

50. And they planned a plan, and We planned a plan, while they perceived not. وَمَكْرُؤًا مَكَرًا وَمَكْرَتَنَا مَكَرًا وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾
51. Then look how was the outcome of their plan – that We destroyed them and their people, all. فَانْظُرْ كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ مَكْرِهِمْ أَنَا دَمَرْنَاهُمْ وَقَوْمَهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٥١﴾
52. So those are their houses, desolate because of the wrong they had done. Indeed in that is a sign for people who know. فَتِلْكَ بُيُوتُهُمْ خَاوِيَةٌ بِمَا ظَلَمُوا إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾
53. And We saved those who believed and used to fear Allāh. وَأَخْرَجْنَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَكَانُوا يَتَّقُونَ ﴿٥٣﴾
54. And [mention] Lot, when he said to his people, "Do you commit immorality<sup>1082</sup> while you are seeing?<sup>1083</sup> أَلَيْسَ لَكُم مِّنْ دُونِ الْفَاحِشَةِ وَأَنْتُمْ تَبْصُرُونَ ﴿٥٤﴾
55. Do you indeed approach men with desire instead of women? Rather, you are a people behaving ignorantly." أَفَأَنْتُمْ لَتَأْتُونَ الرِّجَالَ شَهْوَةً مِّنْ دُونِ الْبِسَاءِ بَلْ أَنْتُمْ قَوْمٌ جَّهْلُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾
56. But the answer of his people was not except that they said, "Expel the family of Lot from your city. Indeed, they are people who keep themselves pure." فَمَا كَانَ جَوَابَ قَوْمِهِ إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا أَخْرِجُوا آلَ لُوطٍ مِّنْ قَرْيَتِكُمْ إِنَّهُمْ أَنَاسٌ يَّتَطَهَّرُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾
57. So We saved him and his family, except for his wife; We destined her to be of those who remained behind. فَأَنْجَيْنَاهُ وَأَهْلَهُ إِلَّا امْرَأَتَهُ قَدَّرْنَاهَا مِنَ الْغَابِرِينَ ﴿٥٧﴾
58. And We rained upon them a rain [of stones], and evil was the rain of those who were warned. وَأَمْطَرْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ مَطَرًا فَسَاءَ مَطَرُ الْمُنْذَرِينَ ﴿٥٨﴾

<sup>1082</sup>Homosexual acts.

<sup>1083</sup>i.e., openly. Another meaning is "...while you are aware [that it is wrong]."

59. Say, [O Muḥammad], "Praise be to Allāh, and peace upon His servants whom He has chosen. Is Allāh better or what they associate with Him?"

قُلِ اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ وَسَلَامٌ عَلٰى عِبَادِهِ الَّذِيْنَ  
اَصْطَفٰٓى ؕ اَللّٰهُ خَيْرٌ اَمَّا يُشْرِكُوْنَ ﴿٥٩﴾

60. [More precisely], is He [not best] who created the heavens and the earth and sent down for you rain from the sky, causing to grow thereby gardens of joyful beauty which you could not [otherwise] have grown the trees thereof? Is there a deity with Allāh?<sup>1084</sup> [No], but they are a people who ascribe equals [to Him].

اَمَّنْ خَلَقَ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضَ وَاَنْزَلَ  
لَكُمْ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ مَآءً فَاَنْبَتْنَا بِهِ  
حَدَاقٍ ذٰتَ بَهْجَةٍ مَّا كَانَتْ لَكُمْ  
اَنْ تَنْبِتُوْا شَجَرَهَا ؕ اِلٰهُ مَعَ اللّٰهِ بَلْ هُمْ  
قَوْمٌ يَعْدِلُوْنَ ﴿٦٠﴾

61. Is He [not best] who made the earth a stable ground and placed within it rivers and made for it firmly set mountains and placed between the two seas a barrier? Is there a deity with Allāh? [No], but most of them do not know.

اَمَّنْ جَعَلَ الْاَرْضَ قَرَارًا وَجَعَلَ خِلَالَهَا  
اَنْهَارًا وَجَعَلَ لَهَا رَوَسِيَّ وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَ  
الْبَحْرَيْنِ حَاجِزًا ؕ اِلٰهُ مَعَ اللّٰهِ بَلْ  
اَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُوْنَ ﴿٦١﴾

62. Is He [not best] who responds to the desperate one when he calls upon Him and removes evil and makes you inheritors of the earth?<sup>1085</sup> Is there a deity with Allāh? Little do you remember.

اَمَّنْ يُّجِيبُ الْمُضْطَرَّ اِذَا دَعَاهُ وَيُكَفِّرُ  
السُّوْءَ وَيَجْعَلُكُمْ خُلَفَآءَ الْاَرْضِ ؕ اِلٰهُ  
مَعَ اللّٰهِ قَلِيْلًا مَّا تَذَكَّرُوْنَ ﴿٦٢﴾

63. Is He [not best] who guides you through the darknesses of the land and sea and who sends the winds as good tidings before His mercy? Is there a deity with Allāh? High is Allāh above whatever they associate with Him.

