15. Yet, they assign to some of His slaves a share with Him (by pretending that He has children, and considering them as equals or co-partners in worship with Him). Verily, man is indeed a manifest ingrate!

16. Or has He taken daughters out of what He has created, and He has selected for you sons?

17. And if one of them is informed of the news of (the birth of a girl) that which he sets forth as a parable to the Most Gracious (Allâh), his face becomes dark, and he is filled with grief!

18. (Like they then for Allâh) a creature who is brought up in adornments (wearing silk and gold ornaments, i.e. women), and who in dispute cannot make herself clear?

19. And they make the angels who themselves are slaves of the Most Gracious (Allâh) females. Did they witness their creation? Their testimony will be recorded, and they will be questioned!

20. And they said: “If it had been the Will of the Most Gracious (Allâh), we should not have worshipped them (false deities).” They have no knowledge whatsoever of that. They do nothing but lie!

21. Or have We given them any Book before this (the Qur’ân) to which they are holding fast?

22. Nay! They say: “We found our fathers following a certain way and religion, and we guide ourselves by their footsteps.”

23. And similarly, We sent not a warner before you (O Muhammadصلى الله عليه وسلم) to any town (people) but the luxurious ones among them said: “We found our fathers following a certain way and religion, and we will indeed follow their footsteps.”

24. (The warner) said: “Even if I bring you better guidance than that which you
found your fathers following?” They said: “Verily, we disbelieve in that with which you have been sent.”

25. So We took revenge on them, then see what was the end of those who denied (Islamic Monotheism).

26. And (remember) when Ibrāhīm (Abraham) said to his father and his people: “Verily, I am innocent of what you worship,

27. “Except Him (i.e. I worship none but Allāh Alone) Who did create me; and verily He will guide me.”

28. And he made it [i.e. Lā ilāha illāllāh (none has the right to be worshipped but Allāh Alone)] a Word lasting among his offspring (True Monotheism), that they may turn back (i.e. to repent to Allāh or receive admonition).

29. Nay, but I gave (the good things of this life) to these (polytheists) and their fathers to enjoy, till there came to them the truth (the Qur’ān), and a Messenger (Muhammad ﷺ making things clear.

30. And when the truth (this Qur’ān) came to them, they (the disbelievers in this Qur’ān) said: “This is magic, and we disbelieve therein.”

31. And they say: “Why is not this Qur’ān sent down to some great man of the two towns (Makkah and Tā’if)?”

32. Is it they who would portion out the Mercy of your Lord? It is We Who portion out between them their livelihood in this world, and We raised some of them above others in ranks, so that some may employ others in their work. But the Mercy (Paradise) of your Lord (O Muhammad ﷺ) is better than the (wealth of this world) which they amass.

33. And were it not that mankind would have become of one community (all
disbelievers desiring worldly life only), We would have provided for those who disbelieve in the Most Gracious (Allāh), silver roofs for their houses, and elevators whereby they ascend,

34. And for their houses, doors (of silver), and thrones (of silver) on which they could recline,

35. And adornments of gold. Yet all this (i.e. the roofs, doors, stairs, elevators, thrones of their houses) would have been nothing but an enjoyment of this world. And the Hereafter with your Lord is (only) for the Muttaqūn.\[11\]

36. And whosoever turns away blindly from the remembrance of the Most Gracious (Allāh) (i.e. this Qur’ān and worship of Allāh), We appoint for him Shaitan (Satan - devil) to be a Qarīn (a companion) to him.

37. And verily, they (Satans / devils) hinder them from the Path (of Allāh), but they think that they are guided aright!

38. Till, when (such a one) comes to Us, he says [to his Qarīn (Satan / devil companion)] “Would that between me and you were the distance of the two easts (or the east and west)” — a worst (type of) companion (indeed)!

39. It will profit you not this Day (O you who turn away from Allāh’s remembrance and His worship) as you did wrong, (and) that you will be sharers (you and your Qarīn) in the punishment.

40. Can you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) make the deaf to hear, or can you guide the blind or him who is in manifest error?

\[11\] (V.43:35) Al-Muttaqūn: means the pious believers of Islamic Monotheism who fear Allāh much (abstain from all kinds of sins and evil deeds which He has forbidden) and love Allāh much (perform all kinds of good deeds which He has ordained).
41. And even if We take you (O Muhammad) away, We shall indeed take vengeance on them.

