

161. And [mention, O Muḥammad], when it was said to them, "Dwell in this city [i.e., Jerusalem] and eat from it wherever you will and say, 'Relieve us of our burdens [i.e., sins],' and enter the gate bowing humbly; We will [then] forgive you your sins. We will increase the doers of good [in goodness and reward]."
162. But those who wronged among them changed [the words] to a statement other than that which had been said to them. So We sent upon them a punishment from the sky for the wrong that they were doing.
163. And ask them about the town that was by the sea – when they transgressed in [the matter of] the sabbath – when their fish came to them openly on their sabbath day, and the day they had no sabbath they did not come to them. Thus did We give them trial because they were defiantly disobedient.
164. And when a community among them said, "Why do you advise [or warn] a people whom Allāh is [about] to destroy or to punish with a severe punishment?" they [the advisors] said, "To be absolved before your Lord and perhaps they may fear Him."
165. And when they [i.e., those advised] forgot that by which they had been reminded, We saved those who had forbidden evil and seized those who wronged, with a wretched punishment, because they were defiantly disobeying.
166. So when they were insolent about that which they had been forbidden, We said to them, "Be apes, despised."
167. And [mention] when your Lord declared that He would surely [continue to] send upon them until the Day of Resurrection those who would afflict them with the worst torment. Indeed, your Lord is swift in penalty; but indeed, He is Forgiving and Merciful.
168. And We divided them throughout the earth into nations. Of them some were righteous, and of them some were otherwise. And We tested them with good [times] and bad that perhaps they would return [to obedience].

169. And there followed them successors who inherited the Scripture [while] taking the commodities³⁷⁷ of this lower life and saying, "It will be forgiven for us." And if an offer like it³⁷⁸ comes to them, they will [again] take it. Was not the covenant of the Scripture [i.e., the Torah] taken from them that they would not say about Allāh except the truth, and they studied what was in it? And the home of the Hereafter is better for those who fear Allāh, so will you not use reason?
170. But those who hold fast to the Book [i.e., the Qur'ān] and establish prayer – indeed, We will not allow to be lost the reward of the reformers.
171. And [mention] when We raised the mountain above them as if it was a dark cloud and they were certain that it would fall upon them,³⁷⁹ [and Allāh said], "Take what We have given you with determination and remember what is in it that you might fear Allāh."
172. And [mention] when your Lord took from the children of Adam – from their loins – their descendants and made them testify of themselves, [saying to them], "Am I not your Lord?" They said, "Yes, we have testified." [This] – lest you should say on the Day of Resurrection, "Indeed, we were of this unaware."
173. Or [lest] you say, "It was only that our fathers associated [others in worship] with Allāh before, and we were but descendants after them. Then would You destroy us for what the falsifiers have done?"
174. And thus do We [explain in] detail the verses, and perhaps they will return.³⁸⁰
175. And recite to them, [O Muḥammad], the news of him³⁸¹ to

377. i.e., unlawful gains and pleasures.

378. i.e., a similar temptation.

379. For their rebellion and disobedience.

380. To the way of Allāh (*subḥānahu wa ta'ālā*), from their diversions and deviations.

381. A man from the Children of Israel at the time of Moses.