اَمَّنْ يَهْدِيْكُمْ فِى ظُلُمٰتِ الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ  
وَمَنْ يُرْسِلُ الرِّيْحَ بُشْرًا بَيْنَ يَدَيْ  
رَحْمَتِهٖ ؕ اِلٰهُ مَعَ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰى اللّٰهُ عَمَّا  
يُشْرِكُوْنَ ﴿٦٣﴾

<sup>1084</sup>Three meanings are implied: "Is there another god who did all of this with Allāh?" or "Is there any deity worthy to be worshipped along with Allāh?" or "Is there a deity to be compared with Allāh?"

<sup>1085</sup>Generation after generation.

64. Is He [not best] who begins creation and then repeats it and who provides for you from the heaven and earth? Is there a deity with Allāh? Say, "Produce your proof, if you should be truthful."

أَمَّنْ يَبْدَأُ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ وَمَنْ يَرْزُقُكُمْ  
مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَعَلَّهُ مَعَ اللَّهِ قُلْ  
هَاتُوا بُرْهَانَكُمْ إِن كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٦٤﴾

65. Say, "None in the heavens and earth knows the unseen except Allāh, and they do not perceive when they will be resurrected."

قُلْ لَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ  
الْغَيْبَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَمَا يَشْعُرُونَ أَيَّانَ  
يُبْعَثُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾

66. Rather, their knowledge is arrested concerning the Hereafter. Rather, they are in doubt about it. Rather, they are, concerning it, blind.

بَلِ أَدْرَاكَ عِلْمُهُمْ فِي الْآخِرَةِ بَلْ هُمْ فِي  
شَكٍّ مِنْهَا بَلْ هُمْ مِنْهَا عَمُونَ ﴿٦٦﴾

67. And those who disbelieve say, "When we have become dust as well as our forefathers, will we indeed be brought out [of the graves]?"

وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِذَا كُنَّا تُرَابًا وَءَابَاؤُنَا  
أَيْنَا لُمُخْرَجُونَ ﴿٦٧﴾

68. We have been promised this, we and our forefathers, before. This is not but legends of the former peoples."

لَقَدْ وُعِدْنَا هَذَا نَحْنُ وَءَابَاؤُنَا مِن قَبْلُ  
إِن هَذَا إِلَّا أَسَاطِيرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٦٨﴾

69. Say, [O Muḥammad], "Proceed [i.e., travel] through the land and observe how was the end of the criminals."

قُلْ سِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَانظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ  
عَاقِبَةُ الْمُجْرِمِينَ ﴿٦٩﴾

70. And grieve not over them or be in distress from what they conspire.

وَلَا تَحْزَنْ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا تَكُن فِي ضَيْقٍ مِّمَّا  
يَمْكُرُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾

71. And they say, "When is [the fulfillment of] this promise, if you should be truthful?"

وَيَقُولُونَ مَتَى هَذَا الْوَعْدُ إِن كُنْتُمْ  
صَادِقِينَ ﴿٧١﴾

72. Say, "Perhaps it is close behind you [i.e., very near] – some of that for which you are impatient.

قُلْ عَسَى أَنْ يَكُونَ رَدِفٌ لَّكُمْ بَعْضُ  
الَّذِي تَسْتَعْجِلُونَ ﴿٧٢﴾

73. And indeed, your Lord is the possessor of bounty for the people, but most of them are not grateful." وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَذُو فَضْلٍ عَلَى النَّاسِ وَلَٰكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ لَا يَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٦٦﴾
74. And indeed, your Lord knows what their breasts conceal and what they declare. وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَيَعْلَمُ مَا تُكِنُّ صُدُورُهُمْ وَمَا يُعْلِنُونَ ﴿٦٧﴾
75. And there is nothing concealed<sup>1086</sup> within the heaven and the earth except that it is in a clear Register.<sup>1087</sup> وَمَا مِنْ غَائِبَةٍ فِي السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿٦٨﴾
76. Indeed, this Qur'ān relates to the Children of Israel most of that over which they disagree. إِنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ يَفُصِّلُ عَلَىٰ بَنِي إِسْرَءِيلَ أَكْثَرَ الَّذِي هُمْ فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾
77. And indeed, it is guidance and mercy for the believers. وَإِنَّهُ هُدًى وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٧٠﴾
78. Indeed, your Lord will judge between them by His [wise] judgement. And He is the Exalted in Might, the Knowing. إِنَّ رَبَّكَ يَقْضِي بَيْنَهُم بِحُكْمِهِ ۖ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٧١﴾
79. So rely upon Allāh; indeed, you are upon the clear truth. فَتَوَكَّلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ ۚ إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ الْحَقِّ الْمُبِينِ ﴿٧٢﴾
80. Indeed, you will not make the dead hear, nor will you make the deaf hear the call when they have turned their backs retreating. إِنَّكَ لَا تَسْمِعُ الْمَوْتَىٰ وَلَا تُسْمِعُ الصُّمَّ ۚ إِذَا وَلَّوْا مُدْبِرِينَ ﴿٧٣﴾
81. And you cannot guide the blind away from their error. You will only make hear those who believe in Our verses so they are Muslims [i.e., submitting to Allāh]. وَمَا أَنْتَ بِهَادِي الْعُمْيِ عَنْ ضَلَالَتِهِمْ ۚ إِنَّ تُسْمِعُ إِلَّا مَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِآيَاتِنَا فَهُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿٧٤﴾
82. And when the word [i.e., decree] befalls them,<sup>1088</sup> We will bring ﴿٧٥﴾ وَإِذَا وَقَعَ الْقَوْلُ عَلَيْهِمْ أَخْرَجْنَا لَهُمْ دَابَّةً

<sup>1086</sup>Literally, "absent [from the senses]."

<sup>1087</sup>The Preserved Slate (*al-Lawḥ al-Mahfūth*), which is with Allāh (*subḥānahu wa ta'ālā*).

<sup>1088</sup>At the approach of the Hour.

forth for them a creature from the earth speaking to them, [saying] that the people were, of Our verses, not certain [in faith].

مِّنَ الْأَرْضِ تُكَلِّمُهُمْ أَنَّ النَّاسَ كَانُوا بِآيَاتِنَا لَا يُوقِنُونَ ﴿٤٦﴾

83. And [warn of] the Day when We will gather from every nation a company of those who deny Our signs, and they will be [driven] in rows

وَيَوْمَ نَخْتَرُ مِنْ كُلِّ أُمَّةٍ فَوْجًا مِّمَّنْ يُكَذِّبُ بِآيَاتِنَا فَهُمْ يُوزَعُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾

84. Until, when they arrive [at the place of Judgement], He will say, "Did you deny My signs while you encompassed them not in knowledge, or what [was it that] you were doing?"

حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَهُمْ قَالَ أَكَذَّبْتُمْ بِآيَاتِي وَلَمْ تُحِطُوا بِهَا عِلْمًا أَمْ آدَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٤٨﴾

85. And the decree will befall them<sup>1089</sup> for the wrong they did, and they will not [be able to] speak.

وَوَقَعَ الْقَوْلُ عَلَيْهِمْ بِمَا ظَلَمُوا فَهُمْ لَا يَنْطِقُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾

86. Do they not see that We made the night that they may rest therein and the day giving sight? Indeed in that are signs for a people who believe.

أَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّا جَعَلْنَا اللَّيْلَ لِيَسْكُنُوا فِيهِ وَالنَّهَارَ مُبْصِرًا ۚ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٥٠﴾

87. And [warn of] the Day the Horn will be blown, and whoever is in the heavens and whoever is on the earth will be terrified except whom Allāh wills. And all will come to Him humbled.

وَيَوْمَ يُنْفَخُ فِي الصُّورِ فَفَزِعَ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا مَنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ ۚ وَكُلُّ أَتَوَةٍ دَاخِرِينَ ﴿٥١﴾

88. And you see the mountains, thinking them motionless,<sup>1090</sup> while they will pass as the passing of clouds. [It is] the work of Allāh, who perfected all

وَتَرَى الْجِبَالَ تَحْسَبُهَا جَامِدَةً وَهِيَ تَمُرُّ مَرَّ السَّحَابِ ۚ صُنْعَ اللَّهِ الَّذِي أَتَقَنَ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ ۚ إِنَّهُ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٥٢﴾

<sup>1089</sup> Allāh's decree will come into effect upon them, and His promise will be fulfilled.

<sup>1090</sup> Or "solid and rigid."



Sūrah al-Qaṣaṣ<sup>1093</sup>

Bismillāh-Raḥmān-Raḥeem

## سُورَةُ الْقَصَصِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

1. Ṭā, Seen, Meem.<sup>1094</sup>
2. These are verses of the clear Book.
3. We recite to you from the news of Moses and Pharaoh in truth for a people who believe.
4. Indeed, Pharaoh exalted himself in the land and made its people into factions, oppressing a sector among them, slaughtering their [newborn] sons and keeping their females alive. Indeed, he was of the corrupters.
5. And We wanted to confer favor upon those who were oppressed in the land and make them leaders and make them inheritors
6. And establish them in the land and show Pharaoh and [his minister] Hāmān and their soldiers through them<sup>1095</sup> that which they had feared.
7. And We inspired to the mother of Moses, "Suckle him; but when you fear for him, cast him into the river and do not fear and do not grieve. Indeed, We will return him to you and will make him [one] of the messengers."
8. And the family of Pharaoh picked