42. Or (if) We show you that wherewith We threaten them: then verily We have perfect command over them.

43. So hold you (O Muhammad) fast to that which is revealed to you. Verily you are on the Straight Path.

44. And verily this (the Qur’ān) is indeed a Reminder for you (O Muhammad) and your people (Quraish people, or your followers), and you will be questioned (about it).

45. And ask (O Muhammad) those of Our Messengers whom We sent before you: “Did We ever appoint ālihāh (gods) to be worshipped besides the Most Gracious (Allāh)?”

46. And indeed We did send Mūsā (Moses) with Our Ayāt (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) to Fir‘aun (Pharaoh) and his chiefs (inviting them to Allāh’s religion of Islām) He said: “Verily, I am a Messenger of the Lord of the ‘Ālamin (mankind, jinn and all that exists).”

47. But when he came to them with Our Ayāt (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations) behold, they laughed at them.

48. And not an Ayāh (sign, etc.) We showed them but it was greater than its fellow, and We seized them with torment, in order that they might turn [from their polytheism to Allāh’s religion (Islāmic Monotheism)].

49. And they said [to Mūsā (Moses)]: “O you sorcerer! Invoke your Lord for us according to what He has covenanted with you. Verily, We shall guide ourselves (aright).”
50. But when We removed the torment from them, behold, they broke their covenant (that they will believe if We remove the torment from them).

51. And Fir‘aun (Pharaoh) proclaimed among his people (saying): “O my people! Is not mine the dominion of Egypt, and these rivers flowing underneath me. See you not then?

52. “Am I not better than this one [Mūsâ (Moses)] who is despicable and can scarcely express himself clearly?

53. “Why then are not golden bracelets bestowed on him, or angels sent along with him?”

54. Thus he [Fir‘aun (Pharaoh)] befooled (and misled) his people, and they obeyed him. Verily, they were ever a people who were Fāsiqūn (rebellious, disobedient to Allâh).

55. So when they angered Us, We punished them, and drowned them all.

56. And We made them a precedent (as a lesson for those coming after them), and an example to later generations.

57. And when the son of Maryam (Mary) is quoted as an example [i.e. ‘Īsâ (Jesus) is worshipped like their idols], behold, your people cry aloud (laugh out at the example).

58. And say: “Are our ālihah (gods) better or is he [‘Īsâ (Jesus)]?” They quoted not the above example except for argument. Nay! But they are a quarrelsome people. (See V. 21:98-101)

59. He [‘Īsâ (Jesus)] was not more than a slave. We granted Our Favour to him, and We made him an example for the Children of Israel (i.e. his creation without a father).

60. And if it were Our Will, We would have [destroyed you (mankind) all, and] made
angels to replace you on the earth. [Tafsir Al-Tabarî].

61. And he ['Īsâ (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary)] shall be a known sign for (the coming of) the Hour (Day of Resurrection) [i.e. 'Īsâ's (Jesus) descent on the earth].

Therefore have no doubt concerning it (i.e. the Day of Resurrection). And follow Me (Allâh) (i.e. be obedient to Allâh and do what He orders you to do, O mankind)! This is the Straight Path (of Islâmic Monotheism, leading to Allâh and to His Paradise).

62. And let not Shaitân (Satan) hinder you (from the right religion, i.e. Islâmic Monotheism). Verily, he (Satan) to you is a plain enemy.

63. And when 'Īsâ (Jesus) came with (Our) clear Proofs, he said: "I have come to you with Al-Hikmah (Prophethood), and in order to make clear to you some of the (points) in which you differ. Therefore fear Allâh and obey me.

64. "Verily, Allâh! He is my Lord (God) and your Lord (God). So worship Him (Alone). This is the (only) Straight Path (i.e. Allâh's religion of true Islâmic Monotheism)."

65. But the sects from among themselves differed. So woe to those who do wrong [by ascribing things to 'Īsâ (Jesus) that are not true] from the torment of a painful Day (i.e. the Day of Resurrection)!

66. Do they only wait for the Hour that it shall come upon them suddenly while they perceive not?

67. Friends on that Day will be foes one to another except Al-Muttaqûn (the pious. See V.2:2).

68. (It will be said to the true believers of Islamic Monotheism): My worshippers! No fear shall be on you this Day, nor shall you grieve,

69. (You) who believed in Our Ayāt (proofs, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) and were Muslims (i.e. who submit totally to Allāh’s Will, and believe in the Oneness of Allāh — Islamic Monotheism).

