rain (of stones). So see what the end of the criminals was.

85. And to (the people of) Madyan, (We sent) their brother Shuaib(ﷺ). He said: “O my people! Worship Allah! You have no other God but Him.” Indeed, a clear proof (about my Prophethood) has come to you from your Creator. So give full measure and full weight, and don’t deprive the people of their things, and don’t spread mischief in the land after it has been reformed. This will be better for you, if you are believers.

86. “And don’t sit on every road, threatening and hindering from the Path of Allah those people who believe in Allah, and seeking crookedness in it. And remember when you were only a few (in number or wealth), and Allah increased (your numbers and/or wealth). And see what the end of the mischief-makers was.

87. “And if one of your groups has believed in what (message) I have been sent with and the other groups don’t believe, so be patient until Allah judges between us, and He is the Best of judges.”

88. The leaders of those who were arrogant among his people said (rudely): “O Shuaib (ﷺ)! We will certainly expel you and those who believe with you from our town or force you to revert to our religion.” Shuaib (ﷺ) said: “Even though we hate it?”

89. [Shuaib (ﷺ) added], “We would be inventing a lie against Allah if we revert to your religion after Allah has brought us out from it. And it is not possible for us to revert to your religion unless our Creator,
Allah, wills. Our Creator encompasses all things in His Knowledge. We put our trust in Allah Alone. O our Creator! Judge between us and our people in truth since You are the Best of those who give judgement.”

90. And the leaders of those who disbelieved among his people said (to their followers): “If you follow Shuaib (مصعب بن عبيد الله)، then you shall certainly be (big) losers.”

91. So the earthquake seized them and they lay dead on their faces in their homes.

92. Those who denied Shuaib (مصعب بن عبيد الله), became as if they never lived there (in their homes). Those who denied Shuaib (مصعب بن عبيد الله), they became the (absolute) losers.

93. Then Shuaib (مصعب بن عبيد الله) walked away from them and said: “O my people! I have, indeed, conveyed to you the message of my Creator and I have given you a sincere advice, then how can I feel sorry for a disbelieving people’s (destruction).”

94. And whenever We sent a Prophet to any town. We seized its people with extreme poverty and calamities so that they may humble themselves (and repent to Allah).

95. Then We changed the bad time with good time until they grew and multiplied, and they said: “Our forefathers used to have calamities and prosperity.” (When they got used to of their thinking) We seized them all of a sudden while they were unaware of it.

96. And if the people of these towns had believed (in the messengers) and feared (Allah), We, would, have certainly, showered Our blessings on them from the
heaven and the earth, but (unfortunately) they denied (the messengers), so We punished them due to their (evil) deeds.

97. (After listening to these stories of the messengers) Do the residents of (present) towns feel secure against the coming of Our torment by night while they are asleep?

98. Or, do the residents of (present) towns feel secure against the coming of Our torment in the broad daylight while they are playing (i.e. engaged in worldly affairs)?

99. Do they feel secure against the strategy of Allah (to seize them all of a sudden)? So, none feels secure against the strategy of Allah except the people who are the losers.

100. Have the (present) inheritors of the land of those people (whom We destroyed) not learnt this lesson that We, if We will, can destroy them too due to their crimes, and We put a seal on their hearts so they will not be able to hear (the truth).

101. (The summary of this topic is that) We are relating to you some of the stories of the residents of these communities. Their messengers came to them with miracles. (The residents were so stubborn), so they did not care to believe what they had denied first time. Thus Allah seals up the hearts of the disbelievers. (Also Surah Al-An'am:109,110)

102. And We found that most of them do not keep their promises and We found most of them are disobedient (even after witnessing the miracles).
103. Then after these messengers We sent Musa (عليه السلام) with Our miracles to Firaun and his chiefs but they disrespectfully rejected them (i.e. miracles). So see what the end of the mischief-makers was.

104. And Musa (عليه السلام) said: “O Firaun! Indeed, I am a messenger from the Creator of the universe.

105. “It is not proper for me to say anything concerning Allah except the truth. I have, indeed, come to you from your Creator with a miracle. (Which I can show you if you demand it). Hence (release Children of Israel from your slavery) and send them with me (to Greater Syria which is their native country).

106. Firaun said: “If you have come with a miracle, so show it, if you are one of those who tell the truth.”

107. Hence Musa (عليه السلام) threw his stick and it, at once, became a serpent.

108. Musa (عليه السلام) took his hand out and it, at once, became very shining for the beholders.

109. The chiefs of the people of Firaun said (to each other): “This is, indeed, a well-versed magician.

110. “He wants to get you out of your land, so what is your advice?”

111. (After mutual consultation) they said (to Firaun): “Delay action against Musa (عليه السلام) and his brother and send callers (summoners) to the cities,

112. “To bring to you all the well-versed magicians.”

113. And the magicians came to Firaun.
The magicians said (to Firaun): “Is there any (big) reward for us if we dominate.”

114. Firaun said: “Yes, and, moreover, you will be among my near people.”

115. The magicians said: “O Musa (عيسى عليه السلام)! Would you like to throw first, or should we have the first throw?”

116. Musa (عيسى عليه السلام) said: “You throw (first).” So when they threw, they enchanted the eyes of the people, and terrified them and displayed a very powerful magic.

117. And We inspired Musa (عيسى عليه السلام) (saying): “Throw your stick.” It at once swallowed up all falsehood which they displayed.

