

19. Have they not considered how Allāh begins creation and then repeats it? Indeed that, for Allāh, is easy.
20. Say, [O Muḥammad], "Travel through the land and observe how He began creation. Then Allāh will produce the final creation [i.e., development]. Indeed Allāh, over all things, is competent."
21. He punishes whom He wills and has mercy upon whom He wills, and to Him you will be returned.
22. And you will not cause failure [to Allāh] upon the earth or in the heaven. And you have not other than Allāh any protector or any helper.
23. And the ones who disbelieve in the signs of Allāh and the meeting with Him – those have despaired of My mercy, and they will have a painful punishment.
24. And the answer of his [i.e., Abraham's] people was not but that they said, "Kill him or burn him," but Allāh saved him from the fire. Indeed in that are signs for a people who believe.
25. And [Abraham] said, "You have only taken, other than Allāh, idols as [a bond of] affection among you in worldly life. Then on the Day of Resurrection you will deny one another and curse one another, and your refuge will be the Fire, and you will not have any helpers."
26. And Lot believed him. [Abraham] said, "Indeed, I will emigrate to [the service of] my Lord. Indeed, He is the Exalted in Might, the Wise."
27. And We gave to him Isaac and Jacob and placed in his descendants prophethood and scripture. And We gave him his reward in this world, and indeed, he is in the Hereafter among the righteous.
28. And [mention] Lot, when he said to his people, "Indeed, you commit such immorality as no one has preceded you with from among the worlds."
29. Indeed, you approach men and obstruct the road¹⁰⁵⁸ and commit in your meetings [every] evil." And the answer of his people

¹⁰⁵⁸: i.e., commit highway robbery and acts of aggression against travelers.

was not but that they said, "Bring us the punishment of Allāh, if you should be of the truthful."

30. He said, "My Lord, support me against the corrupting people."
31. And when Our messengers [i.e., angels] came to Abraham with the good tidings,¹⁰⁵⁹ they said, "Indeed, we will destroy the people of that [i.e., Lot's] city. Indeed, its people have been wrongdoers."
32. [Abraham] said, "Indeed, within it is Lot." They said, "We are more knowing of who is within it. We will surely save him and his family, except his wife. She is to be of those who remain behind."
33. And when Our messengers [i.e., angels] came to Lot, he was distressed for them and felt for them great discomfort.¹⁰⁶⁰ They said, "Fear not, nor grieve. Indeed, we will save you and your family, except your wife; she is to be of those who remain behind."
34. Indeed, we will bring down on the people of this city punishment from the sky because they have been defiantly disobedient."
35. And We have certainly left of it a sign as clear evidence for a people who use reason.
36. And to Madyan [We sent] their brother Shu'ayb, and he said, "O my people, worship Allāh and expect the Last Day and do not commit abuse on the earth, spreading corruption."
37. But they denied him, so the earthquake seized them, and they became within their home [corpses] fallen prone.
38. And [We destroyed] 'Aad and Thamūd, and it has become clear to you from their [ruined] dwellings. And Satan had made pleasing to them their deeds and averted them from the path, and they were endowed with perception.

¹⁰⁵⁹Of the birth of Isaac and his descendant, Jacob.

¹⁰⁶⁰See footnote to 11:77.