

41. [And they are] those who, if We give them authority in the land, establish prayer and give zakāh and enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong. And to Allāh belongs the outcome of [all] matters.
42. And if they deny you, [O Muḥammad] – so, before them, did the people of Noah and 'Aad and Thamūd deny [their prophets],
43. And the people of Abraham and the people of Lot
44. And the inhabitants of Madyan. And Moses was denied, so I prolonged enjoyment for the disbelievers; then I seized them, and how [terrible] was My reproach.
45. And how many a city did We destroy while it was committing wrong – so it is [now] fallen into ruin⁸⁶⁶ – and [how many] an abandoned well and [how many] a lofty palace.⁸⁶⁷
46. So have they not traveled through the earth and have hearts by which to reason and ears by which to hear? For indeed, it is not eyes that are blinded, but blinded are the hearts which are within the breasts.
47. And they urge you to hasten the punishment. But Allāh will never fail in His promise. And indeed, a day with your Lord is like a thousand years of those which you count.
48. And for how many a city did I prolong enjoyment while it was committing wrong. Then I seized it, and to Me is the [final] destination.
49. Say, "O people, I am only to you a clear warner."
50. And those who have believed and done righteous deeds – for them is forgiveness and noble provision.
51. But the ones who strove against Our verses, [seeking] to cause failure⁸⁶⁸ – those are the companions of Hellfire.

⁸⁶⁶Literally, "fallen in upon its roofs," i.e., after the roofs of its buildings had caved in, the walls collapsed over them.

⁸⁶⁷i.e., How many wells have been left inoperative, and how many palaces have been emptied of their occupants in the past.

⁸⁶⁸i.e., trying to undermine their credibility and thereby defeat the Prophet (ﷺ).

52. And We did not send before you any messenger or prophet except that when he spoke [or recited], Satan threw into it [some misunderstanding]. But Allāh abolishes that which Satan throws in; then Allāh makes precise His verses.⁸⁶⁹ And Allāh is Knowing and Wise.
53. [That is] so He may make what Satan throws in [i.e., asserts] a trial for those within whose hearts is disease⁸⁷⁰ and those hard of heart. And indeed, the wrongdoers are in extreme dissension.
54. And so those who were given knowledge may know that it is the truth from your Lord and [therefore] believe in it, and their hearts humbly submit to it. And indeed is Allāh the Guide of those who have believed to a straight path.
55. But those who disbelieve will not cease to be in doubt of it until the Hour comes upon them unexpectedly or there comes to them the punishment of a barren Day.⁸⁷¹
56. [All] sovereignty that Day is for Allāh;⁸⁷² He will judge between them. So they who believed and did righteous deeds will be in the Gardens of Pleasure.
57. And they who disbelieved and denied Our signs – for those there will be a humiliating punishment.
58. And those who emigrated for the cause of Allāh and then were killed or died – Allāh will surely provide for them a good provision. And indeed, it is Allāh who is the best of providers.
59. He will surely cause them to enter an entrance with which they will be pleased, and indeed, Allāh is Knowing and Forbearing.
60. That [is so]. And whoever responds [to injustice] with the equivalent of that with which he was harmed and then is tyrannized – Allāh will surely aid him. Indeed, Allāh is

⁸⁶⁹Clarifying those issues which were misunderstood to remove any doubt.

⁸⁷⁰See footnote to 2:10.

⁸⁷¹One which will not be followed by night and therefore will not give birth to a new day, referring to the Day of Resurrection.

⁸⁷²None will compete with Him for authority at that time.