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FOREWORD

After establishing the Jewish state of Israel in 90% majority Muslim Palestine in 1948 and especially after the destruction of trade towers in New York on 11.9.2001, the western powers, under the leadership of USA, are waging both physical and propaganda war against Islam and the Muslim countries. Muslim countries presently are unable to defend themselves militarily but I am sure not only they can defend themselves in propaganda war (especially through the pen) but can also win this war resulting in final conversion of Christians and Jews to Islam.

In this connection, I studied the Old Testament (in which both Christians and Jews have firm belief) during the last few months and was stunned to note that they have incorporated such abominable material in the Old Testament about holy prophets that no Muslim can even think of such sacrilege. That is why I have decided to publish such portions from the Old Testament alongwith portions of the Holy Quran to show in what esteem the Muslims hold the prophets of the Old Testament and Jesus Christ and his mother Mary against the despicable treatment given to these prophets in the Old Testament.

Now it is upto the Christians and the Jews to decide whether they or the Muslims are on the right path.

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GENESIS 12

Abram and Sarai in Egypt

10. Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to reside there as an alien, for the famine was severe in the land.
11. When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know well that you are a woman beautiful in appearance;
12. and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife'; then they will kill me, but they will let you live.
13. Say you are my sister, so that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared on your account."
14. When Abram entered Egypt the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful.
15. When the officials of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.
16. And for her sake he dealt well with Abram; and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male and female slaves, female donkeys, and camels.
17. But the LORD afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.
18. So Pharaoh called Abram, and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife.
19. Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife, take her, and be gone."
20. And Pharaoh gave his men orders concerning him; and they set him on the way, with his wife and all that he had.

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GENESIS 19

The Shameful Origin of Moab and Ammon

30. Now Lot went up out of Zo'ar and settled in the hills with his two daughters, for he was afraid to stay in Zo'ar; so he lived in a cave with his two daughters.
31. And the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is not a man on earth to come in to us after the manner of all the world.
32. Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, so that we may preserve offspring through our father."
33. So they made their father drink wine that night; and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; he did not know when she lay down or when she rose.
34. On the next day, the firstborn said to the younger, "Look, I lay last night with my father; let us make him drink wine tonight also; then you go in and lie with him, so that we may preserve offspring through our father,"
35. So, they made their father drink wine that night also; and the younger rose, and lay with him; and he did not know when she lay down or when she rose.
36. Thus both the daughters of Lot became pregnant by their father.
37. The firstborn bore a son, and named him Mo'ab; he is the ancestor of the Mo'ab-ites to this day.
38. The younger also bore a son and named him Ben-am'mi; he is the ancestor of the Am'mon-ites to this day.
GENESIS 34

The Rape of Dinah

1. Now Di'nah the daughter of Leah whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to visit the women of the region.
2. When She'chem son of Ha'mor the Hi'vite, prince of the region, saw her, he seized her and lay with her by force.
3. And his soul was drawn to Di'nah daughter of Jacob; he loved the girl, and spoke tenderly to her.
4. So She'chem spoke to his father Ha'mor, saying, "Get me this girl to be my wife."
5. Now Jacob heard that She'chem had defiled his daughter Di'nah; but his sons were with his cattle in the field. So Jacob held his peace until they came.
6. And Ha'mor the father of She'chem went out to Jacob to speak with him.
7. Just as the sons of Jacob came in from the field. When they heard of it, the men were indignant and very angry, because he had committed an outrage in Israel by lying with Jacob's daughter, for such a thing ought not to be done.
8. But Ha'mor spoke with them saying, "The heart of my son She'chem longs for your daughter; please give her to him in marriage.
9. Make marriage with us; give your daughters to us; and take our daughters for yourselves.
10. You shall live with us; and the land shall be open to you; live and trade in it, and get property in it."
11. She'chem also said to her father and to her brothers, "Let me find favour with you, and whatever you say to me I will give.
12. Put the marriage present and gift as high as you like, and I will give whatever you ask me; only give me the girl to be my
wife."

13. The sons of Jacob answered She'chem and his father Ha'mor deceitfully, because he had defiled their sister Di'nah.

14. They said to them, "We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one who is uncircumcised, for that would be a disgrace to us.

15. Only on this condition will we consent to you; that you will become as we are and every male among you be circumcised.

16. Then we will give our daughter to you, and we will take your daughters for ourselves, and we will live among you and become one people.

17. But if you will not listen to us and be circumcised, then we will take our daughter and be gone."

18. Their words pleased Ha'mor and Ha'mor's son She'chem.

19. And the young man did not delay to do the thing, because he was delighted with Jacob's daughter. Now he was the most honoured of all his family.

20. So Ha'mor and his son She'chem came to the gate of their city and spoke to the men of their city, saying,

21. "These people are friendly with us; let them live in the land and trade in it, for the land is large enough for them; let us take their daughters in marriage, and let us give them our daughters.

22. Only on this condition will they agree to live among us, to become one people: that every male among us be circumcised as they are circumcised.

23. Will not their livestock, their property, and all their animals be ours? Only let us agree with them, and they will live among us."

24. And all who went out of the city gate heeded Ha'mor and his son She'chem; and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.

25. On the third day, when they were still in pain, two of the sons of Jacob, Sim'e-on and Levi, Di'nah's brothers, took their swords and came against the city unawares, and killed all the males.
26. They killed Ha'mor and his son She'chem with the sword, and took Di'nah out of She'chem's house, and went away.

27. And the other sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and plundered the city, because their sister had been defiled.

28. They took their flocks and their herds, their donkeys, and whatever was in the city and in the field.

29. All their wealth, all their little ones and their wives, all that was in the houses, they captured and made their prey.

30. Then Jacob said to Sim'e-on and Levi, "You have brought trouble on me by making me odious to the inhabitants of the land, the Ca'naan-ites and the Per'iz-zites; my numbers are few, and if they gather themselves against me and attack me, I shall be destroyed, both I and my household".

31. But they said, "Should our sister be treated like a whore?"
GENESIS 38

Judah and Tamar

1. It happened at that time that Judah went down from his brothers and settled near a certain Adul'lam-ite whose name was Hir'ah.
2. There Judah saw the daughter of a certain Ca'naan-ite whose name was Shu'a; he married her and went in to her.
3. She conceived and bore a son; and he named him Er.
4. Again she conceived and bore a son whom she named O'nan.
5. Yet again she bore a son, and she named him She'lah. She was in Che'zib when she bore him.
6. Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn her name was Ta'mar.
7. But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD put him to death.
8. Then Judah said to O'nan, "Go in to your brother's wife and perform the duty of a brother-in-law to her; raise up offspring for your brother."
9. But since O'nan knew that the offspring would not be his, he spilled his semen on the ground whenever he went into his brother's wife, so that he would not give offspring to his brother.
10. What he did was displeasing in the sight of the LORD, and he put him to death also.
11. Then Judah said to his daughter-in-law Ta'mar, "Remain a widow in your father's house until my son She'lah grows up"for he feared that he too would die, like his brothers. So Ta'mar went to live in her father's house.
12. In course of time the wife of Judah, Shu'a's daughter, died; when Judah's time of mourning was over, he went up to Tim'nah to his sheepshearers, he and his friend Hi'rah the
Adul'lam-ite.

13. When Ta'mar was told, "Your father-in-law is going up to Tim'nah to shear his sheep,"

14. She put off her widow's garments, put on a veil, wrapped herself up, and sat down at the entrance to Ena'ím, which is on the road to Tim'nah. She saw that She'lah was grown up, yet she had not been given to him in marriage.

15. When Judah saw her, he thought her to be a prostitute, for she had covered her face.

16. He went over to her at the road side, and said, "Come, let me come in to you," for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, "What will you give me, that you may come into me?"

17. He answered, "I will send you a kid from the flock." And she said, "Only if you give me a pledge, until you send it."

18. He said, "What pledge shall I give you?" She replied, "Your signet and your cord, and the staff that is in your hand." So he gave them to her, and went in to her, and she conceived by him.

19. Then she got up and went away, and taking off her veil she put on the garments of her widowhood.

20. When Judah sent the kid by his friend the Adul'lam-ite, to recover the pledge from the woman, he could not find her.

21. He asked the townspeople, "Where is the temple prostitute who was at Ena'ím by the wayside?" But they said, "No prostitute has been here."

22. So he returned to Judah, and said, "I have not found her; moreover the townspeople said, 'No prostitute has been here.'"

23. Judah replied, "Let her keep the things as her own, otherwise we will be laughed at; you see, I sent this kid, and you could not find her."

24. About three months later Judah was told, "Your daughter-in-law Ta'mar has played the whore; moreover she is pregnant as a result of whoredom." And Judah said, "Bring her out, and let her be burned."

25. As she was being brought out, she sent word to her
father-in-law, "It was the owner of these who made me pregnant." And she said, "Take note, please, whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff."

26. Then Judah acknowledged them and said, "She is more in the right than I, since I did not give her to my son She'lah." And he did not lie with her again.
NUMBERS 21

King Og Defeated

33. Then they turned and went up the road to Ba'shan; and King Og of Ba'shan came out against them, he and all his people, to battle at Ed'rei.

34. But the LORD said to Moses, "Do not be afraid of him; for I have given him into your hand, with all his people, and all his land. You shall do to him as you did to King Si'hon of the Am'o-rites, who ruled in Hesh'bon.

35. So they killed him, his sons, and all his people, until there was no survivor left; and they took possession of his land.

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NUMBERS 31

War against Midian

1. The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
2. Avenge the Israelites on the Midia-an-ites; afterward you shall be gathered to your people."
3. So Moses said to the people, "Arm some of your number for the war, so that they may go against Mid'i-an, to execute the LORD'S vengeance on Mid'i-an.
4. You shall send a thousand from each of the tribes of Israel to the war."
5. So out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand from each tribe were conscripted twelve thousand armed for battle.
6. Moses sent them to the war, a thousand from each tribe, alongwith Phin-e-has son of El-e-a'zar the priest, with the vessels of the sanctuary and the trumpets for sounding the alarm in his hand.
7. They did battle against Mid-i-an, as the LORD had commanded Moses, and killed every male.
8. They killed the kings of Midi-an: E'vi, Rekem, Zur, Hur and Re'ba, the five kings of Midi-an, in addition to others who were slain by them; and they also killed Ba'laam son of Be'or with the sword.
9. The Israelites took the women of Midi-an and then little ones captive; and they took all their cattle, their flocks, and all their goods as booty.
10. All their towns where they had settled, and all their encampments, they burned.
11. But they took all the spoil and all the booty, both people and animals.
12. Then they brought the captives and the booty and the spoil to
Moses, to El-e-a'zar the priest, and to the congregation of the Israelites, at the camp on the plains of Mo'ab by the Jordan at Jericho.

13. Moses, El-e-a'zar the priest, and all the leaders of the congregation went to meet them outside the camp.

14. Moses became angry with the officers of the army, the commanders of thousands and the commanders of hundreds, who had come from service in the war.

15. Moses said to them, "Have you allowed all the women to live?"

16. These women here, on Ba'laam's advice, made the Israelites act treacherously against the LORD in the affairs of Pe'or, so that the plague came among the congregation of the LORD.

17. Now therefore, kill every male among the little ones and kill every woman who has known a man by sleeping with him.

18. But all the young girls who have not known a man by sleeping with him, keep alive for yourselves.

19. Camp outside the camp seven days; whoever of you has killed any person or touched a corpse, purify yourselves and your captive on the third and on the seventh day.

20. You shall purify every garment, every article of skin, everything made of goats hair, and every article of wood.

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DEUTERONOMY 2

Defeat of King Sihon

26. So I sent messengers from the wilderness of Ked'e-moth to King Si'hon of Hesh'bon with the following terms of peace:
27. "If you let me pass through your land, I will turn aside neither to the right nor to the left.
28. You shall sell me food for money, so that I may eat, and supply me water for money, so that I may drink. Only allow me to pass through on foot.
29. Just as the descendant of Esau who live in Se'ir have done for me and likewise the Moab-ites who live in Ar - until I cross the Jordan into the land that the LORD our God is giving us."
30. But King Si'hon of Hesh'bon was not willing to let us pass through, for the LORD your God had hardened his spirit and made his heart defiant in order to hand him over to you, as he has now done.
31. The LORD said to me, "See, I have begun to give Si'hon and his land over to you. Begin now to take possession of his land."
32. So when Si'hon came out against us, he and all his people for battle at Ja'haz.
33. The LORD our God gave him over to us; and we struck him down, along with his offspring and all his people.
34. At that time we captured all his towns, and in each town we utterly destroyed men, women, and children. We let not a single survivor.
35. Only the livestock we kept as spoil for ourselves, as well as the plunder of the towns that we had captured.
36. From Aro'er on the edge of the Wadi Ar'on (including the town that is in the wadi itself) as far as Gilead, there was no
citadel too high for us. The LORD our God gave everything to us.

37. You did not encroach, however, on the land of the Arm'mon-ites, avoiding the whole upper region of the Wadi Jab'book as well as the towns of the hill country, just as the LORD our God had charged.

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Deuteronomy 3

Defeat of King Og

1. When we headed up the road to Ba'shan, King Og of Ba'shan came out against us, he and all his people, for battle at Ed're-i.
2. The LORD said to me, "Do not fear him, for I have handed him over to you, along with his people and his land. Do to him as you did to King Si'hon of the Am'o-rites, who reigned in Hesh'bon."
3. So the LORD our God also handed over to us King Og of Ba'shan and all his people. We struck him down until not a single survivor was left.
4. At that time we captured all his towns; there was no citadel that we did not take from them - sixty towns, the whole region of Ar'gob, the kingdom of Og in Ba'shan.
5. All these were fortress towns with high walls, double gates, and bars, besides a great many villages.
6. And we utterly destroyed them, as we had done to King Si'hon of Hesh'bon, in each city utterly destroying men, women, and children.
7. But all the livestock and the plunder of the towns we kept as spoil for ourselves.

