

52. And [warn of] the Day when He will say, "Call 'My partners' whom you claimed," and they will invoke them, but they will not respond to them. And We will put between them [a valley of] destruction.
53. And the criminals will see the Fire and will be certain that they are to fall therein. And they will not find from it a way elsewhere.
54. And We have certainly diversified in this Qur'ān for the people from every [kind of] example; but man has ever been, most of anything, [prone to] dispute.
55. And nothing has prevented the people from believing when guidance came to them and from asking forgiveness of their Lord except that there [must] befall them the [accustomed] precedent of the former peoples<sup>736</sup> or that the punishment should come [directly] before them.
56. And We send not the messengers except as bringers of good tidings and warners. And those who disbelieve dispute by [using] falsehood to [attempt to] invalidate thereby the truth and have taken My verses, and that of which they are warned, in ridicule.
57. And who is more unjust than one who is reminded of the verses of his Lord but turns away from them and forgets what his hands have put forth? Indeed, We have placed over their hearts coverings, lest they understand it, and in their ears deafness. And if you invite them to guidance – they will never be guided, then – ever.
58. And your Lord is the Forgiving, full of mercy. If He were to impose blame upon them for what they earned, He would have hastened for them the punishment. Rather, for them is an appointment from which they will never find an escape.
59. And those cities – We destroyed them when they wronged, and We made for their destruction an appointed time.

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<sup>736</sup>Who denied the truth brought by Allāh's messengers.

60. And [mention] when Moses said to his boy [i.e., servant], "I will not cease [traveling] until I reach the junction of the two seas or continue for a long period."
61. But when they reached the junction between them, they forgot their fish, and it took its course into the sea, slipping away.
62. So when they had passed beyond it, [Moses] said to his boy, "Bring us our morning meal. We have certainly suffered in this, our journey, [much] fatigue."
63. He said, "Did you see when we retired to the rock? Indeed, I forgot [there] the fish. And none made me forget it except Satan – that I should mention it. And it took its course into the sea amazingly."
64. [Moses] said, "That is what we were seeking." So they returned, following their footprints.
65. And they found a servant from among Our servants [i.e., al-Khidhr] to whom We had given mercy from Us and had taught him from Us a [certain] knowledge.
66. Moses said to him, "May I follow you on [the condition] that you teach me from what you have been taught of sound judgement?"
67. He said, "Indeed, with me you will never be able to have patience.
68. And how can you have patience for what you do not encompass in knowledge?"
69. [Moses] said, "You will find me, if Allāh wills, patient, and I will not disobey you in [any] order."
70. He said, "Then if you follow me, do not ask me about anything until I make to you about it mention [i.e., explanation]."
71. So they set out, until when they had embarked on the ship, he [i.e., al-Khidhr] tore it open. [Moses] said, "Have you torn it open to drown its people? You have certainly done a grave thing."
72. [Al-Khidhr] said, "Did I not say that with me you would never be able to have patience?"
73. [Moses] said, "Do not blame me for what I forgot and do not cover me in my matter with difficulty."