1. Surah Al-Fatihah
The Opening

1. In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
2. All form of praise and thanks\(^1\) is due to Allah Alone, the Creator\(^2\) of Al-Alamin (i.e. mankind, jinn and all that exists).
3. The Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.
4. The Owner of the Day of Judgement.
5. We worship You ( Alone) and we seek help from You ( Alone).
7. The Path of those whom You honoured with Your favours. Not (the Path) of those who earned Your Anger nor of those who went astray.

Surah Al-Baqarah
The Cow\(^3\)

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

1. Alif-Lam-Mim. (Allah Alone knows their meanings)
2. This Book (the Quran) has no doubt in it. (That the Quran is from Allah. But if a person doubts due to his ignorance, the fact is not changed). It is a guidance for pious persons.
3. Those who believe in the Unseen,

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1. Prophet Muhammad ( ﷺ) said: “The best reminder and the best supplication is ( أفضل الدعاء) (Tirmidhi-3383, Ibn-Majah-3800), (ii) Prophet Muhammad ( ﷺ) said: “Allah loves those believers who thank Him after meals.” (Muslim), (iii) Prophet Muhammad ( ﷺ) said, i.e. “complete fulfills up the balance.” (Muslim-223)
2. In this translation of the Quran, the Creator means Allah Who creates, maintains and sustains His creatures.
3. Prophet Muhammad ( ﷺ) said: “ Satan does not enter the house in which Surah-Al-Baqarah is recited.” (Muslim-780)
establish prayer and spend (in good projects) from what Allah has given them.

4. And they believe in what is sent down to you (i.e. the Quran) and what was sent down before you. (Believing in the earlier Scriptures; is a must, but one should act on the guidance of the Quran only) and they believe firmly in the Hereafter.

5. They have the (true) guidance from their Creator and they will be successful (in the Hereafter).

6. It is the same for the disbelievers whether you warn them or not, they will not believe.

7. Allah has sealed their hearts and ears and there is a cover on their eyes. And they will have severe punishment.

8. And among the people some of them (hypocrites) say: “We believe in Allah and the Day of Judgement.” In fact, they don’t believe.

9. They (are trying to) deceive Allah and the believers. In fact, they are deceiving themselves only, but they don’t realize it.

10. There is a disease (i.e. hypocrisy) in their hearts and Allah has increased their (this) disease. And there is a painful punishment for them since they used to tell lies.¹

11. And when it is said to them: “Don’t make mischief in the land,” they say: “Indeed, we are the reformers.”

12. Bear in mind that they are the ones who are spreading the mischief but they don’t realize it.

13. And when it is said to them: “Believe as

¹ Lying is not a minor sin. It is a major sin and it transforms a person from a believer to a hypocrite.
the people [the Companions of the Prophet (ﷺ)] have believed. They say: “Shall we believe as the fools have believed?” Bear in mind that they are the fools, but they don’t understand it.

14. And when they meet the believers, they say: “We believe.” And when they are alone with their Shayatin (i.e. hypocrites), they say (in privacy): “We are, indeed, with you. We were only mocking (at the believers).”

15. Allah mocks at them and increases their evil activities to wander blindly.

16. They have purchased ignorance in place of guidance, so their trading did not profit them and they were not guided (to the right direction).

17. The example of such persons is like the one who kindled a fire and when everything around him was lighted, Allah took away their light and left them in the darkness, unable to see anything.

18. (Their condition is) as if they are deaf, dumb and blind and they will not return (to the Right Path). (This was an example for the firm hypocrites).

19. (Some hypocrites are wishy-washy). Their example is like a rainstorm from the sky. There is darkness, thunder and lightning in it. They thrust their fingers in their ears for the fear of death from the

1. The belief of the Companions of the Prophet Muhammad(ﷺ) is the test for the correctness of our beliefs.

2. When Prophet Muhammad(ﷺ) came to Madinah, some people embraced Islam, but some of them fell into hypocrisy. They were initially in darkness of disbelief. By embracing Islam, they found light to distinguish between good and bad. Then they turned to hypocrisy, and lost all the light they had and were left in darkness again. *Fateh al-Qadeer.*

3. This is the example of another group of hypocrites. Their hearts are like storm which has darkness thunder and lightning in it. When thunderbolt frightens them, they thrust their
thunderclaps. And Allah fully encompasses the disbelievers.

20. The lightning is such that it is about to snatch away their eyesight. When it flashes (momentarily) they walk in it and when it becomes dark for them, they stand still. And if Allah willed, He would have deprived them from their hearing and eyesight. Indeed, Allah is Able to do all things.

21. O Mankind! Worship Allah who has created you and those who were before you so that you may become pious (persons).

22. Who has made the earth as a floor for you and the sky as a canopy and sent down rain water from the sky and grew fruits with it as a provision for you. Hence don’t make partners with Allah while you know (that nobody else can produce fruits etc).

