

22. They said, "Have you come to delude us away from our gods? Then bring us what you promise us, if you should be of the truthful."
23. He said, "Knowledge [of its time] is only with Allāh, and I convey to you that with which I was sent; but I see you [to be] a people behaving ignorantly."
24. And when they saw it as a cloud approaching their valleys, they said, "This is a cloud bringing us rain!" Rather, it is that for which you were impatient:¹³⁸⁴ a wind, within it a painful punishment,
25. Destroying everything by command of its Lord. And they became so that nothing was seen [of them] except their dwellings. Thus do We recompense the criminal people.
26. And We had certainly established them in such as We have not established you, and We made for them hearing and vision and hearts [i.e., intellect]. But their hearing and vision and hearts availed them not from anything [of the punishment] when they were [continually] rejecting the signs of Allāh; and they were enveloped by what they used to ridicule.
27. And We have already destroyed what surrounds you of [those] cities, and We have diversified the signs [or verses] that perhaps they might return [from disbelief].
28. Then why did those they took besides Allāh as deities by which to approach [Him]¹³⁸⁵ not aid them? But they had strayed [i.e., departed] from them. And that was their falsehood and what they were inventing.
29. And [mention, O Muḥammad], when We directed to you a few of the jinn, listening to the Qur'ān. And when they attended it, they said, "Listen quietly." And when it was concluded, they went back to their people as warners.

¹³⁸⁴When you challenged your prophet. See verse 22 of this *sūrah*.

¹³⁸⁵According to their claim.

30. They said, "O our people, indeed we have heard a [recited] Book revealed after Moses confirming what was before it which guides to the truth and to a straight path.
31. O our people, respond to the Caller [i.e., Messenger] of Allāh¹³⁸⁶ and believe in him; He [i.e., Allāh] will forgive for you your sins and protect you from a painful punishment.
32. But he who does not respond to the Caller of Allāh will not cause failure [to Him] upon earth, and he will not have besides Him any protectors. Those are in manifest error."
33. Do they not see that Allāh, who created the heavens and earth and did not fail in their creation, is able to give life to the dead? Yes. Indeed, He is over all things competent.
34. And the Day those who disbelieved are exposed to the Fire [it will be said], "Is this not the truth?" They will say, "Yes, by our Lord." He will say, "Then taste the punishment for what you used to deny."¹³⁸⁷
35. So be patient, [O Muḥammad], as were those of determination among the messengers and do not be impatient for them.¹³⁸⁸ It will be – on the Day they see that which they are promised – as though they had not remained [in the world] except an hour of a day. [This is] notification. And will [any] be destroyed except the defiantly disobedient people?

¹³⁸⁶ Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ).

¹³⁸⁷ Or "because you used to disbelieve."

¹³⁸⁸ i.e., for Allāh's punishment of the disbelievers.