

32. The ones whom the angels take in death, [being] good and pure; [the angels] will say, "Peace be upon you. Enter Paradise for what you used to do."
33. Do they [i.e., the disbelievers] await except that the angels should come to them or there comes the command of your Lord? Thus did those do before them. And Allāh wronged them not, but they had been wronging themselves.
34. So they were struck by the evil consequences of what they did and were enveloped by what they used to ridicule.
35. And those who associate others with Allāh say, "If Allāh had willed, we would not have worshipped anything other than Him, neither we nor our fathers, nor would we have forbidden anything through other than Him." Thus did those do before them. So is there upon the messengers except [the duty of] clear notification?
36. And We certainly sent into every nation a messenger, [saying], "Worship Allāh and avoid ṭāghūt."⁶⁴⁴ And among them were those whom Allāh guided, and among them were those upon whom error was [deservedly] decreed. So proceed [i.e., travel] through the earth and observe how was the end of the deniers.
37. [Even] if you should strive for their guidance, [O Muḥammad], indeed, Allāh does not guide those He sends astray,⁶⁴⁵ and they will have no helpers.
38. And they swear by Allāh their strongest oaths [that] Allāh will not resurrect one who dies. But yes – [it is] a true promise [binding] upon Him, but most of the people do not know.
39. [It is] so He will make clear to them [the truth of] that wherein they differ and so those who have disbelieved may know that they were liars.
40. Indeed, Our word to a thing when We intend it is but that We say to it, "Be," and it is.

⁶⁴⁴False objects of worship.

⁶⁴⁵As a result of their choice to reject guidance.

41. And those who emigrated for [the cause of] Allāh after they had been wronged – We will surely settle them in this world in a good place; but the reward of the Hereafter is greater, if only they could know.
42. [They are] those who endured patiently and upon their Lord relied.
43. And We sent not before you except men to whom We revealed [Our message]. So ask the people of the message [i.e., former scriptures] if you do not know.
44. [We sent them] with clear proofs and written ordinances. And We revealed to you the message [i.e., the Qur'ān] that you may make clear to the people what was sent down to them and that they might give thought.
45. Then, do those who have planned evil deeds feel secure that Allāh will not cause the earth to swallow them or that the punishment will not come upon them from where they do not perceive?
46. Or that He would not seize them during their [usual] activity, and they could not cause failure [i.e., escape from Him]?
47. Or that He would not seize them gradually [in a state of dread]?⁶⁴⁶ But indeed, your Lord is Kind and Merciful.⁶⁴⁷
48. Have they not considered what things Allāh has created? Their shadows incline to the right and to the left, prostrating to Allāh, while they [i.e., those creations] are humble.
49. And to Allāh prostrates whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth of creatures, and the angels [as well], and they are not arrogant.
50. They fear their Lord above them, and they do what they are commanded.
51. And Allāh has said, "Do not take for yourselves two⁶⁴⁸ deities. He [i.e., Allāh] is but one God, so fear only Me."

⁶⁴⁶i.e., being aware of what is about to strike them after having seen those near them succumb.

⁶⁴⁷Postponing deserved punishment and giving opportunities for repentance.

⁶⁴⁸Meaning more than one.