23. And if you are in doubt concerning that which We have sent down to Our slave [Muhammad (ﷺ)], then (We challenge you) to produce a Surah (chapter) like this one and you may call all your supporters to help you, besides Allah, if you are truthful.

24. So if you cannot produce it, and you will never be able to produce it, then fear the Hell-Fire whose fuel is men and stones, prepared for the disbelievers.

25. And give the (following) glad tidings to those who believe and do good deeds. There are Gardens for them beneath which rivers flow (i.e. Paradise). When
they will be given some fruit there and We shall give the resembling fruit, they will say: “It resembles with what we had before.” (i.e. name and shape is the same as in the worldly life but is totally different in taste)¹, and there will be pure companions² for them and they will reside there forever³.

26. Indeed, Allah does not feel shy to give an example of a mosquito or even of a more ordinary thing (here Allah informed us that a tiny parasite is sitting on top of each mosquito. We discovered it recently). The believers know that it is a very appropriate example from Allah. And the disbelievers say: “What did Allah intend by this example?” Allah misleads many (by such examples) and guides others⁴ (with them). Allah does not mislead anybody with these examples except those who are disobedient to Allah.

27. Those who break Allah’s promise after making it (or ratifying it) and cut off those relations which Allah has ordered to maintain, and they spread mischief in the land. They are going to be in utter loss.

28. How can you disbelieve in Allah? (Knowing that) He gave you life when you were dead. Then He will cause you

¹. Prophet Muhammad(صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, about provisions of Paradise, "No eye has seen these, no ear has heard about them, nobody could ever, visualize them."(Bukhari-3244)

². Without monthly course etc.

³. Prophet Muhammad(صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, after entry into Hell and Paradise, one angel will announce: "O Dwellers of Paradise, there is no more death; Every group will stay in the same condition forever. "(Bukhari-3244, Muslim-2850)

⁴. Allah also says in Surah An-Nisa : 115 “Whatever you lean to, We lead you to that".
death, and then He will again grant you life (on the Day of Resurrection), and then you will have to return to Him.

29. He created for you everything in the earth, and then He rose towards heaven (i.e. paid attention towards the creation) and perfected them as seven skies. And He is the All-Knower of everything.

30. (So far Allah described His favours to mankind which we can touch or feel i.e. meals, property etc. Now Allah describes His favours to mankind like knowledge, honour etc). And (remember) when Allah said to the angels:\textsuperscript{2} “Indeed, I am going to make a viceroy (Khalīfa) in the earth.” The angels said: “Will you make one who will spread mischief in it and shed blood\textsuperscript{3} while we glorify You with Your praises and sanctify You.” Allah said: “Indeed, I know that which you don’t know.”

31. Allah taught Adam the names of everything, then He presented those to the angels and said: “Tell me the names of these, if you are truthful.”

32. The angels said: “Glory to You, we have no knowledge except what You have taught us. Indeed, You are the

1. It proves that earth was created before heavens. Allah says in Surah Naziat: 30 (وَأَلْفَادَتْ بِكَانَةَ ۖ أَلْفَادَتْ بِكَانَةَ) i.e. After that earth was spread. Note that creation is different from spreading. Earth was created first, then heavens and then earth was spread and levelled up (Fateh al-Qadeer). Also note the word “فَتْرَة” Nothing is created useless in the earth. Everything is useful for us in some way which we may not know. It, however, does not mean that use of everything in everyway is Halal or permissible.

2. Angels asked this not by way of an objection or jealousy but to learn about the wisdom. Allah’s wisdom was that in spite of some mischievous persons, there will be Prophets, martyrs and other righteous people. (Tafseer Ibn-Kathir)

3. How did the angels come to know about it? The angels observed this in Allah’s other creatures, created before mankind. Some scholars say that Allah informed them. (Fateh al-Qadeer)
All-Knower, the All-Wise."

33. Allah said: “O Adam (ۚۚ) ! Tell them the names of these things.” When Adam (ۚۚ) told the names of the things (with their characteristics, to the angels), Allah said: “Did I not tell you that I, indeed, know the Unseen in the heavens and the earth, and I know that which you reveal and what you have been hiding?”

34. And (remember) when We said to the angels: “All of you Prostrate yourselves to Adam (ۚۚ).” So they all prostrated except Satan, he refused and was haughty and he became one of the disbelievers (of Allah).

35. And We said: “O Adam (ۚۚ)! You and your wife reside in Paradise and eat plentifully from wherever you desire, and don’t come near this tree otherwise both of you will become wrong-doers.”

36. So Satan caused to slip² both of them concerning this tree³ and brought them out (of the enjoyable life there). And We said to them: “Get down from here. Some of you will be enemies of each other. And you have to reside on the earth and find enjoyment there for a while.”