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DEUTERONOMY 5

1. Moses convened all Israel, and said to them: Hear, O Israel, the statutes and ordinances that I am addressing to you today; you shall learn them and observe them diligently.

2. The LORD our God made a covenant with us at Ho'reb.

3. Not with our ancestors did the LORD make this covenant, but with us, who are all of us here alive today.

4. The LORD spoke with you face to face at the mountain, out of the fire.

5. (At that time I was standing between the LORD and you to declare to you the words of the LORD; for you were afraid because of the fire and did not go up the mountain.) And he said:

6. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;

7. You shall have no other gods before me.

8. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

9. You shall not bow down to them or worship them for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and fourth generation of those who reject me,

10. but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

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DEUTERONOMY 12

Pagan Shrines to Be Destroyed

1. These are the statutes and ordinances that you must diligently observe in the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has given you to occupy all the days that you live on the earth.

2. You must demolish completely all the places where the nations whom you are about to dispossess served their gods, on the mountain heights, on the hills and under every leafy tree.

3. Break down their altars, smash their pillars, burn their sacred poles with fire, and hew down the idols of their gods, and thus blot out their names from their places.

4. You shall not worship the LORD your God in such ways.

5. But you shall seek the place that the LORD your God will choose out of all your tribes as his habitation to put his name there. You shall go there,

6. bringing there your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and your donations, your votive gifts, your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and flocks.

7. And you shall eat there in the presence of the LORD your God, you and your households together, rejoicing in all the undertakings in which the LORD your God has blessed you.

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DEUTERONOMY 20

10. When you draw near a town to fight against it, offer it terms of peace.
11. If it accepts your terms of peace and surrenders to you, then all the people in it shall serve you at forced labor.
12. If it does not submit to you peacefully, but makes war against you, then you shall besiege it;
13. and when the LORD your God gives it into your hand, you shall put all its males to the sword.
14. You may, however, take as your booty the women, the children, livestock, and everything else in the town, all its spoils. You may enjoy the spoils of your enemies, which the LORD your God has given you.
15. Thus you shall treat all the towns that are very far from you, which are not towns of the nations here.
16. But as for the towns of these peoples that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance, you must not let anything that breathes remain alive.
17. You shall annihilate them - the Hit'tites and the Am'o-rites, the Ca'naan-ites and the Per'iz-zites, the Hi'vites and the Jeb'u-sites - just as the LORD your God has commanded,
18. so that they may not teach you to do all the abhorrent things that they do for their gods, and you thus sin against the LORD your God.

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JOSHUA 6

JERICHO TAKEN AND DESTROYED

1. Now Jericho was shut up inside and out because of the Israelites; no one came out and no one went in.

2. The LORD said to Joshua, "See, I have handed Jericho over to you, along with its king and soldiers.

3. You shall march around the city, all the warriors circling the city once. Thus you shall do for six days,

4. with seven priests bearing seven trumpets of ram's horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, the priests blowing the trumpets.

5. When they make a long blast with the ram's horn, as soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and all the people shall charge straight ahead."

6. So Joshua son of Nun summoned the priests and said to them. "Take up the ark of the covenant, and have seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark of the LORD."

7. To the people he said, "Go forward and march around the city; have the armed men pass on before the ark of the LORD."

8. As Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD went forward, blowing the trumpets, with the ark of the covenant of the LORD following them.

9. And the armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets; the rear guard came after the ark while the trumpets blew continually.

10. To the people Joshua gave this command: "You shall not shout or let your voice be heard, nor shall you utter a word,
until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout."

11. So the ark of the LORD went around the city, circling it once; and they came into the camp, and spent the night in the camp.

12. Then Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD.

13. The seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD passed on, blowing the trumpets continually. The armed men went before them, and the rear guard came after the ark of the LORD, while the trumpets blew continually.

14. On the second day they marched around the city once and then returned to the camp. They did this for six days.

15. On the seventh day they rose early, at dawn, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times.

16. And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout! For the LORD has given you the city.

17. The city and all that is in it shall be devoted to the LORD for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live because she hid the messengers we sent.

18. As for you, keep away from the things devoted to destruction, so as not to covet and take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel an object for destruction, bringing trouble upon it.

19. But all silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are sacred to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD."

20. So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpets, they raised a great shout, and the wall fell down flat; so the people charged straight ahead into the city and captured it.

21. Then they devoted to destruction by the edge of the sword all in the city, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep and donkeys.
22. Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, "Go into the prostitute's house, and bring the woman out of it and all who belong to her, as you swore to her."

23. So the young men who had been spies went in and brought Rahab out, along with her father, her mother, her brothers, and all who belonged to her - they brought all her kindred out - and set them outside the camp of Israel.

24. They burned down the city, and everything in it; only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

25. But Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, Joshua spared. Her family has lived in Israel ever since. For she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

26. Joshua then pronounced this oath, saying, "Cursed be anyone who tries to build this city - this Jericho! At the cost of his firstborn he shall lay its foundation, and at the cost of his youngest he shall set up its gates!"

27. So the LORD was with Joshua; and his fame was in all the land.

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2 SAMUEL 11

David Commits Adultery with Bathsheba

1. In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Jo'ab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Am'mon-ites, and besieged Rab'hab. But David remained at Jerusalem.

2. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful.

3. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bath-she'ba daughter of E-li'am, the wife of U-ri'ah the Hit'tite."

4. So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house.

5. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

6. So David sent word to Jo'ab, "Send me U-ri'ah the Hit'tite." And Jo'ab sent U-ri'ah to 'vid.

7. When U-ri'ah came to him, David asked how Jo'ab and the people fared, and how the war was going.

8. Then David said to U-ri'ah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." U-ri'ah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king.

9. But U-ri'ah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.

10. When they told David, "U-ri'ah did not go down to his house," David said to U-ri'ah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?"
11. U-ri'ah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Jo'ab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing."

12. Then David said to U-ri'ah "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back," So U-ri'ah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day

13. David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

David Has Uriah Killed

14. In the morning David wrote a letter to Jo'ab, and sent it by the hand of U-ri'ah.

15. In the letter he wrote, "Set U-ri'ah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

16. As Jo'ab was besieging the city, he assigned U-ri'ah to the place where he knew there were valiant warriors.

17. The men of the city came out and fought with Jo'ab; and some of the servants of David among the people fell. U-ri'ah the Hit'tite was killed as well.

18. Then Jo'ab sent and told David all the news about the fighting;

19. and he instructed the messenger, "When you have finished telling the king all the news about the fighting,

20. then, if the king's anger rises, and if he says to you, "Why did you go so near the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall?

21. Who killed A-bim'e-lech son of Jer-ub-ba'al? Did not a woman throw an upper millstone on him from the wall, so that he died at The'bez? Then you shall say, 'Your servant U-ri'ah the Hit'tite is dead too.'"
22. So the messenger went, and came and told David all that Jo'ab had sent him to tell.

23. The messenger said to David, "The men gained an advantage over us, and came out against us in the field; but we drove them back to the entrance of the gate.

24. Then the archers shot at your servants from the wall; some of the king's servants are dead; and your servant U-ri'ah the Hit'tite is dead also."

25. David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall say to Jo'ab, 'Do not let this matter trouble you, for the sword devours now one and now another; press your attack on the city, and overthrow it.' And encourage him."

26. When the wife of U-ri'ah heard that her husband was dead she made lamentation for him.

27. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

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2 SAMUEL 13

Amnon and Tamar

1. Some time passed. David's son Ab'sa-lom had a beautiful sister whose name was Ta'mar; and David's son Am'non fell in love with her.

2. Am'non was so tormented that he made himself ill because of his sister Ta'mar, for she was a virgin and it seemed impossible to Am'non to do anything to her.

3. But Am'non had a friend whose name was Jon'a-dab, the son of David's brother Shim'e-eh; and Jon'a-dab was a very crafty man.

4. He said to him, "O son of the king, why are you so haggard morning after morning? Will you not tell me?" Am'non said to him, "I love Ta'mar, my brother Ab'sa-lom's sister."

5. Jon'a-dab said to him, "Lie down on your bed, and pretend to be ill; and when your father comes to see you, say to him, "Let my sister Ta'mar come and give me something to eat, and prepare the food in my sight, so that I may see it and eat it from her hand."

6. So Am'non lay down, and pretended to be ill; and when the king came to see him, Am'non said to the king, "Please let my sister Ta'mar come and make a couple of cakes in my sight, so that I may eat from her hand."

7. Then David sent home to Ta'mar, saying, "Go to your brother Am'non's house, and prepare food for him".

8. So Ta'mar went to her brother Amnon's house, where he was lying down. She took dough, kneaded it, made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes.

9. Then she took the pan and set them out before him, but he refused to eat. Am'non said, "Send out everyone from me." So everyone went out from him.

10. Then Am'non said to Ta'mar, "Bring the food into the chamber, so that I may eat from your hand." So Ta'mar took
the cakes she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Am'non her brother.

11. But when she brought them near him to eat, he took hold of her, and said to her, "Come, lie with me my sister."

12. She answered him, "No, my brother, do not force me; for such a thing is not done in Israel; do not do anything so vile!

13. As for me where could I carry my shame. And as for you, you would be as one of the scoundrels in Israel. Now therefore, I beg you, speak to the king: for he will not withhold me from you."

14. But he would not listen to her; and being stronger than she, he forced her and lay with her.

15. Then Am'non was seized with a very great loathing for her; indeed, his loathing was even greater than the lust he had felt for her. Am'non said to her, "Get out!"

16. But she said to him, "No, my brother; for this wrong in sending me away is greater than the other that you did to me." But he would not listen to her.

17. He called the young man who served him and said, "Put this woman out of my presence, and bolt the door after her."

18. (Now she was wearing a long robe with sleeves; for this is how the virgin daughters of the king were clothed in earlier times.) So this servant put her out, and bolted the door after her.

19. But Ta'mar put ashes on her head, and tore the long robe that she was wearing; she put her hand on her head, and went away, crying aloud as she went.

20. Her brother Ab'sa-lom said to her, "Has Am'non your brother been with you? Be quiet for now, my sister, he is your brother; do not take this to heart." So Ta'mar remained, a desolate woman, in her brother Ab'sa-lom's house.

21. When King David heard of all these things, he became very angry, but he would not punish his son Am'non, because he loved him, for he was his firstborn.

22. But Ab'sa-lom spoke to Am'non neither good nor bad; for Ab'sa-lom, hated Am'non, because he had raped his sister Ta'mar.

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1 KINGS 11

Solomon's Errors

1. King Solomon loved many foreign women along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Mo'ab-ite, Am'mon-ite, E'dom-ite, Si-do'ni-an, and Hit'tite women,
2. from the nations concerning which the LORd had said to the Israelites, "You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you; for they will surely incline your heart to follow their gods"; Solomon clung to these in love.
3. Among his wives were seven hundred princesses and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart.
4. For when Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not true to the LORd his God, as was the heart of his father David.
5. For Solomon followed As-tar'te the goddess of the Si-do'ni-ans, and Mil'com the abomination of the Am'mon-ites.
6. So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORd, and did not completely follow the LORd, as his father David had done.
7. Then Solomon built a high place for Che'mosh the abomination of Mo'ab, and for Mo'lech the abomination of the Am'mon-ites, on the mountain east of Jerusalem.
8. He did the same for all his foreign wives, who offered incense and sacrificed to their gods.
9. Then the LORd was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from the LORd, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice,
10. and had commanded him concerning this matter, that he should not follow other gods; but he did not observe what the
LORD commanded.

11. Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, "Since this has been your mind and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and give it to your servant.

12. Yet for the sake of your father David I will not do it in your lifetime; I will tear it out of the hand of your son.

13. I will not, however, tear away the entire kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son, for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen".

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1 KINGS 21

Elijah Pronounces God's Sentence

17. Then the word of the LORD came to Eli'jah the Tish'bite, saying:
18. Go down to meet King A'hab of Israel, who rules in Sa-mar'i-a; he is now in the vineyard of Na'both, where he has gone to take possession.
19. You shall say to him, "Thus says the LORD: Have you killed, and also taken possession?" You shall say to him, "thus says the LORD: In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Na'both, dogs will also lick up your blood."
20. A'hab said to Eli'jah, "Have you found me, O my enemy?" He answered, "I have found you. Because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the LORD,
21. I will bring disaster on you; I will consume you, and will cut off from A'hab every male, bond or free, in Israel;
22. and I will make your house like the house of Jer-o-bo'am son of Ne'bat and like the house of Ba'a-sha son of A-hi'jah, because you have provoked me to anger and have caused Israel to sin.
23. Also concerning Jez'e-bel the LORD said, "The dogs shall eat Jez'e-bel within the bounds of Jez're-el.
24. Anyone belonging to A'hab who dies in the city the dogs shall eat; and anyone of his who dies in the open country the birds of the air shall eat."
25. (Indeed, there was no one like A'hab, who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of the LORD, urged on by his wife Jez'e-bel.
26. He acted most abominably in going after idols, as the Am'o-rites had done, whom the LORD drove out before the
27. When Ahab heard those words, he tore his clothes and put sackcloth over his bare flesh; he fasted, lay in the sackcloth, and went about dejectedly.

28. Then the word of the LORD came to El'jah the Tish'bite:

29. "Have you seen how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself before me, I will not bring the disaster in his days; but in his son's days I will bring the disaster on his house."

