

21. And those who do not expect the meeting with Us say, "Why were not angels sent down to us, or [why] do we [not] see our Lord?" They have certainly become arrogant within themselves⁹⁴⁵ and [become] insolent with great insolence.
22. The day they see the angels⁹⁴⁶ – no good tidings will there be that day for the criminals, and [the angels] will say, "Prevented and inaccessible."⁹⁴⁷
23. And We will approach [i.e., regard]⁹⁴⁸ what they have done of deeds and make them as dust dispersed.
24. The companions of Paradise, that Day, are [in] a better settlement and better resting place.
25. And [mention] the Day when the heaven will split open with [emerging] clouds,⁹⁴⁹ and the angels will be sent down in successive descent.
26. True sovereignty, that Day, is for the Most Merciful. And it will be upon the disbelievers a difficult Day.
27. And the Day the wrongdoer will bite on his hands [in regret] he will say, "Oh, I wish I had taken with the Messenger a way."⁹⁵⁰
28. Oh, woe to me! I wish I had not taken that one⁹⁵¹ as a friend.
29. He led me away from the remembrance⁹⁵² after it had come to me. And ever is Satan, to man, a deserter."⁹⁵³
30. And the Messenger has said, "O my Lord, indeed my people have taken this Qur'ān as [a thing] abandoned."⁹⁵⁴

⁹⁴⁵ Additional meanings are "among themselves" and "over [the matter of] themselves."

⁹⁴⁶ i.e., at the time of death.

⁹⁴⁷ Referring to any good tidings.

⁹⁴⁸ On the Day of Judgement.

⁹⁴⁹ Within which are the angels.

⁹⁵⁰ i.e., followed the Prophet (ﷺ) on a path of guidance.

⁹⁵¹ The person who misguided him.

⁹⁵² i.e., the Qur'ān or the remembrance of Allāh.

⁹⁵³ Forsaking him once he has led him into evil.

⁹⁵⁴ i.e., avoiding it, not listening to or understanding it, not living by it, or preferring something else to it.

31. And thus have We made for every prophet an enemy from among the criminals. But sufficient is your Lord as a guide and a helper.
32. And those who disbelieve say, "Why was the Qur'ān not revealed to him all at once?" Thus [it is] that We may strengthen thereby your heart. And We have spaced it distinctly.⁹⁵⁵
33. And they do not come to you with an example [i.e., argument] except that We bring you the truth and the best explanation.
34. The ones who are gathered on their faces to Hell – those are the worst in position and farthest astray in [their] way.
35. And We had certainly given Moses the Scripture and appointed with him his brother Aaron as an assistant.
36. And We said, "Go both of you to the people who have denied Our signs." Then We destroyed them with [complete] destruction.
37. And the people of Noah – when they denied the messengers,⁹⁵⁶ We drowned them, and We made them for mankind a sign. And We have prepared for the wrongdoers a painful punishment.
38. And [We destroyed] 'Aad and Thamūd and the companions of the well⁹⁵⁷ and many generations between them.
39. And for each We presented examples [as warnings], and each We destroyed with [total] destruction.
40. And they have already come upon the town which was showered with a rain of evil [i.e., stones]. So have they not seen it? But they are not expecting resurrection.⁹⁵⁸
41. And when they see you, [O Muḥammad], they take you not except in ridicule, [saying], "Is this the one whom Allāh has sent as a messenger?"

⁹⁵⁵Also, "recited it with distinct recitation."

⁹⁵⁶Their denial of Noah was as if they had denied all those who brought the same message from Allāh.

⁹⁵⁷Said to be a people who denied Prophet Shu'ayb or possibly those mentioned in *Sūrah Yā Seen*, 36:13-29.

⁹⁵⁸So they do not benefit from lessons of the past.