37. So Adam (ۚۚ) learnt some words from his Creator, and then He accepted his

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1. Allah not only honoured Adam(ۚۚ) by (i) knowledge (ii) respect through prostration to him (iii) abode in Paradise (iv) enjoyment of staying in Paradise by eating, drinking etc. From the children of Adam(ۚۚ), Allah honoured Prophet Muhammad(ۚۚ), in six unique ways. (i) He is the Prophet of the whole universe (ii) His Prophethood will last till the Day of Judgement (iii) His guidance will be preserved till the Day of Judgement (iv) All his followers will never go astray (v) He will be the Caliph of Allah till the Day of Judgement (vi) He will intercede and request Allah for the forgiveness of others on the Day of Judgement.

2. Prophets don’t make any mistakes intentionally. Any mistake committed is due to misunderstanding or forgetfulness etc.

3. In word ‘َۚاِِۢۡهُ’ Unha’, ‘ha’ is a pronoun for tree, not for Adam’s wife. Hence both Adam and Eve were made to slip and not Eve alone.
repentance. Indeed, Allah accepts (sincere) repentance, the Most Merciful.

38. We said (with Our Wisdom): “Get down from here all of you. So if you come across My guidance, then whoever follows it (My guidance), there shall be no fear on them, nor shall they grieve.\(^1\)

39. “And those who will disbelieve and deny Our revelations will be dwellers of Hell-Fire, and they shall reside there forever.”

40. O Children of Israel!\(^2\) Remember My favour I did to you. Fulfil your promise you made to Me (in Taurat), I shall fulfil My promise (of removing your sins) and fear Me Alone.

41. And believe in the Book which I have sent down (i.e. the Quran) since it confirms what is with you, and don’t be the first to disbelieve in it. And don’t sell My Verses for petty gains and fear Me Alone.

42. Don’t mix truth with falsehood and don’t conceal the truth while you know (the truth clearly).

43. Establish Salat and give Zakat (the poor-due) and bow with those who bow (in worship).

44. Do you motivate other people to observe piety, and you ignore its practice yourselves while you recite the Book (Taurat, which disapproves knowledge without practice)? Don’t you understand this?

45. And seek help with patience and Salat.\(^3\)

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1. Fear is before occurrence of something and grief is (the condition of heart) after hardship is removed.
2. Israel is one of the names of Yaqub (صلى الله عليه وسلم). Bani Israel means children of Yaqub(صلى الله عليه وسلم). Israel also means Abdullah.
3. (كانت رسول الله ﷺ يسلط على الناس المسلمين إذا خرجت أمر صلي) Whenever Prophet Muhammad(صلى الله عليه وسلم) had a big task to be accomplished, he performed additional Salat. *Ahmed-23299, Abu Dawud-1319*
And, indeed, it is hard, except for those who are humble,

46. Those who bear in mind that they will certainly meet their Creator and that they are certainly going to return to Him.

47. O Children of Israel! Remember My favour to you that I gave preference to you amongst all My creatures (of that time).

48. And fear the Day when no person will benefit other person, nor intercession will be accepted from him, nor compensation will be taken from him and they will not be helped in any way.

49. (Here are the details of Allah’s favours). And (remember) when We rescued you from Firaun’s people, who inflicted upon you a terrible torment, killing your sons while letting your ladies live. That was a big trial for you from Allah.

50. And (remember) when We split the sea for you and took you across the sea safely, and We drowned the people of Firaun while you were looking at them.

51. And (remember) when We appointed forty nights for Musa (عبد الله), then you started (worshiping) a calf in his absence and you became wrong-doers.

52. Even after that We pardoned you so that you might be grateful.

53. And (remember) when We gave Musa (عبد الله) the Scripture and the criterion of right and wrong so that you may be guided (to the Right Path).

54. And (remember) when Musa (عبد الله) said to
his people: “O my people, indeed, you have wronged yourselves by taking the calf (for worship). Hence turn to your Creator for forgiveness, and kill yourselves (the innocents should kill the wrongdoers), that will be better for you with Allah. Then Allah accepted your repentance. Indeed, He readily accepts repentance, the Most Merciful.

55. And (remember) when you said: “O Musa (ﷺ), we shall never believe in you until we see Allah face to face.” So a thunderbolt struck you (due to your rudeness) while you were looking.

56. Then [due to the supplication of Musa (ﷺ)] We made you alive again, so that you might be grateful to Allah (for this favour).

57. And We put shade of clouds on you and sent down for you Manna (a kind of grain) and quails (saying :) “Eat the lawful things, which We have provided for you.” (But they ignored this guidance too). And they did not harm Us, rather they harmed themselves.