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2 KINGS 2

Elijah Ascends to Heaven

1. Now when the LORD was about to take Eli'jah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Eli'jah and Eli'sha were on their way from Gil'gal.

2. Eli'jah said to Eli'sha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Beth'el". But Eli'sha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Beth'el.

3. The company of prophets who were in Beth'el came out to Eli'sha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

4. Eli'jah said to him, "Eli'sha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho", But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho.

5. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Eli'sha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

6. Then Eli'jah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

7. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

8. Then Eli'jah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.
9. When they had crossed, Eli'jah said to Eli'sha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Eli'sha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."

10. He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."

11. As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Eli'jah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

12. Eli'sha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them into pieces.

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THE COW-2 (Al-Baqrah)

30. And when the Lord said unto the angels: Lo! I am about to place a viceroy in the earth, they said: Wilt Thou place therein one who will do harm therein and will shed blood, while we hymn Thy praise and sanctify Thee? He said: Surely I know that which ye know not.

31. And He taught Adam all the names, then showed them to the angels, saying: Inform me of the names of these if ye are truthful.

32. They said: Be glorified! We have no knowledge save that which Thou hast taught us. Lo! Thou, only Thou, art the Knower, the Wise.

33. He said: O Adam! Inform them of their names, and when he had informed them of their names, He said: Did I not tell you that I know the secret of the heavens and the earth? And I know that which ye disclose and which ye hide.

34. And when We said unto the angels. Prostrate yourselves before Adam, they fell prostrate, all save Iblis. He demurred through pride, and so became a disbeliever.

35. And We said: O Adam! Dwell thou and thy wife in the Garden, and eat ye freely (of the fruits) thereof where ye will: but come not nigh this tree lest ye become wrongdoers.

36. But Satan caused them to deflect therefrom and expelled them from the (happy) state in which they were; and We said: Fall down, one of you a foe unto the other! There shall be for you on earth a habitation and provision for a time.

37. Then Adam received from his Lord words (of revelation), and He relented toward him. Lo! He is the Relenting, the Merciful.

38. We said; Go down, all of you, from hence: but verily there cometh unto you from Me a guidance: and whoso followeth My guidance, there shall no fear come upon them neither shall they grieve.

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124. And (remember) when his Lord tried Abraham with (His) commands, and he fulfilled them, He said: Lo! I have appointed thee a leader for mankind. (Abraham) said: And of my offspring (will there be leaders)? He said: My covenant includeth not wrongdoers.

125. And when We made the House (at Makkah) a resort for mankind and a sanctuary (saying): Take as your place of worship the place where Abraham stood (to pray). And We imposed a duty upon Abraham and Ishmael, (saying): Purify My House for those who go around and those who meditate therein and those who bow down and prostrate themselves (in worship).

126. And when Abraham prayed: My Lord! Make this a region of security and bestow upon its people fruits, such of them as believe in Allah and the Last Day, He answered: As for him who disbelieveth, I shall leave him in contentment for a while, then I shall compel him to the doom of Fire - a hapless journey's end!

127. And when Abraham and Ishmael were raising the foundations of the House, (Abraham prayed): Our Lord! Accept from us (this duty). Lo! Thou, only thou, art the Hearer, the Knower.

128. Our Lord! And make us submissive unto Thee and of our seed a nation submissive unto Thee, and show us our ways of worship, and relent toward us Lo! Thou, only Thou, art the Relenting, the Merciful.

129. Our Lord! And raise up in their midst a messenger from among them who shall recite unto them Thy revelations, and shall instruct them to the Scripture and in wisdom and shall make them grow, Lo! Thou, only Thou, art the Mighty, the Wise.

130. And who forsaketh the religion of Abraham save him who befooleth himself? Verily We chose him in the world, and Lo! In the Hereafter he is among the righteous.

131. When his Lord said unto him: Surrender! He said: I have surrendered to the Lord of the Worlds.

132. The same did Abraham enjoin upon his sons, and also Jacob, (saying): O my sons! Lo! Allah hath chosen for you the (true)
religion; therefore die not save as men who have surrendered (unto Him).

133. Or were ye present when death came to Jacob, when he said unto his sons: What will ye worship after me? they said: We shall worship God, the God of the fathers, Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac, One God, and unto Him we have surrendered.

134. Those are a people who have passed away. Theirs is that which they earned, and yours is that which ye earn. And ye will not be asked of what they used to do.

135. And they say: Be Jews or Christians, then ye will be rightly guided, Say (unto them, O Muhammad): Nay, but (we follow) the religion of Abraham, the Upright, and he was not of the idolators.

136. Say (O Muslims): We believe in Allah and that which is revealed unto us and that which was revealed unto Abraham, and Ishmael, and Isaac, and Jacob, and the tribes, and that which Moses and Jesus received, and that which the Prophets received from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and unto Him we have surrendered.

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246. Bethink thee of the leaders of the Children of Israel after Moses, how they said unto a Prophet whom they had: Set up for us a King and we will fight in Allah's ways. He said: Would ye then refrain from fighting if fighting were prescribed for you? They said: Why should we not fight in Allah's way when we have been driven from our dwellings with our children? Yet, when fighting was prescribed for them, they turned away, all save a few of them. Allah is aware of evil-doers.

247. Their Prophet said unto them: Lo! Allah hath raised up Saul to be a king for you. They said: how can he have kingdom over us when we are more deserving of the kingdom than he is, since he hath not been given wealth enough? He said: Lo! Allah hath chosen him above you, and hath increased him abundantly in wisdom and stature. Allah bestoweth His
sovereignty on whom He will. Allah is All-Embracing, All-Knowing.

248. And their Prophet said unto them: Lo! The token of his kingdom is that there shall come unto you the ark wherein is peace of reassurance from your Lord, and a remnant of that which the house of Moses and the house of Aaron left behind, the angels bearing it. Lo! Herein shall be a token for you if (in truth) ye are believers.

249. And when Saul set out with the army, he said: Lo! Allah will try you by (the ordeal of) a river. Whosoever therefore drinketh thereof he is not of me, and whosoever tasteth it not he is of me, save him who taketh (thereof) in the hollow of his hand. But they drank thereof, all save a few of them. And after he had crossed (the river), he and those who believed with him, said: We have no power this day against Goliath and his hosts. But those who knew that they would meet their Lord exclaimed: How many a little company hath overcome a mighty host by Allah's leave! Allah is with the steadfast.

250. And when they went into the field against Goliath and his hosts they said: Our Lord! Bestow on us endurance, make our foothold sure, and give us help against the disbelieving folk.

251. So they routed them by Allah's leave and David slew Goliath; and Allah gave him the kingdom and wisdom, and taught him of that which He willeth. And if Allah had not repelled some men by others the earth would have been corrupted. But Allah is a Lord of Kindness to (His) creatures.

252. Those are the portents of Allah which We recite unto thee (Muhammad) with truth, and lo! Thou art of the number of (Our) messengers:

253. Of those messengers, some of whom We have caused to excel others, and of whom there are some unto whom Allah spake, while some of them He exalted (above others) in degree; and We gave Jesus, son of Mary clear proofs (of Allah's sovereignty) and We supported him with the Holy Spirit. And if Allah had so willed it, those who followed after them would not have fought one with another after the clear proofs had
come unto them. But they differed, some of them believing and some disbelieving. And if Allah had so willed it, they would not have fought one with another; but Allah doth what He wills.

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258. Bethink thee not of him who had an argument with Abraham about his Lord, because Allah had given him the kingdom; how, when Abraham said: My Lord is He who giveth life and causeth death, he answered: I give life and cause death. Abraham said: Lo! Allah causeth the sun to rise in the East, so do thou cause it to come up from the West. Thus was the disbeliever abashed. And Allah guideth not the wrong-doing folk.

259. Or (bethink thee of) the like of him who, passing by a township which had fallen into utter ruin, exclaimed: How shall Allah give this township life after its death? And Allah made him die a hundred years, then brought him back to life. He said: How long hast thou tarried? The man said I have tarried a day or part of a day. (He) said: Nay, but thou hast tarried for a hundred years. Just look at thy food and drink which have rotted not! Look at thine ass! And, that We may make thee a token unto mankind, look at the bones, how We adjust them and then cover them with flesh! And when (the matter) became clear unto him, he said: I know now that Allah is able to do all things.

260. And when Abraham said (unto his Lord): My Lord! Show me how Thou givest life to the dead, he said: Dost thou not believe? Abraham said: Yea, but (I ask) in order that my heart may be at ease. (His Lord) said: Take four of the birds and cause them to incline unto thee, then place a part of them on each hill, then call them, they will come to thee in haste. And know that Allah is Mighty, Wise.
THE FAMILY OF IMRAN-3 (AL-IMRAN)

33. Lo! Allah preferred Adam and Noah and the Family of Abraham and the Family of Imran above (all His) creatures.

34. They were descendants one of another. Allah is Hearer, Knower.

35. (Remember) when the wife of Imran said: My Lord! I have vowed unto Thee that which is in my belly as a consecrated (offering). Accept it from me, Lo! Thou, only Thou, art the Hearer, the Knower!

36. And when she was delivered of her she said: My Lord! Lo! I am delivered of a female - Allah knew best of what she was delivered - the male is not as the female; and lo! I have named her Mary, and I crave Thy protection for her and for her offspring from Satan the outcast.

37. And her Lord accepted her with full acceptance and vouchsafed to her a goodly growth; and made Zachariah her guardian. Whenever Zachariah went into the sanctuary where she was, he found that she had food. He said: O Mary! Whence cometh unto thee this (food)? She answered: It is from Allah, Allah giveth without stint to whom He will.

38. Then Zachariah prayed unto his Lord and said: My Lord! Bestow upon me of Thy bounty goodly offspring. Lo! thou art the Hearer of Prayer.

39. And the angels called to him as he stood praying in the sanctuary: Allah giveth thee glad tidings of (a son whose name is) John, (who cometh) to confirm a word from Allah, lordly, chaste, a Prophet of the righteous.

40. He said: My Lord! How can I have a son when age hath overtaken me already and my wife is barren? (The angel) answered: So (it will be). Allah doth what He will.

41. He said: My Lord! Appoint a token for me. (The angel) said: The token unto thee (shall be) that thou shalt not speak unto
mankind three days except by signs. Remember thy Lord much, and praise (Him) in the early hours of night and morning.

42. And when the angels said: O Mary! Lo! Allah hath chosen thee and made thee pure, and hath preferred thee above (all) the women of creation.

43. O Mary! Be obedient to thy Lord, prostrate thyself and bow with those who bow (in worship).

44. This is of tidings of things hidden. We reveal it unto thee (Muhammad). Thou was not present with them when they threw their pens (to know) which of them should be the guardian of Mary, nor wast thou present with them when they quarreled (thereupon).

45. (And remember) when the angels said: O Mary! Lo! Allah giveth thee glad tidings of a word from Him, whose name is the Messiah, Jesus son of Mary, illustrious in the world and the Hereafter, and one of those brought near (unto Allah).

46. He will speak unto mankind in his cradle and in his manhood, and he is of the righteous.

47. She said: My Lord! How can I have a child when no mortal hath touched me? He said: So (it will be). Allah createth what He will. If He decreeth a thing, He saith unto it only: Be! And it is.

48. And He will teach him the Scripture and wisdom, and the Torah and the gospel.

49. And will make him a messenger unto the children of Israel, (saying): Lo! I come unto you with a Sign from your Lord. Lo! I fashion for you out of clay the likeness of a bird, and I breathe into it and it is a bird, by Allah’s leave. I heal him who was born blind, and the leper, and I raise the dead, by Allah’s leave. And I announce unto you what ye eat and what ye store up in your houses. Lo! Herein verily is a portent for you, if ye are to be believers.

50. And (I come) confirming that which was before me of the Torah, and to make lawful some of that which was forbidden unto you. I come unto you with a Sign from your Lord, so
keep your duty to Allah and obey me.

51. Lo! Allah is my Lord and your Lord, so worship Him. That is a straight path.

52. But when Jesus became conscious of their disbelief, he cried: Who will be my helpers in the cause of Allah? The disciples said: We will be Allah's helpers. We believe in Allah, and bear thou witness that we have surrendered(unto Him).

53. Our Lord! We believe in that which Thou hast revealed and we follow him whom Thou hast sent. Enroll us among those who witness(to the truth).

54. And they (the disbelievers) schemed, and Allah schemed (against them): and Allah is the best of schemers.

55. (And remember) when Allah said: O Jesus! Lo! I am gathering thee and causing thee to ascend unto Me, and am cleansing thee of those who disbelieve and am setting those who follow thee above those who disbelieve until the Day of Resurrection. Then unto Me ye will (all) return, and I shall judge between you as to that wherein ye used to differ.

56. As for those who disbelieve I shall chastise them with a heavy chastisement in the world and the Hereafter, and they will have no helpers.

57. And as for those who believe and do good works, He will pay them their wages in full. Allah loveth not wrongdoers.

58. This (which) We recite unto thee is a revelation and a wise reminder.

59. Lo! The likeness of Jesus with Allah is as the likeness of Adam. He created him of dust, then He said unto him: Be! And he is.

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84. Say (O Muhammad): We believe in Allah and that which is revealed unto us and that which was revealed unto Abraham and Ismael and Ishac and Jacob and the tribes, and that which was vouchsafed unto Moses and Jesus and the Prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and unto Him we have surrendered.

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153. The People of the Scripture ask of thee that thou shouldst cause an (actual) Book to descend upon them from heaven. They asked a greater thing of Moses aforetime, for they said: show us Allah plainly. The storm of lightning seized them for their wickedness. Then (even after that) they chose the calf (for worship) after clear proofs (of Allah's Sovereignty) had come unto them. And we forgave them that! And we bestowed on Moses evident authority.