70. Enter Paradise, you and your wives, in happiness.

71. Trays of gold and cups will be passed round them; (there will be) therein all that inner-selves could desire, and all that eyes could delight in and you will abide therein forever.

72. This is the Paradise which you have been made to inherit because of your deeds which you used to do (in the life of the world).

73. Therein for you will be fruits in plenty, of which you will eat (as you desire).

74. Verily, the Mujrimūn (criminals, sinners, disbelievers) will be in the torment of Hell to abide therein forever.

75. (The torment) will not be lightened for them, and they will be plunged into destruction with deep regrets, sorrows and in despair therein.

76. We wronged them not, but they were the Zālimūn (polytheists, wrong-doers).

77. And they will cry: “O Malik (Keeper of Hell)! Let your Lord make an end of us.” He will say: “Verily, you shall abide forever.”

78. Indeed We have brought the truth (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم with the Qur’ān) to
79. Or have they plotted some plan? Then We too are planning.

80. Or do they think that We hear not their secrets and their private counsel? (Yes We do) and Our messengers (appointed angels in charge of mankind) are by them, to record.

81. Say (O Muhammad صلی الله علیه و سلم): “If the Most Gracious (اللَّهُ) had a son (or children as you pretend), then I am the first of Allah’s worshippers [who deny and refute this claim of yours (and the first to believe in Allah Alone and testify that He has no children)].” [Tafsir At-Tabari].

82. Glorified be the Lord of the heavens and the earth, the Lord of the Throne! Exalted be He from all that they ascribe (to Him).

83. So leave them (alone) to speak nonsense and play until they meet the Day of theirs which they have been promised.

84. It is He (اللَّهُ) Who is the only Ilah (God to be worshipped) in the heaven and the only Ilah (God to be worshipped) on the earth. And He is the All-Wise, the All-Knower.

85. And Blessed be He to Whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth, and all that is between them, and with Whom is the knowledge of the Hour, and to Whom you (all) will be returned.

86. And those whom they invoke instead of Him have no power of intercession — except for those who bear witness to the truth knowingly (i.e. believed in the Oneness of Allah, and obeyed His Orders), and they

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[1] (V.43:78) See the footnote of (V.41:46).
know (the facts about the Oneness of Allâh).\\textsuperscript{[1]}

87. And if you ask them who created them, they will surely say: “Allâh.” How then are they turned away (from the worship of Allâh, Who created them)?

88. (And Allâh has the knowledge) of (Prophet Muhammad’s) saying: “O my Lord! Verily, these are a people who believe not!”

89. So turn away from them (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم), and say: Salâm (peace)! But they will come to know.\\textsuperscript{[2]}

\textit{Sûrat Ad-Dûkhân}
(The Smoke) XLIV.

\textit{In the Name of Allâh}
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

1. Hâ.-Mîm.

[These letters are one of the miracles of the Qur’ân and none but Allâh (Alone) knows their meanings].

2. By the manifest Book (this Qur’ân) that makes things clear.

3. We sent it (this Qur’ân) down on a blessed night [(i.e. the night of Al-Qadr, \textit{Sûrah} No. 97) in the month of Ramadân — the 9th month of the Islâmîc calendar]. Verily, We are ever warning [mankind that Our Torment will reach those who disbelieve in Our Oneness of Lordship and in Our Oneness of worship].

4. Therein (that night) is decreed every matter of ordainments.\\textsuperscript{[3]}

\\textsuperscript{[1]} (V.43:86) See the footnote of (V.2:165).
\\textsuperscript{[2]} (V.43:89) The provision of this Verse was abrogated by the revelation of the Verse of fighting against them (V.9:5).
\\textsuperscript{[3]} (V.44:4) i.e. the matters of deaths, births, provisions, calamities, etc. for the whole (coming) year as decreed by Allâh.
5. As a Command (or this Qur’an or the Decree of every matter) from Us. Verily, We are ever sending (the Messengers),

6. (As) a Mercy from your Lord. Verily, He is the All-Hearer, the All-Knower.

7. The Lord of the heavens and the earth and all that is between them, if you (but) have a faith with certainty.

8. *Lā ilāha illā Huwa* (none has the right to be worshipped but He). It is He Who gives life and causes death — your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers.

9. Nay! They play about in doubt.

10. Then wait you for the Day when the sky will bring forth a visible smoke,

11. Covering the people: this is a painful torment.

12. (They will say): “Our Lord! Remove the torment from us, really we shall become believers!”

