

17. And We have created above you seven layered heavens, and never have We been of [Our] creation unaware.
18. And We have sent down rain from the sky in a measured amount and settled it in the earth. And indeed, We are Able to take it away.
19. And We brought forth for you thereby gardens of palm trees and grapevines in which for you are abundant fruits and from which you eat.
20. And [We brought forth] a tree issuing from Mount Sinai which produces oil and food [i.e., olives] for those who eat.
21. And indeed, for you in livestock is a lesson. We give you drink from that which is in their bellies, and for you in them are numerous benefits, and from them you eat.
22. And upon them and on ships you are carried.
23. And We had certainly sent Noah to his people, and he said, "O my people, worship Allāh; you have no deity other than Him; then will you not fear Him?"
24. But the eminent among those who disbelieved from his people said, "This is not but a man like yourselves who wishes to take precedence over you; and if Allāh had willed [to send a messenger], He would have sent down angels. We have not heard of this among our forefathers.
25. He is not but a man possessed with madness, so wait concerning him for a time."
26. [Noah] said, "My Lord, support me because they have denied me."
27. So We inspired to him, "Construct the ship under Our observation and Our inspiration, and when Our command comes and the oven overflows,⁸⁸⁶ put into it [i.e., the ship] from each [creature] two mates and your family, except those for whom the decree [of destruction] has proceeded. And do not address Me concerning those who have wronged; indeed, they are to be drowned.

⁸⁸⁶See footnote to 11:40.

28. And when you have boarded the ship, you and those with you, then say, 'Praise to Allāh who has saved us from the wrongdoing people.'
29. And say, 'My Lord, let me land at a blessed landing place, and You are the best to accommodate [us].''
30. Indeed in that are signs, and indeed, We are ever testing [Our servants].
31. Then We produced after them a generation of others.
32. And We sent among them a messenger⁸⁸⁷ from themselves, [saying], "Worship Allāh; you have no deity other than Him; then will you not fear Him?"
33. And the eminent among his people who disbelieved and denied the meeting of the Hereafter while We had given them luxury in the worldly life said, "This is not but a man like yourselves. He eats of that from which you eat and drinks of what you drink.
34. And if you should obey a man like yourselves, indeed, you would then be losers.
35. Does he promise you that when you have died and become dust and bones that you will be brought forth [once more]?
36. How far, how far, is that which you are promised.⁸⁸⁸
37. It [i.e., life] is not but our worldly life – we die and live, but we will not be resurrected.
38. He is not but a man who has invented a lie about Allāh, and we will not believe him."
39. He said, "My Lord, support me because they have denied me."
40. [Allāh] said, "After a little, they will surely become regretful."
41. So the shriek⁸⁸⁹ seized them in truth,⁸⁹⁰ and We made them as [plant] stubble. Then away with the wrongdoing people.

⁸⁸⁷Prophet Hūd, who was sent to the tribe of 'Aad.

⁸⁸⁸i.e., how distant and improbable it is.

⁸⁸⁹See footnote to 11:67.

⁸⁹⁰i.e., by right or in justice.