58. And (remember) when We, ordered you: “Enter this town (Jerusalem) and eat as much as you like and from wherever you like but enter while bowing (with humility) saying: ‘Forgive us, Forgive us.’ We shall forgive your (past) sins. (Moreover) We shall (spontaneously) increase the reward for the good doer.”

59. But the wrong-doers changed the wording given to them (for recitation). So We sent a punishment (i.e. plague) for them from the heaven for their rebellion (against Allah).

60. And (remember) when Musa (ﷺ) asked
for water for his people, We said: “Strike the stone with your stick.” Twelve springs gushed out from that stone. Every tribe recognized the spring for its group. (We advised them): “Eat and drink from the provisions of Allah and don’t transgress by creating mischief in the land.”

61. And (remember) when you said: “O Musa (صلى الله عليه وسلم), we are not contented with one kind of food. Hence pray to your Creator to provide us what earth grows (in the form of) vegetables, cucumbers, wheat (or garlic), lentils and onions. Musa (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: “Do you wish to exchange the better food with the lower grade of food? (If, however you don’t listen to me) enter the big city (metropolis), you will find what you have requested for. And they were inflicted by humiliation, misery, and they returned with the wrath of Allah. This is because they disbelieved the revelations of Allah and killed the Prophets unjustly. This was also because they disobeyed Allah and transgressed beyond limits.

62. (Jews felt that even if they believed sincerely, it would not be accepted due to their above mischief. Allah describes His law) Indeed, the Muslims and the Jews and the Christians and Sabians (with no particular religion), whoever believes in Allah, and the Last Day and does righteous deeds, Allah shall definitely reward them. And there shall be neither fear nor grief for them.

63. And (remember) when We took a promise from you (to obey the instructions in Taurat but you broke this promise) and We raised mountain Tur over you (saying:) “Hold this Book firmly and adhere to its
instructions so that you may become pious persons.”

64. Then after that you turned away (i.e. broke your promise again. Hence you deserve Allah’s punishment). Had there not been the Grace and Mercy of Allah upon you, you would definitely have been among the losers.

65. And you indeed, knew those who transgressed pertaining to Saturday (i.e. not to catch fish on Saturday). So We said to them: “You be rejected monkeys!”

66. So We made (this punishment) an example for the people before them and for those who would come after them and a lesson for the pious people.

67. And (remember) when Musa (S) said to his people “Indeed, Allah orders you to slaughter a cow”\(^1\) They said: “Are you joking with us?” Musa (S) said: “I seek Allah’s refuge from acting as an ignorant person.”

68. They said: “Pray to your Creator to make clear to us what she is like.” Musa (S) said: “Allah says, ‘It is a cow neither too old nor too young, rather it is between these two conditions’, hence do what you are ordered.”

69. They said: “Pray to your Creator to make clear to us its colour.” Musa (S) said: “Allah says: ‘It is a yellow cow. Its colour is bright and pleasing for the onlookers’."

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\(^1\) There was a rich man without an issue among the Children of Israel. His nephew was supposed to inherit his uncle’s wealth. This nephew killed his uncle during the night and threw his body near the door of another person. In the morning people started blaming each other for his death. Finally Musa(S) came to know about it. Musa(S) ordered to slaughter a cow. When they touched the dead body with a piece of this slaughtered cow, the dead became alive momentarily and informed the people about the murderer. Soon after this he died again. \textit{(Fatih al-Qadeer)}.\)
70. They said: “Pray to your Creator to make it clear to us which one is it, since there are several resembling cows with us, and surely, if Allah wills, we will be guided.”

71. Musa ( пр ) said: “He says: ‘It is not used for any sort of work. It neither tills the soil nor waters the crops. It is healthy and without any defect.’ They said: “Now you have come with the truth.” So they slaughtered it although it looked like they were not going to do it.

72. And (remember) when you killed a man and started disputing about it. And Allah was going to reveal what you were hiding.

73. Hence We said: “Strike the dead person with a piece of (slaughtered) cow (he will become alive).” In this way Allah brings the dead to life and shows you His signs so that you may understand.

74. After that your hearts were hardened even more as if they were like stones or even harder than that. Since there are stones from which rivers flow. There are also stones, which when split; some water comes out of them. There are also stones which fall down for fear of Allah. And Allah is not unaware of what you do. 1

75. (O you who believe!) Do you desire that they believe in your religion, though there is a group among them (their religious leaders) who used to listen to the Word of Allah, and then they used to change it knowingly after they understood it?

76. And when these Jews meet the believers, they say: “We do believe”, but when they

1. There is a great eloquence of the Quran in describing three kinds of stones step by step and showing how hard are the hearts of the Jews. Hence they are a hopeless case.
meet each other privately they say (by way of reminder to each other): “Shall you inform the believers what has been disclosed to you [about Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)], that they may argue with you about it before Allah?” Have you (Jews) no sense? (This was the state of mind of the educated group of the Jews).