13. How can there be for them an admonition (at the time when the torment has reached them), when a Messenger explaining things clearly has already come to them.

14. Then they had turned away from him (Messenger Muhammad ﷺ) and said: (He is) one taught (by a human being), a madman!”

15. Verily, We shall remove the torment for a while. Verily you will revert (to disbelief).

16. On the Day when We shall seize you with the greatest seizure (punishment). Verily, We will exact retribution.

17. And indeed We tried before them Fir‘aun’s (Pharaoh) people, when there came
to them a noble Messenger [i.e. Mūsā (Moses), عليه السلام],

18. Saying: "Deliver to me the slaves of Allāh (i.e. the Children of Israel). Verily, I am to you a Messenger worthy of all trust.

19. "And exalt not yourselves against Allāh. Truly, I have come to you with a manifest authority.

20. "And truly, I seek refuge with my Lord and your Lord, lest you should stone me (or call me a sorcerer or kill me).

21. "But if you believe me not, then keep away from me and leave me alone."

22. (But they were aggressive), so he [Mūsā (Moses)] called upon his Lord (saying): "These are indeed the people who are Mujrimūn (disbelievers, polytheists, sinners, criminals)."

23. (Allāh said): "Depart you with My slaves by night. Surely, you will be pursued.

24. "And leave the sea as it is (quiet and divided). Verily, they are a host to be drowned."

25. How many of gardens and springs that they [Fir‘aun’s (Pharaoh) people] left behind,

26. And green crops (fields) and goodly places,

27. And comforts of life wherein they used to take delight!

28. Thus (it was)! And We made other people inherit them (i.e. We made the Children of Israel to inherit the kingdom of Egypt).
29. And the heavens and the earth wept not for them, nor were they given a respite.

30. And indeed We saved the Children of Israel from the humiliating torment:

31. From Fir‘aun (Pharaoh); verily he was arrogant and was of the Musrifūn (those who transgress beyond bound in spending and other things and commit great sins).

32. And We chose them (the Children of Israel) above the ‘Alāmin (mankind and jinn) [during the time of Mūsā (Moses)] with knowledge,

33. And granted them signs in which there was a plain trial.

34. Verily, these (Quraish) people are saying:

35. “There is nothing but our first death, and we shall not be resurrected.

36. “Then bring back our forefathers, if you speak the truth!”

37. Are they better or the people of Tubba‘ and those before them? We destroyed them because they were indeed Mujrimūn (disbelievers, polytheists, sinners, criminals).

38. And We created not the heavens and the earth, and all that is between them, for mere play.

39. We created them not except with truth (i.e. to examine and test those who are obedient and those who are disobedient and then reward the obedient ones and punish the disobedient ones), but most of them know not.

[1] (V.44:29) Narrated Ibn Jarīr At-Tabari: Ibn ‘Abbās ṭabn said, “When a believer dies, the place of earth on which he used to prostrate himself in his Salāt (prayer), and the gate in the heaven through which his good deeds used to ascend, weep for him (or her), while they do not weep for the disbeliever.” [Tafsīr Al-Tabari].
40. Verily, the Day of Judgement (when Allâh will judge between the creatures) is the time appointed for all of them —

41. The Day when a Maulâ (a near relative) cannot avail a Maulâ (a near relative) in aught, and no help can they receive,

42. Except him on whom Allâh has Mercy. Verily, He is the All-Mighty, the Most Merciful.

43. Verily, the tree of Zaqqûm

44. Will be the food of the sinners.

45. Like boiling oil, it will boil in the bellies,

46. Like the boiling of scalding water.

47. (It will be said) “Seize him and drag him into the midst of blazing Fire,

48. “Then pour over his head the torment of boiling water.

49. “Taste you (this)! Verily, you were (pretending to be) the mighty, the generous!

50. “Verily, this is that whereof you used to doubt!”

