact, we must have been bewitched by Muhammad!’

Quran 15 : 16-25 Al-Hijr simple Explanation :Allah Almighty makes mention of some His signs which attest to His absolute and

ultimate power: We have placed great constellations in the sky and adorned it with stars for all to see and reflect on Allah's power, and We have protected the sky so that every devil excluded from Allah's mercy will not be able to eavesdrop on the highest assembly of the angels. Those who eavesdrop on their conversation to learn anything from them—with the exception of revelation, which is highly protected—are pursued by a visibly bright flaming fire that burns or kills them. We have spread the earth out wide and placed upon it firm mountains to hold it in place, and caused everything to grow there in perfect balance and in precise measure. We have provided sustenance and all means of livelihood on it for you, and We have given you, for your own benefit, offspring, servants and animals whose sustenance does not depend upon you. There is nothing in the universe but its sources and treasures are with Us, and We send it down only in a precise, well-defined measure, according to Our will and wisdom. We send winds to fertilize clouds, from which We cause the rain to come down for you and your livestock to drink and to water your lands, and it is not you who hold its reserves and control its sources. Surely it is We Who give life and cause death, and it is We alone who will remain after the earth and all who live on it have passed away. We know very well those who have gone before you and those who will come after you, as well as all your circumstances and deeds. It is your Lord, Muhammad, who will gather all mankind together for judgement and recompense. He is truly All-Wise, All-Knowing—everything He does is perfectly wise and nothing whatsoever is hidden from Him.

Quran 15 : 26-50 Al-Hijr simple Explanation :The Almighty states that He created Adam out of dried sounding clay formed from black fetid mud, and that He created Satan, the progenitor of the jinn, before the creation of Adam from intensely hot fire.

Then He recounts the story of what happened when He commanded the angels and Satan to do when He wanted to create Adam: Mention to the people, Muhammad, the time when your Lord said to the angels, 'I am going to create a human being out of

dried sounding clay formed from black fetid mud. Therefore, when I have formed him and breathed spirit, which is of My Own creation, into him to become a living being, fall down in prostration to him in token of respect.’ So all the angels obediently prostrated, as Allah had commanded them, except Iblees (Satan), who arrogantly refused to prostrate when commanded to do so. ‘Iblees,’ Allah asked him, ‘what is it that prevents you from joining the angels in prostration?’ Satan, driven by pride and envy, replied, ‘It is not for me to prostrate to a human being You created from dried sounding clay formed from black fetid mud.’ Allah said, ‘Then get out of Paradise. You are expelled from all good, and the curse will be on you until Judgment Day, when you will be repaid for your evil deeds.’ ‘My Lord,’ Satan appealed, ‘do not cause me to die and delay my end until the day you will resurrect the dead.’ Allah said, ‘You are among those who will be delayed until the appointed day, when all creation will fall dead after the first blow of the Trumpet, except whom I will.’ Satan said, ‘My Lord, since You have allowed me to go astray, I will make the path of error seem alluring to them on earth and make them all stray from the right path, except those among them whom You have chosen to be rightly-guided.’ Allah said, ‘This is a straight path that leads to Me and to My Paradise. You will certainly have no authority over My believing servants who worship Me alone and whom I have guided. You have authority only over those who, having gone astray and fallen into error, choose to follow you; and surely you and they are all destined for Hell. It has seven gates, through each of which a group of your followers will enter it commensurate with their evil deeds.’ The Almighty says: The righteous who do what Allah commands and avoid what He forbids will be amid Gardens and springs (such as springs of water and wine). It will be said to them, ‘Enter these gardens in peace, safe and secure from all harm, death and punishment.’ We will remove all feelings of enmity and rancour they had in their hearts towards each other in the worldly life. They will be as brothers, joyfully seated on couches facing one another. No fatigue or hardship will ever touch them there, and

they will abide in it for all eternity and will never leave it. Allah Almighty then instructs His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to inform His servants that He is the All-Forgiving—who frequently forgives the sins of those who turn to Him in repentance—the All-Merciful towards them, and that His torment is the most painful for those who persist in their unbelief and sins.

Quran 15 : 51-77 Al-Hijr simple Explanation :Allah, Exalted be He, says: And tell my servants, Muhammad, the story of Abraham's angelic guests: They entered upon him and greeted him, saying, 'Peace be upon you.' He replied to their greeting and said, after serving them food, 'Truly we are afraid of you.' 'Do not be afraid,' they reassured him 'We bring you the good news of the birth of a son who will be endowed with deep religious knowledge.' Ibrahim said, rather amazed, 'Do you bring me such good news despite my old age? What amazing news do you have for me?' They replied, 'We give you the good news about which Allah has informed us—the birth of a son to you; do not be, therefore, of those who despair.' He said, 'None would despair of the mercy of their Lord except the misguided, who are ignorant of Allah's absolute power and mercy.' 'Messengers,' he added, 'what is the serious mission for which you have come other than giving me such news?' They replied, 'Allah has sent us to destroy an unbelieving and sinful people, except for Lot and his believing family members. We will certainly save them all, except for his unbelieving wife. We have decreed that she will be among those who will stay behind and be destroyed.' Almighty Allah says: When the angels came to Lot and his family, he said to them, 'You are entirely unknown to me.' They said, 'We have come to inflict on your people the punishment which they have long doubted. We have come to you with the truth from Allah, and what we say is absolutely true. Therefore, set out with your family after some part of the night has passed, and follow closely behind them. None of you must look back, and quickly proceed to where Allah commands you.' We revealed to Lot that all his people would be wiped out by the morning.

Meanwhile the people of the city rushed joyfully to the house of Lot, rejoicing at the news of the arrival of Lot's guests, and looking forward to engaging in perverted practice with them. 'My people,' Lot said to them, 'These are my guests, so do not bring shame on me. Fear Allah's punishment, and do not disgrace me by doing them any harm.' His people said, 'Have we not forbidden you from extending hospitality to anyone and protecting them?' He said, 'These are women among your people, so marry them if you wish to satisfy your desire.' The Almighty then swears by the life of His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, saying: I swear by your life, Muhammad, that the people of Lot, intoxicated by lust, were blindly wandering in their misguidance, ignorance and heedlessness when a dreadfully awful cry seized them at sunrise. We turned their cities upside down and rained upon them stones of baked clay. Surely in what befell Lot's people are lessons for those who reflect and take heed. Lot's people's ruined cities still lie on a clearly marked road and are seen by those travelling past them. Surely in their destruction there is a clear sign for the believers about Allah's terrible vengeance against the unbelievers.

Quran 15 : 78-99 Al-Hijr simple Explanation : The Almighty says: The dwellers of the Thicket (the people of Prophet Shu'ayb, peace be upon him) were truly wrongdoers for rejecting their Prophet Shu'ayb, and so We inflicted punishment upon them and destroyed them completely. The ruined dwellings of both the people of Lot and the people of Shu'ayb are on a clearly marked road and are seen by those who pass by them to serve as a lesson for them. The dwellers of Al-Hijr, where Thamud lived, denied their messenger Salih, peace be upon him—and so their denial of Salih constituted a denial of all Allah's messengers. We gave Thamud Our signs that attested to Salih's truthfulness, including the she-camel, but they ignored them and turned away from them. They used to hew their dwellings out of the mountains, thinking themselves secure in them, so the awful cry of torment overtook them early in the morning, and all that they had achieved and acquired did not protect them from Allah's torment. Allah,

Sublime be He, says: We have not created the heavens and the earth and everything in between except for a purpose, and the Day of Judgment is certain to come so that each person will be repaid according to his deeds; therefore, forgive the idolaters, Muhammad, and overlook what they do with gracious forbearance. Surely your Lord is the Creator of all things, the All-Knowing, who has full knowledge of them and is fully aware of what they do. We have certainly given you, Muhammad, Surat Al-Fatihah, which is the seven often-repeated verses, and the great Qur'an. Do not longingly look at We have bestowed on certain classes of the unbelievers to enjoy in the life of the world, nor feel sad because of their unbelief, and show kindness to the believers. Say to the idolaters who ascribe partners to Allah: I am a clear warner to you against a punishment similar to that inflicted on those who have divided the Qur'an into parts—some calling it magic, others calling it fortune-telling, others calling it poetry and yet others calling it fables of the ancients. I swear by your Lord, Muhammad, that We will question them all on the Day of Judgment about what they used to do in this world. Therefore, proclaim openly the call of truth that Allah has commanded you to convey. Turn away from the idolaters and desist from fighting them. We will surely be sufficient for you and protect you against the mockers, who associate partners with Allah and worship them besides Him. They will come to know the punishment they will suffer on Judgment Day. We do know you are distressed because of your people's unbelief and mockery, so declare your Lord's perfection, extol His glory and praise Him, and be of those who always perform the prayers, and continue to worship your Lord until death comes to you while in such a state.

Quran 16 :1-9 The Bees An-Nahl Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says: Judgment Day has drawn near and Allah's command to punish you, O unbelievers, is close at hand; do not, therefore, ask for the torment to be hastened, mocking the Messenger's warning to you of such punishment. Glory be to Allah, and far exalted is He above having partners and above what the

idolaters attribute to Him! He sends down the angels with revelation by His command to whomever He wills of His servants whom He has chosen for prophethood, saying, ‘Warn mankind against associating partners with Me, for there is no god worthy of worship except Me; therefore, fear Me by doing what I command and avoiding what I forbid.’ He has created the heavens and the earth for a purpose, not in vain, so that He alone should be worshipped. Far exalted is He above what they associate with Him and worship besides Him! He creates man from a mere drop of sperm, then he openly challenges his Lord who has created and fashioned him in the first place! The Almighty says: Allah has likewise created camels, cows, sheep and goats for you, people: You derive warmth from the garments you make from their wool, fur and hair, and various other benefits, such as consuming their milk, riding and selling them, and of their meat you also eat. You find beauty in them, which brings you pleasure when you drive them home in the evening and when you take them out to pasture in the morning; and they carry you and your loads during your travels to distant lands which you could not otherwise reach without extreme hardship. Your Lord is surely Most Kind, Most Merciful to you for subjecting these to your service. Allah has also created horses, mules and donkeys for you to ride and as adornment for you, and He creates other things beyond your knowledge. It is to Allah and to His good pleasure that the straight path of truth leads, and of the paths that are trodden there are those that are crooked and do not lead to Allah and His good pleasure. Had Allah willed, He could have guided all to the right path and to faith.

Quran 16 :10-18 The Bees An-Nahl Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says: It is Allah who sends rain for you from the clouds, from which He produces water for you to drink. With it He produces plants on which you pasture your grazing animals, and brings forth for you various crops, date palms, grapes and fruits of every kind. Surely in this there is a clear sign for people who reflect on Allah’s creation, realise His power and unity and take

heed. And He has subjected to your service the night for you to rest, the day for you to earn your livelihoods and the sun and the moon so that you may know the number of years and calculate the days and months, among many other benefits. The stars also serve you by His command to be guided by them in the midst of the deep darkness of the land and the sea. Surely in this there are clear signs for people who understand Allah's signs attesting to His absolute power. He has also subjected to your service whatever animals and plants, among other things, of varying colors and benefits, which He has scattered on the face of the earth for you. Surely in this there is a clear sign for those who remember Allah's signs and blessings and give thanks. And it is He who has subjected the sea to your service, so that you may eat fresh seafood from it and bring forth out of it ornaments, such as pearls, for you to wear. You see the ships ploughing their course through it so that you may seek His bounty and may render thanks and worship Him alone. He has placed into the earth firm mountains to hold it in place and prevent it from shaking with you, as well as rivers to drink from them, both you and your animals, and to use them to irrigate your crops, and pathways so you may find the way to your destination. Allah Almighty says: It is Allah who sends rain for you from the clouds, from which He produces water for you to drink. With it He produces plants on which you pasture your grazing animals, and brings forth for you various crops, date palms, grapes and fruits of every kind. Surely in this there is a clear sign for people who reflect on Allah's creation, realise His power and unity and take heed. And He has subjected to your service the night for you to rest, the day for you to earn your livelihoods and the sun and the moon so that you may know the number of years and calculate the days and months, among many other benefits. The stars also serve you by His command to be guided by them in the midst of the deep darkness of the land and the sea. Surely in this there are clear signs for people who understand Allah's signs attesting to His absolute power. He has also subjected to your service whatever animals and plants, among other things, of varying colors and benefits, which

He has scattered on the face of the earth for you. Surely in this there is a clear sign for those who remember Allah's signs and blessings and give thanks. And it is He who has subjected the sea to your service, so that you may eat fresh seafood from it and bring forth out of it ornaments, such as pearls, for you to wear. You see the ships ploughing their course through it so that you may seek His bounty and may render thanks and worship Him alone. He has placed into the earth firm mountains to hold it in place and prevent it from shaking with you, as well as rivers to drink from them, both you and your animals, and to use them to irrigate your crops, and pathways so you may find the way to your destination. He has also made for you landmarks on the earth, such as mountains, to guide you during the day, just as he has made the stars to guide you at night Is He, then, who has created such things like one who cannot create anything at all? Will you, then, not reflect on Allah's blessings on you and worship him alone?! If you tried to number Allah's blessings, you could never count them due to their immense multiplicity and diversity. Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful to you.

Quran 16 :19-29 The Bees An-Nahl Tafseer:General explanation:The Almighty says: Allah knows what you, people, conceal and what you reveal, and He will repay you for your deeds on the Day of Judgment. The idols that the idolaters worship besides Allah cannot create anything but are themselves created. How can they, then, worship them? They are all lifeless inanimate objects, and they do not know when Allah will resurrect them. Your God, who is truly deserving of worship, is only One God. But because of the false pride of the unbelievers who deny the hereafter and the reward and punishment in it, their hearts deny Allah's grace, oneness and power, and are too proud to accept the truth. There is no doubt that Allah is fully aware of the idolaters' secret refusal to admit the truth and their open unbelief and disobedience, and He will surely punish them for that. He certainly does not like those who are too proud to admit His unity and worship Him alone. When they are asked, 'What has your Lord

revealed to Muhammad?’ they lie, saying, ‘Nothing has been revealed to him, and this Qur’an is nothing but fables of the ancients.’ Hence, they will bear their sins in full on the Day of Judgment as well as some of the sins of those they have misled and who have followed them without knowledge. Evil indeed are the heavy sins they will bear! The Almighty says: The unbelievers before the Quraysh idolaters also plotted against their messengers, but Allah stuck their edifice at its very foundations, and the roof caved in on top of them, and so Allah destroyed them and His punishment came upon them suddenly from where they did not expect. Then, on Judgment Day, He will disgrace them and rebukingly say, ‘Where are those you claimed are my partners and you used to worship besides Me and oppose Me and My believing servants for their sake? Let them protect you now from punishment.’ Those endowed with knowledge will say, ‘This day humiliation and misery will surely befall the unbelievers.’ Those whose souls the angels take while still wronging themselves due to unbelief and disobedience will make full submission, saying, ‘We did not deny Allah, nor did we disobey Him nor did we do any wrong.’ It will be said to them, ‘Yes, you did. Allah has full knowledge of all that you did, and He will repay you according to your actions. Enter, therefore, the gates of Hell to remain in it for ever: evil indeed is the abode of the arrogant who are too proud to believe in Allah and worship Him alone!’

Quran 16 :30-37 The Bees An-Nahl Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: It will be said to the righteous who obey Allah’s commands, ‘What has Allah revealed to Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace?’ They will say, ‘Allah has sent down the Qur’an to him, which is all good and guidance.’ There is a good reward in this world (such as victory and abundant sustenance) for those who believe in Allah and His Messenger and do good, but far better is their abode in the hereafter. Excellent indeed will be the dwelling place of the God-fearing and the pious in the hereafter: Gardens of perpetual bliss which they will enter, beneath whose trees and palaces rivers flow,

where they will have whatever they may desire. Thus will Allah reward those who do what He commands and avoid what He forbids—those whose souls the angels take while they are free from the taint of unbelief and disobedience, saying to them, ‘Peace be upon you! Enter Paradise because of your faith and righteous deeds.’ The Almighty says: Are the idolaters who worship false deities besides Allah only waiting for the coming of the angels to take away their souls while in a state of unbelief or for Allah’s command for their resurrection on Judgment Day? The unbelievers before them also persisted in their unbelief and so they were destroyed. Allah never wronged them, but it was they who wronged themselves. They became justly deserving of Allah’s punishment, and so they suffered the evil consequences of their unbelief and sins, and they were encompassed by the punishment they used to deride, and of which their messengers warned them. The Almighty says: The idolaters who associate partners with Allah falsely argue, saying, ‘Had Allah so willed, we would not have worshiped anything other than Him, neither we nor our fathers; nor would we have declared anything He has not forbidden unlawful (such as associating partners with Him) or anything He has made lawful forbidden.’ Even so did the unbelievers who lived before them and were consequently destroyed. The messengers’ duty is to deliver the message clearly, and they have indeed shown you the path of truth so clearly so much so that they have left no room for argument. We surely sent a messenger to every past community calling them to worship Allah alone and keep away from false gods. Among them were some whom Allah guided and they followed the messengers, and among them were some who stubbornly followed the path of error and thus deserved to be misguided and be eventually destroyed. So travel throughout the land and see the fate of those who disbelieved the messengers and learn lessons from them. Allah Almighty then informs His Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, that his eagerness to guide the idolaters who persist in their misguidance and error will not help them follow the truth, because Allah does

not guide to Himself whomever He has decreed will remain in error according to His absolute wisdom and justice, stating that the wrongdoers will have no helpers to protect them from His punishment.

Quran 16 :38-55 The Bees An-Nahl Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, says: These idolaters swear by Allah their most solemn oaths that He will not resurrect the dead after they are completely reduced to dust. Allah then emphatically asserts that He will certainly resurrect them. This is a true promise by which He has bound Himself, but many people do not know this due to their ignorance of His absolute power. He will indeed fulfill that promise and bring all mankind back to life to make clear to them the truth about which they differed in the worldly life, including resurrection, to judge among them and repay each of them according to his deeds, and let the unbelievers who deny the resurrection know that they are wrong and that they were lying when they swore that there would be no resurrection. Indeed, raising the dead is easy for Allah, for whenever He wills anything to be, He only says to it, 'Be,' and it is. The Almighty says: As for those who emigrate and leave their homes in the cause of Allah, thereby seeking His good pleasure, after the unbelievers have oppressed and persecuted them to turn them away from their religion, We will surely provide them with a good abode which will please them as well as abundant sustenance in this world; yet better still is their reward in the life to come: Paradise. Had those who neglected to migrate known the reward Allah has in store for those who emigrate in His cause, none of them would have done so. Those who emigrate for the cause of Allah are the ones who patiently persevere in obedience to Allah's commands and through adversity and in their Lord alone they put their trust. Allah, Glorified and Exalted be He, says: We did not send to people before you, Muhammad, as Our messengers, other than men, not angels, to whom We revealed Our laws and commandments. If you, idolaters, do not know that prophets were men, then ask followers of earlier scriptures to inform you of this. We sent the earlier

prophets with manifest proofs and divine books, and We have sent down to you, Muhammad, the Qur'an to explain to people what Allah has revealed in it and so that they will reflect on it and be guided by it. Do the unbelievers who devise evil schemes feel secure that Allah will not cause the earth to swallow them, or that Allah's punishment will not come upon them suddenly from where they least expect it, or that He will not inflict torment upon them at any time on their travels or in the midst of their daily activities without their being able to escape His punishment, or that He will not seize them, little by little, until He destroys them all? Surely your Lord is All-Compassionate, All-Merciful to His servants. Allah Almighty says: Do these unbelievers who devise evil schemes not see how all things that Allah has created, such as mountains and trees, cast their shadows to the right and to the left, prostrating themselves before Allah in all humility and in absolute submission to His will? To Allah alone prostrate in absolute submission all living creatures in the heavens and the earth. The angels, too, prostrate to Him in total submission and are never too proud to worship Him. They fear their Lord above them—with His Being, perfect attributes and absolute control—and do whatever they are commanded. Allah has said to His servants: 'Do not worship two gods. The only true God worthy of worship is One God; therefore, fear Me alone, do what I command, avoid what I forbid and do not worship anyone besides Me.' To Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth, and to Him alone absolute obedience and worship is always due. Will you, then, fear and worship other than Allah?! Whatever apparent and hidden favors and blessings you have are certainly from Allah; and when you are afflicted with hardship, poverty and illness, it is to Him alone that you turn and cry out for help. Then, as soon as He relieves your distress, some among you associate others with their Lord and worship them besides Him, to show ingratitude for the favors We have bestowed upon them (including Our relieving their distress). Enjoy, then, your worldly life only for a short while, for you will come to know the consequences of your unbelief and

ungratefulness!