77. Don’t they know that Allah knows what they conceal and what they reveal?

78. (The state of mind of illiterate Jews is as follows). And there are some illiterate people among them who have no knowledge of the Book. They live with false desires and imaginary ideas.

79. Hence woe to those who write the Book with their own hands and then say: “This is from Allah”, to purchase with this (false writing) a petty gain. Woe to them for what their hands have written and woe to them for such gain.

80. And they (Jews) say: “The Hell-Fire shall not touch us (on the Day of Resurrection) except for a few limited days.” Say [O Muhammad (ﷺ)]: “Do you have a promise about it from Allah, so that Allah will not act contrary to His promise? (Definitely none). Or do you ascribe things to Allah which you don’t know?”

81. In fact, whoever has earned evil deeds and is surrounded by his disobediences, so they will be residents of Hell and they will be there forever.

82. And those who are believers and strive to do good deeds, they are the residents of Paradise and they will live there forever.
83. And (remember) when We took promise (in Taurat) from the Children of Israel, stating, don’t worship anybody except Allah (Alone), and be respectful to your parents, and to relatives, and to orphans and to the needy persons and say good things to the people, and establish Salat and pay the poor due. Then you turned away (from this) with the exception of few of you and you are backsliders (from the promises).

84. And (remember) when We took the promise from you not to kill each other and not to expel your own people from their homes. Then you made this promise and you bear witness (to this).

85. (After making this promise you act very strangely). You kill each other and expel your people out of their homes and support their enemies by sin and transgression. And if they come to you as captives, you would ransom (i.e. get them freedom by paying penalty) them, although their expulsion was itself unlawful for you. Do you believe in part of the Scripture and disbelieve the other part? What should be the punishment for those who act like this among you, except disgrace in this world and more severe torment on the Day of Resurrection? And Allah is not unaware of what you do.

86. Those are the people who have purchased the (comforts of) worldly life at the cost of (success) on the Day of Resurrection. Their torment shall not be lightened, nor shall they be helped.

87. (Allah took many extraordinary steps to guide the Jews. First of all) We, indeed, gave Musa (ﷺ) the Book, and We followed him up with the messengers
after him continuously. (In that line of messengers) We gave Isa\(^1\) (אישו) , the son of Maryam, many clear miracles and supported him [Isa (אישו)] by the Holy Spirit [i.e. Jibrael (גביון)]. Whenever a messenger brought to you the guidance which your hearts did not desire, you became arrogant. Some of them you totally disbelieved and others you killed outright.\(^2\)

88. And the Jews said: “Our hearts are fully protected.” (i.e. no other religion can penetrate our hearts) In fact, Allah cursed them (i.e. deprived them from His Mercy) due to their disbelief, so very little they believe.\(^3\)

89. When a Book from Allah (i.e. the Quran) reached them confirming the Books with them, although, before this, they longed for a victory (through it) over the disbelievers, so when it [Quran or Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم)] came whom they recognized (clearly), they denied him. So the curse of Allah be on the disbelievers.

90. It is a very bad thing for which they have sold themselves. They are disbelieving in what Allah has sent down due to the jealousy that why Allah should reveal His Grace to whom He wills of His slaves. They have earned wrath after wrath\(^4\) (of Allah) and there is a disgraceful torment for the disbelievers.

1. Isa(אישו) was supported by Jibrael(גביון) in many ways. (i) Satan could not touch Isa(אישו) at his birth (ii) By breathing of Jibrael(גביון), Maryam became pregnant (iii) Since most of the Jews were against Isa(אישו), hence Jibrael(גביון) stayed with Isa(אישו) to protect him from the Jews. (iv) To raise Isa(אישו) alive to heavens.

2. Zakaria(זקريا) and Yahya(יוחנן).

3. They have few common beliefs with Muslims e.g. (i) Believe in Allah (ii) Believe in the Day of Resurrection. However they don't believe in the Quran and Prophet Muhammad(صلى الله عليه وسلم). Hence this partial belief is not acceptable to Allah and therefore Jews are disbelievers.

4. One wrath because of disbelief and other wrath because of jealousy.
And when it is said to them: “Believe in what Allah has revealed,” they say: “We believe in only what was revealed to us [through Musa (ﷺ)], and disbelieve in what was revealed after that, while this Book (the Quran) is the truth confirming what is with them. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] Say to them: “Why did you kill the Prophets of Allah in the past if you believed (in Taurat)?”

And Musa (ﷺ) came to you with clear miracles, and then you worshipped a calf when he was away, and you were wrong-doers (in this plan).

