

42. And never think that Allāh is unaware of what the wrongdoers do. He only delays them [i.e., their account] for a Day when eyes will stare [in horror].
43. Racing ahead, their heads raised up, their glance does not come back to them,⁶¹⁰ and their hearts are void.
44. And, [O Muḥammad], warn the people of a Day when the punishment will come to them and those who did wrong will say, "Our Lord, delay us for a short term; we will answer Your call and follow the messengers." [But it will be said, "Had you not sworn, before, that for you there would be no cessation?"⁶¹¹
45. And you lived among the dwellings of those who wronged themselves, and it had become clear to you how We dealt with them. And We presented for you [many] examples."
46. And they had planned their plan, but with Allāh is [recorded] their plan, even if their plan had been [sufficient] to do away with the mountains.⁶¹²
47. So never think that Allāh will fail in His promise to His messengers. Indeed, Allāh is Exalted in Might and Owner of Retribution.
48. [It will be] on the Day the earth will be replaced by another earth, and the heavens [as well], and they [i.e., all creatures] will come out before Allāh, the One, the Prevailing,
49. And you will see the criminals that Day bound together in shackles,
50. Their garments of liquid pitch and their faces covered by the Fire
51. So that Allāh will recompense every soul for what it earned. Indeed, Allāh is swift in account.

⁶¹⁰This is their state at the time of resurrection from the graves. Their heads are upraised in fixed stares of terror, unable even to glance back.

⁶¹¹Of the blessings which Allāh had bestowed upon you during life on earth.

⁶¹²An alternative meaning is "...and their plan was not [sufficient] to do away with the mountains," i.e., it had no effect against Allāh's will.

52. This [Qur'ān] is notification for the people that they may be warned thereby and that they may know that He is but one God and that those of understanding will be reminded.