154. And We caused the Mount to tower above them at (the taking of) their covenant: and We bade them: Enter the gate, prostrate! And We bade them: Transgress not the Sabbath! And We took from them a firm covenant.

155. Then because of their breaking of their covenant, and their disbelieving in the revelations of Allah, and their slaying of the Prophets wrongfully, and their saying: Our hearts are hardened - Nay, but Allah hath set a seal upon them for their disbelief, so that they believe not save a few.

156. And because of their disbelief and of their speaking against Mary a tremendous calumny.

157. And because of their saying: We slew the Messiah Jesus son of Mary. Allah's messenger - they slew him not nor crucified, but it appeared so unto them; and lo! Those who disagree concerning it are in doubt thereof; they have no knowledge thereof save pursuit of a conjecture; they slew him not for certain.

158. But Allah took him up unto Himself. Allah is ever Mighty, Wise.

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163. Lo! We inspire thee as We inspired Noah and the Prophets after him, as We inspired Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the tribes and Jesus and Job and Jonah and Aaron.
164. And messengers We have mentioned unto thee before and messengers We have not mentioned unto thee; and Allah spake directly unto Moses;

171. O People of the Scripture! Do not exaggerate in your religion nor utter aught concerning Allah save the truth. The Messiah Jesus son of Mary was only a messenger of Allah, and His word which He conveyed unto Mary, and a spirit from Him. So believe in Allah and His messengers, and say not "Three" Cease! (it is) better for you!-Allah is only One God. Far is it removed from His transcendent majesty that He should have a son. His is all that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth. And Allah is sufficient as Defender.

172. The Messiah will never scorn to be a slave unto Allah, nor will the favoured angels. Whoso scorneth His service and is proud, all such will He assemble unto Him.

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47. Let the People of the Gospel judge by that which Allah hath revealed therein. Whoso judgeth not by that which Allah hath revealed; such are evil-livers.

48. And unto thee have We revealed the Scripture with the truth confirming whatever Scripture was before it and a watcher over it. So judge between them by that which Allah hath revealed, and follow not their desires away from the truth which hath come unto thee. For each We have appointed a divine law and a traced out way. Had Allah willed, He could have made you one community. But that He may try you by that which He hath given you(He hath made you as ye are). So vie one with another in good works. Unto Allah ye will all return, and He will then inform you of that wherein ye differ.

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75. The Messiah, son of Mary, was no other than a messenger; messengers (the like of whom) had passed away before him. And his mother was a saintly woman. And they both used to eat (earthly) food. See how We make the revelations clear for them, and see how they are turned away!

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78. Those of the Children of Israel who went astray were cursed by the tongue of David, and of Jesus, son of Mary. That was because they rebelled and used to transgress.

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110. When Allah saith: O Jesus, son of Mary! Remember My favour unto thee and unto thy mother; how I strengthened thee with the Holy Spirit, so that thou spakest unto mankind in the cradle and on maturity; and how I taught thee the Scripture and wisdom and the Torah and the Gospel; and how thou didst shape of clay as it were the likeness of a bird by My permission, and didst blow upon it and it was a bird by My
permission, and thou didst heal him who was born blind and
the leper by My permission; and how thou didst raise the dead
by My permission; and how I restrained the Children of Israel
from (harming) thee when thou camest unto them with clear
proofs, and those of them who disbelieved exclaimed: This is
naught else than evident magic!

111. And when I inspired the disciples, (saying): Believe in Me and
in My messenger, they said: We believe. Bear witness that we
have surrendered? (unto Thee).

112. When the disciples said: O Jesus, son of Mary! is the Lord
able to send down for us a table spread with food from
heaven? He said: observe your duty to Allah, if ye are true
believers.

113. (They said): We wish to eat thereof, that our hearts may
become satisfied and know that thou hast spoken truth to us,
and that thereof we may be witnesses.

114. Jesus, son of Mary, said: O Allah, Lord of us! Send down for
us a table spread with food from heaven that it may be a feast
for us, for the first of us and for the last of us, and a sign from
Thee, Give us sustenance, for Thou art the best of Sustainers.

115. Allah said: Lo! I send it down for you. And whoso disbelieveth
of you afterward, him surely will I punish with a punishment
wherewith I have not punished any of (My) creatures.

116. And when Allah saith: O Jesus, son of Mary! Didst thou say
unto mankind: Take me and my mother for two gods beside
Allah? He saith: Be glorified! It was not mine to utter that to
which I had no right. If I had ever said it, then Thou wouldst
have known it. Thou knowest what is in my mind, and I know
not what is in Thy mind. Lo! Thou, only Thou art the Knower
of Things Hidden.

117. I spake unto them only that which Thou commandedst me
(saying): Worship Allah, my Lord and your Lord. I was a
witness of them while I dwelt among them, and when Thou
tookest me, Thou wast the Watcher over them. Thou art
Witness over all things.

118. If Thou punish them, lo! They are Thy slaves, and if thou
forgive them (lo! They are Thy slaves). Lo! Thou, only Thou art the Mighty, the Wise.

119. Allah saith: this is a day in which their truthfulness profiteth the truthful, for theirs are Gardens underneath which rivers flow, wherein they are secure for ever, Allah taking pleasure in them and they in Him. That is the great triumph.

120. Unto Allah belongeth the Sovereignty of the heavens and the earth and whatsoever is therein, and He is Able to do all things.

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CATTLE - 6  (Al-An'am)

74. (Remember) when Abraham said unto his father Azar: Takest thou idols for gods? Lo! I see thee and thy folk in error manifest.

75. Thus did We show Abraham the kingdom of the heavens and the earth that he might be of those possessing certainty.

76. When the night grew dark upon him he beheld a star. He said: This is my Lord. But when it set, he said: I love not things that set.

77. And when he saw the moon uprising, he exclaimed: This is my Lord. But when it set, he said: Unless my Lord guides me, I surely shall become one of the folk who are astray.

78. And when he saw the sun uprising, he cried: This is my Lord! This is greater! And when it set, he exclaimed: O my people! Lo! I am free from all that ye associate (with Him).

79. Lo! I have turned my face toward Him Who created the heavens and the earth, as one by nature upright, and I am not of the idolators.

80. His people argued with him. He said: Dispute ye with me concerning Allah when He hath guided me? I fear not at all that which ye set beside Him unless my Lord willeth aught. My Lord includeth all things in His knowledge. Will ye not then remember?

81. How should I fear that which ye set up beside Him, when ye fear not to set up beside Allah that for which He hath revealed unto you no warrant? Which of the two factions hath more right to safety? (Answer me that) if ye have knowledge.

82. Those who believe and obscure not their belief by wrong doing theirs is safety; and they are rightly guided.

83. That is Our argument. We gave it unto Abraham against his folk. We raise unto degrees (of wisdom) whom We will. Lo! Thy Lord is Wise, Aware.
84. And We bestowed upon him Isaac and Jacob; each of them We guided; and Noah did We guide aforetime; and of his seed(We guided) David and Solomon and Job and Joseph and Moses and Aaron. Thus do We reward the good.

85. And Zachariah and John and Jesus and Elias. Each one(of them) was of the righteous.

86. And Ishmael and Elisha and Jonah and Lut. Each one of them did We prefer above (Our) creatures.

87. With some of their forefathers and their offspring and their brethren; and We chose them and guided them unto a Straight path.

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THE HEIGHTS - 7  (Al-A`raf)

59. We sent Noah (of old) unto his people, and he said: O my people! Serve Allah. Ye have no other God save Him. Lo! I fear for you the retribution of an Awful Day.

60. The chieftains of his people said: Lo! We see thee surely in plain error.

61. He said: O my people! There is no error in me, but I am a messenger from the Lord of the Worlds.

62. I convey unto you messages of my Lord and give good counsel unto you, and know from Allah that which ye know not.

63. Marvel ye that there should come unto you a Reminder from your Lord by means of a man among you, that he may warn you and that ye may keep from evil, and that haply ye may find mercy?

64. But they denied him, so We saved him and those with him in the ship, and We drowned those who denied Our tokens. Lo! They were blind folk.

65. And unto (the tribe of) Aad (we sent) their brother, Hud. He said: O my people! Serve Allah. Ye have no other God save Him. Will ye not ward off(evil)?

66. The chieftains of his people, who were disbelieving said: Lo! We surely see thee in foolishness, and lo! We deem thee of the liars.

67. He said: O my people! There is no foolishness in me, but I am a messenger from the Lord of the Worlds.

68. I convey unto you the messages of my Lord and am for you a true adviser.

69. Marvel ye that there should come unto you a Reminder from your Lord by means of a man among you, that he may warn you? Remember how He made you viceroy after Noah's folk, and gave you growth of stature. Remember (all) the bounties
of your Lord, that haply ye may be successful.
70. They said: Hast come unto us that we should serve Allah alone, and forsake what our fathers worshipped? Then bring upon us that wherewith thou threatenest us if thou art of the truthful!
71. He said: Terror and wrath from your Lord have already fallen on you. Would ye wrangle with me over names which ye have named, ye and your father, for which no warrant from Allah hath been revealed? Then await (the consequence), I (also) am of those awaiting(it).
72. And We saved him and those with him by mercy from Us, and We cut the root of those who denied Our revelations and were not believers.
73. And to (the tribe of ) Thamud (We sent) their brother Salih. He said: O my people! Serve Allah. Ye have no other God save Him. A wonder from your Lord hath come unto you. Lo! This is the camel of Allah, a token unto you; so let her feed in Allah's earth, and touch her not with hurt lest painful torment seize you.
74. And remember how He made you viceroys after 'Aad' and gave you station in the earth. Ye choose castles in the plains and hew the mountains into dwellings. So remember (all) the bounties of Allah and do no evil, making mischief in the earth.
75. The chieftains of his people, who were scornful, said unto those whom they despised, unto such of them as believed: Know ye that Salih is one sent from his Lord? They said: Lo! In that wherewith he hath been sent we are believers.
76. Those who were scornful said: Lo! In that which ye believe we are disbelievers.
77. So they hamstrung the she-camel, and they flouted the commandment of their Lord, and they said: O Salih! Bring upon us that thou threatenest if thou art indeed of those sent(f:om Allah).
78. So the earthquake seized them, and morning found them prostrate in their dwelling place.
79. And Salih: turned from them and said: O my people! I
delivered my Lord's message unto you and gave you good advice, but ye love not good advisers.

80. And Lut! (remember) when he said unto his folk: Will ye commit abomination such as no creature ever did before you?

81. Lo! Ye come with lust unto men instead of women. Nay, but ye are wanton folk.

82. And the answer of his people was only that they said (one to another): Turn them out of your township. They are folk, forsooth, who keep pure.

83. And We rescued him and his household, save his wife, who was of those who stayed behind.

84. And We rained a rain upon them. See now the nature of the consequence for evil-doers!

85. And unto Madyan(We sent) their brother, Shu'eyb. He Said: O my people! Serve Allah. Ye have no other God save Him. Lo! A clear proof hath come unto you from your Lord; so give full measure and full weight and wrong not mankind in their goods, and work not confusion in the earth after the fair ordering thereof. That will be better for you, if ye are believers.

86. Lurk not on every road to threaten (wayfarers), and to turn away from Allah's path him who believeth in Him, and to seek to make it crooked. And remember, when ye were but few, how He did multiply you. And see the nature of the consequence for the corrupters!

87. And if there is a party of you which believeth in that wherewith I have been sent, and there is a party which believeth not, then have patience until Allah judge between us. He is the best of all who deal in judgment.

88. The chieftains of his people, who were scornful, said: Surely we will drive thee out, O Shu'eyb, and those who believe with thee, from our township, unless ye return to our religion. He said: Even though we hate it?

89. We should have invented a lie against Allah if we returned to your religion after Allah hath rescued us from it. It is not for us to return to it unless Allah should (so) will. Our Lord
comprehendeth all things in knowledge. In Allah do we put our trust. Our Lord! Decide with truth between us and our fold, for Thou art the best of those who make decision.

90. But the chieftains of his people, who were disbelieving, said: If ye follow Shu'eyb, then truly ye shall be the losers.

91. So the earthquake seized them, and morning found them prostrate in their dwelling place.

92. Those who denied Shu'eyb became as though they had not dwelt there. Those who denied Shu'eyb, they were the losers.

93. So he turned from them and said: O my people! I delivered my Lord's message unto you and gave you good advice; then how can I sorrow for a people that rejected (truth)?

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104. Moses said: O Pharaoh! Lo! I am a messenger from the Lord of the Worlds.

105. Approved upon condition that I speak concerning Allah nothing but the truth. I come unto you (lords of Egypt) with a clear proof from your Lord. So let the Children of Israel go with me.

106. (Pharaoh) said: If thou comest with a token, then produce it, if thou art of those who speak the truth.

107. Then he flung down his staff and lo! It was a serpent manifest;

108. And he drew forth his hand (from his bosom), and lo! It was white for the beholders.

109. The chiefs of Pharaoh's people said: Lo! This is some knowing wizard:

110. Who would expel you from your land. Now that what do ye advise?

111. They said (unto Pharaoh): Put him off (a while) - him and his brother - and send into the cities summoners:

112. To bring each knowing wizard unto thee.

113. And the wizards came to Pharaoh, saying: Surely there will be a reward for us if we are victors.

114. He answered: Yea, and surely ye shall be of those brought near (to me).

115. They said: O Moses! Either throw (first) or let us be the first
throwers.

116. He said: Throw! And when they threw they cast a spell upon the people's eyes, and overawed them and produced a mighty spell.

