

135. Say (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): “Each one (believer and disbeliever.) is waiting, so wait you too; and you shall know who are they that are on the Straight and Even Path (i.e. Allâh’s religion of Islâmic Monotheism), and who are they that have let themselves be guided (on the Right Path).

Sûrat Al-Anbiyâ' (The Prophets) XXI

*In the Name of Allâh,
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.*

* 1. Draws near for mankind their reckoning, while they turn away in heedlessness.

2. Comes not to them an admonition (a chapter of the Qur’ân) from their Lord as a recent revelation but they listen to it while they play

3. With their hearts occupied (with evil things). Those who do wrong, conceal their private counsels, (saying): “Is this (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) more than a human being like you? Will you submit to magic while you see it?”

4. He (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: “My Lord knows (every) word (spoken) in the heavens and on earth. And He is the All-Hearer, the All-Knower.”

5. Nay, they say: “These (revelations of the Qur’ân which are revealed to Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) are mixed up false dreams! Nay, he has invented them! — Nay, he is a poet! Let him then bring us an *Ayâh* (sign as a proof) like the ones that the former (Prophets) were sent (with)!”

6. Not one of the towns (populations), of those which We destroyed, believed before them (though We sent them signs): will they then believe?

7. And We sent not before you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) but men to whom We revealed. So ask the people of the Reminder [Scriptures — the Taurât (Torah), the Injeel (Gospel)] if you do not know.

8. And We did not create them (the Messengers, with) bodies

present at their time, I would kill them as the nations of Thamûd were killed.” [Sahîh Al-Bukhârî, Vol. 5, Hadîth No. 638].

that ate not food, nor were they immortals.

9. Then We fulfilled to them the promise. So We saved them and those whom We willed, but We destroyed *Al-Musrifûn* (i.e. disbelievers in Allah, in His Messengers, extravagants, transgressors of Allah's limits by committing crimes, oppressions, polytheism and sins).

10. Indeed, We have sent down for you (O mankind) a Book (the Qur'ân) in which there is *Dhikrukum*, (your Reminder or an honour for you i.e. honour for the one who follows the teaching of the Qur'ân and acts on its teachings). Will you not then understand?

11. How many a town (community) given to wrong-doing, have We destroyed, and raised up after them another people!

12. Then, when they perceived (saw) Our Torment (coming), behold, they (tried to) flee from it.

13. Flee not, but return to that wherein you lived a luxurious life, and to your homes, in order that you may be questioned.

14. They cried: "Woe to us! Certainly, we have been *Zâlimûn* (polytheists, wrong-doers and disbelievers in the Oneness of Allâh)."

15. And that cry of theirs ceased not, till We made them as a field that is reaped, extinct (dead).

16. We created not the heavens and the earth and all that is between them for a (mere) play.^[1]

17. Had We intended to take a pastime (i.e. a wife or a son), We could surely have taken it from Us, if We were going to do (that).

18. Nay, We fling (send down) the truth (this Qur'ân) against the falsehood (disbelief), so it destroys it, and behold, it (falsehood) is vanished. And woe to you for that (lie) which you ascribe (to Allâh by uttering that Allâh has a wife and a son).

19. To Him belongs whosoever is in the heavens and on earth. And those who are near Him (i.e. the angels) are not too proud to worship Him, nor are they weary (of His worship).

^[1] (V.21:16) All the creation of the heavens and the earth is a proof for mankind to learn a lesson and know that the only Creator and the only Organizer of all this universe is One (Allâh), *Lâ ilâha illallâh* (none has the right to be worshipped but Allâh), Who has no partners with Him.

20. They (i.e. the angels) glorify His Praises night and day, (and) they never slacken (to do so).

21. Or have they taken (for worship) *âlihah* (gods) from the earth who raise the dead?

22. Had there been therein (in the heavens and the earth) *âlihah* (gods) besides Allâh, then verily both would have been ruined. Glorified is Allâh, the Lord of the Throne, (High be He) above all that (evil) they associate with Him!

23. He cannot be questioned as to what He does, while they will be questioned.

24. Or have they taken for worship (other) *âlihah* (gods) besides Him? Say: "Bring your proof." This (the Qur'ân) is the Reminder for those with me and the Reminder for those before me. But most of them know not the Truth, so they are averse.