51. Verily, the Muttaqûn (the pious. See V.2:2), will be in place of Security (Paradise).

52. Among Gardens and Springs,

53. Dressed in fine silk and (also) in thick silk, facing each other,

54. So (it will be). And We shall marry them to Hûr[1] (fair females) with wide, lovely eyes.

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[1] (V.44:54) Hûr: Very fair females created by Allah as such, not from the offspring of Adam عليه السلام, with intense black irises of their eyes and intense white scleras. [For details see the book *Hadi Al-Arwâh* by Ibn Al-Qayyim, Chapter 54, Page 147].
55. They will call therein for every kind of fruit in peace and security;

56. They will never taste death therein except the first death (of this world), and He will save them from the torment of the blazing Fire,

57. As a Bounty from your Lord! That will be the supreme success!

58. Certainly, We have made this (Qur’án) easy in your tongue, in order that they may remember.

59. Wait then (O Muhammad ﷺ); verily, they (too) are waiting.

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**Sūrat Al-Jāthiyah (The Kneeling) (XLV)**

*In the Name of Allāh the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.*

1. **Hā-Mim.**

[These letters are one of the miracles of the Qur’ān and none but Allāh ( Alone) knows their meanings].

2. The revelation of the Book (this Qur’ān) is from Allāh, the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

3. Verily, in the heavens and the earth are signs for the believers.

4. And in your creation, and what He scattered (through the earth) of moving (living) creatures are signs for people who have Faith with certainty.

5. And in the alternation of night and day, and the provision (rain) that Allāh sends down from the sky, and revives therewith the earth after its death, and in the turning about of the winds (i.e. sometimes towards the east or north, and sometimes towards the south or west sometimes bringing glad tidings of rain
etc., and sometimes bringing the torment), are signs for a people who understand.

6. These are the Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, revelations, etc.) of Allâh, which We recite to you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) with truth. Then in which speech after Allâh and His Ayât will they believe?

7. Woe to every sinful liar

8. Who hears the Verses of Allâh (being) recited to him, yet persists with pride as if he heard them not. So announce to him a painful torment!

9. And when he learns something of Our Verses (this Qur'ân), he makes them a jest. For such there will be a humiliating torment.

10. In front of them there is Hell. And that which they have earned will be of no profit to them, nor (will be of any profit to them) those whom they have taken as Auliyyâ' (protectors, helpers) besides Allâh. And theirs will be a great torment.

11. This (Qur'ân) is a guidance. And those who disbelieve in the Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations) of their Lord, for them there is a painful torment of Rijz (a severe kind of punishment).

12. Allâh, it is He Who has subjected to you the sea, that ships may sail through it by His Command, and that you may seek of His Bounty, and that you may be thankful.

13. And has subjected to you all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth; it is all as a favour and kindness from Him. Verily, in it are signs for a people who think deeply.

14. Say (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) to the believers to forgive those who (harm them and) hope not for the Days of Allâh (i.e. His Recompense), that He may recompense people, according to what they have earned
(i.e. to punish these disbelievers who harm the believers).\[1\]

15. Whosoever does a good deed, it is for his ownself, and whosoever does evil, it is against (his ownself). Then to your Lord you will be made to return.

16. And indeed We gave the Children of Israel the Scripture, and the understanding of the Scripture and its laws, and the Prophethood; and provided them with good things, and preferred them above the 'Ālamīn (mankind and jinn of their time, during that period),

17. And gave them clear proofs in matters [by revealing to them the Taurāt (Torah)]. And they differed not until after the knowledge came to them, through envy among themselves. Verily, Your Lord will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection about that wherein they used to differ.

18. Then We have put you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) on a (plain) way of (Our) commandment [like the one which We commanded Our Messengers before you (i.e. legal ways and laws of the Islāmic Monotheism)]. So follow you that (Islāmic Monotheism and its laws), and follow not the desires of those who know not. (Tafsîr At-Tabârî)

19. Verily, they can avail you nothing against Allah (if He wants to punish you). Verily, the Zālimûn (polytheists, wrong-doers) are Auliya' (protectors, helpers) of one another, but Allah is the Wâli (Helper, Protector) of the Muttaqûn (the pious. See V.2:2).

\[1\] (V.45:14) The provision of this Verse was abrogated by the Verse of Jihâd (holy fighting) (V.9:36) against the polytheists.
20. This (Qur’ân) is a clear insight and evidence for mankind, and a guidance and a mercy for people who have Faith with certainty.\[^{[1]}\]

21. Or do those who earn evil deeds think that We shall hold them equal with those who believe (in the Oneness of Allâh — Islâmic Monotheism) and do righteous good deeds, in their present life and after their death? Worst is the judgement that they make.

22. And Allâh has created the heavens and the earth with truth, in order that each person may be recompensed what he has earned, and they will not be wronged.\[^{[2]}\]

23. Have you seen him who takes his own lust (vain desires) as his îlâh (god)? And Allâh knowing (him as such), left him astray, and sealed his hearing and his heart, and put a cover on his sight. Who then will guide him after Allâh? Will you not then remember?

