

daughters, on [the condition] that you serve me for eight years; but if you complete ten, it will be [as a favor] from you. And I do not wish to put you in difficulty. You will find me, if Allāh wills, from among the righteous."

28. [Moses] said, "That is [established] between me and you. Whichever of the two terms I complete – there is no injustice to me, and Allāh, over what we say, is Witness."
29. And when Moses had completed the term and was traveling with his family, he perceived from the direction of the mount a fire. He said to his family, "Stay here; indeed, I have perceived a fire. Perhaps I will bring you from there [some] information or burning wood from the fire that you may warm yourselves."
30. But when he came to it, he was called from the right side of the valley in a blessed spot – from the tree,¹⁰²⁸ "O Moses, indeed I am Allāh, Lord of the worlds."
31. And [he was told], "Throw down your staff." But when he saw it writhing as if it was a snake, he turned in flight and did not return.¹⁰²⁹ [Allāh said], "O Moses, approach and fear not. Indeed, you are of the secure."
32. Insert your hand into the opening of your garment; it will come out white, without disease. And draw in your arm close to you [as prevention] from fear, for those are two proofs from your Lord to Pharaoh and his establishment. Indeed, they have been a people defiantly disobedient."
33. He said, "My Lord, indeed I killed from among them someone, and I fear they will kill me."
34. And my brother Aaron is more fluent than me in tongue, so send him with me as support, verifying me. Indeed, I fear that they will deny me."
35. [Allāh] said, "We will strengthen your arm through your brother and grant you both supremacy so they will not reach you. [It

¹⁰²⁸Which was within the fire.

¹⁰²⁹Or "did not look back."

- will be] through Our signs; you and those who follow you will be the predominant."
36. But when Moses came to them with Our signs as clear evidences, they said, "This is not except invented magic, and we have not heard of this [religion] among our forefathers."
37. And Moses said, "My Lord is more knowing [than we or you] of who has come with guidance from Him and to whom will be succession in the home.¹⁰³⁰ Indeed, wrongdoers do not succeed."
38. And Pharaoh said, "O eminent ones, I have not known you to have a god other than me. Then ignite for me, O Hāmān, [a fire] upon the clay¹⁰³¹ and make for me a tower that I may look at the God of Moses. And indeed, I do think he is among the liars."
39. And he was arrogant, he and his soldiers, in the land, without right, and they thought that they would not be returned to Us.
40. So We took him and his soldiers and threw them into the sea.¹⁰³² So see how was the end of the wrongdoers.
41. And We made them leaders¹⁰³³ inviting to the Fire, and on the Day of Resurrection they will not be helped.
42. And We caused to overtake them in this world a curse, and on the Day of Resurrection they will be of the despised.¹⁰³⁴
43. And We gave Moses the Scripture, after We had destroyed the former generations, as enlightenment for the people and guidance and mercy that they might be reminded.

¹⁰³⁰i.e., in this world or in the Hereafter.

¹⁰³¹From which bricks are made.

¹⁰³²Allāh (*subhānahu wa ta'ālā*) caused them to leave all their worldly wealth behind and enter the sea in pursuit of the Children of Israel. See 26:52-66.

¹⁰³³i.e., examples or precedents, followed by subsequent tyrants.

¹⁰³⁴Literally, "those made hideous," who will be far removed from all good and mercy.