When We took a promise from you and raised mountain Tur over you and ordered you: “Hold firmly to what We have given you and listen to this (sincerely).” You said (out of fear): “We heard and disobeyed.” And due to their disbelief their hearts were filled with the love of calf. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] Say to them: “Your faith is commanding you to an evil (activity), if you claim to be a believer.” (Hence yours is not a true faith).

[O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] Say to them: “If the home of the Hereafter is exclusively for you with Allah and not for other people, then long for your death, if you are truthful in your claim.”

And they will never long for death because of what (the sins) their hands had sent forth. Allah is All-Knower of the wrong-doers.

[O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] (On the contrary), you will find them greedier for a longer worldly life even more than those who ascribe partners (to Allah; i.e. the
idolaters etc.). Every one of them wishes to have a life of a thousand years, although this granting of long life will not save them from the punishment. And Allah is All-See of what they do.

97. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] Say to the Jews: “Whoever is an enemy to Jibrael (ﷺ) (let him die with his anger), since, indeed, he has revealed this Quran to your heart with the Permission of Allah, which confirm what was revealed before you and is a guidance and glad tidings for the believers.

98. “Whoever is an enemy of Allah, His angels, His messengers and Jibrael (ﷺ) and Mikael (ﷺ), then indeed, Allah is the enemy of such disbelievers.”

99. Indeed, We have revealed to you clear proofs, and only the evil-doers will disbelieve in them.

100. Whenever they (the Jews) make a promise, one of their groups always breaks it. In fact, most of them are without any belief.

101. (Here is an example of their breaking of promise). When a messenger came to them from Allah, confirming what they had (i.e. Taurat), a group of the People of the Book threw the Book of Allah behind their backs as if they were not even aware of it.

102. (Jews are very strange people. They refused to follow the Book of Allah, but eagerly followed the devils.) And they followed what the devils recited in the kingdom of Sulaiman (شاه). Sulaiman (شاه) did not disbelieve, but the devils disbelieved by teaching people the magic
and such things which came down to two angels, Harut and Marut, in Babylon. The two angels did not teach anybody anything till (they cautioned the people) by saying: “Indeed we are a trial. Therefore, don’t disbelieve (in Allah).” Then the people learnt from these two angels what could cause separation between the spouses and, in fact, they could not harm any person without Allah’s Permission. And they learnt what harmed the people and not what benefitted them. And they knew this for sure that those who buy this (magic) will have no share in the Hereafter. And what a terrible thing it was for which they sold themselves, if they knew it!

103. And if they had believed and observed piety, they would have received an excellent reward from Allah, if they knew it.

104. O you who believe! Don’t address [Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)] with Raina but instead of this say Unzurna (i.e. see towards us, or take pity on us or please pay attention to us). And you listen (and remember this instruction). And for disbelievers there is painful punishment.

105. Neither the disbelievers from the People of the Scripture, nor idolaters like that any good be sent down to you from your Creator. (Their jealousy will not do you...)

1. There is no more detail of it in the Quran and Hadith. These two angels were probably sent to explain people the difference between magic and God given miracle.

2. In Arabic Raina and Unzurna have same meaning. When something is not clear to a listener, he draws the attention of the speakers by these words. In Ibrani language Raina means O stupid or O our shepherd. The Jews addressed Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) with Raina. Arabic speaking believers did not understand this. Some of them also addressed the Prophet with Raina. The Jews chuckled and relished it. In order to cut off the subtle mischief of the Jews, Allah instructed the believers to use Unzurna and advised to pay full attention to this instruction.
2. Surah Al-Baqarah

harm). Since Allah chooses for His Mercy whom He wills and Allah is Owner of Great Bounty.

106. When We (Allah) cancel a Verse or cause it to be forgotten, We bring a better one or a similar one in its place. Don’t you know that Allah is Able to do all things?

107. Don’t you know that whatever is in the heavens and the earth belongs to Allah? And there is neither any protector nor any helper besides Allah.

108. Would you like to ask your Messenger (ﷺ) as Musa (ٍ) was asked before (e.g. to see Allah face to face)? And whoever changes his faith for disbelief, he has definitely gone astray from the Right Path.

109. Many of the People of the Scripture wish to turn you to disbelief after you have embraced Islam. It is due to jealousy in their hearts even after the truth has been made clear to them. Forgive and overlook for a while till Allah gives further instructions. Indeed, Allah is Able to do all things.

110. And establish Salat and pay Zakat (the poor-due). Whatever good deeds you send forth, you will find reward for them with Allah. Indeed, Allah is All-Seer of what you do.

111. And they say that nobody will enter Paradise except the Jews or the Christians. These are their desires. Ask them to bring a proof for it if they are truthful in their claim.

112. In fact, whoever turns his face to Allah (in His obedience) and performs good
deeds, Allah will definitely reward him, and there shall be no fear nor grief for him.