24. And they say: "There is nothing but our life of this world, we die and we live and nothing destroys us except Ad-Dahr (time)."\[^{[3]}\] And they have no knowledge of it: they only conjecture.

25. And when Our Clear Verses are recited to them, their argument is no other than that they say: "Bring back our (dead) fathers, if you are truthful!"

\[^{[1]}\] (V.45:20)
\[^{[2]}\] (V.45:22) See the footnote of (V.15:23).
\[^{[3]}\] (V.45:24) Narrated Abu Hurairah: Rûûdî, Allâh’s Messenger ﷺ said: "Allah said, 'The son of Adam annoys Me for he abuses Ad-Dahr (Time) though I am Ad-Dahr (Time): in My Hands are all things, and I cause the revolution of day and night.' " (Sahîh Al-Bukhari, Vol.6, Hadith No.351).

* 'I am Ad-Dahr’ means ‘I am the Creator of Time, and I manage the affairs of all creation including Time.’ One should not attribute anything whether cheerful or disastrous to Time, for everything is in the Hands of Allah and only He is the Disposer of everything.
26. Say (to them): “Allah gives you life, then causes you to die, then He will assemble you on the Day of Resurrection about which there is no doubt. But most of mankind know not.”

27. And to Allah belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth. And on the Day that the Hour will be established — on that Day the followers of falsehood (polytheists, disbelievers, worshippers of false deities) shall lose (everything).

28. And you will see each nation humbled to their knees (kneeling): each nation will be called to its Record (of deeds). This Day you shall be recompensed for what you used to do.

29. This Our Record speaks about you with truth. Verily, We were recording what you used to do (i.e. Our angels used to record your deeds).

30. Then, as for those who believed (in the Oneness of Allah — Islamic Monotheism) and did righteous good deeds, their Lord will admit them to His Mercy. That will be the evident success.

31. But as for those who disbelieved (it will be said to them): “Were not Our Verses recited to you? But you were proud, and you were a people who were Mujrimun (polytheists, disbelievers, sinners, criminals).”

32. And when it was said: “Verily, Allah’s Promise is the truth, and there is no doubt about the coming of the Hour,” you said: “We know not what is the Hour: we do not think it but as a conjecture, and we have no firm convincing belief (therein).”

33. And the evil of what they did will appear to them, and that which they used to mock at will completely encircle them.
34. And it will be said: “This Day We will forget you as you forgot the Meeting of this Day of yours. And your abode is the Fire, and there is none to help you.”

35. This, because you took the revelations of Allâh (this Qur’ân) in mockery, and the life of the world deceived you. So this Day, they shall not be taken out from there (Hell), nor shall they be returned to the worldly life, (so that they repent to Allâh, and beg His Pardon for their sins).

36. So all the praises and thanks be to Allâh, the Lord of the heavens and the Lord of the earth, and the Lord of the ‘Âlāmin (mankind, jinn and all that exists).

37. And His (Alone) is the Majesty in the heavens and the earth, and He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

[1] (V.45:35)

a) Narrated Anas bin Mâlik رضي الله عنه: Allah’s Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "When carried to his grave, a dead person is followed by three, two of which return (after his burial) and one remains with him: his relatives, his property and his deeds follow him; relatives and his property return back while his deeds remain with him." (Sahih Al-Bukhari, Vol. 8, Hadith No. 521)

b) Narrated Anas رضي الله عنه: The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "The people will be thrown into Hell (Fire) and it will keep on saying, ‘Is there any more?’ till the Lord of the ‘Âlāmin (mankind, jinn and all that exists) puts His Foot over it, whereupon its different sides will come close to each other, and it will say, ‘Qat! Qat! (enough! enough!) By Your ‘Izzat (Honour and Power) and Your Karam (Generosity)!' Paradise will remain spacious enough to accommodate more people until Allâh will create some more people and let them dwell in the superfluous (empty) space of Paradise.” (Sahih Al-Bukhari, Vol. 9, Hadith No. 481).

c) Narrated Ibn ‘Abbâs رضي الله عنه: The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم used to say, “I seek refuge (with You) by Your ‘Izzat (Honour and Power) Lâ ilâha illâ Anta (none has the right to be worshipped but You); Who does not die, while the jinn and the human beings die.” (Sahih Al-Bukhari, Vol. 9, Hadith No. 480).
Sūrat Al-Ahqâf
(The Curved Sand-hills) (XLVI)

In the Name of Allâh
the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

1. Hâ-Mim.

[These letters are one of the miracles of the Qur’ân, and none but Allâh ( Alone) knows their meanings].