25. And We did not send any Messenger before you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) but We revealed to him (saying): *Lâ ilâha illa Ana* [none has the right to be worshipped but I (Allâh)], so worship Me (Alone and none else)."

26. And they say: "The Most Gracious (Allâh) has begotten a son (or children)." Glory to Him! They [whom they call children of Allâh i.e. the angels, 'Îsâ (Jesus) — son of Maryam (Mary), 'Uzair (Ezra)], are but honoured slaves.

27. They speak not until He has spoken, and they act on His Command.

28. He knows what is before them, and what is behind them, and they cannot intercede except for him with whom He is pleased. And they stand in awe for fear of Him.

29. And if any of them should say: "Verily, I am an *ilâh* (a god) besides Him (Allâh)," such a one We should recompense with Hell. Thus We recompense the *Zâlimûn* (polytheists and wrong-doers).

30. Have not those who disbelieve known that the heavens and the earth were joined together as one united piece, then We parted them? And We have made from water every living thing. Will they not then believe?

31. And We have placed on the earth firm mountains, lest it should shake with them, and We placed therein broad highways for them to pass through, that they may be guided.

32. And We have made the heaven a roof, safe and well

guarded. Yet they turn away from its signs (i.e. sun, moon, winds, clouds, etc.).

33. And He it is Who has created the night and the day, and the sun and the moon, each in an orbit floating.

34. And We granted not to any human being immortality before you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): then if you die, would they live forever?

35. Everyone is going to taste death, and We shall make a trial of you with evil and with good. And to Us you will be returned.

36. And when those who disbelieved (in the Oneness of Allâh) see you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم), they take you not except for mockery (saying): "Is this the one who talks (badly) about your gods?" While they disbelieve at the mention of the Most Gracious (Allâh). [*Tafsîr Al-Qurtubî*].

37. Man is created of haste. I will show you My *Ayât* (torments, proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.). So ask Me not to hasten (them).

38. And they say: "When will this promise (come to pass), if you are truthful."

39. If only those who disbelieved knew (the time) when they will not be able to ward off the Fire from their faces, nor from their backs, and they will not be helped.

40. Nay, it (the Fire or the Day of Resurrection) will come upon them all of a sudden and will perplex them, and they will have no power to avert it, nor will they get respite.

41. Indeed, (many) Messengers were mocked before you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم), but the scoffers were surrounded by that, whereat they used to mock.

42. Say: "Who can guard and protect you in the night or in the day from the (punishment of the) Most Gracious (Allâh)?" Nay, but they turn away from the remembrance of their Lord.

43. Or have they *âlihah* (gods) who can guard them from Us? They have no power to help themselves, nor can they be protected from Us (i.e. from Our Torment).

44. Nay, We gave the luxuries of this life to these men and their fathers until the period grew long for them. See they not that We gradually reduce the land (in their control) from its

outlying borders? Is it then they who will overcome?^[1]

45. Say (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): "I warn you only by the revelation (from Allâh and not by the opinion of the religious scholars and others). But the deaf (who follow the religious scholars and others blindly) will not hear the call, (even) when they are warned [i.e. one should follow only the Qur'ân and the *Sunnah* (legal ways, orders, acts of worship, and the statements of Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم, as the companions of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم did)]^[2].

46. And if a breath (minor calamity) of the Torment of your Lord touches them, they will surely cry: "Woe to us! Indeed we have been *Zâlimûn* (polytheists and wrong-doers)."

47. And We shall set up balances of justice on the Day of Resurrection, then none will be dealt with unjustly in anything. And if there be the weight of a mustard seed, We will bring it. And Sufficient are We to take account.

48. And indeed We granted to Mûsâ (Moses) and Hârûn (Aaron) the criterion (of right and wrong), and a shining light [i.e. the Taurât (Torah)] and a Reminder for *Al-Muttaqûn* (the pious — See V.2:2).

49. Those who fear their Lord without seeing Him, and they are afraid of the Hour (Day of Resurrection).

50. And this is a blessed Reminder (the Qur'ân) which We have sent down: will you then (dare to) deny it?^[3]

51. And indeed We bestowed aforetime on Ibrâhîm (Abraham) his (portion of) guidance, and We were All-Knower of him (as to his Belief in the Oneness of Allâh).

