

*Sūrah ash-Shu‘arā’*⁹⁷³*Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem*

1. Ṭā, Seen, Meem.⁹⁷⁴
2. These are the verses of the clear Book.
3. Perhaps, [O Muḥammad], you would kill yourself with grief that they will not be believers.
4. If We willed, We could send down to them from the sky a sign for which their necks would remain humbled.⁹⁷⁵
5. And no mention [i.e., revelation] comes to them anew from the Most Merciful except that they turn away from it.
6. For they have already denied, but there will come to them the news of that which they used to ridicule.
7. Did they not look at the earth – how much We have produced therein from every noble kind?
8. Indeed in that is a sign, but most of them were not to be believers.
9. And indeed, your Lord – He is the Exalted in Might, the Merciful.
10. And [mention] when your Lord called Moses, [saying], "Go to the wrongdoing people –
11. The people of Pharaoh. Will they not fear Allāh?"
12. He said, "My Lord, indeed I fear that they will deny me
13. And that my breast will tighten and my tongue will not be fluent, so send for Aaron.
14. And they have upon me a [claim due to] sin, so I fear that they will kill me."
15. [Allāh] said, "No. Go both of you with Our signs; indeed, We are with you, listening.

⁹⁷³ *Ash-Shu‘arā’*: The Poets.

⁹⁷⁴ See footnote to 2:1.

⁹⁷⁵ i.e., they would be compelled to believe.

16. Go to Pharaoh and say, 'We are the messengers⁹⁷⁶ of the Lord of the worlds,
17. [Commanded to say], "Send with us the Children of Israel."'"
18. [Pharaoh] said, "Did we not raise you among us as a child, and you remained among us for years of your life?
19. And [then] you did your deed which you did,⁹⁷⁷ and you were of the ungrateful."
20. [Moses] said, "I did it, then, while I was of those astray [i.e., ignorant].
21. So I fled from you when I feared you. Then my Lord granted me judgement [i.e., wisdom and prophethood] and appointed me [as one] of the messengers.
22. And is this a favor of which you remind me – that you have enslaved the Children of Israel?"
23. Said Pharaoh, "And what is the Lord of the worlds?"
24. [Moses] said, "The Lord of the heavens and earth and that between them, if you should be convinced."
25. [Pharaoh] said to those around him, "Do you not hear?"
26. [Moses] said, "Your Lord and the Lord of your first forefathers."
27. [Pharaoh] said,⁹⁷⁸ "Indeed, your 'messenger' who has been sent to you is mad."
28. [Moses] said, "Lord of the east and the west and that between them, if you were to reason."
29. [Pharaoh] said, "If you take a god other than me, I will surely place you among those imprisoned."
30. [Moses] said, "Even if I brought you something [i.e., proof] manifest?"

⁹⁷⁶The singular form in Arabic indicates that both were sent with a single message.

⁹⁷⁷i.e., striking the Copt, who died as a result.

⁹⁷⁸Angrily addressing those present.