Quran 16 :56-64 The Bees An-Nahl Tafseer:General

explanation:Almighty Allah asserts that the idolaters assign a portion of the wealth He Himself has provided for them, such as crops and livestock, to their idols, which know nothing nor can they do them any good or harm, in order to draw closer to them! Then He threatens them, swearing by Himself, that they will certainly be questioned on Judgment Day about the lies they have fabricated and attributed Him. These isolators, Allah states, also assign the angels to Him as His daughters—Far exalted be He about what they say!— whereas for themselves they choose sons that they desire to have! When the birth of a girl is announced to any of them, his face darkens in disgust at the news, and he is filled with grief and rage. He hides away from people because of the contempt he feels for her and the grief and sorrow that her birth has allegedly brought him, being at a loss as to what to do with her—whether to keep her despite the disgrace which he feels or bury her alive. Evil indeed is their judgment for assigning to Allah daughters—which they would not like to have for themselves—and for themselves sons that they desire to have! To those who do not believe in the life to come belong all evil qualities of weakness, need and imperfection, whereas to Allah belong the loftiest attributes of perfection and of being self-sufficient, independent of all His creatures and not being in need of having offspring. He is the Almighty in His kingdom, All-Wise in whatever He does. Allah Almighty states that if He were to punish people immediately for their unbelief, disobedience and the lies they attribute to Him, He would destroy them all and would not leave a single living being on earth. However, He, in His clemency, grants the wrongdoers respite for an appointed term. However, when the appointed time for their destruction comes, their punishment will neither be delayed nor advanced even by a single moment. The idolaters who worship false deities besides Allah, He further states, attribute to Him daughters which they hate for themselves, and their tongues utter the lie that they will have the finest reward in

this life and in the life to come. Allah disproves this false claim of theirs, threateningly saying: Without a doubt, for them is the Fire, into which they will be hastened on and in which they will be abandoned. Then, giving solace to His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and helping make his heart firm, He says: By Allah, We have surely sent messengers to communities before you, Muhammad, but Satan made their unbelief and misdeeds look good to them, and so he will be their supporter on Judgment Day—but he will neither truly support them nor benefit them in any way—and they will suffer a painful punishment. He further says to him: We have revealed to you the Qur'an only to make clear to people the matters of religion about which they have differed, and so that the Qur'an may serve as a guide and mercy for the believers. Quran 16 :65-72 The Bees An-Nahl Tafseer:General

explanation:Allah, Exalted be He, mentions some of the blessings He has bestowed on mankind: He sends down rain from the sky, with which He revives the earth and brings forth plants from it after it has been dry and dead. Surely in this there is certainly a sign of Allah's power to resurrect the dead for people who listen to this proof, ponder over it and comprehend it. Then He points out another aspect of His oneness and supreme power: In the grazing livestock, too, you have a worthy lesson and a sign that Allah alone is worthy of worship: We give you to drink of what is in their bellies, from between the dung and blood, pure, delicious milk, that is pleasant to those who drink it and easy for them to swallow. And from the fruits of the palm trees and the grapevines you derive both intoxicants (this was revealed before intoxicants became prohibited) and wholesome provision, such as dates, grapes and juice. Surely in this blessing there is a proof of Allah's power for people who comprehend His signs, reflect on them and acknowledge His oneness and absolute power. The Almighty further mentions another proof of His oneness and supreme power: Your Lord, Muhammad, has inspired the bees, saying: Take up homes in the mountains, trees and in what people construct. Then eat of every kind of fruit and follow the ways your Lord has made

easy for you to seek sustenance. From their bellies comes forth honey, a drink of varying hues—white, yellow and red, among other colours—in which there is healing for humans. Surely in this there is a strong proof of Allah’s ultimate power for people who reflect on the greatness of their Creator and realise that He alone is deserving of worship. Allah Almighty addresses all mankind, saying: It is Allah alone who created you when you were nothing, then He will cause you to die. Some among you have their lives prolonged to abject old age, having their physical and mental strength decreased so much so that what they once knew they will know no more. He concludes the verse by stressing His perfect knowledge and absolute power: Allah is All-knowing, All-powerful. Allah then mentions the differences between people regarding their livelihoods: Allah has given some of you more provision in this life than others. Some of you are rich and some are poor. Some are wealthy and free, while some others are slaves with no wealth whatsoever. The free who are wealthy would not share their wealth with those slaves in their possession, making them their equal partners. If they are not content to share with them some of what Allah has provided for them, why are they content, then, to associate partners with their Lord and worship them besides Him?! Will they, then deny Allah’s grace and bounty by assigning partners to Him, worshipping them besides Him and using His favors as a means of disobeying Him?! The Almighty mentions yet another of the countless blessings He has bestowed upon mankind: Allah, too, has created for you spouses from your own kind so that you may find comfort in them, has given you through them children and from their offspring grandchildren who hasten to help and serve you, and has provided you with lawful provisions and good wholesome food. Will they, then, believe in falsehood by worshipping false deities besides Allah and showing ingratitude to Him despite the innumerable favors He has bestowed upon them?!

Quran 16 :73-83 The Bees An-Nahl Tafseer:General
explanation:Allah Almighty states that those who associate

partners with Him worship idols that have no power to provide them with sustenance—neither from the heavens, such as rain, nor from the earth, such as crops—nor do they have the power to do nothing at all. If these are the characteristics of their gods, how can they, then, worship them besides Allah? Thus, Allah addresses mankind, saying: Therefore, do not set up equals to Allah and worship them besides Him; surely Allah knows, but you do not know. He then sets forth two parables demonstrating his oneness and power, and the falsehood embodied in worshipping false gods besides Him. First He strikes the parable of two men: a slave who does not possess anything and is unable to do anything of his own accord, and a free man to whom Allah has given ample wealth, so that he can spend at will, both secretly and openly. Are these two men equal? By the same token, Allah the Creator, the Sovereign and Disposer of all affairs, cannot by any means whatsoever equal to His creatures. Why, then, do you consider them equal?! Praise be to Allah, who alone is worthy of all praise and glory, but most idolaters do not know that Allah alone is worthy of worship and praise. Then He sets forth the parable of two other men: One of them is speech-impaired, deaf, unable to understand anything or benefit himself or others and is a burden to his caretaker; wherever he sends him to fulfill a task he comes back with nothing good. The other one has sound senses, is able to benefit himself as well as others, commands justice and is on the straight path. Can they be considered equal at all?! How can you, then, consider the deaf, mute idols equal to Allah the Almighty, who enjoins justice and gives all good things?! Allah alone has knowledge of the hidden secrets of the heavens and the earth. The matter of resurrection and Judgment Day and the swiftness of its coming will be like the twinkling of an eye, or even quicker. Surely Allah has power over all things. Reminding mankind of various types of bounties that He has bestowed upon them, Allah, Glorified and Exalted be He, says: Allah has brought you out of your mothers' wombs devoid of all knowledge, and He has given you hearing, sight and hearts so that you may give thanks to Him and worship Him alone. Then He

mentions another proof of His oneness and perfect power: Have they not seen the birds winging their way in the open heavens, subservient to Allah's command? None keeps them aloft and holds them from falling but Allah. Surely in that there are signs and proofs of Allah's oneness, perfect power, absolute wisdom and immense knowledge for people who believe in Allah and His messengers. The Almighty goes on to mention different forms of His blessings on mankind, including the blessing of shelter: Allah has made your homes a place of rest and quiet to live in, and has made for you, out of the hides of grazing livestock, tents which are light for you to carry when you travel and when you camp; and out of their wool, fur, and hair He has provided you with furnishings for your homes and enjoyable comforts for a while. He further mentions the blessing of shade, mountains and clothing: Allah has made for you, out of what He has created, things that provide you with shade that shelter you from the sun, such as trees, and has made for you, out of the mountains, caves and caverns in which you seek shelter if need be, for they provide protection for you from heat, cold, rain and enemies; and He has made for you garments to protect you from heat and cold, as well as coats of armour and shields to shield you in wars and protect you against the effects of weapons. Thus does He perfect His favors to you so that you fully submit to His will and worship Him alone. Then, offering comfort to His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and helping make his heart firm, He says: If they turn away from you, Muhammad, and do not respond to your call, after all the signs and proofs they have seen, then there is no blame on you; for your only duty is to clearly deliver the message entrusted to you. Then, mentioning the idolaters' attitude towards His favors and blessings, He says: They are fully aware of Allah's bounty, yet they deny it, and most of them are ungrateful.

Quran 16 :84-93 The Bees An-Nahl Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says: On the Day of Judgment, We will raise up a messenger from every community to whom he was sent to bear witness that he had conveyed the message to them, then the

unbelievers will not be allowed to apologise for their unbelief, nor will they be asked to please their Lord by turning to Him in repentance and doing good deeds, for it will be too late to do so. When the idolaters see Allah's punishment which they deserve for worshipping so-called gods besides Him, it will not be lightened for them, nor will they be reprieved. And when those who assign partners to Allah see, on Judgment Day, their alleged gods, they will say, 'Lord, these are the ones we used to worship besides You.' But their alleged gods will say to them, 'You have definitely lied for claiming we are Allah's partners!' They will then show total submission to Allah on that day, and the false gods they claimed would intercede with Allah for them will fail them and will not be there to help them or benefit them in any way. Allah then sternly warns the unbelievers who turn people away from His path, saying: For those who disbelieve and prevent others from believing in Allah and His messenger, We will add more torment to their torment for perpetrating corruption and hindering people from following the truth and right guidance. Mention to the people, Muhammad, the day when We will raise up from every community their messenger to bear witness that he has conveyed the divine message to them, and We will call you to testify that you have conveyed the message to your nation. We have sent down to you the Qur'an, which explains all things, guide people away from error, is a mercy to those who believe in it and act on its teachings and gives good news to the believers that they will have the best outcome. Directing His believing servants to embrace virtue and good morals and to avoid vice, the Almighty says: Allah enjoins His servants to maintain justice by fulfilling His rights and people's rights, to worship Him in a perfect manner and show kindness to His creation and to maintain ties of kinship and give relatives their due. He forbids all manner of evil words and deeds and everything He does not approve of, as well as wronging and oppressing people. Allah admonishes you so that you may remember His commands and benefit from them. Allah Almighty further commands them to fulfill all obligations: Fulfill all your

obligations to Allah and to the obligations into which you enter with people as long as they do not involve any sin, nor break the covenants that you have solemnly confirmed by an oath, calling upon Allah to be witness to your faith. Allah knows all that you do. Then He strikes out a parable to show the evil deed of breaking oaths after confirming them: Do not be like the woman who untwists the yarn which she has firmly spun, by using your oaths as a means of deceiving those with whom you make covenants, and you break your covenants when you find a particular group more powerful or more useful than the one with whom you have initially made a covenant. By commanding you to honor your covenants, Allah only tests you, even if some people are better than other,

Quran 16 :90-111 The Bees An-Nahl Tafseer: Directing His believing servants to embrace virtue and good morals and to avoid vice, the Almighty says: Allah enjoins His servants to maintain justice by fulfilling His rights and people's rights, to worship Him in a perfect manner and show kindness to His creation and to maintain ties of kinship and give relatives their due. He forbids all manner of evil words and deeds and everything He does not approve of, as well as wronging and oppressing people. Allah admonishes you so that you may remember His commands and benefit from them. Allah Almighty further commands them to fulfill all obligations: Fulfill all your obligations to Allah and to the obligations into which you enter with people as long as they do not involve any sin, nor break the covenants that you have solemnly confirmed by an oath, calling upon Allah to be witness to your faith. Allah knows all that you do. Then He strikes out a parable to show the evil deed of breaking oaths after confirming them: Do not be like the woman who untwists the yarn which she has firmly spun, by using your oaths as a means of deceiving those with whom you make covenants, and you break your covenants when you find a particular group more powerful or more useful than the one with whom you have initially made a covenant. By commanding you to honor your covenants, Allah only tests you,

even if some people are better than others, so that those who obey Him will be distinguished from those who disobey His commands. On the Day of Judgment, He will make clear to you all that about which you now differ in this world. The Almighty then explains that nothing whatsoever can possibly frustrate His power and purpose: Had Allah so willed, He would have made you all follow the same religion, namely Islam, but in His wisdom He leaves to stray whoever He wills for preferring error to guidance, and He guides whomever He wills through His grace and favor; and He will certainly call you to account on Judgment Day for whatever you have done in the life of the world and repay you according to your actions. Allah, Exalted be He, says: Do not use the oaths you take as a means of deceiving those to whom you swear them so that they will believe you, lest your foot should slip from the faith after having been set firmly upon it, and then you will taste punishment in this life for turning others away from this religion because of your treachery, and you will suffer a grievous punishment in the life to come. Do not break the covenants which you have confirmed by taking an oath in Allah's name, thereby seeking the fleeting gains of the present, worldly life. The reward Allah has in store for those who honor their covenants is far better than such trifling gains, if you only knew the real difference between the transient worldly life and the everlasting life to come. Allah Almighty then makes them desirous to do what is pleasing to Him: Whatever transitory worldly goods that you have will certainly come to an end, but whatever rewards that Allah has are everlasting; We will certainly repay those who are persevering and patient in fulfilling Allah's commandments, refraining from sins and all the adversities in Allah's cause according to the best of the good deeds they have done, and We will surely pardon their misdeeds. After that, the Almighty shows the best outcome of the believers who strive hard to do righteous deeds: To those who do good deeds, male or female, while believing in Allah and His Messenger, We will surely give a good, happy life; and We will certainly reward them according to the best goods deeds they have

done in the life of the world. Allah, Exalted be He says: If you, Muhammad, want to recite the Quran, seek refuge in Allah from the evil of Satan, who has been expelled from Allah's grace, by saying: A'udhu billaahi min-ashshaytaan-ir-Rajeem (I seek refuge with Allah from Satan, who has been expelled from Allah's mercy). Indeed, Satan has no authority or power over those who believe in Allah and His Messenger and place their trust in their Lord alone. His authority is only over those who obey and follow him and those associate partners with Allah and worship them besides Him. The Almighty says: When We abrogate a verse of the Qur'an and replace it with another one—and Allah knows best what He reveals in His Book and what He abrogates as He knows what is of benefit to His servants—the idolaters who ascribe partners to Allah say, 'You, Muhammad, are a liar and you have forged this Qur'an yourself.' No indeed! The truth of the matter is that they do not know that the Qur'an is the Truth and that abrogation only takes place due to some divine reasons. Then He enjoins His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to respond to them, saying: Say to them: On no account have I invented the Qur'an myself. Rather, Gabriel has brought it down from my Lord with the truth to make the believers' faith even firmer and to give guidance and good news to all those who have surrendered themselves to Allah. The Almighty disproves yet another falsehood the idolaters assert: We know very well that they say, 'It is only a human being who is teaching Muhammad the Quran.' They have indeed lied, for the language of the man to whom they refer is not Arabic, while this Quran has been revealed in clear, lucid Arabic!! Almighty Allah asserts that He will never guide to faith and the truth those who stubbornly refuse to believe in the signs proving His oneness and the truthfulness of His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and the message he conveys from Him. He declares that that they will suffer a painful torment in the hereafter. It is only those who stubbornly refuse to believe in Allah's signs and revelations who invent falsehoods about Allah, and it is they who are the true liars. Allah then explains the ruling

regarding those who utter a statement of unbelief under duress and those who willingly prefer unbelief to faith: Those who utter a statement of unbelief and disbelieve in Allah after professing the faith will incur Allah's wrath, with the exception of those who do so under duress and utter a statement of unbelief only to save themselves from certain death, while their hearts remain true to their faith. But those who embrace unbelief wholeheartedly, willingly preferring it to faith, will incur Allah's ire, and they will suffer a grievous punishment. That is because they prefer the life of this world and its glitter to the hereafter. Surely Allah never guides to faith and the truth those who choose to disbelieve and persist in their unbelief. These are they whose hearts, hearing and sight Allah has sealed up, and these are they who are steeped in heedlessness. Truly it is they who will be the losers in the life to come. Next, He mentions one aspect of His kindness and benevolence towards those who leave their homes for the sake of His religion, thereby seeking His good pleasure: Surely your Lord, Muhammad is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful to the oppressed among your companions who were persecuted so much by the idolaters that they declared unbelief under duress while their hearts remained true to their faith, and then they emigrated from the abode of unbelief to the abode of Islam, fought for the cause of Allah and patiently endured the hardships and harm meted out to them, thereby seeking Allah's good pleasure. Allah, Exalted and Sublime be He, then says: On the Day of Judgment, every person will come to plead for himself and use all sorts of excuses, totally preoccupied with his own affairs. On this day, every person will be repaid in full for whatever deeds he has done, and none will be wronged in the least—their bad deeds will not be increased for them, and none of their good deeds will be decreased.

Quran 16 :112 _128 The Bees An-Nahl Tafseer: The Almighty says, pointing out the bad consequences of those who do not show gratitude to Him for His blessings and deny His signs: Allah strikes out the parable of a city which was secure and at ease, with its provision coming to it in abundance from all quarters. But then

its people denied Allah's favors and worshipped others besides Him; therefore, Allah afflicted them with famine and fear as punishment for their unbelief and misdeeds. Allah did send a messenger to them from among them, whose lineage, truthfulness and trustworthiness they knew very well, calling them to the truth; but they disbelieved him, and so Allah made them taste the misery of killing, hunger and fear while they were still wrongdoers—worshipping others besides Him. The Almighty then enjoins His servants to eat of the lawful and good things that He has bestowed on them and to be grateful for His favors: Eat, then, of the lawful, good things which Allah has provided for you as sustenance, and render thanks to Allah for His blessings by using them as a means of showing obedience to Him, if it is truly Him alone that you worship. Next, He mentions what He has forbidden them: He only forbids you to eat the flesh of animals that die of themselves (that is, without being slaughtered in accordance with Islamic law or killed in a hunt), running, outpoured blood of animals when they are being slaughtered, the flesh of pigs and sacrificial animals over which any name other than Allah's is invoked upon slaughtering them (such as those sacrificed to idols). However, if someone is compelled by necessity—neither driven by desire nor exceeding immediate need—then surely Allah will not punish him for doing so, for Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful. Almighty Allah then warns the idolaters, who associate partners with Him and worship them besides Him, against saying anything about Him without any knowledge: Do not falsely declare with your tongues, 'This is lawful,' for whatever Allah has prohibited and 'that is forbidden,' for whatever He has permitted, thus fabricating lies and attributing them to Allah. Those who falsely attribute lies to Allah will not succeed or gain any good in this life or in the hereafter. Brief is their enjoyment in this life, but they will suffer a painful punishment in the life to come. After that, He states that He only forbade the Jews certain wholesome things because of their wrongdoing: We forbade the Jews what We have mentioned to you, Muhammad, before in Surat Al-An'am (Surah 6 – Grazing

Livestock). We did not wrong them by forbidding them such things, but it was they who persistently wronged themselves by disobeying Allah's commands, and so they rightly deserved the punishment meted out to them. The Almighty then reveals His immense mercy and great compassion towards His servants: To those who commit sins in ignorance of their consequences, and then repent of their sins, turn to Allah and mend their ways, your Lord is All-Forgiving and All-Compassionate towards them. Allah Almighty asserts that Abraham, peace be upon him, was a true model of virtue, sincerely obedient and devoted to Allah, a man of pure faith who strictly adhered to absolute monotheism and was not of those who associate partners with Allah. He was grateful to Allah for His favors, and Allah had chosen him to convey His message, conferred special love and support on him and guided him to the Straight path—Islam. He also bestowed on him good things in this world (such as righteous offspring and the good repute He had granted him), and in the world to come he will assuredly be among the righteous. Then We have revealed to you, Muhammad, saying, 'Follow the faith of Abraham, strictly adhering to monotheism. Abraham did not follow the religion of those who ascribe partners to Allah and worship them besides Him.' God Almighty states that the observance of the Sabbath, by devoting it to worship and refraining from all work, was only ordained only on the Jews as punishment when they differed with their prophet concerning it. They were ordered to devote themselves solely to worship on Friday but they would not obey, and declared that they would observe Saturday, which they considered to be the best of all days. Then, addressing His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, He says, 'Your Lord will judge between them on the Day of Judgment regarding their differences and repay them according to what they deserve.' Then He enjoins him to invite people to His religion: Call all mankind to the religion of your Lord with wisdom and good advice that softens the heart and refines the soul, and argue with the stubborn among them in the kindest and gentlest manner;

Indeed, Allah best knows those who stray from His path and do not follow His religion, and He best knows the rightly guided who follow it. The Almighty then appoints out the right course of action a Muslim must take when any form of aggression is launched against him and his faith: If you should punish those who assault you and commit any act of aggression against you, then let your punishment be commensurate with the wrong done to you. After allowing the faithful to repel aggression within the limits of justice, He shows them yet a better course of action: But if you exercise patience by forgiving them and desisting from taking your revenge on them, patience is then far better for you than retaliation in Allah's sight. Be patient, Muhammad, when calling people to your Lord's religion and patiently bear the harm that is bound to be done to you while doing so; none but Allah will grant you patience. Do not be sad because of their turning away from your call and persistently refusing to follow the true religion; nor be distressed by their unbelief, enmity and evil schemes, for He will surely make you prevail over them. Indeed, Allah is with those who obey Him by doing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids and is with those who perfectly worship Him and do good to people. He gives them help, support, success and victory.

