

112. Who will bring you every learned magician."
113. And the magicians came to Pharaoh. They said, "Indeed for us is a reward if we are the predominant."
114. He said, "Yes, and, [moreover], you will be among those made near [to me]."
115. They said, "O Moses, either you throw [your staff], or we will be the ones to throw [first]."
116. He said, "Throw," and when they threw, they bewitched the eyes of the people and struck terror into them, and they presented a great [feat of] magic.<sup>358</sup>
117. And We inspired to Moses, "Throw your staff," and at once it devoured what they were falsifying.
118. So the truth was established, and abolished was what they were doing.
119. And they [i.e., Pharaoh and his people] were overcome right there and became debased.
120. And the magicians fell down in prostration [to Allāh].
121. They said, "We have believed in the Lord of the worlds,
122. The Lord of Moses and Aaron."
123. Said Pharaoh, "You believed in him<sup>359</sup> before I gave you permission. Indeed, this is a conspiracy which you conspired in the city to expel therefrom its people. But you are going to know.
124. I will surely cut off your hands and your feet on opposite sides; then I will surely crucify you all."
125. They said, "Indeed, to our Lord we will return.
126. And you do not resent us except because we believed in the signs of our Lord when they came to us. Our Lord, pour upon us patience<sup>360</sup> and let us die as Muslims [in submission to You]."

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<sup>358</sup>Their staffs and ropes appeared as writhing snakes.

<sup>359</sup>i.e., in Moses, avoiding the mention of Allāh (*subhānahu wa ta'ālā*).

<sup>360</sup>To endure the torture to which we will be subjected.

127. And the eminent among the people of Pharaoh said, "Will you leave Moses and his people to cause corruption in the land and abandon you and your gods?" [Pharaoh] said, "We will kill their sons and keep their women alive; and indeed, we are subjugators over them."
128. Said Moses to his people, "Seek help through Allāh and be patient. Indeed, the earth belongs to Allāh. He causes to inherit it whom He wills of His servants. And the [best] outcome is for the righteous."
129. They said, "We have been harmed before you came to us and after you have come to us." He said, "Perhaps your Lord will destroy your enemy and grant you succession in the land and see how you will do."
130. And We certainly seized<sup>361</sup> the people of Pharaoh with years of famine and a deficiency in fruits that perhaps they would be reminded.
131. But when good [i.e., provision] came to them, they said, "This is ours [by right]." And if a bad [condition] struck them, they saw an evil omen in Moses and those with him. Unquestionably, their fortune is with Allāh, but most of them do not know.
132. And they said, "No matter what sign you bring us with which to bewitch us, we will not be believers in you."
133. So We sent upon them the flood and locusts and lice and frogs and blood as distinct signs, but they were arrogant and were a criminal people.
134. And when the punishment descended upon them, they said, "O Moses, invoke for us your Lord by what He has promised you. If you [can] remove the punishment from us, we will surely believe you, and we will send with you the Children of Israel."
135. But when We removed the punishment from them until a term which they were to reach,<sup>362</sup> then at once they broke their word.

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<sup>361</sup>Imposed on them by way of trial and warning.

<sup>362</sup>i.e., a specified term which would end with their reversion to disobedience and disbelief.