

20. And on the earth are signs for the certain [in faith]
21. And in yourselves. Then will you not see?
22. And in the heaven is your provision and whatever you are promised.
23. Then by the Lord of the heaven and earth, indeed, it is truth – just as [sure as] it is that you are speaking.
24. Has there reached you the story of the honored guests of Abraham?¹⁴³⁵ –
25. When they entered upon him and said, "[We greet you with] peace." He answered, "[And upon you] peace; [you are] a people unknown."
26. Then he went to his family and came with a fat [roasted] calf
27. And placed it near them; he said, "Will you not eat?"
28. And he felt from them apprehension.¹⁴³⁶ They said, "Fear not," and gave him good tidings of a learned boy.
29. And his wife approached with a cry [of alarm] and struck her face and said, "[I am] a barren old woman!"
30. They said, "Thus has said your Lord; indeed, He is the Wise, the Knowing."
31. [Abraham] said, "Then what is your business [here], O messengers?"
32. They said, "Indeed, we have been sent to a people of criminals¹⁴³⁷
33. To send down upon them stones of clay,
34. Marked in the presence of your Lord for the transgressors."
35. So We brought out whoever was in them [i.e., the cities] of the believers.
36. And We found not within them other than a [single] house of Muslims.¹⁴³⁸

¹⁴³⁵Who were angels given honored positions by Allāh.

¹⁴³⁶See footnote to 11:70.

¹⁴³⁷i.e., those who defied Lot (upon him be peace).

¹⁴³⁸i.e., Lot and his family, excepting his wife.

37. And We left therein a sign for those who fear the painful punishment.
38. And in Moses [was a sign], when We sent him to Pharaoh with clear authority.
39. But he turned away with his supporters and said, "A magician or a madman."
40. So We took him and his soldiers and cast them into the sea, and he was blameworthy.
41. And in 'Aad [was a sign], when We sent against them the barren wind.¹⁴³⁹
42. It left nothing of what it came upon but that it made it like disintegrated ruins.
43. And in Thamūd, when it was said to them, "Enjoy yourselves for a time."
44. But they were insolent toward the command of their Lord, so the thunderbolt seized them while they were looking on.
45. And they were unable to arise, nor could they defend themselves.
46. And [We destroyed] the people of Noah before; indeed, they were a people defiantly disobedient.
47. And the heaven We constructed with strength, and indeed, We are [its] expander.
48. And the earth We have spread out, and excellent is the preparer.
49. And of all things We created two mates [i.e., counterparts]; perhaps you will remember.
50. So flee to Allāh.¹⁴⁴⁰ Indeed, I am to you from Him a clear warner.
51. And do not make [as equal] with Allāh another deity. Indeed, I am to you from Him a clear warner.

¹⁴³⁹Barren of any benefit, i.e., evil.

¹⁴⁴⁰i.e., turn to Allāh and take refuge in Him from disbelief and sin, thereby escaping His punishment.