Quran 17 :1-11 Al-Esraa Simple explanation: Allah Almighty opens the surah by declaring Himself far removed from every imperfection and everything that does not befit His Majesty: Glorified and far removed is He who took His servant, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, during a part of the night from the Sacred Mosque in Makkah to the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, whose surroundings Allah has blessed with crops, fruits, rivers, among many other things, and made the home of many of His prophets. The purpose of such a night journey, He states, was to show the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, some amazing manifestations of His power. He asserts that He hears and sees all things. Having mentioned one aspect of the numerous honors He has conferred upon His Prophet, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, Allah

Almighty proceeds to mention one of the honors He previously bestowed upon His Prophet Moses, peace be upon him, affirming that He gave him the Torah and made it a guide for the Israelites, so that they would not take anyone other than Allah as their Lord and God to whom they should entrust their affairs. ‘You, descendants of those We saved from drowning and carried in the Ark with Noah,’ He addresses the Israelites, ‘do not worship anyone besides Me; show your gratitude to Me for My favors, following the example of your great ancestor, Noah, who was a truly thankful servant.’ Allah Almighty says: We informed the Children of Israel in the Torah, saying: Twice will you commit evil in the land through acts of unbelief and disobedience, and you will become extremely arrogant and commit great transgressions by disobeying My commandments and unjustly oppressing people. When the time of the punishment threatened for the first of these transgressions came, We sent against you slaves of Ours, soldiers with great might and courage, who ransacked your houses and rampaged right through them to seek you out and slay you: a decree that was fulfilled. Then, after your repentance, We gave you the upper hand over your enemy, granted you increase of wealth and children and made you greater in number. If you do good by obeying Allah, Children of Israel, you actually do it for your own benefit; but if you do evil by disobeying Him, you do it to your own detriment. And when the time for the punishment threatened for your latter transgression came, We once again sent your enemies against you to oppress and humiliate you and to enter Al-Aqsa Mosque, as they entered it the first time, and to utterly destroy everything they laid their hands on. Your Lord, Children of Israel, will have mercy on you after such retribution if you repent and mend your ways; but if you commit transgressions again, We will also punish and humiliate you again. We have made Hell a prison for the unbelievers from which they will never get out. Allah Almighty says: This Qur’an guides to the best and the fairest way, namely Islam, and gives the believers who do good deeds the good news that they will have a great reward, and that We have

prepared a painful punishment for those who do not believe in the life to come and the reward and punishment in it. Man prays for evil against himself, his children or his wealth in a fit of anger as a result of his ignorance and due to haste, just as he prays for good; for man is indeed hasty by nature.

Quran 17 :12-21 Al-Esraa Simple explanation: The Almighty says: We have made the night and the day as two signs attesting to Our oneness and power. We have effaced the sign of the night—the moon—to make the night dark and made the sign of the day—the sun—to shine for you during the day so that you may seek the bounty of your Lord and earn your livelihoods, and that you may know, as a result of the sign of the night, the number of years and calculate the days and months. We have made everything perfectly clear and explained it all in detail. We have made every person responsible for his own deeds, whether good or bad, for which he alone will be repaid, so that he will not be held accountable for the actions of others, nor will others be held responsible for his deeds; and on the Day of Judgment We will bring forth for him a record of his deeds which he will find wide open. It will be said, ‘Read the record of your deeds. You are sufficient to take account of yourself this day.’ The Almighty then explains that every person will bear the consequences of his own actions: Whoever chooses to follow the path of truth will alone benefit from the reward of being rightly-guided, but whoever chooses to stray and follow the path of falsehood will alone suffer the evil consequences of being misguided. No person will bear the sins of another person, nor do We ever punish a people until We have established evidence against them through the messengers We send forth and the books We send down, and they still persist in error. The Almighty says: When We decree to destroy the people of a community because of their unbelief and wrongdoing, We command the affluent among them, through the messenger sent to them, to obey Me and worship Me alone. If they disobey their Lord’s command and disbelieve His messenger, they then become deserving of Our punishment, and so We destroy them completely. Many communities have We

destroyed after Noah when they denied the messengers sent to them, and suffice it that your Lord, Muhammad, is well aware of what people do and that He will repay them according to their deeds. Allah then makes mention of the fate of those who prefer the life of the world to the hereafter: To those who consider this worldly life their prime concern and strive solely for it without striving for the hereafter, Allah will readily grant whatever worldly pleasures He pleases to whomever of them He wills; and in the hereafter, He will have Hell for them, which they will enter, covered with disgrace and excluded from His grace and mercy. As for those who intend with their words and deeds the reward in the hereafter, strive hard to attain Paradise just as Allah loves and approves, and are true believers, their good deeds will certainly be accepted. Allah will richly recompense their endeavors and multiply the reward for their good deeds. Next, He states that His bounty is open to all: On both these groups do We bestow Our bounty and sustenance. We provide both the believers and the unbelievers in this life, for the bounty of your Lord, Muhammad, is not denied to anyone, and everyone has his allotted share. See, Muhammad, how We have exalted some people above others in this life. Yet the life to come has higher ranks of honors and greater favors.

Quran 17 :22-35 Al-Esraa Simple explanation:Allah Almighty forbids man against associating partners with Him and warns each individual against the results this is bound to bring about: Do not set up and worship any other deity besides Allah, lest you find yourself disgraced and forsaken. Your Lord has commanded that you should not set up and worship none but Him, and show kindness to your parents. If either or both of them attain old age in your care, honor them and show them no sign of impatience, not even by saying to them words that express the slightest annoyance, nor snap at them or rebuke them; but address them respectfully by speaking gently to them. Behave humbly towards them, out of mercy and tender affection, and pray, ‘Lord, show mercy to them for having patiently cared for me and looked after me when I was

small and helplessly weak.' Your Lord, people, is fully aware of the good and evil in your hearts and whether you intend to be dutiful or disobedient to your parents. If you sincerely intend to be dutiful to them, mend your ways and turn to Him in repentance for having neglected any of their or others' rights, He will forgive you your errors, for He is All-Forgiving and All-Merciful to those who constantly repent and turn to Him. Be kind to your relatives and give them their due (their right to benevolence and financial assistance), as well as the poor (their right to charity) and the travellers who cannot afford travel expenses to return to their homelands (their right to hospitality and aid to enable them to reach their destination). Do not squander your wealth by spending it in ways other than those in which it should be spent, for squanderers are the brothers of the devils for following them, and the Devil (Satan) is very ungrateful to his Lord. But if you turn away from those whom you have been commanded to give, because you yourself lack the means to assist them and are seeking to obtain your Lord's grace and hoping for it, then at least speak to them kindly, by faithfully promising to give them whenever your means improve or praying to Allah to make them wealthy and give them abundant sustenance. The Almighty then shows His believing servants the manner of spending their wealth and making use of it, and the best way to do so: Be neither tight-fisted nor prodigal, giving beyond your means, lest you become blameworthy for losing your wealth and be reduced to destitution, with nothing whatsoever to spend. He further explains that He is the sole disposer of all affairs, the One who provides for all and withholds whatever He wills: Your Lord gives abundantly to whomever He wills and sparingly to whomever He pleases according to His absolute knowledge and wisdom. He is fully aware of His creatures and sees them all. Then He enjoins parents not to kill their children for fear of poverty, stating that He is the One who provides sustenance for children as well as for their parents, and that killing children is truly a grave sin. Allah Almighty lists some of the acts He has forbidden and commands His servants to sun

them altogether: Do not engage in unlawful sexual intercourse and keep away from anything that leads to it. It is indeed an abomination and an evil way. Do not take any human being's life, which Allah has forbidden taking, otherwise than in the pursuit of justice and within the limits Allah has allowed, as in such cases as just retaliation (qisas). If anyone is killed unjustly, We have given his heir (as defender of his rights) the authority to claim just retaliation or blood money or to forgive the killer; but even so, he must not exceed the bounds of justice Allah has set regarding just retribution, such as by putting to death two persons for the victim, mutilating the murderer or killing other than the killer. Allah assures the victim's heir of justice and help and will surely support him against the killer until he restores his right to him. Do not approach the property of orphans, He further commands, except with the best of motives and in the best way (such as to improve and increase it) and look after it for them until they reach maturity and find them able to manage their affairs well, then restore it to them. Allah then commands the believers to honor their pledges and observe justice in their commercial dealings: Keep your promises, for you will surely be accountable for them on Judgment Day. Give full measure whenever you measure out anything, and weigh using even, accurate scales. Doing so is better for you, and is bound to yield the best outcome in this world and the hereafter. Quran 17 :36-52 Al-Esraa Simple explanation: The Almighty says: Do not say or do anything based on sheer conjecture and without sure knowledge and definite proof, and thus pursue what you have no knowledge of, for man will be questioned on Judgment day about whatever he has used his hearing, his sight and his heart for. Allah follows this with an order prohibiting conceit and arrogance: Do not walk on earth with an air of self-conceit; for you will certainly never split the earth apart no matter how hard you stamp your foot, nor will you ever rival the mountains in height as a result of your arrogance. He concludes these commandments and prohibitions, saying: The evil of all these is detestable to your Lord; He does not approve of them, and He does not like His servants to

engage in them. The rulings contained in the previous verses are part of the wisdom Allah has revealed to you, Muhammad. Then, warning man against associating any partners with Him, He says: Do not worship anyone or anything besides Allah, or you will be cast into Hell, blamed by yourself and mankind, and excluded from all good and from Allah's grace. Allah Almighty provides some evidence that it is impossible for him to have a spouse or offspring. Addressing the idolaters of Makkah, He says: What! Has your Lord favored you with sons and taken for Himself daughters from among the angels?! By making such a false claim, you are indeed saying a terrible thing. We have certainly explained the judgments, exhortations, parables and proofs in this Qur'an in various ways so that they may take heed, but this only makes them more averse to the truth and all the more heedless. Say to them, Muhammad: Were there other gods besides Allah, as they falsely claim, these alleged gods would strive to find a way to worship Allah, seek His good pleasure and draw near to Him. How can they, then worship them? Limitless is He in His glory and sublimely exalted is He above what they say about Him! The seven heavens, the earth and all the creatures in them declare His limitless glory. There is nothing that does not proclaim His limitless glory and praise, but you cannot comprehend their praises. Surely He is All-Forbearing—He does not hasten to inflict punishment on those who disobey Him—and All-Forgiving—He pardons those who repent and turn to Him. The Almighty says, pointing out some of the conditions of the idolaters when they hear the Qur'an: When you recite the Qur'an, Muhammad, and your idolatrous people, who do not believe in the life to come, hear it, We place between you and them an invisible barrier that prevents them from comprehending the Qur'an and benefit from it, as punishment for their obstinate unbelief. And we place covers upon their hearts to prevent them from understanding it, and deafness in their ears so that they do not readily listen to it in such a way as to benefit from it. When you mention your Lord alone, declaring His oneness, while reciting the Qur'an, they arrogantly turn away from you,

showing great aversion to what you are reciting. Almighty Allah then declares His perfect, all-encompassing knowledge, stating that He will repay them with what they deserve: We know of the idolaters' mockery and disdain of the Qur'an when they listen to your recitation of it, Muhammad. As they listen to you, they privately say to one another, 'If you were to follow Muhammad, you would follow only a bewitched man!' Next, He gives His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, solace, saying: See what likenesses they strike out for you, by calling you a magician, a poet and a madman! Thus, they have gone so far astray that they cannot find the right way. Allah, Glorified and Exalted be He, mentions and refutes some of the false claims made by the idolaters of Makkah, who deny the resurrection and divine judgment on Resurrection Day: 'What!' they say, denying resurrection 'After we are but bones and dust, will we then be brought back to life again?!' Say to them, Muhammad, 'Be stones or iron, if you could, or indeed any other form of creation which you deem impossible to be brought back to life: Allah will still resurrect you.' They will mockingly say, still denying resurrection, 'Who will bring us back to life again?' Say to them, 'Allah who brought you out of nothing into being in the first place will restore you to life.' They will then wag their heads derisively at you and ask, still denying it, 'When will it happen?' Say, 'Soon. The resurrection that you deny will take place on the day your Lord will call you to come out of your graves for judgment and you will instantly respond by praising Him, thinking you stayed in the world only for a little while.'

Quran 17 :53-60 Al-Esraa Simple explanation:Allah Almighty says: Say, Muhammad, to my faithful servants to say the gentlest words when speaking to one another, for Satan is ever ready to sow discord and enmity among them. Satan is an outright and sworn enemy to man. Your Lord, mankind, knows who among you is deserving of His mercy and guidance and who is not. If He so wills, He will, by His grace, bestow His mercy on you by showing you the way to it; and if He so wills, He will, in His justice, punish you

by not assisting you to tread the way leading to it. Hence, We have not sent you, Muhammad, to keep count of their actions to repay them for them. Your Lord is best aware of all those in the heavens and the earth. We have exalted some prophets above others by such matters as miracles, books and the large number of followers, among other things. To David We gave the Psalms. The Almighty then enjoins His Prophet to say to the idolaters: Call upon those you claim are gods besides Allah to free you from any harm that afflicts you. They have no power to do so, nor can they transfer it to someone else nor change it in anyway. Allah alone is capable of doing so. Those they claim are gods besides Allah, from among the prophets, the angels and the righteous, themselves strive hard to draw closer to their Lord by hastening to obey Him, hope for His mercy and fear His punishment. The punishment of your Lord is truly something to be feared and avoided. How can the idolaters, then, worship them, this being their case?! There is no community, Allah warns the unbelievers, which He will not utterly destroy in this world before the Day of Judgment as punishment for their unbelief and denial of His messengers, or subject them to severe chastisement. All this is written in the Preserved Tablet (the Book of the Divine Decrees) and will inevitably come to pass. Then, pointing out one aspect of His grace which He has conferred upon this Nation, He says: Nothing keeps Us from sending down the miraculous signs that your unbelieving people, Muhammad, seek except that We know they will deny them, just the nations before them disbelieved the miraculous signs they had demanded of their messengers. Allah sent down the miracles they had sought, but then He destroyed them when they stubbornly disbelieved them. Your people, Muhammad, will suffer the same awful fate if they do the same. He gives the example of the tribe of Thamud, to whom He sent Prophet Salih, peace be upon him: To Thamud We gave the she-camel as a manifest miracle attesting to Our oneness and power and to their messenger's truthfulness, yet they disbelieved it and so We destroyed them. We send signs only by way of warning people so that they may take heed, believe and

desist from their evil deeds To strengthen His Prophet's heart and increase his certainty of His help and support, the Almighty says: Remember, Muhammad, when We told you that your Lord encompasses all mankind with His knowledge and power. Convey, therefore, the message entrusted to you and do not be afraid of anyone, for We will surely protect you against them. We only made what We made you physically see during your night journey to Jerusalem and ascension to heaven, as well as the cursed tree mentioned in the Qur'an, as a test for people's faith so that the believers will be distinguished from the disbelievers. We seek to put fear in their hearts through the punishment against which We warn them, but this only makes them even more stubborn in their unbelief and wickedness.

Quran 17 :61-72 Al-Esraa Simple explanation: Allah Almighty mentions part of the story of Adam and Satan to offer solace and reassurance to His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace: Remember, Muhammad, when We said to the angels, 'Prostrate yourselves before Adam.' They all did except for Iblees (Satan) who disobediently refused to prostrate and arrogantly said, 'What! Am I to prostrate to someone You have created out of clay?' He impudently added, declaring his unbelief, 'Do you see this being whom you have exalted above me? Why have you honored him above me when I am better than him, for You created me from fire but You only created him from clay?! If you grant me respite and delay my end until the Day of Judgment, I will certainly bring his descendants under my sway by making them stray from the right path, all except for a few whom You have chosen to be rightly-guided and to whom You have given divine protection.' 'Go!' Allah said, 'I grant you respite. For you and for those of Adam's descendants who obey you, Hell will surely be ample punishment. Entice whomsoever of them you can by calling them to disobey Me, and muster against them all your forces—both your cavalry and infantry—to call them to sin. Share with them all manner of wealth and children involving sin and make false promises to them. What you promise them is nothing but

delusion and false hopes.’ ‘As for my devoted, faithful servants who sincerely worship Me alone,’ He added, ‘you have no authority over them, nor any power to entice and deceive them.’ Your Lord, Muhammad, is sufficient to protect the believers against Satan’s guile and deception. Having thus revealed Satan’s bitter enmity to Adam’s descendants, the Almighty proceeds to point out some of His countless blessings upon them, saying: It is your Lord alone, mankind, who makes the ships sail across the sea for you so that you may seek of His bounty and sustenance through trade. Surely He is ever merciful to you. When a misfortune befalls you at sea and you face certain death by drowning, you forget about all the false gods you worship and turn sincerely to Allah alone to relieve you of the affliction that has beset you; yet when He brings you safely to land, you turn away from giving thanks to Him and from worshipping Him alone. Man is ever ungrateful to his Lord despite the countless favors, He constantly bestows on him. The Almighty then proclaims that nothing whatsoever in the sea or the land, or anywhere else for that matter, can in the least frustrate His will: Do you, then, feel ever secure that He will not cause the earth to cleave asunder and swallow you up if you survive at sea—for He is perfectly capable of destroying you both at sea and on land—or rain stones down upon you and destroy you? You will not find then anyone to protect you against His punishment. Or do you feel secure that He will not send you back to sea once again, and let loose upon you a raging storm and drown you for your unbelief? You will not then find anyone to help you against Us for destroying you. Allah Almighty mentions the honor He has bestowed upon the human race and how He has exalted them over many of His creatures: We have honored the children of Adam by lavishing upon them Our blessings, both outward and inward, provided them with transport on land and sea, provided them with wholesome things and greatly exalted them above a great many of Our creatures. Then He mentions their fate in the life to come, when they receive the results of their work depending on their actions in this world: Mention to the people, Muhammad,

the Day of Judgment, when We call every group of people with their leader whose example they used to follow in the life of the world. Those who are given their book of deeds in their right hand will read it with great pleasure, and the reward for their good actions will not in the least be decreased, even if it is so small as the size of the thread that is in the cleft of a date stone. But those who choose to be blind to the truth in this world will also be blind in the life to come and even farther astray from the right way.