117. And We inspired Moses (saying): Throw thy staff! And lo! It swallowed up their lying show.

118. Thus was the Truth vindicated and that which they were doing was made vain.

119. Thus were they there defeated and brought low.

120. And the wizards fell down prostrate:

121. Crying: We believe in the Lord of the Worlds:

122. The Lord of Moses and Aaron.

123. Pharaoh said: Ye believe in Him before I give you leave! Lo! This is the plot: what ye have plotted in the city that ye may drive its people hence. But ye shall come to know!

124. Surely I shall have your hands and feet cut off upon alternate sides. Then I shall crucify you every one.

125. They said: Lo! We are about to return unto our Lord!

126. Thou takest vengeance on us only for as much as we believed the tokens of our Lord when they came unto us. Our Lord! Vouchsafe unto us steadfastness and make us die as men who have surrendered (unto Thee).

127. The chiefs of Pharaoh's people said: (O King), wilt thou suffer Moses and his people to make mischief in the land, and flout thee and thy gods? He said: We will slay their sons and spare their women, for lo! We are in power over them.

128. And Moses said unto his people: seek help in Allah and endure. Lo! The earth is Allah's. He giveth it for an inheritance to whom He will. And lo! The sequel is for those who keep their duty(unto Him).

129. They said: We suffered hurt before thou camest unto us, and since thou hast come unto us. He said: it may be that your Lord is going to destroy your adversary and make you viceroy's in the earth, that He may see how ye behave.

130. And We straitened Pharaoh's folk with famine and the death
131. But whenever good befell them they said: This is ours; and whenever evil smote them they ascribed it to the evil auspices of Moses and those with him. Surely their evil auspice was only with Allah. But most of them knew not.

132. And they said: Whatever portent thou bringest wherewith to bewitch us, we shall not put faith in thee.

133. So We sent them the flood and the locusts and the vermin and the frogs and the blood - a succession of clear signs. But they were arrogant and became a guilty folk.

134. And when the terror fell on them, they cried: O Moses! Pray for us unto thy Lord, because He hath a covenant with thee. If thou removest the terror from us we verily will trust thee and will let the Children of Israel go with thee.

135. But when We did remove from them the terror for a term which they must reach, behold! They broke their covenant.

136. Therefore We took retribution from them; therefore We drowned them in the sea: because they denied Our revelations and were heedless of them:

137. And We caused the folk who were despised to inherit the eastern parts of the land and the western parts thereof which We had blessed. And the fair word of the Lord was fulfilled of the Children of Israel because of their endurance; and We annihilated (all) that Pharaoh and his folk had done and that they had contrived.

138. And We brought the Children of Israel across the sea and they came unto a people who were given upto idols which they had. They said: O Moses! Make for us a god even as they have gods. He said: Lo! Ye are a folk who know not.

139. Lo! As for these, their way will be destroyed and all that they are doing is in vain.

140. He said: shall I seek for you a god other than Allah when He hath favoured you above (all) creatures?

141. And (remember) when We did deliver you from Pharaoh's folk - who were afflicting you with dreadful torment, slaughtering your sons and sparing your women. That was a tremendous trial from your Lord.
142. And when We did appoint for Moses thirty nights (of solitude), and added to them ten, and he completed the whole time appointed by his Lord of forty nights; and Moses said unto his brother, Aaron: Take my place among the people. Do right, and follow not the way of mischief-makers.
143. And when Moses came to Our appointed tryst and his Lord had spoken unto him, he said: My Lord! Show me (Thy self), that I may gaze upon Thee. He said: thou wilt not see Me, but gaze upon the mountain! If it stand still in its place, then thou wilt see Me and when his Lord revealed (His) glory to the mountain He sent it crashing down. And Moses fell down senseless. And when he woke he said: Glory unto Thee! I turn unto Thee repentant, and I am the first of (true) believers.
144. He said: O Moses! I have preferred thee above mankind by My messages and by My speaking (unto thee). So hold that which I have given thee, and be among the thankful.
145. And We wrote for him, upon the tablets, the lesson to be drawn from all things and the explanation of all things, then (bade him): Hold it fast; and command thy people (saying): Take the better (course made clear) therein. I shall show thee the abode of evil-livers.
146. I shall turn away from My revelations those who magnify themselves wrongfully in the earth, and if they see each token believe it not, and if they see the way of righteousness choose it not for (their) way, and if they see the way of error choose it for (their) way. That is because they deny Our revelations and are used to disregard them.
147. Those who deny Our revelations and meeting of the Hereafter, their works are fruitless. Are they requited aught save what they used to do?
148. And the folk of Moses, after (he had left them), chose a calf (for worship), (made) out of their ornaments a calf (of saffron hue) a body which gave a lowing sound. Saw they not that it spake not unto them nor guided them to any way? They chose it, and became wrong-doers.
149. And when they feared the consequences thereof and saw that
they had gone astray, they said: Unless our Lord have mercy on us and forgive us, we verily are of the lost.

150. And when Moses returned unto his people, angry and grieved, he said: Evil is that (course) which ye took after I had left you. Would ye hasten on the judgment of your Lord? And he cast down the tablets, and he seized his brother by the head, dragging him toward him. He said: son of my mother! Lo! the folk did judge me weak and almost killed me. Oh, make not mine enemies to triumph over me and place me not among the evil-doers!

151. He said: My Lord! Have mercy on me and on my brother, bring us unto Thy mercy, and Thou art the most Merciful of all who show mercy.

152. Lo! Those who chose the calf (for worship), terror from their Lord and humiliation will come upon them in the life of the world. Thus do We requite those who invent a lie.

153. But those who do ill deeds and afterward repent and believe - lo! For them, afterward, Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.

154. Then when the anger of Moses abated, he took up the tablets, and in their inscription there was guidance and mercy for all those who fear their Lord.

155. And Moses chose of his people seventy men for Our appointed tryst and, when the trembling came on them, he said: My Lord! If Thou hadst willed Thou hadst destroyed them long before, and me with them. Wilt Thou destroy us for that which the ignorant among us did? It is but Thy trial (of us). Thou sendest whom Thou wilt astray and guidest whom Thou wilt. Thou art our Protecting Friend, therefore forgive us and have mercy on us, Thou, the Best of all who show forgiveness.

156. And ordain for us in this world that which is good, and in the Hereafter (that which is good), Lo! We have turned unto Thee. He said: I smite with My punishment whom I will, and My mercy embraceth all things, therefore I shall ordain it for those who ward off (evil) and pay the poor due, and those who believe Our revelations:

157. Those who follow the messenger, the Prophet who can neither
read nor write, whom they will find described in the Torah and the Gospel (which are) with them. He will enjoin on them that which is right and forbid them that which is wrong. He will make lawful for them all good things and prohibit for them only the foul; and he will relieve them of their burden and the fetters that they used to wear. Then those who believe in him, and honour him and help him, and follow the light which is sent down with him; they are the successful.

158. Say (O Muhammad): O mankind! Lo! I am the messenger of Allah to you all - (the messenger of) Him unto whom belongeth the Sovereignty of the heavens and the earth. There is no God save Him. He quickeneth and He giveth death. So believe in Allah and His messenger, the Prophet who can neither read nor write, who believeth in Allah and in His words and follow him that haply ye may be led aright.

159. And of Moses folk there is a community who lead with truth and establish justice therewith.

160. We divided them into twelve tribes, nations; and We inspired Moses, when his people asked him for water, saying: Smite with thy staff the rock! And there gushed forth therefrom twelve springs, so that each tribe knew their drinking place. And We caused the white cloud to overshadow them and sent down for them the manna and the quails (saying): Eat of the good things wherewith We have provided you. They wronged Us not, but they were wont to wrong themselves.

161. And when it was said unto them: Dwell in this township and eat therefrom whence ye will, and say "Repentance," and enter the gate prostrate; We shall forgive you your sins; We shall increase (reward) for the right-doers.

162. But those of them who did wrong changed the word which had been told them for another saying, and We sent down upon them wrath from heaven for their wrongdoing.

163. Ask them (O Muhammad) of the township that was by the sea, how they did break the Sabbath, how their big fish came unto them visibly upon their Sabbath day and on a day when they did not keep Sabbath came they not unto them. Thus did We
try them for that they were evil-livers.

164. And when a community among them said: Why preach ye to a
folk whom Allah is about to destroy and punish with an awful
doom, they said: in order to be free from guilt before your
Lord, and that haply they may ward off(evil).

165. And when they forgot that whereof they had been reminded,
We rescued those who forbade wrong, and visited those who
did wrong with dreadful punishment because they were
evil-livers.

166. So when they took pride in that which they had been
forbidden, We said unto them: Be ye apes, despised and
loathed!

167. And (remember) when thy Lord proclaimed that He would
raise against them till the Day of Resurrection those who
would lay on them a cruel torment. Lo! Verily thy Lord is
swift in persecution and lo! Verily He is Forgiving, Merciful.

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JONAH - 10  (Yunus)

71. Recite unto them the story of Noah, when he told his people: O my people! If my sojourn (here) and my reminding you Allah's revelations are an offence unto you, in Allah have I put my trust, so decide upon your course of action, you and your partners. Let not your course of action be in doubt for you. Then (that) have at me, give me no respite.

72. But if ye are averse I have asked of you no wage. My wage is the concern of Allah only, and I am commanded to be of those who surrender (unto Him).

73. But they denied him, so We saved him and those with him in the ship, and made them viceroy (in the earth), while We drowned those who denied Our revelations. See then the nature of the consequence for those who had been warned.

74. Then, after him, We sent messengers unto their folk, and they brought them clear proofs. But they were not ready to believe in that which they before denied. Thus print We on the hearts of the transgressors.

75. Then, after them, We sent Moses and Aaron unto Pharaoh and his chiefs with Our revelations, but they were arrogant and were a guilty folk.

76. And when the Truth from Our presence came unto them, they said: This is mere magic.

77. Moses said: Speak ye(so) of the Truth when it hath come unto you? Is this magic? Now magicians thrive not.

78. They said: Hast thou come unto us to pervert us from that(faith) in which we found our fathers, and that you two may own the place of greatness in the land? We will not believe in you both.

79. And Pharaoh said: Bring every cunning wizard unto me.

80. And when the wizards came, Moses said unto them: Cast your cast!

81. And when they had cast, Moses said: That which ye have
brought is magic. Lo! Allah will make it vain. Lo! Allah upholdeth not the work of mischief-makers:

82. And Allah will vindicate the truth by His words, however much the guilty be averse.

83. But none believed in Moses, save some scions of his people, (and they were) in fear of Pharaoh and their chiefs, that he would persecute them. Lo! Pharaoh was verily a tyrant in the land, and lo! He verily was of the wanton.

84. And Moses said: O People! If ye have believed in Allah then put trust in Him, if ye have indeed surrendered (unto Him).

85. They said: In Allah we put trust. Our lord! Oh, make us not a lure for the wrongdoing folk!

86. And, of Thy mercy, save us from the folk that disbelieve.

87. And We inspired Moses and his brother, (saying): Appoint houses for your people in Egypt and make your houses oratories, and establish worship. And give good news to the believers.

88. And Moses said: Our Lord! Lo! Thou hast given pharaoh and his chiefs splendour and riches in the life of the world, Our Lord! That they may lead men astray from Thy Way. Our Lord! Destroy their riches and harden their hearts so that they believe not till they see the painful doom.

89. He said: Your prayer is heard. Do ye twain keep to the Straight path, and follow not the road of those who have no knowledge.

90. And we brought the Children of Israel across the sea, and pharaoh with his hosts pursued them in rebellion and transgression, till, when the (fate of) drowning overtook him, he exclaimed: I believe that there is no God save Him in Whom the Children of Israel believe, and I am of those who surrender (unto Him).

91. What! Now! When hitherto thou hast rebelled and been of the wrong-doers?

92. But this day we save thee in thy body that thou mayest be a portent for those after thee. Lo! Most of mankind are heedless of Our portents.

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17. Is he (to be counted equal with them) who relieth on a clear proof from his Lord, and a witness from Him, reciteth it, and before it was the Book of Moses, an example and a mercy? Such believe therein, and whoso disbelieveth therein of the clans, the Fire is his appointed place. So be not thou in doubt concerning it. Lo! It is the Truth from thy Lord: but most of mankind believe not.

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25. And We sent Noah unto his folk (and he said): Lo! I am a plain warner unto you:

26. That ye serve none save Allah. Lo! I fear for you the retribution of a painful Day.

27. The chieftains of his folk, who disbelieved, said: We see thee but a mortal like us, and we see not that any follow thee save the most abject among us, without reflection. We behold in you no merit above us-nay, we deem you liars.

28. He said: O my people! Bethink you, if I rely on a clear proof from my Lord and there hath come unto me a mercy from His presence, and it hath been made obscure to you, can we compel you to accept it when ye are averse thereto?

29. And, O my people! I ask of you no wealth therefor. My reward is the concern only of Allah, I am not going to thrust away those who believe - Lo! They have to meet their Lord - but I see you a folk that are ignorant.

30. And, O my people! Who would deliver me from Allah if I thrust them away? Will ye not then reflect?

31. I say not unto you: "I have the treasures of Allah" nor "I have knowledge of the Unseen," nor say I: "Lo! I am angel!" nor say I unto those whom your eyes scorn that Allah will not give them good - Allah knoweth best what is in their hearts - Lo! Then indeed I should be of the wrongdoers.
32. They said: O Noah! Thou hast disputed with us and multiplied disputation with us; now bring upon us that wherewith thou threatnest us if thou art of the truthful.

33. He said: Only Allah will bring it upon you if He will and ye can by no means escape.

34. My counsel will not profit you if I were minded to advise you, if Allah's will is to keep you astray. He is your Lord and unto Him ye will be brought back.

