

24. [Allāh] said, "Descend, being to one another enemies. And for you on the earth is a place of settlement and enjoyment [i.e., provision] for a time."
25. He said, "Therein you will live, and therein you will die, and from it you will be brought forth."
26. O children of Adam, We have bestowed upon you clothing to conceal your private parts and as adornment. But the clothing of righteousness – that is best. That is from the signs of Allāh that perhaps they will remember.
27. O children of Adam, let not Satan tempt you as he removed your parents from Paradise, stripping them of their clothing<sup>329</sup> to show them their private parts. Indeed, he sees you, he and his tribe, from where you do not see them. Indeed, We have made the devils allies to those who do not believe.
28. And when they commit an immorality, they say, "We found our fathers doing it, and Allāh has ordered us to do it." Say, "Indeed, Allāh does not order immorality. Do you say about Allāh that which you do not know?"
29. Say, [O Muḥammad], "My Lord has ordered justice and that you direct yourselves [to the Qiblah] at every place [or time] of prostration, and invoke Him, sincere to Him in religion." Just as He originated you, you will return [to life] –
30. A group [of you] He guided, and a group deserved [to be in] error. Indeed, they [i.e., the latter] had taken the devils as allies instead of Allāh while they thought that they were guided.
31. O children of Adam, take your adornment [i.e., wear your clothing] at every masjid,<sup>330</sup> and eat and drink, but be not excessive. Indeed, He likes not those who commit excess.
32. Say, "Who has forbidden the adornment of [i.e., from] Allāh which He has produced for His servants and the good [lawful]

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<sup>329</sup>The garments of Paradise.

<sup>330</sup>Literally, "place of prostration," meaning any place that a Muslim prays upon the earth. The term may also refer specifically to a mosque.

things of provision?" Say, "They are for those who believe during worldly life [but] exclusively for them on the Day of Resurrection." Thus do We detail the verses for a people who know.

33. Say, "My Lord has only forbidden immoralities – what is apparent of them and what is concealed – and sin,<sup>331</sup> and oppression without right, and that you associate with Allāh that for which He has not sent down authority, and that you say about Allāh that which you do not know."
34. And for every nation is a [specified] term. So when their time has come, they will not remain behind an hour, nor will they precede [it].
35. O children of Adam, if there come to you messengers from among you relating to you My verses [i.e., scriptures and laws], then whoever fears Allāh and reforms – there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve.
36. But the ones who deny Our verses and are arrogant toward them – those are the companions of the Fire; they will abide therein eternally.
37. And who is more unjust than one who invents about Allāh a lie or denies His verses? Those will attain their portion of the decree<sup>332</sup> until, when Our messengers [i.e., angels] come to them to take them in death, they will say, "Where are those you used to invoke besides Allāh?" They will say, "They have departed from us," and will bear witness against themselves that they were disbelievers.
38. [Allāh] will say, "Enter among nations which had passed on before you of jinn and mankind into the Fire." Every time a nation enters, it will curse its sister<sup>333</sup> until, when they have all overtaken one another therein, the last of them<sup>334</sup> will say

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<sup>331</sup>Any unlawful deed.

<sup>332</sup>What is decreed for them.

<sup>333</sup>The nation preceding it.

<sup>334</sup>The followers of evil leaders.