طسّم

تِلْكَ آيَاتُ الْكِتَابِ الْمُبِينِ

نَتْلُو عَلَيْكَ مِنْ نَبَأِ مُوسَى وَفِرْعَوْنَ  
بِالْحَقِّ لِقَوْمٍ يُؤْمِنُونَإِنَّ فِرْعَوْنَ عَلَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَجَعَلَ  
أَهْلَهَا شِيْعًا يَسْتَضِعُّ طَائِفَةً مِنْهُمْ يُدْبَحُ  
أَبْنَاءَهُمْ وَيَسْتَحْيِي نِسَاءَهُمْ إِنَّهُ كَانَ  
مِنَ الْمُفْسِدِينَوَنُرِيدُ أَنْ نَمُنَّ عَلَى الَّذِينَ اسْتُضِعُوا  
فِي الْأَرْضِ وَنَجْعَلَهُمْ أَئِمَّةً وَنَجْعَلَهُمُ  
الْوَارِثِينَوَنُمَكِّنْهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَنُرِيَ فِرْعَوْنَ  
وَهَامَانَ وَجُنُودَهُمَا مِنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا  
يَحْذَرُونَوَأَوْحَيْنَا إِلَى أُمِّ مُوسَى أَنْ أَرْضِعِيهِ فَإِذَا  
خَفَتْ عَلَيْهِ فَأَلْقَاهُ فِي الْقَيْمِ وَلَا تَخَافِي  
وَلَا تَحْزَنِي إِنَّا رَادُّوهُ إِلَيْكِ وَجَاعِلُوهُ مِنَ  
الْمُرْسَلِينَ

فَالْتَقَطَهُ آلُ فِرْعَوْنَ لِيَكُونَ لَهُمْ

<sup>1093</sup>Al-Qaṣaṣ: The Narrative (or Story).<sup>1094</sup>See footnote to 2:1.<sup>1095</sup>By means of those whom they had oppressed and enslaved.

him up [out of the river] so that he would become to them an enemy and a [cause of] grief. Indeed, Pharaoh and Hāmān and their soldiers were deliberate sinners.

عَدُوًّا وَحَزَنًا إِنَّ فِرْعَوْنَ وَهَمَانَ وَجُنُودَهُمَا كَانُوا خَاطِئِينَ ﴿٨﴾

وَقَالَتِ امْرَأَتُ فِرْعَوْنَ قُرْتُ عَيْنٍ لِي وَلَكَ لَا تَقْتُلُوهُ عَسَىٰ أَنْ يَنْفَعَنَا أَوْ نَتَّخِذَهُ وَلَدًا وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٩﴾

وَأَصْبَحَ فُؤَادُ أُمِّ مُوسَىٰ فَرِحًا إِنَّ كَادَتْ لِتَنبُدَ بِهِ لَؤْلَاءَ أَنْ رَیْتُنَا عَلَىٰ قَلْبِهَا لِتَكُونَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١٠﴾

وَقَالَتْ لِأُخْتِهِ قُصِّيهِ فَبَصُرَتْ بِهِ عَنْ جُنُبٍ وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿١١﴾

﴿١٢﴾ وَحَرَمْنَا عَلَيْهِ الْمَرَاضِعَ مِنْ قَبْلُ فَقَالَتْ هَلْ أَدُلُّكُمْ عَلَىٰ أَهْلِ بَيْتٍ يَكْفُلُونَهُ لَكُمْ وَهُمْ لَهُ نَصْحُونَ ﴿١٣﴾

فَرَدَدْنَاهُ إِلَىٰ أُمِّهِ كَيْ تَقَرَّ عَيْنُهَا وَلَا تَحْزَنَ وَلِتَعْلَمَ أَنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ وَلَٰكِنَّ أَكْثَرَهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿١٤﴾

وَلَمَّا بَلَغَ أَشُدَّهُ وَاسْتَوَىٰ ءَاتَيْنَاهُ حُكْمًا

9. And the wife of Pharaoh said, "[He will be] a comfort of the eye [i.e., pleasure] for me and for you. Do not kill him; perhaps he may benefit us, or we may adopt him as a son." And they perceived not.<sup>1096</sup>

10. And the heart of Moses' mother became empty [of all else]. She was about to disclose [the matter concerning] him had We not bound fast her heart that she would be of the believers.

11. And she said to his sister, "Follow him"; so she watched him from a distance while they perceived not.

12. And We had prevented from him [all] wet nurses before,<sup>1097</sup> so she said, "Shall I direct you to a household that will be responsible for him for you while they are to him [for his upbringing] sincere?"

13. So We restored him to his mother that she might be content and not grieve and that she would know that the promise of Allāh is true. But most of them [i.e., the people] do not know.

14. And when he attained his full strength and was [mentally] mature, We bestowed upon him judgement

<sup>1096</sup>What would be the result of that.

<sup>1097</sup>Prior to that, Moses had refused to nurse from any other woman.



and knowledge. And thus do We reward the doers of good.

15. And he entered the city at a time of inattention by its people<sup>1098</sup> and found therein two men fighting: one from his faction and one from among his enemy. And the one from his faction called for help to him against the one from his enemy, so Moses struck him and [unintentionally] killed him. [Moses] said, "This is from the work of Satan. Indeed, he is a manifest, misleading enemy."
16. He said, "My Lord, indeed I have wronged myself, so forgive me," and He forgave him. Indeed, He is the Forgiving, the Merciful.
17. He said, "My Lord, for the favor You bestowed upon me, I will never be an assistant to the criminals."
18. And he became inside the city fearful and anticipating [exposure], when suddenly the one who sought his help the previous day cried out to him [once again]. Moses said to him, "Indeed, you are an evident, [persistent] deviator."
19. And when he wanted to strike the one who was an enemy to both of them, he<sup>1099</sup> said, "O Moses, do you intend to kill me as you killed someone yesterday? You only want to be a tyrant in the