35. Or say they (again): He hath invented it? Say: If I have invented it, upon me be my crimes, but I am innocent of (all) that ye commit.

36. And it was inspired in Noah, (saying): No one of thy folk will believe save him who hath believed already. Be not distressed because of what they do.

37. Build the ship under Our Eyes and by Our Inspiration, and speak not unto Me on behalf of those who do wrong. Lo! They will be drowned.

38. And he was building the ship, and every time the chieftains of his people passed him, they made mock of him. He said: Though ye make mock of us, yet we mock at you even as ye mock;

39. And ye shall know to whom a punishment that will confound him cometh, and upon whom a lasting doom will fall.

40. (Thus it was) till, when Our Commandment came to pass and the oven gushed forth water. We said: Load therein two of every kind, a pair (the male and female), and thy household, save him against whom the word hath gone forth already, and those who believe. And but a few were they who believed with him.

41. And he said: Embark therein! In the name of Allah be its course and its mooring. Lo! My Lord is Forgiving, Merciful.

42. And it sailed with them amid waves like mountains, and Noah cried unto his son - and he was standing aloof - O my son! Come ride with us, and be not with the disbelievers.

43. He said: I shall betake me to some mountain that will save me from the water. (Noah) said: This day there is none that saveth
from the Commandment of Allah save him on whom He hath had mercy. And the wave came in between them, so he was among the drowned.

44. And it was said: O earth! Swallow thy water and, O sky! Be cleared of clouds! And the water was made to subside. And the Commandment was fulfilled. And it (the ship) came to rest upon (the mount) Al-Judí and it was said: a far removal for wrongdoing folk!

45. And Noah cried unto his Lord and said: My Lord! Lo! My son is of my household! Surely Thy promise is the Truth and Thou art the Most Just of Judges.

46. He said: Oh Noah! Lo! He is not of thy household; lo! He is of evil conduct, so ask not of Me that whereof thou hast no knowledge. I admonish thee lest thou be among the ignorant.

47. He said: My Lord! Lo! In Thee do I seek refuge (from the sin) that I should ask of Thee that whereof I have no knowledge. Unless Thou forgive me and have mercy on me I shall be among the lost.

48. It was said(unto him: O Noah!) Go thou down (from the mountain) with peace from Us and blessings upon thee and some nations (that will spring) from those with thee.(There will be other) nations unto whom We shall give enjoyment a long while and then a painful doom from Us will overtake them.

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69. And Our messengers came unto Abraham with good news. They said: Peace! He answered: Peace! And delayed not to bring a roasted calf.

70. And when he saw their hands reached not to it, he mistrusted them and conceived a fear of them. They said: Fear not! Lo! We are sent unto the folk of Lut.

71. And his wife, standing by, laughed when we gave her good tidings (of the birth) of Isaac, and, after Isaac, of Jacob.

72. She said: Oh, woe is me! shall I bear a child when I am an old woman, and this my husband is an old man? Lo! This is a strange thing!
73. They said: Wonderest thou at the commandment of Allah? The mercy of Allah and His blessings be upon you. O people of the house! Lo! He is Owner of Praise, Owner of Glory!

74. And when the awe departed from Abraham, and the glad news reached him, he pleaded with us on behalf of the folk of Lut.

75. Lo! Abraham was mild, imploring, penitent.

76. (It was said) O Abraham! Forsake this! Lo! Thy Lord's Commandment hath gone forth, and lo! There cometh unto them a doom which cannot be repealed.

77. And when Our messengers came unto Lut, he was distressed and knew not how to protect them. He said: This is a distressful day.

78. And his people came unto him, running towards him - and before them they used to commit abominations - He said: O my people! Here are my daughters! They are purer for you. Beware of Allah, and degrade me not in (the presence of) my guests. Is there not among you any upright man?

79. They said: Well thou knowest that we have no right to thy daughters, and well thou knowest what we want.

80. He said: Would that I had strength to resist you or had some strong support(among you)!

81. (The messengers) said: O Lut! Lo! We are messengers of thy Lord; they shall not reach thee. So travel with thy people in a part of the night, and let not one of you turn round -(all) save thy wife. Lo! That which smiteth them will smite (also). Lo! Their tryst is (for) the morning. Is not the morning nigh?

82. So when Our Commandment came to pass We overthrew (that township) and rained upon it stones of clay, one after another .

83. Marked with fire in the providence of thy Lord (for the destruction of the wicked). And they are never far from the wrong-doers.

84. And unto Madyan (We sent) their brother Shu`eyb. He said: O my people! Serve Allah, ye have no other God save Him! And give not short measure and short weight. Lo! I see you well-to-do, and lo! I fear for you the doom of a besetting Day.

85. O my people! Give full measure and full weight in justice, and
wrong not people in respect of their goods. And do not evil in the earth, causing corruption.

86. That which Allah leaveth with you is better for you if ye are believers; and I am not a keeper over you.

87. They said: O Shu`eyb! Doth thy way of prayer command these that we should forsake that which our fathers (used to) worship, or that we (should leave off) doing what we will with our own property? Lo! Thou art the mild, the guide to right behaviour.

88. He said: O my people! Bethink you: if I am (acting) on a clear proof from my Lord and He sustaíneth me with fair sustenance from Him (how can I concede aught to you)? I desire not to do behind your backs that which I ask you not to do. I desire naught save reform so far as I am able. My welfare is only in Allah. In Him I trust and unto Him I turn (repentant).

89. And, O my people! Let not the schism with me cause you to sin so that there befall you that which befell the folk of Noah or the folk of Hud, or the folk of Salih; and the folk of Lut are not far off from you.

90. Ask pardon of your Lord and then turn unto Him (repentant). Lo! My Lord is Merciful, Loving.

91. They said: O Shu`eyb we understand not much of that thou tellest, and lo! We do behold thee weak among us. But for thy family, we should have stoned thee, for thou art not strong against us.

92. He said: O my people! Is my family more to be honoured by you than Allah? And ye put Him behind you, neglected; lo! My Lord surroundeth what ye do.

93. And, O my people! Act according to your power; lo, I (too) am acting. Ye will soon know on whom there cometh a doom that will abase him, and who it is that lieth. And watch! Lo! I am a watcher with you.

94. And when Our commandment came to pass We saved Shu`eyb and those who believed with him by a mercy from Us; and the (Awful) Cry seized those who did injustice, and
morning found them prostrate in their dwelling;
95. As though they had not dwelt there. A far removal for Madyan, even as Thamud had been removed afar!
96. And verily We sent Moses with Our revelations and a clear warrant.
97. Unto Pharaoh and his chiefs, but they did follow the command of Pharaoh, and the command of Pharaoh was no right guide.
98. He will go before his people on the Day of Resurrection and will lead them to the Fire for watering place. Ah, hapless is the watering place (whither they are) led.
99. A Curse is made to follow them in the world and on the Day of Resurrection. Hapless is the gift (that will be) given (them).
100. That is (something) of the tidings of the townships, (which were destroyed of old). We relate it unto thee (Muhammad). Some of them are standing and some (already) reaped.
101. We wronged them not, but they did wrong themselves; and their gods on whom they call beside Allah availed them naught when came the Lord's command; they added to them naught save ruin.
102. Even thus is the grasp of thy Lord when he graspeth the townships while they are doing wrong. Lo! His grasp is painful, very strong.
103. Lo! Herein verily there is a portent for those who fear the doom of the Hereafter. That is a day unto which mankind will be gathered, and that is a day that will be witnessed.
104. And We defer it only as a term already reckoned.
105. On the Day when it cometh no soul will speak except by His permission; some among them will be wretched,(others) glad.
106. As for those who will be wretched (on the Day) they will be in the Fire; sighing and wailing will be their portion therein.
107. Abiding there so long as the heavens and the earth endure save for that which thy Lord willeth. Lo! Thy Lord is Doer of what He will.
108. And as for those who will be glad (that day) they will be in the Garden, abiding there so long as the heavens and the earth endure save of that which thy Lord willeth: a gift unfailing.
109. So be not thou in doubt concerning that which these (folk) worship. They worship only as their fathers worshipped
aforetime. Lo! We shall pay them their whole due unabated.

110. And We verily gave unto Moses the Scripture, and there was strife thereupon, and had it not been for a Word that had already gone forth from thy Lord, the case would have been judged between them and lo! They are in grave doubt concerning it.

ABRAHAM - 14 (Ibrahim)

5. We verily sent Moses with Our revelations, saying: Bring thy people forth from darkness unto light. And remind them of the days of Allah. Lo! Therein are revelations for each steadfast, thankful (heart).

6. And (remind them) how Moses said unto his people: Remember Allah's favour unto you when He delivered you from Pharaoh's folk who were afflicting you with dreadful torment, and were slaying your sons and sparing your women; that was a tremendous trial from your Lord.

7. And when your Lord proclaimed: if ye give thanks, I will give you more; but if ye are thankless, lo! My punishment is dire.

8. And Moses said: Though ye and all who are in the earth prove thankless', lo! Allah verily is Absolute, Owner of Praise.

9. Hath not the history of those before you reached you; the folk of Noah, and (the tribes of) Aad and Thamud, and those after them? None save Allah knoweth them. Their messengers came unto them with clear proofs, but they thrust their hands into their mouths, and said: lo! We disbelieve in that wherewith ye have been sent, and lo! We are in grave doubt concerning that to which ye call us.

10. Their messenger said: can there be doubt concerning Allah, the Creator of the heavens and the earth? He calleth you that He may forgive you your sins and reprieve you unto an appointed term. They said: Ye are but mortals like us, who would fain turn us away from what our fathers used to worship, then bring some clear warrant.

11. Their messengers said unto them: We are but mortals like you,
but Allah giveth grace unto whom He will of His slaves. It is not ours to bring you a warrant unless by the permission of Allah. In Allah let believers put their trust!

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Al-Hijr-15

51. And tell them of Abraham's guests.
52. (How) when they came in unto him, and said: Peace! He said: Lo! We are afraid of you.
53. They said: Be not afraid! Lo! We bring thee good tidings of a boy possessing wisdom.
54. He said: Bring ye me good tidings (of a son) when old age hath overtaken me? of what then can ye bring good tidings?
55. They said: We bring thee good tidings in truth. So be not thou of the despairing.
56. He said: And who despaireth of the mercy of his Lord save those who are astray?
57. He said: afterward what is your business, O ye messengers (of Allah)?
58. They said: We have been sent unto a guilty folk,
59. (All) save the family of Lut. Them we shall deliver everyone,
60. Except his wife, of whom We had decreed that she should be of those who stay behind.
61. And when the messengers came unto the family of Lut,
62. He said: lo! Ye are folk unknown (to me).
63. They said: Nay, but we bring thee that concerning which they keep disputing.
64. And bring thee the Truth, and lo! We are truth-tellers.
65. So travel with thy household in a portion of the night, and follow thou their backs. Let none of you turn round, but go whither ye are commanded.
66. And We made plain the case to him, that the root of them (who did wrong) was to be cut at early morn.
67. And the people of the city came, rejoicing at the news (of new arrivals).
68. He said: Lo! They are my guests. Affront me not!
69. And keep your duty to Allah, and shame me not!
70. They said: Have we not forbidden you from (entertaining) anyone?
71. He said: Here are my daughters, If ye must be doing (so).
72. By thy life (O Muhammad) they moved blindly in the frenzy of approaching death.
73. Then the (Awful) Cry overtook them at the sunrise:
74. And We turned it upside down, and We rained upon them stones of heated clay.
75. Lo! Therein verily are portents for those who read the signs.
76. And lo! It is upon a road still uneffaced.
77. Lo! Therein is indeed a portent for believers.
78. And the dwellers in the wood indeed were evil doers.
79. So We took vengeance on them; and lo! They both are on a high road plain to see.
80. And the dwellers in Al-Hijr indeed denied (Our) messengers:
81. And We gave them Our revelations, but they were averse to them:
82. And they used to hew out dwellings from the hills, (wherein they dwelt) secure.
83. But the (Awful) Cry overtook them at the morning hour,
84. And that which they were wont to count as gain availed them not.

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MARY - 19 (Maryam)

2. A mention of the mercy of thy Lord unto His servant, Zachariah.
3. When he cried unto his Lord a cry in secret,
4. Saying: My Lord! Lo! The bones of me wax feeble and my head is shining with grey hair, and have never been unblest in prayer to Thee, my Lord.
5. Lo! I fear my kinsfolk after me, since my wife is barren. Oh, give me from Thy presence a successor!
6. Who shall inherit of me and inherit (also) of the house of Jacob. And make him, my Lord, acceptable (unto Thee).
7. (It was said unto him) O Zachariah! Lo! We bring thee tidings of a son whose name is John; We have given the same name to none before (him).
8. He said: My Lord! How can I have a son when my wife is barren and I have reached infirm old age?
9. He said: So(it will be) Thy Lord saith: It is easy for Me, even as I created thee before, when thou wast naught.
10. He said: My Lord! Appoint for me some token. He said: Thy token is that thou, with no bodily defect, shalt not speak unto mankind three nights.
11. Then he came forth unto his people from the sanctuary, and signified to them: Glorify your Lord at break of day and fall of night.
12. (And it was said unto his son): O John! Hold fast the Scripture. And We gave him wisdom when a child!
13. And compassion from Our presence, and purity; and he was devout,
14. And dutiful toward his parents. And he was not arrogant, rebellious.
15. Peace on him the day he was born, and the day he dieth and the day he shall be raised alive!
16. And make mention of Mary in the Scripture, when she had withdrawn from her people to a chamber looking East,
17. And had chosen seclusion from them. Then We sent unto her
Our spirit and it assumed for her the likeness of a perfect man. 