113. And the Jews say that the Christians follow nothing (i.e. they have false religion since Jews don’t believe in Isa (عليه السلام). And the Christians say that Jews follow nothing (i.e. they have false religion even though Christians recite Taurat). Ignorant people (idolaters) also say like Jews and Christians. So Allah will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection about their differences.

114. And who will be more unjust than those who forbid remembrance of Allah in the Masajid and strive for their ruin? Such persons should not enter the Masajid except in fear. They will have disgrace in this world and there is a severe punishment for them in the Hereafter.

115. (When the Jews objected the change of Qiblah, Allah answered them. All directions, including) East and West belong to Allah. (Hence He has the right to fix any direction for Salat. Allah is not limited to any particular direction). Wherever you turn (your face), there is Allah’s Countenance. Surely, Allah is All-Embracing, All-Knowing.

116. And they say: “Allah has begotten a son.” Glory is to Him. (He is above these things). In fact, whatever is in the heavens and the earth belongs to Him and everything submissively obeys Him.

117. The Originator of the heavens and the earth. When He decrees a matter, He only says to it: “Be!” and it is done.

118. And illiterate people say: “Why does not
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Allah speak to us or why does not a proof (of your Prophethood) come to us?” The (ignorant) people of the past used to say the same thing. In fact, all of them have similar hearts (due to their utter ignorance). (Allah says; you are looking for one proof). Indeed, We have sent many clear proofs for the people who firmly believe (and they attain satisfaction from it). (Also Surah Al-Isra 90-93)

119. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)] Indeed, We have sent you with a true religion so that you may give glad tidings (to the believers) and warn (the disbelievers). And you will not be asked about the dwellers of Hell.

120. And the Jews and the Christians will never be pleased with you till you follow their religion (completely). (If they demand this). Say: “Indeed, Allah’s guidance is the true guidance.” And if you happen to follow their vain desires after Knowledge (i.e. the Quran) has come to you, then there will be no protector or helper for you against Allah.

121. Those people whom We gave the Book (Taurat) and they recite the Book (the Quran) the way it should be recited¹ (e.g. Abdullah bin Salam). They are the ones who (truly) believe in the Book (the Quran). And those who disbelieve it are the losers.

122. O Children of Israel! Remember My favour which I bestowed upon you and I gave you preference over all My creatures in the universe (living at that time).

¹ Several meanings are given for ‘to recite as it should be recited.’ (i) Read attentively with meanings. (ii) Recognise the difference between Halal and Haram and don’t modify the instructions. (iii) Don’t hide the guidance rather share with others. (iv) Follow the clear Verses and believe in the Verses with unfixed meanings. Approach scholars to seek the solutions for difficult situations. (v) Follow every bit of the guidance. ( Fateh al-Qadeer)
123. And fear that Day when no person shall benefit other person, nor compensation shall be accepted from him, nor intercession shall benefit him, nor shall they be helped.

124. (Remember) when Allah tested Ibrahim (ﷺ) with His Commands and he fulfilled all of them. Allah said: “Indeed, I am going to make you a leader of mankind.” Ibrahim (ﷺ) said: “And (are there going to be leaders) from my children too?” Allah said: “My promise is not for the wrong-doers.”

125. And (remember) when We made the House (at Makkah) a place of assembly and safety for mankind. And offer Salat near Maqam-e Ibrahim (situated near the House of Allah in Makkah). And We took a promise from Ibrahim (ﷺ) and Ismail (ﷺ) to keep My House clean and purified for those who go around it, for those who station themselves there for meditation and for those who bow and prostrate themselves there.

126. And (remember) when Ibrahim (ﷺ) said: “O Allah! Please make this city a place of peace and safety and provide fruits to the residents of this city who believe in Allah and the Day of Judgement.” Allah said: “I shall let the disbelievers also benefit from it a little bit, and then I shall compel them to the Hell-Fire which is a terrible destination.

127. And (remember) when Ibrahim (ﷺ) and Ismail (ﷺ) raised the foundations of

1. Allah also says (ﷺ) And Ibrahim (ﷺ), who fulfilled (what Allah ordered him to do) (Surah An-Najm:37).

2. The Jews, the Christians and the Muslims respect Ibrahim (ﷺ), as their leader.

3. Allah also granted this request of Ibrahim (ﷺ) (We granted Prophethood and Book to his children. Surah Al-Ankabut:27)
Kabah saying: “O Allah! Please accept it from us. Indeed, You are the All-Hearer, the All-Knower.

128. “O our Creator! Make us truly submissive to You and also raise a group from our children submissive to You; and teach us the correct ways of our worship and accept our repentance. Indeed, You (are the One Who) accepts repentance, the Most Merciful.

129. “O our Creator! And raise a messenger in them from among them who shall recite your revelations\(^1\) to them and teach them (the meanings of) the Book and Wisdom\(^2\) and purify\(^3\) them. Indeed, You are the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.”