Quran 17 :73-81 Al-Esraa Simple explanation: Allah, Glorified and Exalted be He, makes mention of one aspect of the idolaters' attempt to dissuade the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, from carrying out the task He has entrusted to him: The idolaters have come close to beguiling you, Muhammad, away from the Qur'an that We have revealed to you, hoping you would invent something else and falsely attribute it to Us. Had you done so, they would surely have taken you as their trusted, intimate friend. Had We not made you hold fast to the truth you follow and protected you from their guile and from doing whatever suits their desires, you would have almost inclined to them a little, in your earnest attempt to make them embrace Islam. In that case, We would have made you taste a double punishment in this life and a double punishment in the life to come. Then you would not have found anyone to help you and protect you against Our punishment. The unbelievers have likewise almost driven you out of Makkah by troubling you and inflicting harm on you. Had they driven you out of it, they themselves would not have remained in it for more than a little while before Our punishment descends upon them. Such has been Our way with those who have preceded them: We always destroy those communities that drive the messenger sent to them out of his land. No change whatsoever will you, Muhammad, find in Our way. Allah Almighty says: Duly perform the obligatory prayers, Muhammad, from the time when the sun has passed its zenith until nightfall (This time framework includes Dhuhur 'afternoon', 'Asr 'late afternoon', Maghrib 'sunset' and Isha' 'late evening' prayers), and perform the Fajr (dawn) prayer; the Fajr

prayer is certainly witnessed by the angels of the night and the angels of the day. And rise from your sleep to pray during part of the night as well, as an additional prayer for you, so that your Lord will raise you an intercessor for the people on the Day of Judgment and thus be raised to an exalted position which will earn the praise of all mankind. Then He enjoins him to pray to him, saying: Say, Muhammad, 'My Lord, grant me an honorable entrance and an honorable exit in all my affairs and in all places, and grant me from Your Presence absolute proof and supporting authority to help me prevail over those who oppose me, as well as strength with which You aid me to establish Your religion.' He further enjoins him to proclaim, saying, 'The truth has come from Allah and prevailed over unbelief and all that opposes it, and falsehood has vanished and withered away. Falsehood is ever bound to be vanquished and to vanish without a trace.'

Quran 17 :82-89 Al-Esraa Simple explanation: The Almighty says: We send down the verses of the Qur'an as a healing for the believers' hearts from desires and doubts as well as for their bodies from diseases, and a mercy for them in this world and the hereafter; but it only increases the unbelievers, when they hear it, in unbelief, misguidance and loss. The Almighty then describes man's condition in times of ease and hardship, prosperity and adversity: When We bestow a certain blessing on man, he turns away from giving thanks to Us and shows disobedience to Us; but when he is faced with adversity, such as poverty or illness, he despairs of Our mercy. Say to the people, Muhammad: Every one of you acts after his own manner and according to the path he follows. Your Lord is fully aware of those who are best guided in their path, and He will repay each one according to his actions. Allah, Glorified and Exalted be He, mentions one of the questions the unbelievers would put to His Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, saying: They ask you about the nature of the spirit. Say to them, 'Its nature is known only to Allah, and you, mankind, have been given but a little knowledge.' Then He points out one aspect of His power: If We wished, We could efface the Qur'an We have

revealed to you, Muhammad, from your memory, then you would find no supporter to prevent Us from doing so or to help you recover it after it has been taken away from you. We have, however, made it firmly rooted in your heart and memory, all by Our favor and grace; for your Lord's favor towards you is great indeed, both in this world and in the hereafter. Allah Almighty directs His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to challenge the idolaters who ascribe partners to Him with this Qur'an, saying: Say to them, 'If all humans and jinn were to gather together and agree to produce the like of this miraculous Qur'an, they could never produce its like, no matter how much assistance they lent one another.' We have surely explained in diverse ways for mankind in this Qur'an all manner of arguments, proofs, exhortations, parables and lessons so that they may take heed, but most people stubbornly persist in rejecting the truth and refuse to accept anything other than unbelief.

Quran 17 :90-111 Al-Esraa Simple explanation: Almighty Allah mentions some of the material miracles the idolaters have demanded of the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, out of sheer stubbornness: We will not believe you, Muhammad, until you make a spring in Makkah gush forth abundantly from the earth before our very eyes, or until you have a garden of palm trees and vineyards and make rivers gush forth plentifully in their midst, or you cause the sky to fall down upon us in pieces, as you have claimed, or you bring Allah and the angels face to face before us, or you have a house of gold, or you ascend a ladder to the sky; nor will we ever believe in your ascending into the heavens until you bring down to us a book from Allah in which we read that you are truly His Messenger.' 'Say to them,' Allah directs him, 'Glory be to my Lord! I declare Him free of all manner of deficiency and weakness! He has power over all things, and it is all up to Him to grant you your requests or not. I am only a human being like you, and I cannot possibly meet your demands. I am also only a messenger, and I have conveyed His message to you.' The Almighty then points out another fallacy of theirs,

saying: Nothing prevents the unbelievers from believing in Allah when His guidance comes to them but the fact that they ignorantly say, ‘Can it be that Allah has sent a human being like us as a messenger?!’ Therefore, He instructs him to say to them, ‘Had there been angels walking about on earth, well settled on it and feeling at home just like human beings are, We would have sent down to them an angel messenger from heaven of their kind in order for them to be able to mix with him and receive teachings from him.’ ‘Say to them,’ He further enjoins him to tell them, ‘Allah is a sufficient witness between me and you. He knows my truthfulness and that I am a true prophet. He is fully aware of His slaves and sees all their actions, and He will repay them according to their deeds. The Almighty says: Those whom Allah guides to the truth are truly guided. But as for those He forsakes and leaves to go astray, you, Muhammad, will find no helpers for them besides Allah to help them and guide them to the truth. We will gather them all on the Day of Judgment, when they rise from their graves, and make them walk on their faces, blind, dumb, and deaf. Hell will be their home. Every time the fire abates in their bodies, We will increase for them its blazing flame. Such will be their punishment for disbelieving Our signs and proofs and denying life after death by saying, ‘What! After we are but bones and dust, will we then be brought back to life again?!’ Do these idolaters not perceive that Allah, who has created the heavens and the earth that are far greater than they are, has the power to create them anew in their own likeness after their bodies have disintegrated into dust? He has already set for their death and resurrection an appointed term, about which there is no doubt; however, the unbelievers persist in denying resurrection! Say to them, Muhammad, ‘If you were to own the infinite treasures of provision that Allah has, you would definitely withhold them for fear they would run out and you become poor. Man has a natural disposition to miserliness! Allah, Glorified and Exalted be He, states that He gave Moses, peace be upon him, miracles that attested to his truthfulness, but they only made Pharaoh and his followers even more stubborn in

their arrogance and disbelief: We gave Moses nine manifest miracles proving that he was a true prophet. Ask, then, Muhammad, the Jews to tell you what happened when Moses brought their ancestors his clear miracles. Pharaoh, out of sheer stubbornness, said to him, ‘Moses, I can see that you are bewitched. You are talking irrationally and you do not realise the meaning of what you are saying.’ ‘You know for certain,’ Moses replied, ‘that none but the Lord of the heavens and the earth has sent down these nine miracles as clear signs that prove His oneness and immense power. Indeed, Pharaoh, I can see that you are defeated and doomed to perish.’ So Pharaoh resolved to drive the Children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, but We drowned him and his soldiers, all together. Then We said to the Children of Israel, after the destruction of Pharaoh and his army: Dwell now securely in the land and, when the Day of Resurrection comes, We will bring all of you forth from your graves, both you and them, to the plains of Judgment Day and repay you according to your deeds. Allah Almighty points out the great significance, true nature and tremendous value of the Qur’an: With the truth have We sent down this Qur’an, and it has come down containing the truth and safeguarded against any form of corruption, omission, interpolation and change. We have sent you forth, Muhammad, only to give the good news of Paradise to the obedient and to warn the disobedient against the Fire. We have explained and detailed the Qur’an, and made it a criterion whereby to distinguish truth from falsehood and right from wrong, so that you, Muhammad, may recite it to the people slowly and with deliberation, and We have revealed it piecemeal, in stages, according to the different events and circumstances. The Almighty then instructs His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to address the idolaters in such a way as to show them that the Qur’an is the unquestionable truth and that their belief in it will by no means make it more perfect, nor will their disbelief in it will diminish its worth in any way whatsoever, placing before them the good example of the believing learned Jews and Christians who were

given knowledge in their books before its revelation: Say to them, Muhammad, 'Whether you believe in the Quran or not, it is the truth in either case. When it is recited to the believers from among the People of the Book, who were given knowledge before it was revealed, they fall on their faces, prostrating themselves to Allah, and say, 'Glory be to our Lord and Exalted be He above what the idolaters attribute to Him! Our Lord's promise in our books to send His Prophet Muhammad and to reveal the Qur'an to him has surely been fulfilled.' They fall to the ground in prostration, weeping and deeply affected by the exhortations in the Qur'an; and it increases their earnest humility and devotion. Say to the people, Muhammad: Call upon Allah, or call upon the Most Merciful. Both these are Allah's names, and so by whichever one you call upon Him, you are indeed calling one and the same Lord; for His are the most beautiful names with all attributes of perfection. Do not recite the Qur'an, remember or invoke Allah in your prayers too loudly or in too low a voice, but follow a middle course. Allah then concludes this surah by instructing His Prophet to praise him and declare Him free of all manner of deficiency and imperfection: Say, Muhammad, 'Praise be to Allah to whom belong all praise and perfect attributes, who is far exalted above begetting any offspring and having any partners in His kingdom, and who has no weakness, and therefore no need of any protector.' And proclaim his immeasurable greatness.

Quran 18 :1-6 The cave Simple explanation: down to His Servant and Messenger Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, the Qur'an without there being in it any form of deviation whatsoever from the truth. He has sent it down unerringly straight without any consistencies, serving people's interests, confirming the truth of all the divinely revealed books before it and having final authority over them, in order to warn with it the unbelievers of His severe punishment and to give the believers who do righteous deeds the good news that they will receive an excellent reward, namely Paradise, in which they will abide for ever; and also to warn with it the unbelievers who say, 'Allah has offspring.'

They have no knowledge of such a false claim, neither they nor their ignorant forefathers. Allah sternly criticises them for uttering such an enormity without real knowledge, saying: Dreadful indeed is this saying that issues from their mouths. They utter nothing but falsehood. Then, comforting His Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, following the grief he experienced as a result of the disbelievers' turning away from the true religion, He says: Do not destroy yourself with grief, Muhammad, if they turn away from you, do not believe in this Qur'an and stubbornly refuse to follow its teachings!

Quran 18 :7-8 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Glorified and Exalted, be He, says, comforting and strengthening the faith of His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace: We have made whatever is on earth, of animals, plants and inanimate objects, as an adornment for it to test people as to which of them perform the best deeds (that is, those deeds that conform to Islamic injunctions and are done for Allah's sake alone); and We will surely reduce all that adornment that is on earth at the end of this world to barren dust, leaving no vegetation, water or a trace of life. Will they, then, work for the everlasting life and not be deceived by this transitory, fleeting one?

Quran 18 :9-12 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says, summing up the story of the People of the Cave: Do you think, Muhammad, that the Companions of the Cave and the Tablet on which their names were inscribed were among our wondrous signs?! Not so, for some of Our signs are much more wondrous! When these youths sought refuge in the cave to escape the oppression and persecution of their unbelieving people, they prayed, saying, 'Our Lord, bestow upon us your grace with which you keep us steadfast in our faith, and provide us with means to all that is pleasing to You.' Therefore, We caused them to fall into a deep sleep for many years. Then We awakened them to make known to people—according to Our foreknowledge—which of the parties that differed as to the time they had spent in the cave could best tell the length of their stay.

Quran 18 :13-15 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: After this summary, Allah Almighty proceeds to tell their story in detail: We will relate to you, Muhammad, their story as it actually happened. The People of the Cave were youths who believed in Allah, their Lord; We increased them in guidance and made them more steadfast in their faith. We strengthened their hearts with faith and constancy so that they stood up and said, ‘Our Lord is the Lord of the heavens and the earth. Never will we worship or invoke any deity other than Him; for if we did, we should indeed have uttered an outrageous lie.’ Then they said to each other, ‘These people of ours worship false gods other than Allah. Why do they not bring any clear proof in support of their claim that their deities are deserving of worship? No one does greater wrong than those who invent falsehood against Allah by ascribing partners to Him.

Quran 18 :16-18 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, mentioned what these youths secretly talked about among themselves and what they resolved to do after abandoning their people: ‘Now that you have left your people and forsaken the false gods they worship other than Allah,’ they said to one another, ‘take refuge in the cave to worship your Lord alone. He will extend to you His mercy by safeguarding your faith for you and protecting you against your people, and He will provide you with means to benefit you in your livelihood and help you find the best way out of your predicament.’ The Almighty mentions some aspects of the protection He afforded them after they had settled in the cave and had been overtaken by a deep sleep: Had you been there, you would have seen the sun, as it rose, inclining away from their cave to the right so that its heat would not disturb them, and as it set, declining away from them to the left, so that its light would not bother them, while they lay in a spacious part of the cave. That is one of the signs of Allah’s immense power and graciousness to His servants. Those whom Allah guides to the truth, like these youths, are indeed rightly guided; as for those He forsakes, you will find no helper for them to guide them to the truth. Then He describes a wonderful scene of the youths: Had you been there, you would

have judged them to have been awake, though they were fast asleep. We turned them over repeatedly in their sleep, to the right side and to the left, while their dog lay at the cave's entrance with its forelegs outstretched. Had you seen them in that state, you would have surely turned away from them in flight and you would have been filled with terror at their sight.

Quran 18 :19-20 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, depicts these youths after they woke up from their long sleep: Just as We caused them to sleep and preserved their bodies for such a long period, so too We awakened them from their long sleep so that they might ask one another as to what had happened to them. One of them asked, 'How long have you stayed here?' They said, 'We have been here for a day or part of a day.' Then, having failed to determine the period they had spent in the cave, they said, 'Your Lord knows best how long you have been here. Let, then, one of you go to the city with these silver coins of yours and bring us back whatever food he finds purest and most wholesome. He should proceed with caution and behave with great care at all times—when entering the city, when buying food, when leaving it and when returning to the cave—and by no means make anyone aware of our whereabouts. If your unbelieving people find your whereabouts and lay their hands on you, they will stone you to death or force you back into their faith; then you will never succeed, neither in this life nor in the life to come.

Quran 18 :21-22 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty reveals another scene portraying the conditions of these youths: Just as We caused them to sleep for so many years and then awakened them from their sleep, so too We made their story known to the people of the city—that was when people at that time disputed the reality of resurrection after death, with some believing in it while other denying it—so that they might know that Allah's promise of resurrection is true and that there is no doubt about the Day of Judgment. After the youths' death, those whom Allah had made stumble upon them said, 'Wall up the mouth of the cave to hide them; their Lord knows best about them.' Those who had

authority over people's affairs, said, 'We will build a place of worship over them in their memory.' Then, relating the disagreement that has arisen over the number of these youths, Allah says: Some of those who speculate about their number say that they were three, their dog being the fourth. Some others say that they were five, their dog being the sixth, both guessing at random, without any evidence whatsoever. And yet others say that they were seven, their dog being the eighth. Say, Muhammad, to those who argue about their number without knowledge: 'My Lord knows best how many they were. Only a few know their exact number.' Therefore, when you dispute about them, adhere only to that is clearly known and do not ask anyone among the People of the Book concerning their number and circumstances, for they do not know.

Quran 18 :23-26 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: Then, enjoining His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, not to say he is definitely going to do something in the future unless he attaches his intention to Allah's will, He says: Never say of something that you intend to do, 'I will do it tomorrow,' without adding the phrase 'insha Allaah (Allah willing).' Remember your Lord by saying this if you forget to do so, and pray saying, 'I pray that my Lord will guide me and show me the closest paths leading to what is right.' The Almighty, who knows all things, then reveals the length of the youths' stay in the cave: They slept in their cave for three hundred and nine years. Say, Muhammad: Allah knows best how long they remained in the cave. To Him are the secrets of the heavens and the earth known. How perfectly He sees all creation, and how perfectly He hears all sounds! All creatures have no one other than Him to manage and take care of their affairs, nor does He share His rule and decision with anyone whatsoever.

Quran 18 :27-31 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: Recite, Muhammad, what Allah has revealed to you of the Qur'an, convey it to people and follow its teachings. None can change Allah's Words which He has revealed to you, and you will find no refuge besides Him if you do not do so.

Then, Allah, Glorified be He, gives His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, some important instructions: Patiently stay with your companions who sincerely worship their Lord alone and call upon Him morning and evening, seeking His good pleasure. Do not turn your attention away from them to the rich and noble unbelievers, thereby seeking their company; and do not obey those whose hearts We have made heedless of Our remembrance, who follow their whims and whose deeds are marked by heedlessness and are doomed to utter loss. Next, Allah instructs His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to openly proclaim the truth: Say to the heedless, ‘What I have brought you is the truth from your Lord. let him who wills, believe in it, and let him who wills, reject it.’ We have prepared for the unbelievers a terribly fierce fire whose walls will surround them from all sides; and if they beg for water to quench their intense thirst, they will be given extremely hot black, stinking water which will scald their faces. What a horrible drink, and what a terrible resting place! Then Almighty Allah shows the good outcome of the believers: As for those who believe and work righteousness, We will by no means let their rewards go to waste or diminish them in any way whatsoever. They will have gardens of perpetual bliss, beneath whose mansions and trees rivers of fresh water flow. Reclining there upon luxuriant canopied couches, they will be adorned with bracelets of gold and will wear green garments of fine green silk and rich brocade. What an excellent reward, and what a wonderful resting place!

Quran 18 :32-34 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, commands His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to set forth to the conceited idolaters among his people the parable of two men—a believer who is grateful to Allah for His blessings upon him, and an unbeliever who denies Allah’s blessings: Strike out for them the parable of two men, one a believer, the other an unbeliever, so that they may consider their case and pay heed. To the unbeliever We had given two vineyards, which We surrounded with palm trees, and We placed fields of

various crops between them. Each of the vineyards yielded its most abundant produce and never fell short of a full crop, and We caused a river to gush forth amidst them for ease of irrigation. Their owner had fruit in abundance from them, so he boastfully said to his believing companion, as he conversed with him, ‘I have more wealth than you and more people under me.

Quran 18 :35-44 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says: And having thus wronged himself because of his unbelief and his denial of resurrection, he entered his garden, saying, ‘I do not think this garden will ever perish, not do I think that the resurrection will ever take place. Even if there were life after death and I were brought back to my Lord, I would surely find a garden far better the one He has given me in this life which I rightly deserve because of my privileged status and honorable standing in His sight.’ His believing companion said to him in the course of their discussion, ‘Do you disbelieve in Allah, who created your progenitor, Adam, from dust, then created you from a drop of sperm then shaped you into a well-proportioned human being?!’ ‘As for myself,’ he continued, ‘I do not say what you have said—which proves your unbelief. Rather, I say that Allah, my Lord, is the only God deserving of worship; and I will worship none besides Him. If only, when you entered your garden, you had said upon admiring it, “Masha Allah, laa quwwata illaa billaah (Whatever Allah wills will come to pass, for I have no power to do anything except with Allah’s help).” Although you see me with less wealth and children than you, it may well be that, because of my faith, my Lord will give me something better than your garden; and, because of your ungratefulness and unbelief, He will send down upon your garden some punishment from the sky, leaving it slippery and barren, or its irrigation water sinks deep into the ground, so that you will never be able to retrieve it. Then Allah Almighty concludes the parable of the two men by throwing light on the dire consequences the unbelieving man suffered: Destruction encompassed his fruitful garden and ravaged everything in it, and there he was, wringing his hands in grief and

regret over all that he had spent on his garden, which now lay waste, having turned upside down. He could but say, ‘If only I had worshipped none else besides my Lord!’ He had none of those he had long bragged about having to protect him against Allah’s punishment when it descended upon him, nor could he save himself from it. In such a situation, protection comes only from Allah, the true God, to whom all turn in such ordeals and believe in Him, abandoning all the false gods they worship besides Him. Allah, however, only protects His pious servants who obey His commands. He gives them the best reward and the best outcome.

