

20. And Allāh judges with truth, while those they invoke besides Him judge not with anything. Indeed, Allāh – He is the Hearing, the Seeing.
21. Have they not traveled through the land and observed how was the end of those who were before them? They were greater than them in strength and in impression on the land, but Allāh seized them for their sins. And they had not from Allāh any protector.
22. That was because their messengers were coming to them with clear proofs, but they disbelieved, so Allāh seized them. Indeed, He is Powerful and severe in punishment.
23. And We did certainly send Moses with Our signs and a clear authority
24. To Pharaoh, Hāmān and Qārūn, but they said, "[He is] a magician and a liar."
25. And when he brought them the truth from Us, they said, "Kill the sons of those who have believed with him and keep their women alive." But the plan of the disbelievers is not except in error.
26. And Pharaoh said, "Let me kill Moses and let him call upon his Lord. Indeed, I fear that he will change your religion or that he will cause corruption¹²⁷⁵ in the land."
27. But Moses said, "Indeed, I have sought refuge in my Lord and your Lord from every arrogant one who does not believe in the Day of Account."
28. And a believing man from the family of Pharaoh who concealed his faith said, "Do you kill a man [merely] because he says, 'My Lord is Allāh' while he has brought you clear proofs from your Lord? And if he should be lying, then upon him is [the consequence of] his lie; but if he should be truthful, there will strike you some of what he promises you. Indeed, Allāh does not guide one who is a transgressor and a liar.

¹²⁷⁵i.e., dissension or civil strife.

29. O my people, sovereignty is yours today, [your being] dominant in the land. But who would protect us from the punishment of Allāh if it came to us?" Pharaoh said, "I do not show you except what I see, and I do not guide you except to the way of right conduct."
30. And he who believed said, "O my people, indeed I fear for you [a fate] like the day of the companies¹²⁷⁶ –
31. Like the custom of the people of Noah and of 'Aad and Thamūd and those after them. And Allāh wants no injustice for [His] servants.
32. And O my people, indeed I fear for you the Day of Calling¹²⁷⁷ –
33. The Day you will turn your backs fleeing; there is not for you from Allāh any protector. And whoever Allāh leaves astray – there is not for him any guide.
34. And Joseph had already come to you before with clear proofs, but you remained in doubt of that which he brought to you, until when he died, you said, 'Never will Allāh send a messenger after him.' Thus does Allāh leave astray he who is a transgressor and skeptic."
35. Those who dispute concerning the signs of Allāh without an authority having come to them – great is hatred [of them] in the sight of Allāh and in the sight of those who have believed. Thus does Allāh seal over every heart [belonging to] an arrogant tyrant.
36. And Pharaoh said, "O Hāmān, construct for me a tower that I might reach the ways¹²⁷⁸ –
37. The ways into the heavens – so that I may look at the deity of Moses; but indeed, I think he is a liar." And thus was made

¹²⁷⁶i.e., the days on which Allāh sent His punishment upon those who rejected their prophets in former times.

¹²⁷⁷i.e., the Day of Judgement, when the criminals will cry out in terror, the people will call to each other (see 7:44-51), and the angels will call out the results of each person's judgement.

¹²⁷⁸Means of ascent, pathways.