52. When he said to his father and his people: "What are these images, to which you are devoted?"

53. They said: "We found our fathers worshipping them."

54. He said: "Indeed, you and your fathers have been in

^[1] (V.21:44). "See they not that We gradually reduce the land (of disbelievers, by giving it to the believers, in war victories) from its outlying borders. And Allâh judges, there is none to put back His Judgement and He is Swift at reckoning." [The Qur'ân, Verse 13:41]

^[2] (V.21:45) See the footnote of (V.3:103).

^[3] (V.21:50). a) See the footnote of (V.10:37).

b) See the footnote of (V.3:85).

manifest error.”

55. They said: “Have you brought us the truth, or are you one of those who play about?”

56. He said: “Nay, your Lord is the Lord of the heavens and the earth, Who created them and to that I am one of the witnesses.

57. “And by Allâh, I shall plot a plan (to destroy) your idols after you have gone away and turned your backs.”

58. So he broke them to pieces, (all) except the biggest of them, that they might turn to it.

59. They said: “Who has done this to our *âlihah* (gods)? He must indeed be one of the *Zâlimun* (wrong-doers).”

60. They said: “We heard a young man talking against them, who is called Ibrâhîm (Abraham).”

61. They said: “Then bring him before the eyes of the people, that they may testify.”

62. They said: “Are you the one who has done this to our gods, O Ibrâhîm (Abraham)?”

63. [Ibrâhîm (Abraham)] said: “Nay, this one, the biggest of them (idols) did it. Ask them, if they can speak!”¹¹¹

64. So they turned to themselves and said: “Verily, you are the *Zâlimûn* (polytheists and wrong-doers).”

65. Then they turned to themselves (their first thought and said): “Indeed you [Ibrâhîm (Abraham)] know well that these (idols) speak not!”

66. [Ibrâhîm (Abraham)] said: “Do you then worship besides Allâh, things that can neither profit you, nor harm you?”

67. “Fie upon you, and upon that which you worship besides Allâh! Have you then no sense?”

68. They said: “Burn him and help your *âlihah* (gods), if you will be doing.”

69. We (Allâh) said: “O fire! Be you coolness and safety for Ibrâhîm (Abraham)!”

70. And they wanted to harm him, but We made them the worst losers.

71. And We rescued him and Lût (Lot) to the land which We have blessed for the *‘Âlamîn* (mankind and jinn).

¹¹¹ (V.21:63) See the footnote (C) of (V. 16:121).

72. And We bestowed upon him Ishâq (Isaac), and (a grandson) Ya'qûb (Jacob). Each one We made righteous.

73. And We made them leaders, guiding (mankind) by Our Command, and We revealed to them the doing of good deeds, performing *Salât* (*Iqâmat-as-Salât*), and the giving of *Zakât* and of Us (Alone) they were worshippers.

74. And (remember) Lût (Lot), We gave him *Hukm* (right judgement of the affairs and Prophethood) and (religious) knowledge, and We saved him from the town (folk) who practised *Al-Khabâ'ith* (evil, wicked and filthy deeds). Verily, they were a people given to evil, and were *Fâsiqûn* (rebellious, disobedient to Allâh).

75. And We admitted him to Our Mercy; truly, he was of the righteous.

76. And (remember) Nûh (Noah), when he cried (to Us) aforetime. We answered his invocation and saved him and his family from the great distress.

77. We helped him against the people who denied Our *Ayât* (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.). Verily, they were a people given to evil. So We drowned them all.

78. And (remember) Dâwûd (David) and Sulaimân (Solomon), when they gave judgement in the case of the field in which the sheep of certain people had pastured at night; and We were witness to their judgement.

79. And We made Sulaimân (Solomon) to understand (the case); and to each of them We gave *Hukm* (right judgement of the affairs and Prophethood) and knowledge. And We subjected the mountains and the birds to glorify Our Praises along with Dâwûd (David). And it was We Who were the doer (of all these things).

80. And We taught him the making of metal coats of mail (for battles), to protect you in your fighting. Are you then grateful?

81. And to Sulaimân (Solomon) (We subjected) the wind strongly raging, running by his command towards the land which We had blessed. And of everything We are All-Knower.

82. And of the *Shayâtîn* (devils from the jinn) were some who dived for him, and did other work besides that; and it was We Who guarded them.