Quran 18 :45-46 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, directs His Prophet to strike out for people the parable of the present, transient life: Set forth for them, Muhammad, the parable of the present life and its fleeting nature, by which they have been deluded: It is like the rain that We send down from the sky and, because of which, the various plants of the earth grow, flourish and multiply so much so that they become intertwined with each other. Then they soon turn into dry stubble scattered by the winds. Allah has absolute power over everything. The Almighty then points out that wealth and children are in reality mere adornments, and that it is good deeds that will benefit people in the life to come: Wealth and children are the adornments of this worldly life, but good deeds of lasting merit and benefit in the hereafter are better rewarded by your Lord, and are the best thing whose benefit and good outcome a person may hope for.

Quran 18 :47-51 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says, depicting some vivid scenes of the Day of Resurrection and its horrors: Tell people, Muhammad, of the day when We will remove the mountains from their places, and you will see the earth a levelled plain, void and barren, without anything on it to block anyone’s view. We will, on that day, gather people all together on the Place of Gathering—the Plains of Judgment Day, leaving none behind. They will be presented before your Lord, Muhammad, in rows, all in plain view, and be told, ‘Now you have come to Us all alone just as We created you the

first time—barefooted, naked and uncircumcised, with no wealth nor children.’ Then it will be said to those who deny resurrection, ‘You even went as far as to falsely think in the worldly life that We would not set a time for you to resurrect you on Judgment Day and repay you for your deeds.’ The record of everyone’s deeds will be set in place, and you will see the wicked filled with dread at what is in it because of the sins they have committed. They will exclaim, upon seeing their sins recorded in it, ‘Woe betide us! What a record is this! It leaves out no deeds, small or great, but accounts for it!’ They will find all the deeds they did in the worldly life recorded there. Your Lord will not wrong anyone at all: He will neither diminish anyone’s rewards, nor increase anyone’s sins. Then The Almighty says, pointing out Satan’s bitter enmity towards Adam and warning his descendants against taking him and his progeny for friends and supporters: Tell people, Muhammad, of the time when We commanded the angels to prostrate themselves before Adam as an act of honor and respect for him. They all fell prostrate, except for Iblees. He was of the jinn, and, prompted by pride and envy, he refused to prostrate when ordered to do so, thereby disobeying Allah’s command. Would you then, descendants of Adam, take him and his progeny as your guardians and supporters, by obeying them and disobeying Me, when they are your enemies that strive to lead you astray?! Evil indeed is the alternative the wrongdoers have chosen instead of the All-Compassionate God! Then, mentioning one aspect of His perfect knowledge and power, He says: I did not call Satan and his descendants to witness the creation of the heavens and the earth, so that I would seek their help, nor to witness the creation of one another—for I have created all that by Myself without any helper whatsoever; nor would I ever need to take as assistants in any of My affairs those who lead people astray—and anyone else, for that matter.

Quran 18 :52-56 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty mentions another scene of the Day of Judgment, portraying the idolaters with the false gods they associate with

Allah and worship them besides Him: Tell them, Muhammad, of the time when Allah will say to those who ascribe partners to Him, ‘Call on your gods that you claimed to be My partners and you worshipped besides Me to protect you today against My punishment.’ They will invoke them and seek their help, but they will not come to their aid. We will place between these worshipped deities and those who worshipped them besides Me a barrier of doom in Hell too wide for either group to cross over. Then, portraying their state when they see the Fire of Hell, He says: The wicked will see the Fire and will know for certain that they will be thrown into it, and they will find no way of escape from it. Next, He mentions the greatness of the Qur’an, saying: We have put forth in this Qur’an all manner of parables for mankind and explained to them all kinds of lessons in various ways and forms so that they may take heed and believe, but man is the most disputatious of all creatures—arguing in favor of falsehood the most and refusing to accept the truth, with the exception of those Allah has guided to it. He then states the reason for some people’s refusal to accept the faith: What prevents people from believing in the truth after it has come to them and from seeking their Lord’s forgiveness but the fact that, according to Allah’s foreknowledge, they will persist in their unbelief until they become liable to the effects of the law Allah has set in operation and thus be utterly destroyed, as was the case with the past unbelieving nations, or be afflicted by divine punishment which will come upon them face to face. After that, He sheds light on His messengers’ duty: We send the messengers to people only to give the believers good news of divine reward in this life and the hereafter and to warn the unbelievers of divine punishment in this life and in the life to come. The unbelievers, however, argue with their messengers using false arguments, out of sheer stubbornness, in a vain attempt to disprove the truth that the messengers bring them, and they make a mockery of My revelations and signs and the warnings they are given.

Quran 18 :57-59 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: Allah.

Exalted be He, says, mentioning the dire consequences that will be

suffered by those who disdainfully turn away from the truth: No one does greater wrong than those who, when reminded of and admonished by their Lord's clear revelations, turn away from them and forget the sins they have committed, through unbelief and acts of disobedience, without repenting of them and turning to Allah. We have cast veils over their hearts, for their stubbornly preferring blindness to guidance, so that they cannot understand what they are reminded of; We have also cast deafness in their ears so that they do not readily listen in such a way as to benefit from them; and if you, Muhammad, invite them to the path of truth, they will not respond to you, nor will they be ever guided to it. The Almighty points out part of His immense mercy and bounteous grace: Your Lord, Muhammad, is the All-Forgiving, who forgives His servants' sins when they repent; the All-Merciful to them. Were He to take to task those who willfully turn away from His signs and revelations at once for the sins they commit, He would hasten their punishment in this very worldly life. Rather, they have an appointed time for their punishment which will not be delayed once it becomes due, and they will find no refuge from just punishment. Those ancient cities close to you, belonging to the people of Noah, Hud, Salih and Lot, among other past nations: We completely destroyed their inhabitants when they did wrong through their stubborn unbelief and disobedience; and for their destruction We set an appointed time.

Quran 18 :60-65 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Glorified be He, recounts the story of Moses and Al-Khadhir, peace be upon them, saying: Tell them, Muhammad, of the time when Moses said to his servant, Joshua (Yashu') ibn Nun, 'I will continue journeying to seek out the righteous servant, of whose great knowledge Allah has informed me, until I reach the junction of the two seas and find him there; if I do not find him there, I will have to press on for a long time until I track him down so he may teach me the sort of knowledge I do not possess. When they arrived at the meeting point of the two seas, they forgot the fish which they had taken with them, and which was a sign given by

Allah of finding Al-Khadhir in the place in which they lost it. The fish was raised back to life and burrowed its way into the sea. After they had journeyed farther on, beyond the junction of the two seas where they had forgotten the fish, Moses said to his servant, 'Bring us our meal; this journey has truly worn us out.' 'Would you believe it?' his servant replied. 'Do you remember when we rested by the rock? That was where I forgot to tell you about the amazing story of the fish—and none but Satan made me forget to tell you about it: Miraculously, the fish came back to life and took its course through the sea.' 'This is exactly what we have been seeking,' Moses said, 'for that is the sign Allah has given me to know the place where I am to meet the righteous man.' So they returned, retracing their footsteps, until they reached the rock where they had lost the fish. There they found one of Our servants (Al-Khadhir), to whom We had vouchsafed Our mercy and whom We had endowed with vast, beneficial knowledge.

Quran 18 :66-70 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: Moses said to him, 'May I follow you on condition that you teach me some of the right guidance Allah has taught you?' Al-Khadhir said, 'You will not be able to bear following and accompanying me, Moses; for how can you bear seeing me doing things that are beyond your knowledge, that Allah has taught me?!' Moses said, 'If Allah wills, you will find me patient, bearing anything I see you doing, and I will in no way disobey your orders.' Al-Khadhir said, 'Well, then, if you are to accompany me, do not ask me about anything you disapprove of until I myself reveal its purpose and clarify it for you.

Quran 18 :71-77 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: Moses and Al-Khadhir set out. As they were walking along the seashore, a boat passed by them, and they asked its owners to ferry them across. After they had embarked the boat, Al-Khadhir bored a hole in it by pulling a plank off. 'Is it to drown its passengers that you have bored a hole in it? Moses disapprovingly said. 'You have done something really dreadful.' 'Did I not tell you right from the outset,' Al-Khadhir said, 'that

you would not bear with me? ‘Pardon my forgetting the condition you imposed on me,’ Moses said apologetically. ‘Do not be hard on me while I am learning from you, and treat me with leniency and compassion. Allah, Exalted be He, says: Moses and Al-Khadhir disembarked from the boat and, while walking on the shore they came across a little boy, whom Al-Khadhir killed. Moses reproachfully said, ‘How could you take the life of an innocent, sinless person with no cause whatsoever of just retribution for murder?! This is truly an appalling thing that you have done!’ ‘Did I not tell you,’ Al-Khadhir said, reminding Moses of the promises he had given, ‘that you would not bear with me?’ Moses said, ‘If I ever ask you about anything again, then do not let me accompany you any longer, for then I will have given you excuse enough to abandon me. The Almighty says: They travelled on until they came to a city. They asked its people for some food by way of hospitality. However, being vile and mean, its people refused to receive them as their guests. There they found a wall on the point of tumbling down, and so Al-Khadhir set it up straight. Moses said, ‘Had you wished, you could have demanded payment for this.

Quran 18 :78-82 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: ‘This is where you and I part company,’ Al-Khadhir said. ‘But first I will give you the interpretation of those acts of mine to which you objected and which you could not bear to watch with patience. Allah, Exalted be He, proceeds to mention Al-Khadhir’s explanation to Moses of the real meaning of the three events that Moses could not fathom: ‘The boat belonged to some poor people who used it to make their living by working at sea,’ he said. ‘I intended to damage it because there was a tyrant king ahead of them who was taking every good ship from its owners by force. As for the boy whom I killed, his parents were believers, and he was—according to your Lord’s foreknowledge—an unbeliever. We feared that, now that Allah had revealed his true nature to me, if he had lived longer, he would have plagued his parents with wickedness and disobedience and would have led them, out of love

for him, to follow him in his unbelief. By killing him we hoped that Allah would grant them in his stead a better child, who is more righteous, purer, more dutiful and more affectionate towards them. As for the wall that I had restored, it belonged to two orphan boys in the city; beneath it a treasure of theirs was buried. Their father was a righteous man, and your Lord has willed that when they come of age and attain their full strength they should dig up their treasure, as a mercy from your Lord towards them. I did not do this any of the actions that you witnessed of my own accord. It was all by Allah's command. That explains the events that you could not bear to watch with patience without objecting to them.

Quran 18 :83-91 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: The unbelievers ask you, Muhammad, about Dhul-Qarnayn. Say to them, 'I will give you an account of him, in which there will be a lesson for you.' We gave him power and authority on earth and granted him all kinds of ways and means to accomplish all his ends. He journeyed on a certain road, using the means at his disposal, until he reached the furthest place he could on the western part of the earth. There he found the sun as if setting—from his perspective—in a spring of black mud; and nearby he found a certain people. 'Dhul-Qarnayn,' We said to him, 'you can either punish those among them who persist in their unbelief or treat them with gentleness and thus show them the right path.' He said, 'We will punish those among them who stubbornly persist in their unbelief, then they will be returned to their Lord, who will inflict on them a terrible punishment. As for those among them who believe in their Lord and do good deeds, they will receive an excellent reward from Allah—Paradise. On our part, we will deal indulgently with them and assign to them a task that is easy to fulfil.' Dhul-Qarnayn then journeyed eastwards, using the ways and means Allah had given him, until he reached the furthest place he could on the eastern part of the earth. There he found the sun rising on a people to whom We had not given any shelter from it. Thus it was; and We had full knowledge of him and of all the forces at his command.

Quran 18 :92-98 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: Dhul-Qarnayn journeyed along another road, using the ways and means We had granted him, until he reached a place between two mountains, where he found a people who could barely understand anything that was said to them in other than their language. ‘Dhul-Qarnayn,’ they said, ‘Gog and Magog are causing havoc in the land through killing, plunder and destruction. Can we, therefore, pay you to erect a barrier between us and them to prevent them from reaching us?’ He replied, ‘The power, authority, knowledge and wealth that my Lord has given me is far better than anything you could give. Just lend me a force of strong men, and I will raise an impenetrable barrier between you and them. Bring me blocks of iron!’ This they did and, when he had filled up the space between the two mountainsides, and the heap of iron was as high as the top of the two mountains, he said, ‘Now light a fire and blow your bellows!’ At length, when the iron became red-hot, he said, ‘Bring me molten copper to pour it over it.’ Gog and Magog were, therefore, unable to scale the barrier due to its great height and smooth surface, nor could they pierce it at its base because of its solid, well-built structure. ‘This barrier,’ he said, ‘is part of my Lord’s mercy towards people, as it will prevent Gog and Magog from doing evil in the land. Yet when the time my Lord has appointed for Gog and Magog to come out, He will level this barrier to the ground. My Lord’s promise is ever true.

Quran 18 :99-106 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, mentions some of the horrors of the Day of Resurrection, saying: On the day Our promise to level the barrier to dust comes to pass, We will let Gog and Magog come forth, surging like waves over one another, mingling with people and wreaking havoc among them. The Trumpet of the Resurrection will be blown, and We will gather together all mankind to judge them and repay them according to their deeds. We will, on that day, place Hell before the unbelievers, plain to view—those whose eyes, in the life of the world, were veiled from the Qur’an, stubbornly turning a blind eye to it and refusing to look at its verses and

reflect on them, and who could not bear to hear My words. Do the unbelievers think that they can take My creatures as protectors instead of Me without My punishing them for doing so? We have indeed prepared Hell as a dwelling place for the unbelievers. Allah Almighty instructs His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to tell people about those whose deeds will be in vain on Judgment Day and who will not benefit from them: Say to them, ‘Shall I inform you of those who have lost their labor most? They are those whose deeds in the worldly life have been wasted while they suppose that they are doing good, not knowing that it will all be in vain. It is they who have chosen to disbelieve in their Lord and reject the proofs and signs attesting to His oneness and power and deny that they will ever meet Him. Their good deeds will come to nothing because of their unbelief, and We will not give their deeds any weight on Judgment Day. These will be destined for Hellfire as punishment for disbelieving in Allah and ridiculing His signs and messengers.

Quran 18 :107_110 The Cave Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says, showing the gracious promise He has made to the believers: As for those who believe and do good deeds, they will forever dwell in the Gardens of Paradise, with no desire whatsoever to move away from them. Say to the people, Muhammad: If the sea were ink for pens with which to write the words of my Lord, the sea would surely run out but the words of my Lord would never be exhausted, even if We added sea upon sea to replenish it. Say to them, ‘I am only a human being like yourselves; it has been revealed to me that your God is only One God. Whoever, therefore, fears Allah’s punishment and hopes to see Allah in the life to come and receive His reward must do good deeds that are in accordance with His laws and worship none besides Him, nor engage in worship to be seen and praised by people.

7Quran 19 :1-6 Mary Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty opens the surah with the ‘disconnected letters’ which establish the miraculous nature of the Qur’an and conclusively prove the Arabs’

total inability to challenge the Qur'an by producing something like it, even though it is composed of the very Arabic letters they speak! Then He says: What We recount to you, Muhammad, in these verses is the story of your Lord's mercy to His servant Zechariah, when he called upon his Lord, invoking Him in secret. 'My Lord,' he said, 'My bones have lost their strength and grey hair has spread all over my head due to old age, and never before, my Lord, have I been disappointed in my prayer to You. I now fear that my relatives might not be up to looking after my heritage of faith and knowledge properly, and my wife is barren. Bestow, then, upon me, out of Your grace, a successor who will inherit my knowledge and prophethood as well as that of his grandfathers—the family of Jacob; and make him, my Lord, well-pleasing to You and to people. Quran 19 :7-15 Mary Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty explains how, by His grace and favour, He answered His servant Zechariah's prayer: 'Zachariah,' he was called out, 'We give you the good news of a boy whose name will be Yahya (John), a name We have given to no one else before.' 'My Lord!' Zechariah exclaimed, 'How can I have a son when my wife is barren, and I am well-advanced in years?' He replied, 'What you have said is absolutely true, but your Lord says: That is easy for Me to do. I did indeed create you even before John when you were nothing at all.' 'My Lord,' Zechariah said, 'give me a sign that this will happen so that my heart may be set fully at rest.' 'Your sign is that for three days and nights,' He replied, 'you will find yourself unable to speak to people, though otherwise in perfect health.' Then he came out to his people from his prayer room and gestured to them to give thanks to Allah by glorifying Him morning and evening. Allah Almighty granted Zechariah the son the good news of whose birth He had already given him. Then, showing what He commanded Yahya (John) to do and mentioning the excellent qualities he had bestowed upon him, He says: 'Yahya,' Allah called out to him from on high when he grew up, 'hold fast to the Torah by memorising its verses, understanding it, dutifully following its teachings and preaching it to others.' We gave Him

knowledge of the Book and the ability to render judgments according to it while he was still a child, as well as, by Our grace, compassion and purity; and he was ever obedient to Our commandments. He was kind to his parents and was neither haughty nor disobedient to His Lord or his parents. Peace be on him on the day he was born, on the day of his death and on the day he is raised to life on Resurrection Day.

Quran 19 :16-25 Mary Tafseer:General explanation: After telling part of the remarkable story of Zechariah and Yahya (John), peace be upon them, and the amazing incidents it contains, Allah Almighty proceeds to mention an even more remarkable and wonderful story, namely, the story of Maryam (Mary) and the miraculous birth of her son 'Eesaa (Jesus), peace be upon them: Relate, Muhammad, in this Qur'an the story of Mary, as she withdrew from her family to an eastern place, where she kept herself in seclusion, screening herself from her family and people so that she could devote herself solely to worship. Then We sent Gabriel to her, who appeared before her in the form of a handsome, well-proportioned man. Mary exclaimed, 'I seek refuge from you with the All-Compassionate God! Leave me alone, then, if you truly obey what Allah commands and avoid what He forbids.' He replied, 'I am only a messenger of your Lord, who has sent me to give you, by His command and power, a pure son.' 'How can I possibly bear a child,' she said, 'when no man has ever touched me through marriage, nor have I ever been a loose woman?!' 'What you have said is absolutely true,' the angel said, 'but your Lord says: Creating a child from you without a father is easy for Me to do. We will create him in this way to be a sign for people of Allah's power and a mercy from us to you and to people. This matter has already been decreed. God Almighty tells about another scene of that wonderful story, namely, when Mary conceived Jesus, peace be upon him, and when she felt the throes of childbirth: So she conceived him, and retired with him in her womb to a far-off place. The pains of labor drove her to the trunk of a date palm. She said, 'Oh, if only I had died before this day and had been

something forgotten and had sunk into oblivion.’ Then her newborn son, Jesus, reassuringly called out to her from below her when she delivered him, ‘Do not grieve! Your Lord has placed a small stream at your feet.