وَعِلْمًا وَكَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ ﴿١٥﴾

وَدَخَلَ الْمَدِينَةَ عَلَى حِينٍ غَفْلَةٍ مِّنْ أَهْلِهَا  
فَوَجَدَ فِيهَا رَجُلَيْنِ يَقْتَتِلَانِ هَٰذَا مِنْ  
شِيعَتِهِ وَهَٰذَا مِنْ عَدُوِّهِ فَاسْتَعَاثَ  
الَّذِي مِنْ شِيعَتِهِ عَلَى الَّذِي مِنْ عَدُوِّهِ  
فَوَكَرَهُ مُوسَىٰ فَقَضَىٰ عَلَيْهِ قَالَ هَٰذَا مِنْ  
عَمَلِ الشَّيْطَانِ إِنَّهُ عَدُوٌّ مُّضِلٌّ مُّبِينٌ ﴿١٦﴾

قَالَ رَبِّ إِنِّي ظَلَمْتُ نَفْسِي فَاغْفِرْ لِي فَغَفَرَ  
لَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿١٧﴾

قَالَ رَبِّ بِمَا أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ فَلَنْ أَكُونَ  
ظَهِيرًا لِلْمُجْرِمِينَ ﴿١٨﴾

فَأَصْبَحَ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ خَائِفًا يَتَرَقَّبُ فَإِذَا  
الَّذِي اسْتَنْصَرَهُ بِالْأَمْسِ يَسْتَصْرِخُهُ  
قَالَ لَهُ مُوسَىٰ إِنَّكَ لَغَوِيٌّ مُّبِينٌ ﴿١٩﴾

فَلَمَّا أَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَبْطِشَ بِالَّذِي هُوَ عَدُوٌّ  
لَّهُمَا قَالَ يَمْوَسَىٰ أُتْرِدُ أَنْ تَقْتُلَنِي كَمَا  
قَتَلْتَ نَفْسًا بِالْأَمْسِ إِنْ تُرِيدُ إِلَّا أَنْ  
تَكُونَ جَبَّارًا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَمَا تُرِيدُ أَنْ

<sup>1098</sup> i.e., during the noon period of rest.

<sup>1099</sup> i.e., the Israelite, thinking that Moses meant to strike him. Some commentators have attributed the words to the Copt; however, the Israelite was the only one who knew of the previous occurrence.

land and do not want to be of the amenders."

تَكُونُ مِنَ الْمُصْلِحِينَ ﴿١٩﴾

20. And a man came from the farthest end of the city, running. He said, "O Moses, indeed the eminent ones are conferring over you [intending] to kill you, so leave [the city]; indeed, I am to you of the sincere advisors."

وَجَاءَ رَجُلٌ مِّنْ أَقْصَا الْمَدِينَةِ يَسْعَىٰ قَالَ  
يَمُوسَىٰ إِنَّ الْمَلَأَ يَأْتَمِرُونَ بِكَ لِيَقْتُلُوكَ  
فَاخْرُجْ إِنِّي لَكَ مِنَ النَّاصِحِينَ ﴿٢٠﴾

21. So he left it, fearful and anticipating [apprehension]. He said, "My Lord, save me from the wrongdoing people."

فَخَرَجَ مِنْهَا خَائِفًا يَتَرَقَّبُ قَالَ رَبِّ نَجِّنِي مِنَ  
الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٢١﴾

22. And when he directed himself toward Madyan, he said, "Perhaps my Lord will guide me to the sound way."

وَلَمَّا تَوَجَّهَ تِلْقَاءَ مَدْيَنَ قَالَ عَسَىٰ  
رَبِّي أَن يَهْدِيَنِي سَوَاءَ السَّبِيلِ ﴿٢٢﴾

23. And when he came to the water [i.e., well] of Madyan, he found there a crowd of people watering [their flocks], and he found aside from them two women holding back [their flock]. He said, "What is your circumstance?" They said, "We do not water until the shepherds dispatch [their flocks]; and our father is an old man."

وَلَمَّا وَزَدَ مَاءَ مَدْيَنَ وَجَدَ عَلَيْهِ أُمَّةً  
مِّنَ النَّاسِ يَسْقُونَ وَوَجَدَ مِنْ  
دُونِهِمُ امْرَأَتَيْنِ تَذُودَانِ قَالَ مَا خَطْبُكُمَا  
قَالَتَا لَا نَسْقِي حَتَّىٰ يُصَدِّقَ الرِّعَاءُ وَأَبُونَا  
شَيْخٌ كَبِيرٌ ﴿٢٣﴾

24. So he watered for them; then he went back to the shade and said, "My Lord, indeed I am, for whatever good You would send down to me, in need."