130. And who will ignore the religion of Ibrahim (אֵלֶּה) except he who befools himself. We, indeed, distinguished him in this world and he will be among the righteous people in the Hereafter.

131. When Allah said to him: “Submit.” He said: “I (sincerely) submit myself to the Creator of all the universe.”

132. And Ibrahim (אֵלֶּה) and Yaqub (אֵלֶּה) commanded their children (saying): “O our children, Allah has chosen for you the (true) religion. Hence don’t die except as Muslims.”

133. Or were you present when death approached Yaqub (אֵלֶּה)? (Remember) when he said to his children: “Who will you worship after me?” They said: “We shall worship your God, and God of your forefathers, Ibrahim (אֵלֶּה), Ismail (אֵלֶּה), and Ishaq (אֵלֶּה), which is one same God

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1. Recitation of the Quran by itself is a very good deed. Reading with meaning is even better.
2. Wisdom means Sunnah.
3. Purify means remove shirk and weaknesses of character.
and we shall remain obedient to Him.”

134. That was one group of people who has passed away. They will account for what they did and you will account for what you do. You will not be asked for what they used to do.\(^1\)

135. And they say: “Be a Jew or a Christian, then you will be rightly guided. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] Say to them: “In fact, the followers of the religion of Ibrahim (عليه الصلاة و السلام) are at the straight path. He worshipped one God and he was not of the idolaters.”

136. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] Say: “We believe in Allah and that which is revealed to us and that which was revealed to Ibrahim (عليه الصلاة و السلام), Ismail (عليه الصلاة و السلام), Ishaq (عليه الصلاة و السلام), Yaqub (عليه الصلاة و السلام) and to the children of Yaqub (عليه الصلاة و السلام) and that which has been given to Musa (عليه الصلاة و السلام) and Isa (عليه الصلاة و السلام), and that which has been given to the Prophets from their Creator. We make no distinction between any of them and we have submitted to Allah as Muslims.”

137. Hence if they believe similarly as you believe, then they are rightly guided. But if they turn away, then they are in (open) opposition. So Allah’s support against them is enough for you. And He is the All-Hearer, the All-Knower.

138. Take your colour from Allah and whose colour is better than the colour from Allah?\(^2\) (Or our religion is the Religion of)

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1. Similarly Allah says: (i) (وَأَطْلِبُوا مِنَ اللَّهِ أَن يُفْرَغَ عَنَّا مَا كُنَّا كَسِيَّتُنَا وَلَكُنَّا كُنَّا مُعْصِمُونَ) And every person will have what he does (good or bad) (Surah An-Najm:39) (ii) (وَلَا نَقُولُ إِلَيْكُمْ أَنَّا نَسَئِفُكُمْ) And nobody will carry other’s burden (Surah Fatir:18)

2. Christian bathe their children with yellow color water on the seventh day. Similarly a newly converted Christian takes bath in yellow colored water to be purified. Allah rejected this and reminded us that there is no better color than Allah’s color. Allah’s color means Allah’s Religion and every Prophet guided the people towards it.
Allah, and which religion can be better than Allah’s? – *Ibn-Kathir*) And we are His worshipers.

139. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)] Say: (to Jews and Christians) “Do you still dispute with us regarding Allah (stating that He will not forgive Muslims on the Day of Judgement) while he is our and your Creator? And we will be treated according to our deeds and you shall be treated according to your deeds. And we are sincere to Him.

140. Or, do you still keep saying that Ibrahim (عليه السلام), Ismail (عليه السلام), Ishaq (عليه السلام), Yaqub (عليه السلام) and Children of Yaqub (عليه السلام) were either Jews or Christians?” Say to them: “Do you know more or Allah? And who will be more unjust than the one who conceals the testimony with him from Allah? And Allah is not unaware of what you do.”

141. That was one group of (chosen) people who has passed away. They will account for what they did and you will account for what you do. You will not be asked for what they used to do.

142. Soon the fools among the people will say: “What has made the Muslims change their Qiblah (the direction of praying) on which they were? [O Muhammad (ﷺ)] Say to them: “East and west belong to Allah.” (Being the owner, He can fix any direction He likes without giving reason for it). However, Allah guides whom He wills towards a Straight Path.

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1. When Allah is denying that these Prophets were Jews or Christian, then just tell who knows more, you or Allah?
2. The signs of Prophet Muhammad(ﷺ) are clearly given in your Books. You hide those unjustly.
3. The Jews somewhat tolerated the Muslims as long as their *Qiblah* was the same as that of the Jews. With change of *Qiblah to Masjid-al-Haram* in Makkah, the Jews made fun of it and were also alarmed, since it meant, now Muslims are a separate nation.