Quran 19 :26-35 Mary Tafseer:General explanation: Then her baby, Jesus, reassuringly called out to her from below her when she delivered him, ‘Do not grieve! Your Lord has placed a small stream at your feet. Shake the trunk of the palm towards you: It will drop fresh, ripe dates down to you. Therefore, eat of the fresh dates, drink from the stream and be happy; and should you see anyone who wants to ask you about me, say to him, “I have made a vow of silence to the Most Compassionate God and will not speak to anyone today. Allah Almighty mentions in these verses what happened when Mary went back along with her newborn son to her people: Then she returned to her people bearing her newborn child. ‘Mary!’ they said when they saw her carrying the child in her arms, ‘You have done a monstrous thing!’ Sister of the righteous man, Aaron! Your father was not an adulterous man, nor was your mother a loose woman! She made a sign to them, pointing to the child and gesturing for them to ask him. ‘How can we possibly speak to a baby in the cradle,’ they disapprovingly asked, ‘when he is not old enough to talk?’ Jesus miraculously spoke, saying, ‘I am the servant of Allah. He has already decreed He will give me the Gospel and make me a prophet. He has made me blessed and a means of His blessings for people wherever I may be, and He has enjoined me to establish regular prayer and pay zakat as long as I live, and has made me kind and dutiful to my mother and not arrogant, wretched or disobedient to my Lord. Allah’s peace was on me the day I was born, and it will be on me the day I die and the day I will be raised to life on Judgment Day.’ The Almighty then says, addressing His Messenger, Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace: Such was Jesus son of Mary, and this is the full truth about which the Jews and the Christians doubt. It does not befit Allah Almighty to have offspring. Glorified and Highly Exalted is He above that! When He wills a thing to be, He only

says Be.

Quran 19 :36-39 Mary Tafseer:General explanation:this is the full truth about which the Jews and the Christians doubt. It does not befit Allah Almighty to have offspring. Glorified and Highly Exalted is He above that! When He wills a thing to be, He only says to it, 'Be,' and it is just as He wills it. The Almighty also informs us that Jesus, peace be upon him, also said to his people when he was still in the cradle: Allah is my Lord and your Lord; therefore, worship Him alone and do not ascribe any partners to Him. This is a straight path. Whoever follows it will be rightly guided. Allah, Glorified be He, clarifies the position of the People of the Book regarding Jesus, peace be upon him: The Jews and the Christians are at variance about Jesus, peace be upon him. Some of them, namely the Christians, assigned to him a divine nature; others, namely the Jews, showed no respect to him at all by charging him with being an illegitimate child—Far be it from him to be as such! Woe, then, to the unbelievers when they witness the dreadful and terrible Day of Resurrection. How clearly they will hear and see the truth on the Day of Judgment when they will come before Us! But the unbelievers who have wronged themselves by inventing lies about Allah are today in this world clearly far astray from the truth: They can neither hear it, nor see it nor understand it. The Almighty then directs His Prophet Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to warn his idolatrous people of the horrors of the Day of Resurrection: Warn people, Muhammad, of the Day of Regret—Judgment Day when the wrongdoers will regret not having believed and done good deeds—when people will be judged and everything will be decided, for as yet they are today in this world heedless of what they have been warned of and they do not believe in Allah, nor in resurrection and recompense in the hereafter.

Quran 19 :40-50 Mary Tafseer:General explanation:Then He points out what indicates His absolute power and supreme authority: We alone will remain after the earth and all those who dwell on it have perished, and to Us they will all be returned so

that We will repay them according to their deeds. Almighty Allah relates here part of the story of Abraham, peace be upon him, with his father, and the conversation that took place between them when he called him to worship Allah alone: Recite to your people, Muhammad, in this Quran the story of Abraham. He was a very sincere man of truth and a prophet of high stature. 'Father,' he said to him, 'why do you worship idols which can neither hear nor see, and which can neither harm you nor do you any good?! Father, Allah has given me some knowledge which He has not given you; therefore, follow me and accept my advice by worshipping none but Allah, and I will guide you to a straight path. Father, do not obey Satan who makes unbelief and idol worship seem fair to you; for Satan is, because of his pride and vanity, ever disobedient to the All-Merciful God. Father, I fear that a punishment from the All-Compassionate God will afflict you if you persist in your unbelief, and you will join Satan in Hell.' 'Do you dare reject my gods and refuse to worship them, Abraham?' his father threateningly said. 'If you do desist from abusing them, I will stone you to death. Now keep away from me for a good long time.' Abraham said, 'Peace be upon you! No harm whatsoever will come to you from me. I will implore my Lord to forgive you, for He has always been merciful and gracious to me and He always answers my prayers. I will withdraw from you all and from the gods you worship besides Allah, and I will continue to call upon my Lord and worship Him alone. I trust that worshipping and praying to him alone will not be in vain. Then Allah then shows what happened after Abraham, peace be upon him, rejected the worship of false deities besides Allah and abandoned those who engaged in such practice and his own homeland: After Abraham left them and the gods they worshipped besides Allah, We bestowed on him Isaac and Jacob. Each of them We made a prophet; and We bestowed on all of them (that is, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob), through Our mercy, immense favors, vast beneficial knowledge, bountiful provision and large offspring, among many other blessings, in addition to lofty repute and perpetual good

praise from people.

Quran 19 :51-58 Mary Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says, praising His Prophet Moses, peace be upon him: Recite to your people, Muhammad, in this Qur'an the story of Moses. He was a chosen man, and was a messenger and a prophet. We called out to him and spoke to him in a voice that he heard from the direction of Mount Sinai, which was on his right, when he was coming from Midian on his way to Egypt, and We gave him the honor of drawing him near in direct and close communion with Us, and We appointed for him, out of Our grace, his brother Aaron, himself a prophet, to be his assistant. Then, pointing out part of the virtues of Ishmael and Idris, peace be upon them, He says: Recite to your people, Muhammad, in this Quran the story of Idris. He was always very truthful in word and deed and firmly and sincerely believed the truth We had revealed to him, and We raised him to a lofty place—the fourth heaven. Those mentioned in this surah, Allah proclaims, are the ones whom We have blessed with prophethood, beneficial knowledge and righteous deeds from the descendants of Adam, and from the descendants of those whom We carried in the Ark with Noah, and from the descendants of Abraham and Israel (Jacob), and from those We had guided to faith and good deeds and We had chosen for prophethood and Our Message. When the verses the All-Compassionate had revealed to them in His Books were recited to them, they would fall prostrate before Him, weeping out of fear of Him.

Quran 19 :59-63 Mary Tafseer:General explanation:Allah, Glorified be He, informs us about those who came after those He had blessed: But then they were succeeded by generations who neglected their prayers (by abandoning them altogether, leaving out their pillars, obligatory acts or conditions or delaying them beyond their designated times, among other things) and followed their lusts instead of obeying Allah's commands, and so they will suffer severe punishment in Hell. Nonetheless, as for those who repent of their sins, believe in their Lord and do righteous deeds, they will be admitted into Paradise without having the reward for

their good deeds diminished in the least—gardens of perpetual bliss which the All-Compassionate God has promised His believing savants, and in which they have believed without even having seen them in the life of the world. His promise will surely be fulfilled, and His believing servants will surely enter Paradise. The Almighty then draws an image of Paradise and its dwellers in such a way as to urge us to make sufficient preparations to attain it: The dwellers of Paradise will hear no vain, idle talk in it, but only pleasant words and sounds (such as the angels' greetings to them and their exchange of greetings of peace among one another), and they will have in it their sustenance of whatever food and drink they desire at approximately the time of the morning and the evening in the life of this world. That is Paradise which We will give Our servants who fear Our punishment by doing what We command and avoid what We forbid.

Quran 19 :64-71 Mary Tafseer:General explanation:Allah Almighty says: Say, Gabriel, to Muhammad: We, the angels, do descend from the heavens to earth only by the command of your Lord; do not, therefore, find us too slow to come down. To Allah alone belong all directions and places, as well as all present, past and future times, and thus we cannot possibly move from one place or time to another except by your Lord's command and will. Never does your Lord forget anything. He is the Lord, Creator and disposer of all the heavens of the heavens and the earth and all that is between them; therefore, worship Him alone, Muhammad, and be steadfast in your obedience to Him; for there is nothing like Him in terms of His being, names, attributes and actions that deserves to be worshiped besides Him, nor to be called by the beautiful names that are exclusively His. Allah, Exalted be He, informs us about the erroneous beliefs and false statements and arguments of those who deny life after death: The unbeliever, who denies the resurrection, mockingly says, 'When I am dead and reduced to mere dust, will I then be brought out alive again?!' Allah, Glorified be He, disproves this false argument, saying: Does this unbeliever who denies Allah's power to resurrect the dead not

remember that We created him the first time when he was nothing at all?! The One who is able to create him out of nothing is definitely able to bring him to life after his death. Then He emphatically swears that the resurrection will take place without a shadow of doubt: By your Lord, Muhammad, We will, on Resurrection Day, gather them together with the devils that have led them astray and bring them all around Hell on their knees, utterly disgraced. Then We will drag out from every group those who were the most obstinate in their rebellion, unbelief, disobedience to All-Merciful God to punish them first. And then We surely know best who amongst them deserve the severest torment in Hellfire.

Quran 19 :72-76 Mary Tafseer:General explanation:After that, the Almighty points out that all mankind will pass over the bridge that will be set over Hell: There is no one among you, mankind, who will not pass over the Fire. This is a decree from your Lord that must be fulfilled. Then We will save those who fear their Lord by doing what He commands and avoiding what He forbids and leave those who have wronged themselves through unbelief and acts of disobedience in Hell on their knees. Then Almighty Allah mentions the unbelievers' attitude when they hear Allah's revelations recited and the flimsy arguments they use against the believers: When Our clear verses are recited to the people, the unbelievers say to the believers, 'Which of us two has better homes and goods, a better living and position and has more prestigious gatherings in this life? How can we, then, be following falsehood and you following the truth when we are better than you in terms of material riches and privileges? The Almighty responds to the false argument of these arrogant unbelievers, saying: Many unbelieving nations before the Quraysh unbelievers did We destroy, and they were far better who were far superior in respect of material riches and in splendour and outward show! Say to them, Muhammad, 'For those who choose to stray from the truth and stubbornly refuse to follow it, Allah will, as punishment, give them respite, grant them long and prosperous lives and not hasten their

punishment so they may persist in their unbelief and error until, when they see Allah's warning being fulfilled—be it some worldly punishment or Judgment Day—only then will they realise who has the worst position and the weakest helpers and forces.' Having thus shown the evil condition of those who obstinately choose to follow falsehood, Allah then sheds light on the condition of those who follow the truth and right guidance: As for those who follow Allah's guidance and true religion, He will increase their faith .

Quran 19 :77-84 Mary Tafseer:General explanation:Allah Almighty mentions another one of the unbelievers' false arguments which He also so powerfully refutes: Are you not astonished, Muhammad, to see the kind of man who has disbelieved in the verses of the Qur'an and, denying the resurrection, mockingly says, 'By Allah, I will be given wealth and children in the hereafter, if it exists at all.' Allah confutes his false statement, saying: Has he obtained knowledge of the unseen and come to know that he will have wealth and children in the hereafter, or has the All-Merciful God made him such a promise?! No indeed! We will record all the lies he has forged against Us and increase his punishment in the hereafter because of such lies, and We will divest him of which he so boastfully talks and will, on the Day of Resurrection he will come before Us all alone, with neither wealth nor any children whatsoever. The Almighty further mentions the idolaters' false hope that the idols they worship besides Him will give them power, victory and glory: The idolaters have taken to worshipping false gods besides Allah to attain power and glory through them, to protect them from Allah's torment, bring them nearer to Him, give them victory and intercede with Allah for them. Allah Almighty refutes such a claim, saying: No indeed! On the contrary, these false gods will in the hereafter deny the idolaters' worship of them and turn against them. Then He shows how the devils have gained mastery over these unbelievers: Do you not see, Muhammad, that We have assigned the devils to the unbelievers, as punishment for obstinately rejecting the truth and choosing the path of error, to incite them to evil and sin? Therefore, do not be in haste to call in

Our punishment upon them. We defer their punishment only to an appointed time, and so when it comes, We will certainly destroy them.

Quran 19 :85-95 Mary Tafseer:General explanation:The Almighty points out the ultimate ending of both the believers and the unbelievers on the Day of Resurrection: Mention to the people, Muhammad, the day when We will gather the righteous who do what We command and avoid what We forbid honored and on mounts to the All-Compassionate God and to His Abode of Dignity–Paradise—and We will drive the unbelievers to Hell thirsty and on foot, in utter disgrace. On that day these unbelievers will have no right of intercession—they will not be able to intercede for others, nor will others be allowed to intercede for them. However, those who believe in Allah and His messengers, worship Him alone and obey His commands will be granted the power of intercession and thus intercede for others and benefit from others’ intercession. Allah, Glorified be He, then mentions another monstrous and false claim made by the unbelievers: These unbelievers say, ‘The All-Compassionate God has offspring.’ You have indeed made a monstrous statement and uttered an outrageous falsehood, at which the very heavens might crack, the earth split asunder, and the mountains crumble to dust in anger for attributing offspring to Him. Glorified and Highly Exalted is He above that! It does not befit the All-Merciful God to have offspring. There is none in the heavens or on earth but will return to the All-Compassionate God on the Day of Judgment in utter submission, admitting and declaring His oneness. He has numbered all His creatures and counted them precisely and none of them escapes His knowledge; and each one of them will come to Him on the Day of Resurrection alone, with neither wealth, nor children, nor any helpers whatsoever.

Quran 19 :96-98 Mary Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty concludes the surah by revealing what He has in store for His believing servants: The All-Compassionate God will bestow His love on those who believe and do righteous deeds, and

He will place love and affection in His believing servants' hearts towards them. Then, stating the reason for making the Qur'an easy for His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to recite and understand, He says: Indeed, We have made this Qur'an easy in your Arabic tongue, Muhammad, so that you may thereby give those who do what I command and avoid what I forbid the good news that they will enter Paradise in the hereafter and enjoy honour in this world, and to warn the stubborn unbelieving people who seek to confute the truth with false arguments. The Almighty then concludes by stating His immutable way of dealing with the wrongdoers: We had destroyed many nations before the unbelievers of Quraysh for not believing in Allah and denying His messengers. Do you now perceive a single one of them, or hear even their whisper? By no means. They have all perished, and We will likewise destroy the unbelievers among your people, Muhammad, if they do not seek repentance.

Quran 20 :1-8 Taha Tafseer:General explanation: This surah opens with the 'disconnected letters', which have already been discussed before. The Almighty then says: We have not sent down the Qur'an to you, Muhammad, to cause you distress. Rather, We have revealed it to be a reminder to those who fear Allah and His punishment. Then, stating the source of this Qur'an, He says: This Qur'an has been sent down from Allah, who has created the earth and the lofty heavens—the All-Compassionate God, who has established Himself upon the Throne, as befits His majesty and greatness. After that, He points out His absolute authority and complete power: To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on earth, and whatever lies in between them and all that lies under the ground. Whether you, Muhammad, speak loudly or quietly, know that nothing whatsoever is hidden from Allah, for He certainly knows what is secret and what is even more hidden, which has not yet entered people's hearts and they have not thought of yet. Next He Praises Himself as is His due: He is Allah—there is no god worthy of worship except Him. He

has the Most Beautiful Names.

Quran 20 :9-16 Taha Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty here recounts the story of Moses, peace be upon him, in some detail: Has the story of Moses reached you, Muhammad? When he saw a burning fire while on his way from Midian to Egypt on a dark cold night, he said to his family, 'Wait here, for I have seen a fire; perhaps I will bring you a brand from it with which to warm yourselves or I will find a guide by the fire to show us the way.' When Moses came close to the fire, Allah called out to him, 'Moses, I am your Lord. Take off your sandals, for you are in the sacred valley of Tuwa. I have chosen you, Moses, to convey My message and to speak to you directly, so listen carefully to what I am going to reveal to you. I am Allah. There is no god deserving of worship except Me and I have no partners at all; therefore, worship Me alone and establish the prayer to remember Me in it.' Then, explaining that the Day of Judgment is bound to come and warning against not being prepared for it, He says: The Day of Resurrection and final judgment is sure to come—which I have willed to keep hidden—so that every person will be repaid according to the good or evil deeds he has done in this world; therefore, Moses, do not let those who disbelieve in Resurrection Day and follow their lusts turn you away from believing in it and preparing for it, lest you perish.

Quran 20 :17-23 Taha Tafseer:General explanation:Allah Almighty asked Moses 'And what is in your right hand, O Moses?' and Moses answered: "This is my staff. I lean on it (when I walk), and with it I beat down leaves for my flock, and I have many other uses for it. Allah said: "Moses, throw it down, So Moses threw it down, and it was a rapidly moving snake! Then His Lord said: "Seize it and have no fear. We shall restore it to its former state, And place your hand in your armpit, it will come forth shining white, without blemish, This is another Sign of Allah, That is, your hand will shine brightly like the sun, but it will not cause any hurt to you, for We shall show you some of Our greatest Signs.

Quran 20 :24-36 Taha Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted

be He, explains to Moses, peace be upon him, the reason for supporting him with these two miracles, so He commands him, saying: ‘Go to Pharaoh, for he has truly rebelled against his Lord and transgressed all bounds, and call him to declare My oneness and worship me alone.’ Moses, peace be upon him, asked for divine assistance and prayed saying, ‘Lord, expand my chest for me so that I will have the courage to address Pharaoh and endure Pharaoh’s harm and threats, make my task of conveying Your message easy and free my tongue from its impediment so that people may understand what I say. Assign me a helper from my family: Aaron, my brother. Grant me strength through him and let him share my task of prophethood and conveying Your message, so that together we may pray to You abundantly, praise and glorify You much and remember You much. You see and know all about us, and none of our deeds is hidden from You.’ Allah answered his prayer, saying: ‘All your requests are granted, Moses.

Quran 20 :37-41 Taha Tafseer:General explanation:Almighty Allah says, reminding Moses, peace be upon him, of some of the favors He bestowed upon him: We bestowed Our favor upon you before this time as a baby, when We inspired your mother to do something great for your own safety, saying, ‘Place him in a chest and cast the chest into the Nile. By My command and power, the Nile will cast him ashore, and he will be taken by Pharaoh, an enemy of Mine and his.’ I have bestowed My love upon you and made people feel love for you, so that you would be brought up before My watchful eyes and under My care and protection. One aspect of such care, protection and the favour I have bestowed upon you, which must be remembered, is when your sister followed you and asked those who had picked you up, ‘Shall I direct you to someone who will nurse him and take care of him?’ Thus did We reunite you with your mother and restore you to her so that she could rejoice at your return and safety and not grieve your loss. Again, you unintentionally killed the Coptic man, and We saved you from great distress, and We tested you by subjecting

you to ordeals from which We delivered you. Then you left for Midian in a state of fear and you stayed amongst its people for a number of years. You then came to the sacred valley at the time We have ordained to grant you prophethood, just in accordance with My decree and will. I have bestowed such numerous blessings upon you, Moses, to be My beloved servant and a messenger to convey My message.