2. The revelation of the Book (this Qur’ân) is from Allâh, the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

3. We created not the heavens and the earth and all that is between them except with truth, and for an appointed term. But those who disbelieve turn away from that whereof they are warned.

4. Say (O Muhammad ﷺ to these pagans): “Think you about all that you invoke besides Allâh? Show me. What have they created of the earth? Or have they a share in (the creation of) the heavens? Bring me a Book (revealed before this), or some trace of knowledge (in support of your claims), if you are truthful!”

5. And who is more astray than one who calls on (invokes) besides Allâh, such as will not answer him till the Day of Resurrection, and who are (even) unaware of their calls (invocations) to them?[1]

6. And when mankind are gathered (on the Day of Resurrection), they (false deities) will become their enemies and will deny their worshipping.

7. And when Our Clear Verses are recited to them, the disbelievers say of the truth (this Qur’ân) when it reaches them: “This is plain magic!”

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[1] (V.46:5) See the footnote of (V.2:165).
8. Or say they: “He (Muhammad ﷺ) has fabricated it.” Say: “If I have fabricated it? still you have no power to support me against Allâh. He knows best of what you say among yourselves concerning it (i.e. this Qur’ân)! Sufficient is He as a witness between me and you! And He is the Oft-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.”

9. Say (O Muhammad ﷺ): “I am not a new thing among the Messengers (of Allâh i.e. I am not the first Messenger) nor do I know what will be done with me or with you. I only follow that which is revealed to me, and I am but a plain Warner.”

10. Say: “Tell me! If this (Qur’ân) is from Allâh and you deny it, and a witness from among the Children of Israel (‘Abdullâh bin Salâm رضي الله عنه) testifies that this Qur’ân is from Allâh [like the Taurât (Torah)], and he believed (embraced Islâm) while you are too proud (to believe).” Verily, Allâh guides not the people who are Zâlimûn (polytheists, disbelievers and wrong-doers).

11. And those who disbelieve (the strong and wealthy) say of those who believe (the weak and poor): “Had it (Islâmic Monotheism to which Muhammad ﷺ is inviting mankind) been a good thing, they (the weak and poor) would not have preceded us thereto!” And when they have not let themselves be guided by it (this Qur’ân), they say: “This is an ancient lie!”

12. And before this was the Scripture of Mûsâ (Moses) as a guide and a mercy. And this is a confirming Book (the Qur’ân) in the Arabic language, to warn those who do wrong, and as glad tidings to the Muhsinûn (good-doers. See the footnote of V.9:120).

13. Verily, those who say: “Our Lord is (only) Allâh,” and thereafter stand firm and

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straight on the Islamic Faith of Monotheism, on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve.

14. Such shall be the dwellers of Paradise, abiding therein (forever) — a reward for what they used to do.

15. And We have enjoined on man to be dutiful and kind to his parents. His mother bears him with hardship. And she brings him forth with hardship, and the bearing of him, and the weaning of him is thirty months, till when he attains full strength and reaches forty years, he says: "My Lord! Grant me the power and ability that I may be grateful for Your Favour which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents, and that I may do righteous good deeds, such as please You, and make my offspring good. Truly, I have turned to You in repentance, and truly, I am one of the Muslims (submitting to Your Will)."

16. They are those from whom We shall accept the best of their deeds and overlook their evil deeds. (They shall be) among the dwellers of Paradise — a promise of truth, which they have been promised.

17. But he who says to his parents: "Fie upon you both! Do you hold out the promise to me that I shall be raised up (again) when generations before me have passed away (without rising)?" While they (father and mother) invoke Allâh for help (and rebuke their son): "Woe to you! Believe! Verily, the Promise of Allâh is true." But he says: "This is nothing but the tales of the ancient."

18. They are those against whom the Word (of torment) is justified among the previous generations of jinn and mankind that

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[V.46:13]: stand firm on the Islamic Monotheism i.e. by abstaining from all kinds of sins and evil deeds which Allâh has forbidden and by performing all kinds of good deeds which He has ordained. [See the footnote of (v. 41:30)].
have passed away. Verily, they are ever the losers.

19. And for all, there will be degrees according to that which they did, that He (Allâh) may recompense them in full for their deeds. And they will not be wronged.