فَسَقَىٰ لَهُمَا ثُمَّ تَوَلَّىٰ إِلَى الظِّلِّ فَقَالَ رَبِّ  
إِنِّي لِمَا أَنْزَلْتَ إِلَيَّ مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَقِيرٌ ﴿٢٤﴾

25. Then one of the two women came to him walking with shyness. She said, "Indeed, my father invites you that he may reward you for having watered

فَجَاءَتْهُ إِحْدَاهُمَا تَمْشِي عَلَىٰ اسْتِحْيَاءٍ  
قَالَتْ إِنَّ أَبِي يَدْعُوكَ لِيَجْزِيَكَ أَجْرَ  
مَا سَقَيْتَ لَنَا فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُ وَقَصَّ عَلَيْهِ

for us." So when he came to him<sup>1100</sup> and related to him the story, he said, "Fear not. You have escaped from the wrongdoing people."

الْقَصَصَ قَالَ لَا تَخَفْ نَجَوْتَ مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٢٦﴾

26. One of the women said, "O my father, hire him. Indeed, the best one you can hire is the strong and the trustworthy."

قَالَتْ إِحْدَاهُمَا يَأْبَتِ اسْتَجِرْهُ إِنْ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ اسْتَجَرَْتَ الْقَوَى الْأَمِينِ ﴿٢٧﴾

27. He said, "Indeed, I wish to wed you one of these, my two daughters, on [the condition] that you serve me for eight years; but if you complete ten, it will be [as a favor] from you. And I do not wish to put you in difficulty. You will find me, if Allāh wills, from among the righteous."

قَالَ إِنِّي أُرِيدُ أَنْ أُنكِحَكَ إِحْدَى ابْنَتَيَّ هَاتَيْنِ عَلَى أَنْ تَأْجُرَنِي ثَمَنِي حَجَجٍ فَإِنْ أَتَمَمْتَ عَشْرًا فَمِنْ عِنْدِكَ وَمَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ أَشُقَّ عَلَيْكَ سَتَجِدُنِي إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿٢٨﴾

28. [Moses] said, "That is [established] between me and you. Whichever of the two terms I complete – there is no injustice to me, and Allāh, over what we say, is Witness."

قَالَ ذَلِكَ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَكَ أَيَّمَا الْأَجَلَيْنِ قَضَيْتُ فَلَا عُدْوَانَ عَلَيَّ وَاللَّهُ عَلَى مَا نَقُولُ وَكِيلٌ ﴿٢٩﴾

29. And when Moses had completed the term and was traveling with his family, he perceived from the direction of the mount a fire. He said to his family, "Stay here; indeed, I have perceived a fire. Perhaps I will bring you from there [some] information or burning wood from the fire that you may warm yourselves."

فَلَمَّا قَضَىٰ مُوسَى الْأَجَلَ وَسَارَ بِأَهْلِهِ آنَسَ مِنْ جَانِبِ الطُّورِ نَارًا قَالَ لِأَهْلِهِ امْكُثُوا إِنِّي آنَسْتُ نَارًا لَّعَلِّي آتِيكُمْ مِنْهَا بِخَبَرٍ أَوْ جَذْوَةٍ مِنَ النَّارِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَصْطَلُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾

30. But when he came to it, he was called from the right side of the valley in a blessed spot – from the

فَلَمَّا أَتَاهَا نُودِيَ مِنْ شَاطِئِ الْوَادِ الْأَيْمَنِ فِي الْبُقْعَةِ الْمُبَارَكَةِ مِنَ الشَّجَرَةِ أَنْ

<sup>1100</sup>Prophet Shu'ayb, the father of the two women.

tree,<sup>1101</sup> "O Moses, indeed I am Allāh, Lord of the worlds."

31. And [he was told], "Throw down your staff." But when he saw it writhing as if it was a snake, he turned in flight and did not return.<sup>1102</sup> [Allāh said], "O Moses, approach and fear not. Indeed, you are of the secure."

32. Insert your hand into the opening of your garment; it will come out white, without disease. And draw in your arm close to you [as prevention] from fear, for those are two proofs from your Lord to Pharaoh and his establishment. Indeed, they have been a people defiantly disobedient."

33. He said, "My Lord, indeed I killed from among them someone, and I fear they will kill me."

34. And my brother Aaron is more fluent than me in tongue, so send him with me as support, verifying me. Indeed, I fear that they will deny me."

35. [Allāh] said, "We will strengthen your arm through your brother and grant you both supremacy so they will not reach you. [It will be] through Our signs; you and those who follow you will be the predominant."

36. But when Moses came to them with Our signs as clear evidences,

يَمُوسَىٰ إِنِّي أَنَا اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾

وَأَن أَلْقِ عَصَاكَ فَلَمَّا رَءَاهَا تَهْتَزُّ كَأَنَّهَا جَانٌّ وَلَّى مُدْبِرًا وَلَمْ يُعَقِّبْ يَمُوسَىٰ أَقْبِلْ وَلَا تَخَفْ إِنَّكَ مِنَ الْآمِنِينَ ﴿٣٠﴾

أَسْلُكْ يَدَكَ فِي جَيْبِكَ تَخْرُجَ بَيْضًا ۖ غَيْرَ سُوٍّ وَأَضْمُمْ إِلَيْكَ جَنَاحَكَ مِنَ الرَّهْبِ ۖ فَذَلِكَ بَرْهَنَانِ مِنْ رَبِّكَ إِلَىٰ فِرْعَوْنَ وَمَلَئِهِ ۚ إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا قَوْمًا فَسِقِينَ ﴿٣١﴾