83. And (remember) Ayyûb (Job), when he cried to his Lord: "Verily, distress has seized me, and You are the Most

Merciful of all those who show mercy.”

84. So We answered his call, and We removed the distress that was on him, and We restored his family to him (that he had lost) and the like thereof along with them as a mercy from Ourselves and a Reminder for all those who worship Us.

85. And (remember) Ismâ‘îl (Ishmael), and Idrîs (Enoch) and Dhul-Kifl (Isaiah): all were from among *As-Sâbirûn* (the patient).

86. And We admitted them to Our Mercy. Verily, they were of the righteous.

87. And (remember) Dhun-Nûn [Yûnus (Jonah)], when he went off in anger, and imagined that We shall not punish him (i.e. the calamities which had befallen him)! But he cried through the darkness (saying): *Lâ ilâha illâ Anta* [none has the right to be worshipped but You (O, Allâh)], Glorified (and Exalted) are You [above all that (evil) they associate with You]! Truly, I have been of the wrong-doers.”

88. So We answered his call, and delivered him from the distress. And thus We do deliver the believers (who believe in the Oneness of Allâh, abstain from evil and work righteousness).

89. And (remember) Zakariyyâ (Zechariah), when he cried to his Lord: “O My Lord! Leave me not single (childless), though You are the Best of the inheritors.”

90. So We answered his call, and We bestowed upon him Yahyâ (John), and cured his wife (to bear a child) for him. Verily, they used to hasten on to do good deeds, and they used to call on Us with hope and fear, and used to humble themselves before Us.

91. And she who guarded her chastity [Virgin Maryam (Mary)]: We breathed into (the sleeves of) her (shirt or garment) [through Our *Rûh* — Jibrîl (Gabriel)],^[1] and We made her and her son [‘Îsâ (Jesus)] a sign for *Al-‘Âlamîn* (the mankind and jinn).

92. Truly, this, your *Ummah* [*Sharî‘ah* or religion (Islâmic Monotheism)] is one religion, and I am your Lord, therefore worship Me (Alone). [*Tafsîr Ibn Kathîr*]

^[1] (V.21:91) It is said that Jibrîl (Gabriel) had merely breathed in the sleeve of Maryam’s (Mary) shirt and thus she conceived.

93. But they have broken up and differed as regards their religion among themselves. (And) they all shall return to Us.

94. So whoever does righteous good deeds while he is a believer (in the Oneness of Allâh — Islâmic Monotheism), his efforts will not be rejected. Verily, We record it for him (in his Book of deeds).^[1]

95. And a ban is laid on every town (population) which We have destroyed that they shall not return (to this world again, nor repent to Us).

96. Until, when Ya'jûj and Ma'jûj (Gog and Magog)^[2] are let loose (from their barrier), and they swoop down from every mound.

97. And the true promise (Day of Resurrection) shall draw near (of fulfillment). Then (when mankind is resurrected from their graves), you shall see the eyes of the disbelievers fixedly staring in horror. (They will say): "Woe to us! We were indeed heedless of this — nay, but we were *Zâlimûn* (polytheists and wrong-doers)."

98. Certainly, you (disbelievers) and that which you are worshipping now besides Allâh, are (but) fuel for Hell! (Surely), you will enter it.^[3]

99. Had these (idols) been *âlihah* (gods), they would not have entered there (Hell), and all of them will abide therein.

100. Therein they will be breathing out with deep sighs and roaring and therein they will hear not.^[4]

^[1] (V.21:94) See the footnote of (V.9:121).

^[2] (V.21:96) See the footnote of (V.18:94).

^[3] (V.21:98) When the following Statement of Allâh عز وجل was revealed: "Certainly, you (disbelievers) and that which you are worshipping now besides Allâh are (but) fuel for Hell! (Surely), you will enter it."

The Quraish pagans were delighted and said: "We are pleased to be with our gods in the Hell-fire, as the idols will be with the idolaters (in the Hell-fire), and therefore 'Îsâ (Jesus), the son of Maryam (Mary) will be with his worshippers (i.e. in the Hell-fire) and so on.