Quran 20 :42-55 Taha Tafseer:General explanation:The Almighty says, showing Moses and Aaron, peace be upon them, the task with which He had entrusted them: Go forth, you and your brother, with My signs which attest to your truthfulness and never falter in remembering Me. Go, both of you, to Pharaoh, for he has transgressed all bounds of equity, stubbornly clinging to sin, injustice and his unbelief. Speak gently to him, entertaining the hope that he will remember what will benefit him or fear that divine punishment will be meted out to him and thus obey his Lord. 'Lord,' they said, 'we fear that he will hasten to inflict punishment on us or that He will rebel against the truth and obstinately reject it.' 'Do not be afraid of Pharaoh,' Allah reassuringly said, 'for I will with you, providing you with aid and protection. I hear and see everything.' Allah then gives Moses and Aaron guidance on the form of address they should make to Pharaoh: Go, then, you two to him and say, 'We are the messengers of your Lord to you; let, therefore, the Children of Israel go with us and oppress them no more. We have come to you with a miraculous sign from your Lord attesting to our truthfulness, and salvation will be granted to those who follow His guidance. Allah has indeed revealed to us that His punishment will befall those who deny the truth and obstinately refuse to follow it.' Then the Almighty mentions part of the dialogue that took place between them and Pharaoh: 'Who, then, is the Lord of you two, Moses?' Pharaoh asked. 'Our Lord,' Moses replied, 'is He who gives all creatures their suitable and distinctive form and shape, provides them with

everything they need then guides them to benefit from what He has created for them.’ Pharaoh asked, ‘Then what about all the past generations who did not believe in Allah? Were what you are saying true, they would certainly have known about this and not neglected it.’ Moses said, ‘My Lord alone has knowledge of them and their deeds. Then Pharaoh asked, ‘Then what about all the past generations who did not believe in Allah? Were what you are saying true, they would certainly have known about this and not neglected it.’ Moses said, ‘My Lord alone has knowledge of them and their deeds, all duly recorded in the Preserved Tablet, which is with my Lord. I have no knowledge whatsoever of that. Nothing escapes My Lord’s Knowledge. He never makes mistakes in His actions, judgments and management of the affairs of His creation; nor does He forget any of His servants’ deeds or leave what is right. Addressing mankind, Allah Almighty says: It is He who has laid out the earth for you to dwell on, made it convenient for you to benefit from, and has traced on it paths for you to walk on. It is He who sends down rain from the sky, with which He brings forth diverse kinds of plants. Eat, then, of the good things We have made to grow for you on it and let your grazing livestock pasture on it. Surely in all this there are signs of Allah’s power and mercy and of being worthy of worship for those who are endowed with reason and sound intellect. From this earth We created your father, Adam, from whom you have all sprung; and into it you will return after your death; and from it you will be brought back to life for judgment and recompense on the Day of Resurrection. Quran 20 :56-64 Taha Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says, pointing out the extent of Pharaoh’s intransigence and willful obstinacy not to acknowledge the truth: We showed Pharaoh all Our signs attesting to the truthfulness of Moses’s message, but he denied them and obdurately refused to accept the truth. Pharaoh threateningly said, ‘Have you come to drive us out of our land with your magic, Moses? We will surely confront you with magic like your own. Fix, then, an appointment between us and you which neither of us should fail to keep, at a

place at an equal distance from us both.' 'Your appointment,' Moses said, 'will be the day of the festival, and let people gather together from every direction to witness our confrontation in the forenoon.' Pharaoh withdrew. He concocted his scheme, gathered his magicians, then he turned up for the confrontation with Moses at the agreed time and place. Informing us of what happened between Moses, peace be upon him, and the magicians, the Almighty says: Moses warned the magicians, saying, 'Woe betide you! Do not invent lies against Allah, or He will utterly destroy you with His punishment. Those who forge lies against Allah are bound to fail.' The magicians differed and argued among themselves about the matter, but kept their conversation secret. They said, 'Moses and Aaron are but two magicians who want to drive you out of the land of Egypt with their magic and do away with your religion and best traditions. Therefore, collect and perfect your magic tricks, decide on your scheme against Moses without having any differences among yourselves, and then come forward in one single body, all lined up. Whoever prevails and gains the upper hand today will certainly be successful. Quran 20 :65-71 Taha Tafseer:General explanation:The magicians, Allah informs us, said to Moses, peace be upon him, 'Either you throw down your staff first, or we will be the first to throw our ropes and sticks.' Moses said, 'Rather, you throw first.' They cast down their ropes and sticks, which appeared to Moses, by virtue of their powerful magic, to be fast-moving snakes! Moses was much alarmed, but he concealed his fear. 'Have no fear,' Allah reassuringly said to him. 'You will have the upper hand and defeat these magicians, as well as Pharaoh and his army. Now throw down that staff which is in your hand. It will turn into a snake and will swallow up their ropes and sticks, for what they have contrived is only a magician's trick. Magicians will never succeed or come to any good wherever they go.' So Moses threw down his staff, which swallowed up all the magicians' ropes and sticks, thereby making the truth prevail and establishing evidence against them. The magicians fell down prostrate before Allah,

declaring, 'We believe in the Lord of Aaron and Moses.' Following the sorcerers' reaction, Pharaoh threatened them, saying, 'How dare you believe Moses, follow him and acknowledge his prophethood before I give you permission to do so? Indeed, he must be your master who taught you magic. I will have your hands and feet cut off on alternate sides and will have you crucified on the trunks of palm trees, and you will surely know whose punishment is more terrible and more lasting.' Then, describing how the magicians defied Pharaoh's threats after realizing Moses's truthfulness and accepting the truth, Allah says: The magicians said to Pharaoh, 'Never will we prefer you to the clear proofs attesting to Moses's truthfulness, nor to Him who has created us. Do, therefore, whatever you want to do to us, for we will never renounce our faith in our Lord.

Quran 20 :72-79 Taha Tafseer:General explanation: The magicians said to Pharaoh, 'Never will we prefer you to the clear proofs attesting to Moses's truthfulness, nor to Him who has created us. Do, therefore, whatever you want to do to us, for we will never renounce our faith in our Lord. Your decrees only pertain to this worldly life, and your torment in it will soon end with its end. Indeed, we have believed in our Lord and we have believed His Messenger, so that our Lord may forgive our unbelief and sins and the magic which you have forced us to practise in order to oppose Moses. Allah is far better for us than you, Pharaoh, and His reward is far better for us than yours; and His punishment for those who disobey Him and oppose His commands is more lasting.

'Those who come before their Lord on Judgment Day unbelievers will be destined for Hell, where they will neither die and thus find rest, nor live a life which he will enjoy. But as for those who come before Him believers, having done righteous deeds, they will have the highest ranks: Gardens of perpetual bliss, under whose trees and mansions rivers flow, where they will stay for ever. This will be the reward Allah has in store for those who purify themselves from unbelief and sin, embrace faith and engage in good deeds.

Then Almighty Allah says: We revealed to Moses, saying, ‘Go forth with My servants out of Egypt at night and strike for them with your staff a dry path across the sea. Have no fear of being overtaken by Pharaoh and his army, nor be afraid of drowning in the sea.’ When Pharaoh knew of the departure of Moses and the children of Israel from Egypt, he pursued them with his soldiers, but they were stricken beyond description, to an extent known only to Allah. They were utterly overwhelmed by the sea and they all drowned, while Moses and his people emerged in safety. Pharaoh did indeed lead his people astray from the path of truth by making unbelief and sin seem fair to them, and he by no means led them into the right way!

Quran 20 :80-85 Taha Tafseer:General explanation:Allah

Almighty says, reminding the Children of Israel of the favors He had bestowed upon them: Children of Israel, We saved you from your enemy, Pharaoh, and We fixed an appointment with you on the right side of Mount At-Tur in order send down the Torah to you. We provided you with good sustenance, manna and quails, which We sent down to you and which you received without toil on your part, saying to you, ‘Eat of the good things with which We have provided for you and do not transgress the limits regarding them by showing ingratitude to Me, or you will become justly deserving of My wrath. Those who become justly deserving of My wrath will certainly be doomed. However, I will surely forgive, again and again, those who repent of their sins and their unbelief, believe in Me, do righteous deeds and thereafter keep to the truth and persevere in doing so until death. Allah, Exalted be He, tells us in these verses about the test to which He had put Moses’s people and how As-Samiree led them astray after Moses, peace be upon him, had left them to hold communion with his Lord. He said to him, ‘Why have you come to Mount At-Tur in such haste ahead of your people, Moses?’ Moses replied, ‘They are following closely on my heels and they will soon catch up with me. I have hurried on ahead to You, my Lord, so You will be well-pleased with me.’

Allah then said to him, ‘We tried your people with the worship of

the calf after you had left them, and As-Samiree led them astray, by bringing it forth for them and calling them to worship it, and they obeyed him.’ The Almighty then informs us about Moses’s return to his people and what he said to them: Moses went back to his people, very angry and full of sorrow. ‘My people,’ he said, ‘Did your Lord not make you a gracious promise, such as His sending down the Torah and granting you victory over the enemies?! Did, then, the time of its fulfillment seem too long to you?!

Quran 20 :86-94 Taha Tafseer:General explanation: Moses was very angry and said to his people ‘Did the time of its fulfillment seem too long to you?! Rather, by so doing you wanted your Lord’s wrath to fall upon you and become justly deserving of it, and so you worshipped the calf and disobeyed my commands!’ Then, pointing out the flimsy excuses and ridiculous justifications they made, Allah states: They said, ‘Moses, we did not break our promise to you of our own accord, but we were made to carry the heavy burden of Pharaoh’s people’s ornaments, then we threw it into the fire. As-Samiri also cast in what he had collected.’ As-Samiree then produced for them out of the molten gold the image of a calf, which made a lowing sound like that of cattle. As-Samiree, as well as those he had tempted, said, ‘This is your god and the god of Moses, which Moses has forgotten here.’ Did those who worshiped the calf not see that it could not speak to them or return them any answer, and that it had no power at all to protect them against any harm or do them any good?! Then Allah Almighty says, pointing out the honest and sincere advice Aaron, peace be upon him, had given such ignorant people who worshipped the calf: Aaron had already said to the children of Israel before Moses returned to them, ‘My people, this calf is but a test for you, so that the believers will be clearly distinguished from the unbelievers. Your only Lord is the All Compassionate; therefore, follow me by worshipping Allah alone,

and obey my command by desisting from worshipping other than Him.’ The calf worshipers replied, ‘We will not cease to worship it until Moses returns to us.’ The Almighty then mentions what Moses said to his brother Aaron and what he did when he came back and saw what had happened: Moses said, ‘Aaron, what prevented you from following me when you saw that they had strayed from the path of truth? Did you, then, disobey my command?’ Then, angry and sorrowful, Moses seized Aaron by his beard and his head, dragging him towards himself. ‘Son of my mother,’ Aaron pleaded, ‘do not seize me by the beard or by the hair of my head. I really feared that if I had left them and come after you, you might have said, “You have caused a split among the Children of Israel and have not obeyed my instructions! Quran 20 :95-98 Taha Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Exalted be He, states that after Moses, peace be upon him, listened to what his brother Aaron had said, he turned to As-Samiree, who was to blame for that had happened, and rebukingly asked him, ‘What do you have to say for yourself, As-Samiree? What made you do what you did?’ As-Samiree replied, ‘I saw what the Israelites did not see. I saw Gabriel riding a horse, so I took a handful of dust from the hoofprints of his horse then cast it on the molten ornaments out of which I moulded a calf—a lifeless body which made a lowing sound. Thus did my soul tempt me to do.’ ‘Go away then!’ Moses said to him. ‘As punishment for leading the Israelites astray, you will live as an outcast for the rest of your life, saying to everyone you meet, “I am not to touch anyone, nor to be touched by anyone.”’ Then there is a promise of punishment for you in the life to come which Allah will not fail to fulfil. Now look at your god to whose worship you have been so devoted: we will surely burn it and then scatter its particles far and wide over the sea, so that nothing of it remains.’ Then, turning to his people, he declared the basic principle of true faith, saying, ‘Your true god who alone is deserving of worship is Allah. His knowledge encompasses all things.

Quran 20 :99-107 Taha Tafseer:General explanation: Allah

Almighty says: Just as We have related to you, Muhammad, the story of Moses and Pharaoh and their people, so We recount to you the history of past communities; and We have given you from Our presence a reminder—this great Quran. Then, pointing out the terrible fate of those who turn away from this Qur'an, He states: Those who turn away from it, neither believing it nor following its guidance, will come before their Lord on Judgment Day bearing the heavy burden of sin, as a result of which they will remain in Hell for all eternity. What an evil load they will bear on the Day of Resurrection! He then depicts the condition of the wicked on that day, saying: This will take place on the day when the angel blows the Trumpet by Allah's command and all the dead will be resurrected. and We will gather the unbelievers together on that day blue with terror, whispering to one another, 'You stayed in the world only for ten days.' We know very well what they will say secretly when those with a better judgment realise that the life of the world was even much shorter and will say, 'You stayed there no more than a day! Allah Almighty says, explaining the condition of the mountains and that of people on the Day of Resurrection: Your people ask you, Muhammad, about what will become of the mountains on the Day of Resurrection. Say to them, 'My Lord will uproot them and blast them into scattered dust, leaving the place where they once stood as a smooth plain, level and bare, with no constructions or vegetation whatsoever. The earth then will be flat with neither depressions nor elevations at all to be seen.

Quran 20 :108_114 Taha Tafseer:General explanation: On that day, people will, upon leaving their graves, strictly follow the caller's voice to the Place of Gathering—the plains of Judgment Day—without the slightest deviation from him. All sounds will be hushed in total submission to the All-Merciful God and out of fear of Him, so that you will hear nothing but a faint murmur. On that day, no intercession will be of any benefit to anyone, except that of whom the All-Compassionate God will grant permission

to intercede for someone or that for whom intercession will be sought, and with whose words (that is, those of both the intercessor and the one for whom intercession will be sought) He is well-pleased. He knows full well what lies ahead of people on Judgment Day and everything they leave behind in the worldly life and whatever deeds they have done in it, but of which they have no knowledge. Then Almighty Allah says: On that day, people's faces will be humbled before their Creator, the Ever-Living, All-Sustaining God, who sustains all things and manages all affairs. Those who come on Judgment Day burdened with the sin of associating partners from among Allah's creation with Him or with acts of disobedience will be the losers that day. Then, giving glad tidings to the faithful, He says: Those who do good deeds while believing in their Lord will fear no wrong by having their bad deeds increased, nor will they fear any injustice by having their good deeds decreased in any way. Next, He mentions the language in which the Quran was revealed and some reasons for revealing it: Thus have We sent it down in the Arabic tongue so that its meanings may be understood, and We have repeatedly expounded warnings in it in various ways so that they may fear their Lord, or that this Qur'an may cause them to take heed. Then He praises Himself, saying: High exalted be Allah, and far removed be He from all defects and imperfections, the Ultimate Sovereign whose ultimate power has subdued every king and mighty one, and the Ultimate Truth in every respect! After that, He enjoins His Prophet not to hasten to repeat the words of the Qur'an and directs him to pray to Him for increased knowledge: Do not hasten, Muhammad, to recite and memorise what Gabriel recites to you before he finishes his recitation, and pray, 'Lord, increase my knowledge.

Quran 20 :115_122 Taha Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty mentions one aspect of the story of Adam, peace be upon him, saying: We had commanded Adam before not to eat from the tree and not to obey Satan, and so Satan deceitfully whispered evil thoughts to him and he obeyed him, totally forgetting about Our

command to him. We did not find he had a firm resolve to keep Our command. Mention to the people, Muhammad, the time when We said to the angels, 'Prostrate yourselves to Adam in token of respect and honor.' They obeyed and prostrated themselves except for Iblees who refused to do so. 'Adam,' We said, 'Iblees is an enemy to you and your wife; therefore, beware of obeying him both lest he should cause you both to be expelled from Paradise, for then you alone, Adam, will suffer hardship once you are driven out of it. In paradise you will never go hungry or go naked, nor will you go thirsty or suffer the heat of the sun.' Satan, however, whispered to him, saying, 'Shall I show you to a tree which, if you eat from it, you will live for ever and you will have a kingdom that will never decay?' Adam and Eve ate from the tree that Allah had forbidden them, and then their nakedness, which had thus far been covered, was exposed to them, and so they began to cover themselves with the leaves of the trees of Paradise to hide their intimate parts with them. Thus Adam disobeyed the command of his Lord and was led astray by eating from the tree that Allah had forbidden him to approach. Then Allah chose Adam for His grace, after his disobedience, inspired him to seek repentance, which He accepted and helped him remain steadfast in it. The Almighty then said to Adam and his wife Eve and to Satan: Get down from Paradise to earth, all of you, as enemies to one another (Adam and his descendants as enemies to Satan and his descendants). When My guidance comes to you, Children of Adam, through the messengers that I send and the books that reveal, then follow them.

Quran 20 :123_127 Taha Tafseer:General explanation: For whoever follows My messengers and the instructions in My Books will be rightly guided and will attain happiness both in this life and in the life to come. Allah, Exalted be He, says, pointing out the dire consequences of those who forsake His remembrance and disobey Him: Whoever turns away from My Book, does not ponder over it nor follow it will lead a miserable life in this

world and after death, and We will raise him up blind on the Day of Resurrection. 'My Lord,' he will ask, 'why have you raised me up blind although I used to see in the life of the world?' Allah will reply: 'The verses of My Book came to you and you turned away from them and did not believe in them; just as you forsook them in the worldly life, so on this day will you be yourself forsaken in the Fire. This is how We repay those who transgress beyond bounds, disobey their Lord and do not believe in His revelations and clear proofs. But the torment prepared for them in the life to come is even more painful and more lasting. This is how We repay those who transgress beyond bounds, disobey their Lord and do not believe in His revelations and clear proofs. But the torment prepared for them in the life to come is even more painful and more lasting.

Quran 20 :128_135 Taha Tafseer:General explanation: Almighty Allah says, rebuking those who do not benefit from His revelations and clear proofs: Has it not become clear to the Arab idolaters, Muhammad, how many unbelieving nations We destroyed before them, in whose ruined dwellings they now walk and see signs of their destruction due to their unbelief?! Surely in the destruction of these unbelieving nations there are lessons for those endowed with good sense and sound intellect. Had it not been for a decree already issued by Allah to delay their torment to an appointed time, destruction would have been hastened on them. The Almighty then instructs His Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to exercise great patience and to remember Him a lot: Therefore, bear with patience what the unbelievers among your people say and exalt your Lord's limitless glory and praise Him before the rising of the sun (by performing the dawn (Fajr) prayer) and before its setting (by performing the afternoon ('Asr) prayer); and exalt His limitless glory during part of the night and at both ends of the day, so that you may be pleased with the great reward your Lord will give you. Then Allah Almighty

enjoins His Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, not to admire the life of the world and its adornment: Do not look covetously, Muhammad, at the various worldly provisions and pleasures We have given these idolaters to enjoy; they are the transient embellishment of the life of this world, by which We test them. But your Lord's provision in this world and reward in the hereafter is far better for you than all the adornments of the present life and is even more lasting. Enjoin prayer on your family, Muhammad, and be patiently diligent in observing it. We do not ask you for provision: It is We who provide sustenance for you; and the good outcome in this world and in the hereafter is for those who fear Allah, do what He commands and shun what He forbids. Allah, Exalted be He, then mentions one of the Arab idolaters' specious arguments that they advance about the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, and refutes it: They say, 'Why does Muhammad not bring us a miraculous sign attesting to his truthfulness from his Lord?' Has this Quran which confirms the truth in the previous books come to them?! Had We destroyed these idolaters with a punishment before having sent them a messenger and sending down the Quran to them, they would have surely argued on Judgment Day, saying, 'Our Lord, why did You not send us a messenger, so we could believe him and follow the commands contained in the verses of Your Book before we were humbled and disgraced?' Next, the Almighty directs His Messenger, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, to warn the idolaters of dire consequences if they persist in their defiance and arrogance: Say to them, 'Each one of us and you is waiting to see who will suffer terrible consequences and who will be successful. Wait, then; for you will learn who have followed the Straight Path, you or us, and who have been guided to the truth and have strayed from it!

Quran 21 :1-5 The Prophets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted and Sublime be He, says: The time of people's judgment for their deeds has drawn near, yet they heedlessly turn away from this fact and ignore this warning. Whenever a new Quranic

revelation comes down to them from their Lord and is recited to admonish them, they listen to it but take it in jest, their hearts set on worldly vanities and desires, and so they never understand what it contains. The transgressors from among the Quraysh gathered together and, in an effort to dissuade people from believing and following Muhammad, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, they plotted to spread rumors about him and conferred secretly, saying, 'Is this man not a human being like yourselves? The Qur'an he has brought is nothing but sorcery. How can you, then, follow him when you can clearly see that he is no more than a mortal like yourselves?' The Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, is instructed to leave the whole matter between him and the unbelievers to Allah. He said to them, 'My Lord has knowledge of every word spoken in the heavens and the earth, and He knows full well what you said in secret and is fully aware of your conditions; He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.' Rather, the unbelievers have denied the Qur'an. Some say, 'It is but a medley of dreams.' Others say, 'It is all lies and he has invented it himself.' And yet others say, 'He is a poet and what he has brought is no more than poetry; and if he wants us to believe him, let him, then, bring us a tangible miracle attesting to his truthfulness, such as Salih's miraculous she-camel, Moses's staff and Jesus's miracles, with which Allah had previously supported His messengers.