18. She said: Lo! I seek refuge in the Beneficent One from thee, if thou art God-fearing.

19. He said: I am only a messenger of thy Lord, that I may bestow on thee a faultless son.

20. She said: How can I have a son when no mortal hath touched me, neither have I been unchaste?

21. He said: so (it will be). Thy Lord saith: It is easy for Me. And (it will be) that We may make of him a portent for mankind and a mercy from us, and it is a thing ordained.

22. And she conceived him, and she withdrew with him to a far place.

23. And the pangs of childbirth drove her unto the trunk of the palm tree. She said: Oh, would that I had died ere this and had become a thing of naught, forgotten!

24. Then (one) cried unto her from below her, saying: Grieve not! Thy Lord hath placed a rivulet beneath thee.

25. And shake the trunk of the palm tree toward thee, thou wilt cause ripe dates to fall upon thee.

26. So eat and drink and be consoled. And if thou meetest any mortal, say: Lo! I have vowed a fast unto the Beneficent, and may not speak this day to any mortal.

27. Then she brought him to her own folk, carrying him. They said: O Mary! Thou hast come with an amazing thing.

28. Oh sister of Aaron! Thy father was not a wicked man nor was thy mother a harlot.

29. Then she pointed to him. They said: how can we talk to one who is in the cradle, a young boy?

30. He spake; Lo! I am the slave of Allah. He hath given me the Scripture and hath appointed me a Prophet,

31. And hath made me blessed wheresoever I may be, and hath enjoined upon me prayer and almsgiving so long as I remain alive.

32. And (hath made me) dutiful toward her who bore me, and hath not made me arrogant, unblest.

33. Peace on me the day I was born, and the day I die, and the day I shall be raised alive!

34. Such was Jesus, son of Mary: (this is) a statement of the truth concerning which they doubt.
9. Hath there come unto thee the story of Moses?
10. When he saw a fire and said unto his folk: Wait! Lo! I see a fire afar off. Peradventure I may bring you a brand there-from or may find guidance at the fire.
11. And when he reached it, he was called by name: O Moses!
12. Lo! I, even I, am thy Lord, So take off the shoes, for lo! Thou art in the holy valley of Tuwa.
13. And I have chosen thee, so hearken unto that which is inspired.
14. Lo! I, even I, am Allah. There is no God save Me. So serve Me and establish worship for My remembrance.
15. Lo! The Hour is surely coming. But I will to keep it hidden that every soul may be rewarded for that which it striveth (to achieve).
16. There let not him turn thee aside from (the thought of) it who believeth not therein but followeth his own desire lest thou perish.
17. And what is that in thy right hand, O Moses?
18. He said: This is my staff whereon I lean, and wherewith I beat down branches for my sheep, and wherein I find other uses.
19. He said: Cast it down, O Moses!
20. So he cast it down and lo! It was a serpent gliding.
21. He said: Grasp it and fear not. We shall return it to its former state.
22. And thrust thy hand within thine armpit, it will come forth white without hurt. (That will be) another token,
23. That We may show thee (some) of Our greater portents,
24. Go thou unto Pharaoh! Lo! He hath transgressed (the bounds).
25. (Moses) said: My Lord! Relieve my mind.
26. And ease my task for me;
27. And loose a knot from my tongue,
28. That they may understand my saying,
29. Appoint for me a henchman from my folk,
30. Aaron, my brother,
31. Confirm my strength with him,
32. And let him share my task,
33. That we may glorify Thee much,
34. And much remember Thee.
35. Lo! Thou art ever Seeing us.
36. He said: Thou art granted thy request, O Moses.
37. And indeed, another time, already We have shown thee favour,
38. When We inspired in thy mother that which is inspired,
39. Saying: Throw him into the ark, and throw it into the river, then the river shall throw it on to the bank, and there an enemy to Me and an enemy to him shall take him. And I endued thee with love from Me that thou mightest be trained according to My will.
40. When thy sister went and said: Shall I show you one who will nurse him? And We restored thee to thy mother that her eyes might be refreshed and might not sorrow. And thou didst kill a man and We delivered thee from great distress, and tried thee with a heavy trial. And thou didst tarry years among the folk of Madyan. Then camest thou (hither) by (My) providence, O Moses,
41. And I have attached thee to Myself.
42. Go thou and thy brother, with My tokens, and be not faint in remembrance of Me.
43. Go, both of you, unto Pharaoh, Lo! He hath transgressed (the bounds).
44. And speak unto him a gentle word, that peradventure he may heed or fear.
45. They said: Our Lord! We fear that he may be beforehand with us or that he may play the tyrant.
46. He said: Fear not. Lo! I am with you twain, Hearing and Seeing.
47. So go ye unto him and say: Lo! We are two messengers of thy Lord. So let the Children of Israel go with us, and torment them not. We bring thee a token from the Lord. And peace
will be for him who followeth right guidance.

48. Lo! It hath been revealed unto us that the doom will be for him who denieth and turneth away.

49. (Pharaoh) said: who then is the Lord of you twain, O Moses?

50. He said: Our Lord is He Who gave unto everything its nature, then guided it aright.

51. He said: what then is the state of the generation of old?

52. He said: The knowledge thereof is with my Lord in a Record. My Lord neither erreth nor forgetteth.

53. Who hath appointed the earth as a bed and hath threaded roads for you therein and hath sent down water from the sky and thereby We have brought forth diverse kinds of vegetation,

54. (Saying): Eat ye and feed your cattle. Lo! Herein verily are portents for men of thought.

55. Thereof We created you, and thereunto We return you, and thence We bring you forth a second time.

56. And We verily did show him all Our tokens, but he denied them and refused.

57. He said: Hast thou come to drive us out from our land by thy magic, O Moses?

58. But we surely can bring to thee magic the like thereof; so appoint a tryst between us and you, which neither we nor thou shall fail to keep, at a place convenient (to us both).

59. (Moses) said: Your tryst shall be the day of the feast, and let the people assemble when the sun hath risen high.

60. Then Pharaoh went and gathered his strength, then came (to the appointed tryst).

61. Moses said unto them: Woe unto you! Invent not a lie against Allah, lest He extirpate you by some punishment. He who lieth faileth miserably.

62. Then they debated one with another what they must do, and they kept their counsel secret.

63. They said: Lo! These are two wizards who would drive you out from your country by their magic, and destroy our best traditions;

64. So arrange your plan, and come in battle line. Whoso is uppermost this day will be indeed successful.
65. They said: O Moses! Either throw first, or let us be the first to throw:
66. He said: Nay, do ye throw! Then Lo! Their cords and their staves, by their magic, appeared to him as though they ran.
67. And Moses conceived a fear in his mind.
68. We said: Fear not! Lo! Thou art the higher.
69. Throw that which is in thy right hand! It will eat up that which they have made. Lo! That which they have made is but a wizard's artifice, and a wizard shall not be successful to whatever point (of skill) he may attain.
70. Then the wizards were (all) flung down prostrate, crying: We believe in the Lord of Aaron and Moses.
71. (Pharaoh) said: Ye put faith in him before I give you leave. Lo! He is your chief who taught you magic. Now surely I shall cut off your hands and your feet alternately, and I shall crucify you on the trunks of palm trees, and ye shall know for certain which of us hath sterner and more lasting punishment.
72. They said: We choose thee not above the clear proofs that have come unto us, and above Him Who created us. So decree what thou wilt decree. Thou wilt end for us only the life of the world.
73. Lo! We believe in our Lord, that He may forgive us our sins and the magic unto which thou didst force us. Allah is better and more lasting.
74. Lo! Whoso cometh guilty unto his Lord, verily for him is Hell. There he will neither die nor live.
75. But whoso cometh unto Him a believer, having done good works for such are the high stations;
76. Gardens of Eden underneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide for ever. That is the reward of him who groweth.
77. And verily We inspired Moses, saying: Take away My slaves by night and strike for them a dry path in the sea, fearing not to be overtaken, neither being afraid (of the sea).
78. Then Pharaoh followed with his hosts and there covered them that which did cover them of the sea.
79. And Pharaoh led his folk astray, he did not guide them.
80. O Children of Israel! We delivered you from your enemy, and
We made a covenant with you on the holy mountain's side, and sent down on you the manna and the quails.

81. (Saying): Eat of the good things wherewith We have provided you, and transgress not in respect thereof lest My wrath come upon you and he, on whom My wrath cometh, he is lost indeed.

82. And lo! Verily I am Forgiving toward him who repenteth and believeth and doth good, and afterward walketh aright.

83. And (it was said): What hath made thee hasten from thy folk O Moses.

84. He said: They are close upon my track. I hastened unto Thee, my Lord, that Thou mightest be well pleased.

85. He said: Lo! We have tried thy folk in thine absence, and As-Samiri hath misled them.

86. Then Moses went back unto his folk, angry and sad. He said: O my people! Hath not your Lord promised you a fair promise? Did the time appointed then appear too long for you, or did ye wish that wrath from your Lord should come upon you, that ye broke tryst with me?

87. They said: We broke not tryst with thee of our own will, but we were laden with burdens of ornaments of the folk, then cast them (in the fire), for thus As-Samiri proposed:

88. Then he produced for them a calf, of saffron hue, which gave forth a lowing sound. And they cried: This is your God and the God of Moses, but he hath forgotten.

89. See they not, then that it returneth no saying unto them and possesseth for them neither hurt nor use?

90. And Aaron indeed had told them beforehand: O my people! Ye are but being seduced therewith, for lo! Your Lord is the Beneficent, so follow me and obey my order.

91. They said: We shall by no means cease to be its votaries till Moses return unto us.

92. He (Moses) said: O Aaron! What held thee back when thou didst see them gone astray,

93. That thou followedst me not? Hast thou then disobeyed my order?

94. He said: O son of my mother! Clutch not my beard nor my
head! I feared lest thou shouldst say: Thou hast caused division among the Children of Israel, and hast not waited for my word.

95. (Moses) said: And what has thou to say. O Samiri?
96. He said: I perceived what they perceived not, so I seized a handful from the footsteps of the messenger, and then threw it in. Thus my soul commended to me.
97. (Moses) said Then go! And lo! In this life it is for thee to say: Touch me not! And lo! There is for thee a tryst, which canst not be broken for thee. Now look upon thy god of which thou hast remained a votary. Verily We will burn it and will scatter its dust over the sea.

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116. And when We said unto the angels: Fall prostrate before Adam, they fell prostrate (all) save Iblis; he refused.
117. Therefore We said: O Adam! This is an enemy unto thee and unto thy wife, so let him not drive you both out of the Garden so that thou come to toil.
118. It is (vouchsafed) unto thee that thou hungerest not therein nor art naked,
119. And thou thirstest not therein nor art exposed to the sun's heat.
120. But the Devil whispered to him, saying: O Adam! I show thee the tree of immortality and power that wasteth not away?
121. Then they twain ate thereof, so that their shame became apparent unto them, and they began to hide by heaping on themselves some of the leaves of the Garden. And Adam disobeyed his Lord, so went astray.
122. Then his Lord chose him, and relented forward him, and guided him.
123. He said: go down hence, both of you, one of you a foe unto the other. But if there come unto you from me a guidance, then whoso followeth My guidance, he will not go astray nor come to grief.
124. But he who turneth away from remembrance of Me, his will be a narrow life, and I shall bring him blind to the assembly on the Day of Resurrection.

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THE PROPHETS - 21  (Al-Anbiya)

48. And We verily gave Moses and Aaron the Criterion (of right and wrong) and a light and a Reminder for those who keep from evil.

49. Those who fear their Lord in secret and who dread the Hour (of doom).

50. This is a blessed Reminder that We have revealed: Will ye then reject it?

51. And We verily gave Abraham of old his proper course, and We were Aware of him.

52. When he said unto his father and his folk: What are these images unto which ye pay devotion?

53. They said: We found our fathers worshipers of them.

54. He said: Verily ye and your fathers were in-plain error.

55. They said: Bringest thou unto us the truth, or art thou some jester?

56. He said: Nay, but your Lord is the Lord of the heaven and the earth, Who created them; and I am of those who testify unto that.

57. And, by Allah, I shall circumvent your idols after ye have gone away and turned your backs.

58. Then he reduced them to fragments, all save the chief of them, that haply they might have recourse to it.

59. They said: Who hath done this to our gods? Surely it must be some evil-doer.

60. They said: We heard a youth make mention of them, who is called Abraham.

61. They said: Then bring him (hither) before the people's eyes that they may testify.

62. They said: Is it thou who hast done this to our gods. O Abraham?

63. He said: But this, their chief hath done it. So question them, if
they can speak.

64. Then gathered they apart and said: lo! Ye yourselves are the wrong-doers.

65. And they were utterly confounded, and they said: Well thou knowest that these speak not.

66. He said: Worship ye then instead of Allah that which cannot profit you at all, nor harm you?

67. Fie on you and all that ye worship instead of Allah! Have ye then no sense?

68. They cried: Burn him and stand by your gods, if ye will be doing.

69. We said: O fire, be coolness and peace for Abraham!

70. And they wished to set a snare for him, but We made them the greater losers.

71. And We rescued him and lo! (and brought them) to the land which We have blessed for (all) peoples.

72. And We bestowed upon him Isaac, and Jacob as a grandson. Each of them We made righteous.

73. And We made them chiefs who guide by Our command, and We inspired in them the doing of good deeds and the right establishment of worship and the giving of alms, and they were worshippers of Us(alone).

74. And unto Lut We gave judgment and knowledge, and We delivered him from the community that did abominations. Lo! They were folk of evil, lewd.

