

63. People ask you concerning the Hour. Say, "Knowledge of it is only with Allāh. And what may make you perceive? Perhaps the Hour is near."
64. Indeed, Allāh has cursed the disbelievers and prepared for them a Blaze.
65. Abiding therein forever, they will not find a protector or a helper.
66. The Day their faces will be turned about in the Fire, they will say, "How we wish we had obeyed Allāh and obeyed the Messenger."
67. And they will say, "Our Lord, indeed we obeyed our masters and our dignitaries,<sup>1134</sup> and they led us astray from the [right] way."
68. Our Lord, give them double the punishment and curse them with a great curse."
69. O you who have believed, be not like those who abused Moses; then Allāh cleared him of what they said. And he, in the sight of Allāh, was distinguished.
70. O you who have believed, fear Allāh and speak words of appropriate justice.
71. He will [then] amend for you your deeds and forgive you your sins. And whoever obeys Allāh and His Messenger has certainly attained a great attainment.
72. Indeed, We offered the Trust<sup>1135</sup> to the heavens and the earth and the mountains, and they declined to bear it and feared it; but man [undertook to] bear it. Indeed, he was unjust and ignorant.<sup>1136</sup>
73. [It<sup>1137</sup> was] so that Allāh may punish the hypocrite men and

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<sup>1134</sup>Also interpreted to mean "our noble ones and our elders [i.e., distinguished scholars]."

<sup>1135</sup>The acceptance of obligations and obedience to Allāh.

<sup>1136</sup>Coveting its reward while forgetting the penalty for failure to keep his commitment.

<sup>1137</sup>The reason for which mankind was permitted to carry the Trust.

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hypocrite women and the men and women who associate others with Him and that Allāh may accept repentance from the believing men and believing women. And ever is Allāh Forgiving and Merciful.