So (to clear the misunderstanding) Allâh عز وجل revealed the following Verse (to deny and reject their claim): "Verily, those for whom the good has preceded from Us, they will be removed far therefrom (Hell). [e.g. 'Îsâ (Jesus), the son of Maryam (Mary); 'Uzair (Ezra)]." [The Qur'ân, Verse 21:101]

^[4] (V.21:100) Ibn Mas'ûd رضى الله عنه recited this Verse and then said: "When those (who are destined to remain in the Hell-fire forever) will be thrown in the Hell-fire,

101. Verily, those for whom the good has preceded from Us, they will be removed far therefrom (Hell) [e.g. 'Îsâ (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary); 'Uzair (Ezra)].

102. They shall not hear the slightest sound of it (Hell), while they abide in that which their ownelves desire.

103. The greatest terror (on the Day of Resurrection) will not grieve them, and the angels will meet them, (with the greeting): "This is your Day which you were promised."

104. And (remember) the Day when We shall roll up the heaven like a scroll rolled up for books. As We began the first creation, We shall repeat it. (It is) a promise binding upon Us. Truly, We shall do it.

105. And indeed We have written in Az-Zabûr [i.e. all the revealed Holy Books — the Taurât (Torah), the Injeel (Gospel), the Psalms, the Qur'ân,] after (We have already written in) Adh-dhikr [*Al-Lauh Al-Mahfûz* (the Book that is in the heaven with Allâh)], that My righteous slaves shall inherit the land (i.e. the land of Paradise).

106. Verily, in this (the Qur'ân) there is a plain Message for people who worship Allâh (i.e. the true, real believers of Islâmîc Monotheism who act practically on the Qur'ân and the *Sunnah* — legal ways of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم).

107. And We have sent you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) not but as a mercy for the 'Âlamîn (mankind, jinn and all that exists).

108. Say (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): "It is revealed to me that your *Ilâh* (God) is only one *Ilâh* (God - Allâh). Will you then submit to His Will (become Muslims and stop worshipping others besides Allâh)?"

109. But if they (disbelievers, idolaters, Jews, Christians, polytheists) turn away (from Islâmîc Monotheism) say (to them O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): "I give you a notice (of war as) to be known to us all alike. And I know not whether that which you are promised (i.e. the torment or the Day of Resurrection) is near or far.^[1]"

each of them will be put in a separate *Tabût* (box) of Fire, so that he will not see anyone punished in the Hell fire except himself." Then Ibn Mas'ûd recited this Verse (21:100). [*Tafsîr Ibn Kathîr, Tabarî and Qurtubî*].

^[1] (V. 21:109) See the footnote of (V.2:193).

110. (Say O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) Verily, He (Allâh) knows that which is spoken aloud (openly) and that which you conceal.

111. And I know not, perhaps it may be a trial for you, and an enjoyment for a while.

112. He (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: "My Lord! Judge You in truth! Our Lord is the Most Gracious, Whose Help is to be sought against that which you attribute (to Allâh that He has offspring, and to Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم that he is a sorcerer, and to the Qur'ân that it is poetry)!"

Sûrat Al-Hajj (The Pilgrimage) XXII

*In the Name of Allâh,
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.*

1. O mankind! Fear your Lord and be dutiful to Him! Verily, the earthquake of the Hour (of Judgement) is a terrible thing.

2. The Day you shall see it, every nursing mother will forget her nursling, and every pregnant one will drop her load, and you shall see mankind as in a drunken state, yet they will not be drunken, but severe will be the Torment of Allâh.

3. And among mankind is he who disputes concerning Allâh, without knowledge, and follows every rebellious (disobedient to Allâh) *Shaitân* (devil) (devoid of every kind of good).

4. For him (the devil) it is decreed that whosoever follows him, he will mislead him, and will drive him to the torment of the Fire. [*Tafsîr At-Tabarî*]

5. O mankind! If you are in doubt about the Resurrection, then verily, We have created you (i.e. Adam) from dust, then from a *Nutfah* (mixed drops of male and female sexual discharge i.e. the offspring of Adam), then from a clot (a piece of thick coagulated blood) then from a little lump of flesh — some formed and some unformed (as in the case of miscarriage) — that We may make (it) clear to you (i.e. to show you Our Power and Ability to do what We will). And We cause whom We will to remain in the wombs for an appointed term, then We bring you out as infants,^[1] then

^[1] (V. 22:5) Narrated 'Abdullâh رضي الله عنه: Allâh's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم, the