

command [i.e., the Qur'ān]. You did not know what is the Book or [what is] faith, but We have made it a light by which We guide whom We will of Our servants. And indeed, [O Muḥammad], you guide to a straight path –

53. The path of Allāh, to whom belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Unquestionably, to Allāh do [all] matters evolve [i.e., return].

## Sūrah az-Zukhruf<sup>1327</sup>

### Bismillāhir-Raḥmānir-Raḥeem

1. Ḥā, Meem.<sup>1328</sup>
2. By the clear Book,
3. Indeed, We have made it an Arabic Qur'ān that you might understand.
4. And indeed it is, in the Mother of the Book<sup>1329</sup> with Us, exalted and full of wisdom.<sup>1330</sup>
5. Then should We turn the message away, disregarding you, because you are a transgressing people?
6. And how many a prophet We sent among the former peoples,
7. But there would not come to them a prophet except that they used to ridicule him.
8. And We destroyed greater than them<sup>1331</sup> in [striking] power, and the example of the former peoples has preceded.
9. And if you should ask them, "Who has created the heavens and the earth?" they would surely say, "They were created by the Exalted in Might, the Knowing,"
10. [The one] who has made for you the earth a bed and made for you upon it roads that you might be guided
11. And who sends down rain from the sky in measured amounts, and We revive thereby a dead land – thus will you be brought forth –
12. And who created the species, all of them, and has made for you of ships and animals those which you mount

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<sup>1327</sup> *Az-Zukhruf*: Ornament, originally meaning gold but including other types of decoration.

<sup>1328</sup> See footnote to 2:1.

<sup>1329</sup> i.e., the Preserved Slate (*al-Lawḥ al-Mahfūth*).

<sup>1330</sup> Also, "precise" or "specific."

<sup>1331</sup> The disbelievers of the Quraysh, who denied Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ).