

7. And [that they may know] that the Hour is coming – no doubt about it – and that Allāh will resurrect those in the graves.
8. And of the people is he who disputes about Allāh without knowledge or guidance or an enlightening book [from Him],
9. Twisting his neck [in arrogance] to mislead [people] from the way of Allāh. For him in the world is disgrace, and We will make him taste on the Day of Resurrection the punishment of the Burning Fire [while it is said],
10. "That is for what your hands have put forth and because Allāh is not ever unjust to [His] servants."
11. And of the people is he who worships Allāh on an edge.⁸⁵⁴ If he is touched by good, he is reassured by it; but if he is struck by trial, he turns on his face [to the other direction]. He has lost [this] world and the Hereafter. That is what is the manifest loss.
12. He invokes instead of Allāh that which neither harms him nor benefits him. That is what is the extreme error.
13. He invokes one whose harm is closer than his benefit – how wretched the protector and how wretched the associate.
14. Indeed, Allāh will admit those who believe and do righteous deeds to gardens beneath which rivers flow. Indeed, Allāh does what He intends.
15. Whoever should think that Allāh will not support him [i.e., Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ)] in this world and the Hereafter – let him extend a rope to the ceiling, then cut off [his breath],⁸⁵⁵ and let him see: will his effort remove that which enrages [him]?
16. And thus have We sent it [i.e., the Qur'ān] down as verses of clear evidence and because Allāh guides whom He intends.
17. Indeed, those who have believed and those who were Jews and the Sabeans and the Christians and the Magians and those who associated with Allāh – Allāh will judge between them

⁸⁵⁴ At the edge of his religion, so to speak, i.e., with uncertainty, hypocrisy or heedlessness.

⁸⁵⁵ i.e., strangle himself.

on the Day of Resurrection. Indeed Allāh is, over all things, Witness.

18. Do you not see [i.e., know] that to Allāh prostrates whoever is in the heavens and whoever is on the earth and the sun, the moon, the stars, the mountains, the trees, the moving creatures and many of the people? But upon many the punishment has been justified.⁸⁵⁶ And he whom Allāh humiliates – for him there is no bestower of honor. Indeed, Allāh does what He wills.
19. These⁸⁵⁷ are two adversaries who have disputed over their Lord. But those who disbelieved will have cut out for them garments of fire. Poured upon their heads will be scalding water
20. By which is melted that within their bellies and [their] skins.
21. And for [striking] them are maces of iron.
22. Every time they want to get out of it [i.e., Hellfire] from anguish, they will be returned to it, and [it will be said], "Taste the punishment of the Burning Fire!"
23. Indeed, Allāh will admit those who believe and do righteous deeds to gardens beneath which rivers flow. They will be adorned therein with bracelets of gold and pearl, and their garments therein will be silk.
24. And they had been guided [in worldly life] to good speech, and they were guided to the path of the Praiseworthy.
25. Indeed, those who have disbelieved and avert [people] from the way of Allāh and [from] al-Masjid al-Ḥarām, which We made for the people – equal are the resident therein and one from outside – and [also] whoever intends [a deed] therein⁸⁵⁸ of deviation [in religion] or wrongdoing – We will make him taste of a painful punishment.

⁸⁵⁶And therefore decreed.

⁸⁵⁷i.e., the believers and the disbelievers.

⁸⁵⁸Whether inside its boundaries or intending from afar to do evil therein. The Ḥaram is unique in that the mere intention of sin therein (whether or not it is actually carried out) is sufficient to bring punishment from Allāh.