20. On the Day when those who disbelieve (in the Oneness of Allâh — Islâmic Monotheism) will be exposed to the Fire (it will be said): “You received your good things in the life of the world, and you took your pleasure therein. Now this Day you shall be recompensed with a torment of humiliation, because you were arrogant in the land without a right, and because you used to rebel against Allâh’s Command (disobey Allâh).

21. And remember (Hûd) the brother of ‘Âd, when he warned his people in Al-Ahqâf (the curved sand-hills in the southern part of Arabian Peninsula). And surely, there have passed away warners before him and after him (saying): “Worship none but Allâh; truly, I fear for you the torment of a mighty Day (i.e. the Day of Resurrection).”

22. They said: “Have you come to turn us away from our ‘âlihah (gods)? Then bring us that with which you threaten us, if you are one of the truthful!”

23. He said: “The knowledge (of the time of its coming) is with Allâh only. And I convey to you that wherewith I have been sent, but I see that you are a people given to ignorance!

24. Then, when they saw it as a dense cloud coming towards their valleys, they said: “This is a cloud bringing us rain!” Nay, but it is that (torment) which you were asking to be hastened — a wind wherein is a painful torment!

25. Destroying everything by the Command of its Lord! So they became such that nothing could be seen except their
dwellings! Thus do We recompense the people who are Mujrimûn (polytheists, disbelievers, sinners)!

26. And indeed We had firmly established them with that wherewith We have not established you (O Quraish)! And We had assigned them the (faculties of) hearing (ears), seeing (eyes), and hearts; but their hearing (ears), seeing (eyes), and their hearts availed them nothing since they used to deny the Ayât (Allâh’s Prophets and their Prophethood, proofs, evidences, verses, signs, revelations) of Allâh, and they were completely encircled by that which they used to mock at!

27. And indeed We have destroyed towns (populations) round about you, and We have (repeatedly) shown (them) the Ayât (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.) in various ways that they might return (to the truth and believe in the Oneness of Allâh — Islamic Monotheism).

28. Then why did those whom they had taken for âliyah (gods) besides Allâh, as a way of approach (to Allâh) not help them? Nay, but they vanished completely from them (when there came the torment). And that was their lie, and their inventions which they had been inventing (before their destruction).

29. And (remember) when We sent towards you (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) a group (three to ten persons) of the jinn, (quietly) listening to the Qur’ân. When they stood in the presence thereof, they said: “Listen in silence!” And when it was finished, they returned to their people, as warners.

30. They said: “O our people! Verily, we have heard a Book (this Qur’ân) sent down after Mûsâ (Moses), confirming what came before it: it guides to the truth and to the Straight Path (i.e. Islâm).

31. O our people! Respond (with obedience) to Allâh’s Caller (i.e. Allâh’s
Messenger Muhammad (peace be upon him), and believe in him (i.e. believe in that which Muhammad has brought from Allâh and follow him). He (Allâh) will forgive you of your sins, and will save you from a painful torment (i.e. Hell-fire)\(^1\)

32. And whosoever does not respond to Allâh’s Caller, he cannot escape on earth, and there will be no Auliyyâ’ (lords, helpers, supporters, protectors) for him besides Allâh (from Allâh’s punishment). Those are in manifest error.

33. Do they not see that Allâh, Who created the heavens and the earth, and was not wearied by their creation, is Able to give life to the dead? Yes, He surely is Able to do all things.

34. And on the Day when those who disbelieve will be exposed to the Fire (it will be said to them): “Is this not the truth?” They will say: “Yes, By our Lord!” He will say: “Then taste the torment, because you used to disbelieve!”

35. Therefore be patient (O Muhammad) as did the Messengers of strong will\(^2\) and be in no haste about them (disbelievers). On the Day when they will see that (torment) with which they are promised (i.e. threatened, it will be) as if they had not stayed more than an hour in a single day. (O mankind! this Qur’ân is sufficient as) a clear Message (or proclamation to save yourself from destruction). But shall any be destroyed except the people who are Al-Fâsiqûn (the rebellious against Allâh’s Command, the disobedient to Allâh)?

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\(^1\) (V.46:31) See the footnote of (V.3:85).
\(^2\) (V.46:35) There are many Prophets and Messengers of Allâh, about twenty-five of them are mentioned in the Qur’ân; out of these twenty-five, only five are of strong will: namely, Muhammad, Nûh (Noah), Ibrâhîm (Abraham), Mûsâ (Moses) and I’sâ (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary).