

60. And how many a creature carries not its [own] provision. Allāh provides for it and for you. And He is the Hearing, the Knowing.
61. If you asked them, "Who created the heavens and earth and subjected the sun and the moon?" they would surely say, "Allāh." Then how are they deluded?
62. Allāh extends provision for whom He wills of His servants and restricts for him. Indeed Allāh is, of all things, Knowing.
63. And if you asked them, "Who sends down rain from the sky and gives life thereby to the earth after its lifelessness?" they would surely say, "Allāh." Say, "Praise to Allāh"; but most of them do not reason.
64. And this worldly life is not but diversion and amusement. And indeed, the home of the Hereafter – that is the [eternal] life, if only they knew.
65. And when they board a ship, they supplicate Allāh, sincere to Him in religion [i.e., faith and hope]. But when He delivers them to the land, at once they associate others with Him
66. So that they will deny what We have granted them, and they will enjoy themselves. But they are going to know.¹⁰⁶¹
67. Have they not seen that We made [Makkah] a safe sanctuary, while people are being taken away¹⁰⁶² all around them? Then in falsehood do they believe, and in the favor of Allāh they disbelieve?
68. And who is more unjust than one who invents a lie about Allāh or denies the truth when it has come to him? Is there not in Hell a [sufficient] residence for the disbelievers?
69. And those who strive for Us – We will surely guide them to Our ways.¹⁰⁶³ And indeed, Allāh is with the doers of good.

¹⁰⁶¹Grammatically, the verse may also be read as a threat, i.e., "So let them deny what We have granted them and let them enjoy themselves, for they are going to know."

¹⁰⁶²i.e., killed and taken captive.

¹⁰⁶³The various ways and means to attain the acceptance and pleasure of Allāh.

*Sūrah ar-Rūm*¹⁰⁶⁴

Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem

1. Alif, Lām, Meem.¹⁰⁶⁵
2. The Byzantines have been defeated¹⁰⁶⁶
3. In the nearest land. But they, after their defeat, will overcome
4. Within three to nine years. To Allāh belongs the command [i.e., decree] before and after. And that day the believers will rejoice
5. In the victory of Allāh.¹⁰⁶⁷ He gives victory to whom He wills, and He is the Exalted in Might, the Merciful.
6. [It is] the promise of Allāh. Allāh does not fail in His promise, but most of the people do not know.
7. They know what is apparent of the worldly life, but they, of the Hereafter, are unaware.
8. Do they not contemplate within themselves?¹⁰⁶⁸ Allāh has not created the heavens and the earth and what is between them except in truth and for a specified term. And indeed, many of the people, in the meeting with their Lord, are disbelievers.
9. Have they not traveled through the earth and observed how was the end of those before them? They were greater than them in power, and they plowed [or excavated] the earth and built it up more than they [i.e., the Makkans] have built it up, and their messengers came to them with clear evidences. And Allāh would not ever have wronged them, but they were wronging themselves.

¹⁰⁶⁴*Ar-Rūm*: The Byzantines (of the Eastern Roman Empire) or Romaeans.

¹⁰⁶⁵See footnote to 2:1.

¹⁰⁶⁶By the Persians.

¹⁰⁶⁷i.e., the victory given by Allāh to a people of the Scripture (Christians) over the Magians of Persia.

¹⁰⁶⁸An additional meaning is "Do they not contemplate concerning themselves."