قَالَ رَبِّ إِنِّي قَتَلْتُ مِنْهُمْ نَفْسًا فَأَخَافُ أَن يَقْتُلُونِ ﴿٣٢﴾

وَأَخِي هَارُونُ هُوَ أَفْصَحُ مِنِّي لِسَانًا فَأَرْسَلْهُ مَعِيَ رِدْءًا يُصَدِّقُنِي ۚ إِنِّي أَخَافُ أَن يُكَذِّبُونِ ﴿٣٣﴾

قَالَ سَنَشُدُّ عَضُدَكَ بِأَخِيكَ وَنَجْعُلُ لَكُمَا سُلْطَانًا فَلَا يَصِلُونَ إِلَيْكُمَا بِآيَاتِنَا أَنْتُمَا وَمَنِ اتَّبَعُكُمَا الْغَالِبُونَ ﴿٣٤﴾

فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُم مُّوسَىٰ بِآيَاتِنَا يَبَيِّنَاتٍ قَالُوا

<sup>1101</sup>Which was within the fire.

<sup>1102</sup>Or "did not look back."

they said, "This is not except invented magic, and we have not heard of this [religion] among our forefathers."

مَا هَذَا إِلَّا سِحْرٌ مُّفْتَرًى وَمَا سَمِعْنَا  
بِهَذَا فِي آبَائِنَا الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٦٨﴾

37. And Moses said, "My Lord is more knowing [than we or you] of who has come with guidance from Him and to whom will be succession in the home.<sup>1103</sup> Indeed, wrongdoers do not succeed."

وَقَالَ مُوسَى رَبِّي أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ جَاءَ بِالْهُدَى  
مِنْ عِنْدِهِ وَمَنْ تَكُونُ لَهُ عَقِيبَةُ الدَّارِ  
إِنَّهُ لَا يُفْلِحُ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾

38. And Pharaoh said, "O eminent ones, I have not known you to have a god other than me. Then ignite for me, O Hāmān, [a fire] upon the clay<sup>1104</sup> and make for me a tower that I may look at the God of Moses. And indeed, I do think he is among the liars."

وَقَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ يَتَأْتِيهَا آتِلَاءٌ مَا عَلِمْتُ  
لَكُمْ مِنْ إِلَهٍ غَيْرِي فَأَوْقِدْ لِي يَهْنَمُنُ  
عَلَى الطِّينِ فَاجْعَلْ لِي صَرْحًا لَعَلِّي أَطَّلِعُ  
إِلَى إِلَهِ مُوسَى وَإِنِّي لَأَظُنُّهُ مِنَ  
الْكَاذِبِينَ ﴿٧٠﴾

39. And he was arrogant, he and his soldiers, in the land without right, and they thought that they would not be returned to Us.

وَأَسْتَكْبَرَ هُوَ وَجُنُودُهُ فِي الْأَرْضِ بِغَيْرِ  
الْحَقِّ وَظَنُّوا أَنَّهُمْ إِلَيْنَا لَا يُرْجَعُونَ ﴿٧١﴾

40. So We took him and his soldiers and threw them into the sea.<sup>1105</sup> So see how was the end of the wrongdoers.

فَأَخَذَتْهُ وَجُنُودُهُ فَنَبَذْنَاهُمْ فِي الْيَمِّ  
فَانْظُرْ كَيْفَ كَانَ عَقِيبَةُ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٧٢﴾

41. And We made them leaders<sup>1106</sup> inviting to the Fire, and on the Day of Resurrection they will not be helped.

وَجَعَلْنَاهُمْ أَيْمَةً يَدْعُونَ إِلَى النَّارِ وَيَوْمَ  
الْقِيَمَةِ لَا يَنْصُرُونَ ﴿٧٣﴾

42. And We caused to overtake them in this world a curse, and on the

وَأَتْبَعْنَاهُمْ فِي هَذِهِ الدُّنْيَا لَعْنَةً وَيَوْمَ

<sup>1103</sup> i.e., in this world or in the Hereafter.

<sup>1104</sup> From which bricks are made.

<sup>1105</sup> Allāh (*subhānahu wa ta'ālā*) caused them to leave all their worldly wealth behind and enter the sea in pursuit of the Children of Israel. See 26:52-66.

<sup>1106</sup> i.e., examples or precedents, followed by subsequent tyrants.

Day of Resurrection they will be of the despised.<sup>1107</sup>

43. And We gave Moses the Scripture after We had destroyed the former generations, as enlightenment for the people and guidance and mercy that they might be reminded.

44. And you, [O Muḥammad], were not on the western side [of the mount] when We revealed to Moses the command, and you were not among the witnesses [to that].

45. But We produced [many] generations [after Moses], and prolonged was their duration.<sup>1108</sup> And you were not a resident among the people of Madyan, reciting to them Our verses, but We were senders [of this message].<sup>1109</sup>

46. And you were not at the side of the mount when We called [Moses] but [were sent] as a mercy from your Lord to warn a people to whom no warner had come before you that they might be reminded.