75. And We brought him in unto Our mercy. Lo! He was of the righteous.

76. And Noah, when he cried of old, We heard his prayer and saved him and his household from the great affliction.

77. And delivered him from the people who denied Our revelations. Lo! They were folk of evil, therefore did We drown them all.

78. And David and Solomon, when they gave judgment concerning the field, when people's sheep had strayed and browsed therein by night: and We were witnesses to their judgment:
79. And We made Solomon to understand (the case); and unto each of them We gave judgment and knowledge. And We subdued the hills and the birds to hymn (His) praise alongwith David. We were the doers (thereof).

80. And We taught him the art of making garments (of mail) to protect you in your daring. Are ye then thankful?

81. And unto Solomon (We subdued) the wind in its raging. It set by His command toward the land which We had blessed. And of everything We are aware.

82. And of the evil ones (subdued We unto him) some who dived (for pearls) for him and did other' work, and We were warders unto them:

83. And Job, when he cried unto his Lord, (saying): Lo! Adversity afflicteth me, and Thou art Most Merciful of all who show mercy.

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THE BELIEVERS - 23 (Al-Mu`Minun)

23. And We verily sent Noah unto his folk, and he said: O my people! Serve Allah. Ye have no other god save Him. Will ye not ward off(evil)?

24. But the chieftains of his folk, who disbelieved, said: this is only a mortal like you who would make himself superior to you. Had Allah willed, he surely could have sent down angels. We heard not of this in the case of our fathers of old.

25. He is only a man in whom is a madness, so watch him for a while.

26. He said: My Lord! Help me because they deny me.

27. Then We inspired in him, saying: Make the ship under Our eyes and Our inspiration. Then, when Our command cometh and the oven gusheth water, introduce therein of every (kind) two spouses, and thy household save him thereof against whom the Word hath already gone forth. And plead not with Me on behalf of those who have done wrong. Lo! They will be drowned.

28. And when thou art on board the ship, thou and whoso is with thee, then say: Praise be to Allah Who hath saved us from the wrongdoing folk!

29. And say: My Lord! Cause me to land at a blessed landing place, for Thou art best of all who bring to land.

30. Lo! Herein verily are portents, for lo! We are ever putting (mankind) to the test.

31. Then, after them, We brought forth another generation;

32. And We sent among them a messenger of their own, saying: Serve Allah. Ye have no other god save Him. Will ye not ward off (evil)?

33. And the chieftains of his folk, who disbelieved and denied the meeting of the Hereafter, and whom We had made soft in the life of the world, said: This is only a mortal like you, who
eateth of that whereof ye eat and drinketh of that ye drink.
34. If ye were to obey a mortal like yourselves, ye surely would be losers.
35. Doth he promise you that you, when ye are dead and have become dust and bones, will (again) be brought forth?
36. Begone, begone, with that which ye are promised!
37. There is naught but our life of the world; we die and we live, and we shall not be raised (again).
38. He is only a man who hath invented a lie about Allah. We are not going to put faith in him.
39. He said: My Lord! Help me because they deny me.
40. He said: In a little while they surely will become repentant.
41. So the (Awful) Cry overtook them rightfully, and We made them like as wreckage (that a torrent hurleth). A far removal for wrongdoing folk!
42. Then after them We brought forth other generations.
43. No nation can outstrip its term, nor yet postpone it.
44. Then We sent our messengers one after another. Whenever its messenger came unto a nation they denied him; so We caused them to follow one another (to disaster) and We made them bywords. A far removal for folk who believe not!
45. Then We sent Moses and his brother Aaron with Our tokens and a clear warrant.
46. Unto Pharaoh and his chiefs, but they scorned (them) and they were despotic folk.
47. And they said: Shall we put faith in two mortals like ourselves, and whose folk are servile unto us?
48. So they denied them, and became of those who were destroyed.
49. And We verily gave Moses the Scripture, that haply they might go aright.
50. And We made the son of Mary and his mother a portent, and We gave them refuge on a height, a place of flocks and water-springs.

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7. (Remember) when Moses said unto his household: Lo! I spy afar off a fire; I will bring you tidings thence, or bring to you a borrowed flame that ye may warm yourselves.

8. But when he reached it, he was called, saying: Blessed is whosoever is in the fire and whosoever is round about it! And glorified be Allah, the Lord of the Worlds!

9. O Moses! Lo! It is I, Allah, the Mighty, the Wise.

10. And throw down the staff! But when he saw it writhing as it was a demon, he turned to flee headlong; (but it was said unto him): O Moses! Fear not! Lo! The emissaries fear not in My presence:

11. Save him who hath done wrong and afterward hath changed evil for good. And lo! I am Forgiving, Merciful.

12. And put thy hand into the bosom of thy robe, it will come forth white but unhurt. (This will be one) among nine tokens unto Pharaoh and his people. Lo! They were ever evil-living folk.

13. But when Our tokens came unto them, plain to see, they said; This is mere magic!

14. And they denied them, though their souls acknowledged them, for spite and arrogance. Then see the nature of the consequence for the wrongdoers!

15. And We verily gave knowledge unto David and Solomon, and they said: praise be to Allah, Who hath preferred us above many of His believing slaves!

16. And Solomon was David's heir. And he said: O mankind! Lo! We have been taught the language of birds, and have been given (abundance) of all things. This surely is evident favour.

17. And there were gathered together unto Solomon his armies of the jinn and humankind, and of the birds, and they were set in a battle order;

18. Till, when they reached the Valley of the Ants, an ant exclaimed: O ants! Enter your dwellings lest Solomon and his
armies crush you, unperceiving.

19. And (Solomon) smiled, laughing at her speech, and said: My Lord, arouse me to be thankful for Thy favour wherewith Thou hast favoured me and my parents, and to do good that shall be pleasing unto Thee, and include me in (the number of) Thy righteous slaves.

20. And he sought among the birds and said: How is it that I see not the hoopoe, or is he among the absent?

21. I verily will punish him with hard punishment or I verily will slay him, or he verily shall bring me a plain excuse.

22. But he was not long in coming, and he said: I have found out(a thing) that thou apprehendest not, and I come unto thee from Sheba with sure tidings.

23. Lo! I found a woman ruling over them, and she hath been given (abundance) of all things, and hers is a mighty throne.

24. I found her and her people worshipping the sun instead of Allah; and Satan maketh their works fair seeming unto them, and debarreth them from the way (of Truth), so that they go not aright:

25. So that they worship not Allah, Who bringeth forth the hidden in the heavens and the earth, and knoweth what ye hide and what ye proclaim.

26. Allah; there is no God save Him, the Lord of the tremendous Throne.

27. (Solomon) said: We shall see whether thou speakest truth or whether thou art of the liars.

28. Go with this my letter and throw it down unto them; then turn away and see what (answer) they return.

29. (The Queen of Sheba) said(when she received the letter): O chieftains! Lo! There hath been thrown unto me a noble letter.

30. Lo! It is from Solomon, and lo! It is: in the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful;

31. Exalt not yourselves against me! But come unto me as those who surrender.

32. She said: O chieftains! Pronounce for me in my case. I decide no case till ye are present with me.

33. They said: We are lords of might and lords of great prowess, but it is for thee to command; so consider what thou wilt
command.

34. She said: Lo! Kings, when they enter a township, ruin it and make the honor of its people shame. Thus will they do.

35. But lo! I am going to send a present unto them, and to see with what (answer) the messengers return.

36. So when (the envoy) came unto Solomon, (the King) said: What! Would ye help me with wealth? But that which Allah hath given me is better than that which He hath given you. Nay it is ye (and not I) who exult in your gift.

37. Return unto them. We verily shall come unto them with hosts that they cannot resist, and we shall drive them out from thence with shame, and they will be abased.

38. He said: O chiefs! Which of you will bring me her throne before they come unto me, surrendering?

39. A stalwart of the Jinn said: I will bring it thee before thou canst rise from thy place. Lo! I verily am strong and trusty for such work.

40. One with whom was knowledge of the Scripture said: I will bring it thee before thy gaze returneth unto thee. And when he saw it set in his presence, (Solomon) said: This is of the bounty of my Lord, that he may try me whether I give thanks or am ungrateful. Whosoever giveth thanks he only giveth thanks for (the good of) his own soul: and whosoever is ungrateful (is ungrateful only to his own soul's hurt). For lo! My Lord is Absolute in independence, Bountiful.

41. He said: Disguise her throne for her that we may see whether she will go aright or be of those not rightly guided.

42. So, when she came it was said (unto her): Is thy throne like this? She said: (It is) as though it were the very one. And (Solomon said:) We were given the knowledge before her and we had surrendered (to Allah).

43. And (all) that she was wont to worship instead of Allah hindered her, for she came of disbelieving folk.

44. It was said unto her: Enter the hall. And when she saw it she deemed it a pool and bared her legs. (Solomon) said: Lo! It is a hall, made smooth, of glass. She said: My Lord! Lo! I have wronged myself, and I surrender with Solomon unto Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.
THE SPIDER - 29 (Al- Ankabut)

14. And verily We sent Noah (as Our messenger) unto his folk, and he continued with them for a thousand years save fifty years; and the flood engulfed them, for they were wrongdoers.

15. And We rescued him and those with him in the ship, and made of it a portent for the peoples.

16. And Abraham! (remember) when he said unto his folk: Serve Allah, and keep your duty unto Him; that is better for you if ye did but know.

17. Ye serve instead of Allah only idols, and ye only invent a lie. Lo! Those whom ye serve instead of Allah own no provision for you. So seek your provision from Allah, and serve Him, and give thanks unto Him, (for) unto Him ye will be brought back.

18. But if ye deny, then nations have denied before you. The messenger is only to convey (the Message) plainly.

19. See they not how Allah produceth creation, then reproduceth it? Lo! For Allah that is easy.

20. Say (O Muhammad): Travel in the land and see how He originated creation, then Allah bringeth forth the later growth. Lo! Allah is able to do all things.

21. He punisheth whom He will and showeth mercy unto whom He will, and unto Him ye will be returned.

22. Ye cannot escape (from Him) in the earth or in the sky, and beside Allah there is for you no friend nor helper.

23. Those who disbelieve in the revelations of Allah and in (their) meeting with Him, such have no hope of My mercy. For such there is a painful doom.

24. But the answer of his folk was only that they said: "Kill him" or "Burn him". Then Allah saved him from the fire. Lo! Herein verily are portents for folk who believe.

25. He said: Ye have chosen idols instead of Allah. The love
between you is only in the life of the world. Then on the Day of Resurrection ye will deny each other and curse each other, and your abode will be the Fire, and ye will have no helpers.

26. And Lut believed him, and said: lo! I am a fugitive unto my Lord. Lo! He, only He, is the Mighty, the Wise.

27. And We bestowed on him Isaac and Jacob, and We established the Prophethood and the Scripture among his seed, and We gave him his reward in the world, and lo! In the Hereafter he verily is among the righteous.

28. And Lut! (Remember) when he said unto his folk: lo! Ye commit lewdness such as no creature did before you.

29. For come ye not in unto males, and cut ye not the road (for travelers), and commit ye not abomination in your meetings? But the answer of his folk was only that they said: Bring Allah's doom upon us if thou art a truth-teller!

30. He said: My Lord! Give me victory over folk who work corruption.

31. And when Our messengers brought Abraham the good news, they said: Lo! We are about to destroy the people of that township, for its people are wrong-doers.

32. He said: Lo! Lut is there. They said: We are best aware of who is there. We are to deliver him and his household, all save his wife, who is of those who stay behind.

33. And when Our messengers came unto Lut, he was troubled upon their account, for he could not protect them, but they said: Fear not, nor grieve! Lo! We are to deliver thee and thy household, (all) save thy wife, who is of those who stay behind.

34. Lo! We are about to bring down upon folk of this township a fury from the sky because they are evil-livers.

35. And verily of that We have left a clear sign for people who have sense.

36. And unto Madyan We have sent Shu'eyb, their brother. He said: O my people! Serve Allah, and look forward to the Last Day, and do not evil, making mischief, in the earth.

37. But they denied him, and the dreadful earthquake took them,
and morning found them prostrate in their dwelling-place.

38. And (the tribes of) Aad and Thamud! (their fate) is manifest unto you from their (ruined and deserted) dwellings. Satan made their deeds seem fair unto them and so debarred them from the Way, though they were keen observers.

39. And Korah, Pharaoh and Haman! Moses came unto them with clear proofs (of Allah's sovereignty), but they were boastful in the land. And they were not winners (in the race).

40. So We took each one in his sin; of them was he on whom We sent a hurricane, and of them was he who was overtaken by the (Awful) Cry, and of them was he whom We caused the earth to swallow, and of them was he whom We drowned. It was not for Allah to wrong them, but they wronged themselves.

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THE PROSTRATION - 32 (Al-Sajdah)

23. We verily gave Moses the Scripture; so be not ye in doubt of his receiving it; and We appointed it a guidance for the Children of Israel.

24. And when they became steadfast and believed firmly in Our revelations, We appointed from among them leaders who guided by Our command.

25. Lo! Thy Lord will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection concerning that wherein they used to differ.

SABA - 34 (Saba)

10. And assuredly We gave David grace from Us, (saying): O ye hills and birds, echo his psalms of praise! And We made the iron supple unto him,


12. And unto Soloman (We gave) the wind, whereof the morning course was a month's journey and the evening course a month's journey, and We caused the fount of copper to gush forth for him, and (We gave him) certain of the jinn who worked before him by permission of his Lord. And such of them as deviated from Our command, them We caused to taste the punishment of flaming fire.

13. They made for him what he willed; synagogues and statues, basins like wells and boilers built into the ground. Give thanks, O House of David! Few of My bondmen are thankful.
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