

196. And indeed, it is [mentioned] in the scriptures of former peoples.
197. And has it not been a sign to them that it is recognized by the scholars of the Children of Israel?
198. And even if We had revealed it to one among the foreigners<sup>991</sup>
199. And he had recited it to them [perfectly],<sup>992</sup> they would [still] not have been believers in it.
200. Thus have We inserted it [i.e., disbelief] into the hearts of the criminals.
201. They will not believe in it until they see the painful punishment.
202. And it will come to them suddenly while they perceive [it] not.
203. And they will say, "May we be reprieved?"
204. So for Our punishment are they impatient?
205. Then have you considered if We gave them enjoyment for years
206. And then there came to them that which they were promised?
207. They would not be availed by the enjoyment with which they were provided.
208. And We did not destroy any city except that it had warners
209. As a reminder; and never have We been unjust.
210. And the devils have not brought it [i.e., the revelation] down.<sup>993</sup>
211. It is not allowable for them, nor would they be able.
212. Indeed they, from [its] hearing, are removed.<sup>994</sup>
213. So do not invoke with Allāh another deity and [thus] be among the punished.
214. And warn, [O Muḥammad], your closest kindred.
215. And lower your wing [i.e., show kindness] to those who follow you of the believers.

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<sup>991</sup> i.e., the non-Arabs or those who are not fluent in the Arabic language.

<sup>992</sup> As a miracle from Allāh.

<sup>993</sup> As was asserted by the disbelievers. Rather, it was brought by Gabriel, the Trustworthy Spirit.

<sup>994</sup> As mentioned in 72:9.

216. And if they disobey you, then say, "Indeed, I am disassociated from what you are doing."
217. And rely upon the Exalted in Might, the Merciful,
218. Who sees you when you arise<sup>995</sup>
219. And your movement among those who prostrate.<sup>996</sup>
220. Indeed, He is the Hearing, the Knowing.
221. Shall I inform you upon whom the devils descend?
222. They descend upon every sinful liar.
223. They pass on what is heard,<sup>997</sup> and most of them are liars.
224. And the poets – [only] the deviators follow them;
225. Do you not see that in every valley they roam<sup>998</sup>
226. And that they say what they do not do? –
227. Except those [poets] who believe and do righteous deeds and remember Allāh often and defend [the Muslims]<sup>999</sup> after they were wronged. And those who have wronged are going to know to what [kind of] return they will be returned.

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<sup>995</sup>From your bed at night for prayer while you are alone.

<sup>996</sup>i.e., among those who pray with you in congregation.

<sup>997</sup>This was before they were prevented, as described in 72:8-9.

<sup>998</sup>Speaking lies indiscriminately and praising and disparaging others according to whim.

<sup>999</sup>By replying through poetry to the attacks of hostile poets.