

68. They⁴⁹¹ have said, "Allāh has taken a son." Exalted is He; He is the [one] Free of need. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth. You have no authority for this [claim]. Do you say about Allāh that which you do not know?
69. Say, "Indeed, those who invent falsehood about Allāh will not succeed."
70. [For them is brief] enjoyment in this world; then to Us is their return; then We will make them taste the severe punishment because they used to disbelieve.
71. And recite to them the news of Noah, when he said to his people, "O my people, if my residence and my reminding of the signs of Allāh has become burdensome upon you – then I have relied upon Allāh. So resolve upon your plan and [call upon] your associates. Then let not your plan be obscure to you.⁴⁹² Then carry it out upon me and do not give me respite.
72. And if you turn away [from my advice] – then no payment have I asked of you. My reward is only from Allāh, and I have been commanded to be of the Muslims [i.e., those who submit to Allāh]."
73. And they denied him, so We saved him and those with him in the ship and made them successors, and We drowned those who denied Our signs. Then see how was the end of those who were warned.
74. Then We sent after him messengers to their peoples, and they came to them with clear proofs. But they were not to believe in that which they had denied before.⁴⁹³ Thus We seal over the hearts of the transgressors.
75. Then We sent after them Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh and his

⁴⁹¹The Christians and others.

⁴⁹²i.e., Do not let it be a source of doubt or anxiety to you but let it be clear, open and defined.

⁴⁹³i.e., the succeeding generations were persistent in disbelief.

establishment with Our signs, but they behaved arrogantly and were a criminal people.

76. So when there came to them the truth from Us, they said, "Indeed, this is obvious magic."
77. Moses said, "Do you say [thus] about the truth when it has come to you? Is this magic? But magicians will not succeed."
78. They said, "Have you come to us to turn us away from that upon which we found our fathers and so that you two may have grandeur in the land? And we are not believers in you."
79. And Pharaoh said, "Bring to me every learned magician."
80. So when the magicians came, Moses said to them, "Throw down whatever you will throw."
81. And when they had thrown, Moses said, "What you have brought is [only] magic. Indeed, Allāh will expose its worthlessness. Indeed, Allāh does not amend the work of corrupters."
82. And Allāh will establish the truth by His words, even if the criminals dislike it."
83. But no one believed Moses, except [some] offspring [i.e., youths] among his people, for fear of Pharaoh and his establishment that they would persecute them. And indeed, Pharaoh was haughty within the land, and indeed, he was of the transgressors."
84. And Moses said, "O my people, if you have believed in Allāh, then rely upon Him, if you should be Muslims [i.e., submitting to Him]."
85. So they said, "Upon Allāh do we rely. Our Lord, make us not [objects of] trial for the wrongdoing people
86. And save us by Your mercy from the disbelieving people."
87. And We inspired to Moses and his brother, "Settle your people in Egypt in houses and make your houses [facing the] qiblah⁴⁹⁴ and establish prayer and give good tidings to the believers."

⁴⁹⁴In order that they might pray therein unseen by their enemy.