Quran 21 :6-10 The Prophets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says: None of the communities before the unbelievers of Makkah who had demanded miracles of their messengers believed when such miracles occurred; rather they stubbornly disbelieved and so We destroyed them. Will the unbelievers in Makkah, then, believe if the miracles they demand happen? By no means. The messengers We sent before you, Muhammad, were but men — not angels — to whom We sent down revelations. If you, unbelievers of Makkah, do not know this already, then ask those who have knowledge of the previously revealed scriptures. We did not give those messengers before you, Messenger, supernatural bodies that

did not need food or drink, nor were they immortal! Then We fulfilled Our promise to the prophets and their followers to give them victory over their unbelieving enemies, and We utterly destroyed those who transgressed against themselves as a result of their disbelieving in their Lord. We have sent down to you, people, this Qur'an which will earn you honor in this world and the hereafter if you ponder it and follow its guidance. Will you not, then, use your reason?

Quran 21 :11-18 The Prophets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says: Many a town and its people had We completely destroyed when they wronged themselves on account of their disbelieving in Allah and denying His messengers, and We raise other people in their stead. When these wrongdoers felt Our severe punishment approaching and perceived its first signs, they started to run away from their town. 'Do not run away,' they were sarcastically told, 'and return to your comforts and to your dwellings, so that you may be asked about your fate.' They could only admit their wrongdoing, saying, 'Woe betide us! We have wronged ourselves on account of our unbelief.' And this they kept repeating until We made them like a reaped crop, silent and still. Beware, therefore, of persisting in denying Muhammad, lest you suffer the same fate of past unbelieving nations. We did not create the heavens and the earth and what is between them in vain, but to establish evidence against you, people, and so that you may realise the greatness and power of their Creator and that He alone is worthy of worship. Had it been Our will to have a spouse and offspring, We could have had that from Our presence, but We would not do such thing, as it does not befit Us. Rather, We expound the truth and hurl it at falsehood, so that the truth refutes and crushes falsehood, which then vanishes. And you, unbelievers, will suffer punishment in the hereafter for describing your Lord in a manner that does not befit Him!

Quran 21 :19-23 The Prophets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says: To Allah belongs all those in the heavens and the earth; the angels in His presence are never too proud to worship

Him, nor do they tire of doing so. How can His creation, then, be worshipped besides Him?! The angels glorify Him and declare Him free from every imperfection by night and day, without ever flagging. How can the idolaters, then, worship earthly, powerless gods besides Him that are incapable of resurrecting the dead?! Were there other gods in the heavens or the earth besides Allah to manage their affairs, both the heavens and earth would surely fall into ruin. Exalted be Allah, Lord of the Throne, far above the falsehoods and imperfections the unbelievers attribute to Him. One of the proofs that He is the sole Creator who alone is worthy of worship is that He cannot be questioned about what He does and decrees regarding His creation, but they will all be questioned about their actions.

Quran 21 :24-29 The Prophets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Glorified and Exalted be He, says: Or have these idolaters taken besides Allah deities that can do good and harm, and give life and cause death? Say to them, Muhammad, ‘Show us your proof for your claims, then. There is no evidence to back up your false claims, neither in the Qur’an that I have brought, nor in previous books.’ Indeed, most of them do not know the truth that Allah has sent down and worship false deities out of ignorance and as a result of blind following, and so they deny the truth and turn away from it. No messenger have We sent to any nation before you, Muhammad, except that We revealed to him, saying, ‘There is no god worthy of worship but Me. Therefore, worship Me alone.’ The idolaters say, ‘The All-Compassionate God has offspring and the angels are His daughters.’ Far exalted is Allah above all that! Rather, they are but His honored and devoted servants who are near to Him; they are so obedient to Him that they do not speak until He allows them to do so, and they act only on His command. He fully knows all their past and future actions. They will not intercede except for those for whom He permits intercession to be sought, and because of their fear of Him, they do not disobey Him to shun His wrath and punishment. Were any of them, for argument’s sake, claim that he is a god besides Allah, We would

punish him in Hell. Thus will We punish those who wrong themselves by worshipping others besides or instead of Allah.

Quran 21 :30-33 The Prophets Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: Do the unbelievers not see that the heavens were joined together and it did not rain, and the earth was joined together and then We split it asunder, thereby bringing forth vegetation; and that We have made every living thing from water? Will they not, then, believe what they see and thus worship Allah alone? We have set firm mountains upon the earth so that it would not move away with them, and We have made in it wide pathways so that they may be guided to their destinations and to realise that it is their Creator who has bestowed such blessings upon them and thus worship Him alone. We have made the sky as a roof for the earth, which We have raised without visible pillars and protected against falling down and guarded against the devils, yet they are heedless of its signs and stubbornly turn away from contemplating them. And it is Allah who has created the night and the day, and the sun and the moon, each moving swiftly in an orbit of its own.

Quran 21 :34-40 The Prophets Tafseer:General explanation: Almighty Allah says: We never granted everlasting life to any human being before you, Muhammad; so if you die, do they hope they will live on for ever? On no account will this ever happen! Every human being is bound to taste death, no matter how long a person lives in this world. We will test you all sometimes with ease and prosperity, and at other times with hardship and adversity, and to Us will you be eventually returned for judgment and recompense. And when the unbelievers see you, Muhammad, they point at you, mockingly saying to one another, ‘Is this the man who speaks ill of your gods?’ And they would deny the All-Compassionate God and the favors He has bestowed upon them. Man was created with a disposition to haste. I will show you My punishment, you who, out of sheer defiance, ask for your punishment to be hastened; therefore, do not ask for it to be hastened, for I will surely inflict it on you. The unbelievers sarcastically ask, ‘When will your threat, Muhammad, be fulfilled,

if you and those who follow you are telling the truth?’ Had the unbelievers known what they will face when they will not be able to keep the fire away from their faces and their backs, nor will they find any helper to protect them against Allah’s punishment, they would not have stubbornly persisted in their unbelief and asked for their punishment to be hastened. The fire will overtake them suddenly, causing them great fear and throwing them into panic and confusion. They will not be able to save themselves from the torment, nor will they be granted reprieve to repent or offer an excuse.

Quran 21 :41-46 The Prophets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says: Other messengers were mocked before you, Muhammad, but those who derided them suffered the very punishment they mocked. Say, Muhammad, to those who ask for their punishment to be hastened, ‘Who will protect you, by night and by day and both in your sleep and wakefulness, from the All-Compassionate God?!’ Yet are they stubbornly turn away from the Qur’an and are utterly heedless of their Lord’s admonitions! Do they have gods other than Us to protect them against Our punishment if We inflict it on them? Their alleged gods cannot even help themselves, let alone help those who worship them! And they will by no means be protected against Our torment. We have allowed the unbelievers and their fathers to enjoy wealth, children and longer lives; they have been deluded by such reprieve and so they have persisted in their unbelief, thinking they will not suffer punishment. Do they not see that We gradually reduce their land from its borders, in accordance with Our laws which We have set in operation, as a result of the defeats We inflict on them, thereby causing their lands to fall to the Muslims? Are the unbelievers of Makkah, then, the ones who are victorious over the Prophet and his faithful followers?! By no means! They are the ones who are humiliated and defeated. Say, Muhammad, to those to whom you have been sent: ‘I can only warn you against Allah’s punishment through divine revelation (i.e. the Qur’an).’ The unbelievers, nonetheless, do not listen to the Qur’an with a view to reflecting on

it, as though they are deaf, for they do not benefit from it when they are warned through its verses. Yet, if but a whiff of Allah's punishment touched those who ask for their torment to be hastened, they would surely realize the dire consequences of denying it and would invoke destruction upon themselves for having wronged themselves as a result of worshipping other than Allah.

Quran 21 : 47 The Prophets Tafseer:General explanation: For having wronged themselves as a result of worshipping other than Allah, We will set up the Just balance for judgment on the Day of Resurrection, so that no person will in the least be wronged. Even if there is a good or bad deed that is no more than the weight of a grain of mustard seed, We will bring it forth to weigh it on the Balance. We suffice to take count of people's deeds and repay them accordingly.

Quran 21 :48-61 The Prophets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says: We gave Moses and Aaron the standard by which to distinguish the truth and falsehood, as well as the Torah, that illuminated the path of truth and enlightened those who followed it about the rulings of their religion, and as a reminder and admonition for the pious who do what Allah commands and avoid what He forbids—those who fear their Lord and stand in awe of Him even though they have not seen Him and dread the Day of Judgment and its terrors. And this Qur'an, which We have sent down to Muhammad, is a blessed reminder for those who obey Allah's commands and benefit and take heed of His admonitions in it. Will you, then, reject it even though it is of extraordinary clarity?! Allah, Exalted and Sublime be He, says: We had bestowed right guidance upon Ibrahim before Moses and Aaron, and We knew him to be worthy of it. He said to his father and his people, 'What are these images to which you are so devoted? How can you worship what you yourselves have made?' They replied, 'We found our fathers worshipping them, and so we are following their example.' He said: 'Then you and your fathers have clearly strayed far away from the truth for worshipping inanimate objects that do nether harm nor good.' 'Have you brought us the truth,'

they asked, ‘or are you only jesting?’ ‘Indeed,’ he said, ‘I have come to you with the truth. Your Lord to whom I call you to worship is the Lord of the heavens and the earth. It is He who has created them, and I bear witness to this truth, based on knowledge and conclusive evidence. I swear by Allah that I will devise a plan to destroy your idols after you have turned your backs and gone away.’ Ibrahim smashed all the idols into small pieces, except for the biggest of them, so that people would return to it and ask it about what had happened, and then realise its helplessness and come to their senses. Ibrahim's people returned and, seeing that their idols were totally destroyed and humiliated, they asked one another, ‘Who has done this to our gods?! He must surely be an evil person for having the audacity to disrespect our gods that truly deserve to be revered and respected.’ Those who had heard Abraham swearing that he would destroy their idols said, ‘We heard a young man, called Ibrahim, speaking ill of them.’ Abraham’s people said to one another. ‘Bring Ibrahim in the sight of all the people to witness the punishment we will inflict on him. Quran 21 :62-70 The Prophets Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: When Ibrahim was brought before them, they disapprovingly asked him, ‘Was it you who broke our gods, Ibrahim?’ He said, exposing their foolishness, ‘It was the biggest idol that had broken them. Ask your alleged gods about that if they are able to speak!’ Thereupon they realised they had gone astray, for how could they worship such helpless idols that could not defend themselves or answer any questions?! They admitted their wrongdoing for worshipping them. Soon afterwards, however, they relapsed again into their stubbornness after having proved wrong and, persistently clinging to falsehood, they advanced an argument which gave Ibrahim a forceful argument against them. ‘How can we ask them,’ they protested, ‘when you know they cannot speak?’ Abraham replied, despising their idols, ‘How can you worship, instead of Allah, idols that can neither benefit you if you worship them, nor harm you if you leave them alone?! Shame on you and on your idols which you worship instead of Allah! Will you not

use your intellect and realise your foolishness?’ Seeing that their argument was refuted and that the truth emerged, they resorted to brute force. ‘Burn Ibrahim,’ they cried, ‘and avenge your gods, if you are willing to support them.’ They lit a great fire and threw him into it, but Allah Almighty granted His Messenger victory, and so He ordered the fire, saying, ‘Fire, be cool to Abraham and keep him safe.’ No harm befell Ibrahim at all. His people sought to harm Ibrahim, but Allah frustrated their evil scheme and made them the losers.

Quran 21 :71-80 The Prophets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah. Exalted be He, says: Mention to the people, Muhammad, Noah when he prayed to Us before the time of Ibrahim and Lot to help him against his people; We answered his prayer and delivered him and those of his family who believed from great distress. And We helped him against his people who denied Our signs attesting to his truthfulness. They were a wicked people who associated partners with Us, disbelieved their messenger and engaged in evil deeds, and so We drowned them all in the Flood, then The Almighty says: Mention to the people, Muhammad, Prophet David and his son, Solomon, when they judged a case presented to them by two disputants. The sheep of one of them strayed into the field of the other at night and destroyed the crops in it. David ruled that the owner of the field should take the sheep in compensation for his wasted crops, as they were of the same value. We were witnesses to their judgments and nothing was hidden from Us. We made Solomon understand the case better and inspired him to give the verdict that was fairer to both parties: He ruled that the sheep be given to the field’s owner to benefit by them and that the field be given to the sheep’s owner to tend until it is returned to its original condition. Then each disputant would return to the other his property: the sheep would be returned to their owner and the field to its owner. We bestowed on both of them wisdom and knowledge, and We caused the mountains and the birds to join David in declaring Our glory and celebrate Our praises. All this We did, for nothing can frustrate Our will. We taught David how to make coats

of mail to protect you from your enemy in battle. Will you, then, give thanks to Allah for His favors to you?

Quran 21 :81-84 The Prophets Tafseer:General explanation: The Almighty says: To Solomon We subjected the raging winds, speeding at his command to carry him and those with him to the land which We have blessed with many good things; and We have full knowledge of everything. From among the devils We assigned to him some who dived for him into the depths of the sea to bring him pearls and jewels, among other things, and obediently performed other tasks he asked them to do; and We prevented them, by Our power, from disobeying him or engaging in any form of evil, then Allah Almighty says: And mention to the people, Muhammad, Our servant Job, when We afflicted him with a loathsome disease in his body and with the loss of his wealth and children. He patiently bore all that and cried out to his Lord, ‘Great harm has afflicted me, but of all those who show mercy You are the Most Merciful. Have mercy on me and relieve me of this distress.’ We answered his prayer and relieved his affliction. We restored to him his family and as many more with them, as a mercy from Us, and for him to set an example for everyone who patiently bears affliction, hopes for the mercy of his Lord and devoutly worships Him.

Quran 21 :85-90 The Prophets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted and Sublime be He, says: And mention Ishmael, Idris, Ishmael and Dhul-Kifl, who all patiently obeyed Allah’s commands and endured His tests, and thus became worthy of praise. We admitted them into Our mercy, for they were truly righteous and obedient. And mention the story of Dhun-Nun (the Man of the Whale)—i.e. Jonah, peace be upon him—when Allah sent him to his people. He called on them to believe in Allah, but they rejected him and his message, and so he threatened them with Allah’s punishment when they stubbornly persisted in their unbelief and left them in anger, thinking that We would not restrain and punish him for doing so. The whale later swallowed him, only to find himself in a very tight situation. Then, admitting

his mistake for not having enough patience with his people, he cried out to his Lord in the darkness of the night, the darkness of the deep sea and the darkness of the whale's belly. 'There is no god but You,' he prayed, 'Limitless are You in Your glory! I have done wrong.' So We answered his prayer and delivered him from such distress. Thus do We save the true believers who obey Our commands, then Allah Almighty says: And mention, Muhammad, the story of Zechariah when he called out to his Lord to give him offspring in his old age, saying, 'Lord, do not leave me childless. Grant me an heir to look after my heritage of faith and knowledge after me, and You are the best of inheritors who will remain after all creation has perished.' So We answered his prayer, granted him John (Yahya) despite his advancing years and restored for him his wife's fertility, making her fit for childbearing. They always hastened to do good deeds and called out to Us, thereby hoping for Our mercy and fearing Our punishment; and they were always humbly submissive to Us.

Quran 21 :91-96 The Prophets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, says: And mention, Muhammad, the story of Maryam (Mary), the daughter of 'Imran, who guarded her chastity, keeping herself pure of all sexual contact all her life; so We sent Gabriel who breathed into the opening of her outer garment. The angel's breath reached her womb, and she conceived Jesus without any husband, and so she and her son became a sign of Allah' power and a lesson for people until the end of time. The religion of all these prophets that you, people, must observe and adhere to is the same religion, namely Islam—which is showing total submission and obedience to Allah and worshipping none but Him—and I am your Lord and Creator; therefore, worship Me alone. People, however, disagreed and split up into different sects; they worshipped creation instead of the Creator and followed their whims. They will all be returned to Us, and We will judge them and repay them according to their deeds. Therefore, whoever believes in Allah and His messengers, worships Allah alone and obeys His commands and does good deeds as much as possible

will not be denied the reward for his endeavors, nor will they go to waste; rather, his reward will be multiplied many times over, and he will find all his actions written down in his record of deeds on the day he is resurrected after his death, then The Almighty says: It is utterly impossible for the people of a city that We have destroyed because of their unbelief and wicked deeds to ever rise again and return to this present life to make up for what they have neglected and repent. When Gog and Magog are let loose from the barrier restraining them and they swiftly swarm down from every height, the Day of Resurrection—which Allah has promised will come—will draw close and its horrors will begin to emerge. the unbelievers' eyes will stare in absolute horror. 'Woe betide us!' they will lament, 'We were heedless of this day'

Quran 21 :97-105 The Prophets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah, Exalted be He, says: the unbelievers' eyes will stare in absolute horror. 'Woe betide us!' they will lament, 'We were heedless of this day and too preoccupied with worldly joys to prepare for it; rather, we wronged ourselves because of our unbelief and our denying Allah's signs.' Then they will be told: 'You, unbelievers and whatever you worshipped besides or instead of Allah, are but the fuel of Hell. Both you and they are bound to enter it. Had those false objects of your worship truly worthy of worship, they would not have entered it along with you. As it is, all will remain in it for ever.' Those tormented in the Fire will groan in pain, and they will not be able to hear due to the horror of their torment, then Almighty Allah says: Those who, according to Our foreknowledge, are among the dwellers of Paradise will be kept far away from the Fire. They will neither enter it, nor be even near it. They will not hear the sound of its flames and the burning of bodies in it. They will be settling in their homes in Paradise, eternally enjoying its pleasures and bliss that their hearts desire. They will not be frightened by the Greatest Terror on Judgment Day, and the angels will receive them with the good news: 'This is the day you have been promised divine honor and rich reward.' On that day We will roll up the heavens as one rolls up a written scroll.

Just as We were able to create people the first time, so will We bring them back to life in the manner they were brought forth from their mothers' wombs. This is a promise We have made and is binding upon Us. We always keep Our promises. We had written in the revealed books, after having written in the Preserved Tablet (the Book of Allah's Decrees), that My righteous servants will inherit the earth.

Quran 21 :106_112 The Prophets Tafseer:General explanation: Allah Almighty says: Surely this Qur'an is sufficient to attain the truth and all good in this life and in the life to come for a people who worship Allah according to His will and the laws He has approved for them. We have only sent you forth, Messenger, as a mercy to all mankind. 'It has been revealed to me that your God who alone is worthy of worship is Allah; therefore, submit to His will and worship Him alone.' If they turn away from Islam, then say to them, 'I have faithfully conveyed to you all what Allah has revealed to me; both you and I equally know of what I have warned you against, and I do not know after this when the punishment with which you have been threatened will take place. Allah surely knows whatever you say openly and whatever you hide in your hearts, and He will judge you accordingly. And for all know, perhaps the delay of the punishment that you demanded to be hastened may be a trial, drawing you towards destruction step by step, as well as enjoyment for you in this life for a while so that you increase in unbelief and then receive a severer punishment.'

The Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, 'Lord, judge between us and our unbelieving people in truth and with fairness. We ask our Lord, the All-Compassionate, and we seek His assistance against the falsehoods that you, unbelievers, attribute to Him and against the victory you threaten to secure against us.'