47. And if not that a disaster should strike them for what their hands put forth [of sins] and they would say, "Our Lord, why did You not send us a messenger so we could have followed Your verses and been among the believers?"...<sup>1110</sup>

الْقِيَمَةِ هُمْ مِنَ الْمَقْبُوحِينَ ﴿١٠٧﴾

وَلَقَدْ آتَيْنَا مُوسَى الْكِتَابَ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا أَهْلَكْنَا الْقُرُونَ الْأُولَىٰ بَصَائِرَ لِلنَّاسِ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةً لَّعَلَّهُمْ يَتَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٠٨﴾

وَمَا كُنْتَ بِجَانِبِ الْغَرْبِيِّ إِذْ قَضَيْنَا إِلَىٰ مُوسَى الْأَمْرَ وَمَا كُنْتَ مِنَ الشَّاهِدِينَ ﴿١٠٩﴾

وَلَكِنَّا أَنْشَأْنَا قُرُونًا فَتَطَاوَلَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْعُمُرُ وَمَا كُنْتَ نَازِئًا فِي أَهْلِ مَدْيَنَ تَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ ءَايَاتِنَا وَلَكِنَّا كُنَّا مُرْسِلِينَ ﴿١١٠﴾

وَمَا كُنْتَ بِجَانِبِ الطُّورِ إِذْ نَادَيْنَا وَلَكِنْ رَحْمَةً مِن رَّبِّكَ لِتُنذِرَ قَوْمًا مَّا أَتَتْهُمْ مِّن نَّذِيرٍ مِّن قَبْلِكَ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١١١﴾

وَلَوْلَا أَن تُصِيبَهُم مُّصِيبَةٌ بِمَا قَدَّمَتْ أَيْدِيهِمْ فَيَقُولُوا رَبَّنَا لَوْلَا أَرْسَلْتَ إِلَيْنَا رَسُولًا فَنَتَّبِعَ ءَايَاتِكَ وَنَكُونَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١١٢﴾

<sup>1107</sup> Literally, "those made hideous," who will be far removed from all good and mercy.

<sup>1108</sup> So they forgot and neglected the ordinances of Allāh.

<sup>1109</sup> The Prophet (ﷺ) had no way of obtaining this information except through Allāh's revelation.

<sup>1110</sup> The conclusion of the sentence is understood to be "...We would not have sent →

48. But when the truth came to them from Us, they said, "Why was he not given like that which was given to Moses?" Did they not disbelieve in that which was given to Moses before? They said, "[They are but] two works of magic supporting each other,<sup>1111</sup> and indeed we are, in both, disbelievers."

فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمُ الْحَقُّ مِنْ عِنْدِنَا قَالُوا لَوْلَا أُوتِيَ مِثْلَ مَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَىٰ أُولَٰئِكَ يَكْفُرُونَ بِمَا أُوتِيَ مُوسَىٰ مِنْ قَبْلُ قَالُوا سِحْرَانِ تَظَاهَرَا وَقَالُوا إِنَّا بِكُلِّ كَافِرُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾

49. Say, "Then bring a scripture from Allāh which is more guiding than either of them that I may follow it, if you should be truthful."

قُلْ فَأْتُوا بِكِتَابٍ مِّنْ عِنْدِ اللَّهِ هُوَ أَهْدَىٰ مِنْهُمَا أَتَّبِعُهُ إِن كُنتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٥٩﴾

50. But if they do not respond to you – then know that they only follow their [own] desires. And who is more astray than one who follows his desire without guidance from Allāh? Indeed, Allāh does not guide the wrongdoing people.

فَإِنْ لَّمْ يَسْتَجِيبُوا لَكَ فَاعْلَمْ أَنَّمَا يَتَّبِعُونَ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ وَمَنْ أَضَلُّ مِمَّنْ اتَّبَعَ هَوَاهُ بِغَيْرِ هُدًى مِّنَ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٦٠﴾

51. And We have [repeatedly] conveyed to them the word [i.e., the Qur'ān] that they might be reminded.

وَلَقَدْ وَصَّلْنَا لَهُمُ الْقَوْلَ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٦١﴾

52. Those to whom We gave the Scripture before it – they<sup>1112</sup> are believers in it.

الَّذِينَ آتَيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَابَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ هُمْ بِهِ يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾

53. And when it is recited to them, they say, "We have believed in it; indeed, it is the truth from our Lord. Indeed we were, [even] before it, Muslims [i.e., submitting to Allāh]."

وَإِذَا يُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْهِمْ قَالُوا ءَاْمَنَّا بِهِ إِنَّهُ الْحَقُّ مِن رَّبِّنَا إِنَّا كُنَّا مِنْ قَبْلِهِ مُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٦٣﴾

messengers," meaning that Allāh (*subhānahu wa ta'ālā*) sent messengers and sent Muḥammad (ﷺ) with the final scripture to mankind so that no one could claim that punishment was imposed unjustly without warning.

<sup>1111</sup> The reference is by the disbelievers of Quraysh to the Qur'ān and the Torah.

<sup>1112</sup> i.e., the sincere believers among them.