

- the final [i.e., second] promise came, [We sent your enemies] to sadden your faces and to enter the masjid [i.e., the temple in Jerusalem], as they entered it the first time, and to destroy what they had taken over with [total] destruction.
8. [Then Allāh said], "It is expected, [if you repent], that your Lord will have mercy upon you. But if you return [to sin], We will return [to punishment]. And We have made Hell, for the disbelievers, a prison-bed."
  9. Indeed, this Qur'ān guides to that which is most suitable and gives good tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds that they will have a great reward
  10. And that those who do not believe in the Hereafter – We have prepared for them a painful punishment.
  11. And man supplicates for evil [when angry] as he supplicates for good, and man is ever hasty.<sup>674</sup>
  12. And We have made the night and day two signs, and We erased the sign of the night and made the sign of the day visible<sup>675</sup> that you may seek bounty from your Lord and may know the number of years and the account [of time]. And everything We have set out in detail.
  13. And [for] every person We have imposed his fate upon his neck,<sup>676</sup> and We will produce for him on the Day of Resurrection a record which he will encounter spread open.
  14. [It will be said], "Read your record. Sufficient is yourself against you this Day as accountant."
  15. Whoever is guided is only guided for [the benefit of] his soul. And whoever errs only errs against it. And no bearer of burdens will bear the burden of another. And never would We punish until We sent a messenger.

---

<sup>674</sup>i.e., impatient, emotional, and acting without forethought.

<sup>675</sup>Or "giving sight."

<sup>676</sup>i.e., after having instructed him, We have made him responsible for his own destiny.

16. And when We intend to destroy a city, We command its affluent<sup>677</sup> but they defiantly disobey therein; so the word [i.e., deserved decree] comes into effect upon it, and We destroy it with [complete] destruction.
17. And how many have We destroyed from the generations after Noah. And sufficient is your Lord, concerning the sins of His servants, as Acquainted and Seeing.
18. Whoever should desire the immediate<sup>678</sup> – We hasten for him from it what We will to whom We intend. Then We have made for him Hell, which he will [enter to] burn, censured and banished.
19. But whoever desires the Hereafter and exerts the effort due to it while he is a believer – it is those whose effort is ever appreciated [by Allāh].
20. To each [category] We extend – to these and to those – from the gift of your Lord. And never has the gift of your Lord been restricted.
21. Look how We have favored [in provision] some of them over others. But the Hereafter is greater in degrees [of difference] and greater in distinction.
22. Do not make [as equal] with Allāh another deity and [thereby] become censured and forsaken.
23. And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age [while] with you, say not to them [so much as], "uff,"<sup>679</sup> and do not repel them but speak to them a noble word.
24. And lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy and say, "My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up [when I was] small."
25. Your Lord is most knowing of what is within yourselves. If you should be righteous [in intention] – then indeed He is ever,

---

<sup>677</sup>To obey Allāh.

<sup>678</sup>i.e., worldly gratifications.

<sup>679</sup>An expression of disapproval or irritation.