118. Thus the truth was upheld and that which they (the magicians) did was defeated.

119. Hence those people were defeated then and there and they returned disgraced.

120. And the magicians fell down prostrate.

121. The magicians said: “We believe in the Creator of the universe.

122. “The Creator of Musa (عيسى عليه السلام) and Harun (عيسى عليه السلام).”

123. Firaun said: “You have believed in Musa (عيسى عليه السلام) before I give you permission. Surely, it is your plot which you hatched in this city in order to expel its residents. You will soon know (the result of this).

124. I will, surely, cut off your hands and your feet from opposite sides, then I shall crucify you all (to teach a lesson to others).

125. They said: “(We don’t worry) We shall, surely, return to Our Creator (where
there is peace and tranquillity).

126. “What fault do you see in us except that we believed in the signs of our Creator when they have reached us? O our Creator! Grant us steadfastness and make us die as Muslims.”

127. And the chiefs of Firaun’s people said: “Will you let Musa (ﷺ) and his followers spread mischief in the land while they abandon you and your gods?” Firaun said: “We will kill their sons and let their daughters survive and we have full power over them.”

128. Musa (ﷺ) said to his people: “Seek help from Allah and be patient. Indeed, this land belongs to Allah and He gives the possession of it to His slaves whom He wills. The ultimate success is for those who fear Allah.”

129. [Musa’s (ﷺ) people] said: “We had suffered before you came to us (Firaun killed our sons) and we are suffering even after you have come to us (Firaun intends to kill our sons).” Musa (ﷺ) replied: “May be Allah will destroy your enemy and make you ruler on the land to see how you behave?”

130. (When Firaun and his followers intensified opposition to Musa (ﷺ) and his followers) We, indeed, seized the followers of Firaun with years of drought and shortage of fruits, so that they might learn a lesson from it.

131. So whenever good time came to them, they felt that they deserved it anyway. And whenever bad time came to them they felt it was an evil omen due to Musa (ﷺ) and his followers. Indeed, their evil omens are with Allah but most of them
132. And the people of Firaun said [to Musa (ٍ)]: “Whatever proof you bring to us to enchant with it, we shall never believe in you.”

133. Hence We sent on them, the flood, the locust, the lice, the frogs and the blood (one after other) as clear miracles, yet they remained arrogant and they were criminal people.

134. And whenever a torment came to them they said: “O Musa (ٍ)! Pray to your Creator for us for that which He has promised you. If you remove this torment from us, we shall, definitely, believe in you, and we shall let the Children of Israel go with you too.”

135. So when the torment, which was sent for a limited period, was removed from them, they instantly broke their promise.

136. Hence We took revenge from them. We drowned them in the sea since they denied Our revelations and were totally heedless to them.

137. And (by drowning Firaun and his followers) We made the people who were considered weak (i.e. Children of Israel) to inherit the eastern parts of the land and the western parts of the land which We had blessed (i.e. with excellent vegetation and for good living and for being the burial place of many messengers), and, in this way, the promise of Allah for the Children of Israel was fulfilled because of the patience they displayed. And We totally destroyed the factories and big buildings which Firaun and his followers erected. (Also Surah Al-Qasas:5,6)
138. And We brought the Children of Israel across the sea safely. They came across some people who were worshiping their idols with devotion. The Children of Israel said: “O Musa (ﷺ)! Make for us (a physical) god similar to their gods.” Musa(ﷺ) said: “You are indeed, very ignorant people.”

139. (Musa(ﷺ)) added “Indeed, what these people are engaged in will be destroyed (by Allah) and their activity is mere falsehood.”

140. “Shall I make for you a god besides Allah, while Allah has made you superior (through His certain favours) over the mankind and jinn (of your time).”

141. And (remember) when We rescued you from Firaun’s people, who used to torture you, by killing your sons and letting your daughters survive, and it was a great trial (for you) from your Creator.

142. [When most of the worries of Children of Israel were finished, they requested Musa (ﷺ) to have a code of conduct so that they may follow it whole heartedly. Musa (ﷺ) requested Allah and Allah invited him to mountain Tur, for Aitikaf]. We (initially) promised thirty nights for Musa (ﷺ) and then added ten (nights) to it. Hence he completed the term of forty nights appointed by his Creator. And Musa (ﷺ) said to his brother Harun(ﷺ): “Conduct the affairs in my absence, keep them on the Right Path and don’t follow the way of mischief-makers.”

143. And when Musa (ﷺ) came at the time and place appointed by Allah and his
Creator spoke to him. (With this great joy, Musa (مُوسَى) wished to see Allah). Musa (مُوسَى) said: “O my Creator! (Kindly) show me (Yourself) so that I (have the honour to) look upon You.” Allah said: “You cannot see Me. However, keep looking towards the mountain. If the mountain remains still in its place, then you will be able to see Me.” So when his Creator appeared to the mountain, the mountain crumbled to dust, and Musa (مُوسَى) fell down senseless. When Musa (مُوسَى) regained his senses, he said: “You are Glorified, I turn to You in repentance and I am the first of the believers.”

144. (Allah) said: “O Musa (مُوسَى)! I have distinguished you above the people (of your time) by making you My Prophet and by My speaking (to you). And take that what I have bestowed upon you (i.e. Prophethood, Taurat) and be of the grateful.”

145. And We wrote for Musa (مُوسَى) on the Tablets important advices for everything and details of every commandment (these Tablets are Taurat) and said: “Hold this firmly and order your people to follow its fantastic commands. I shall soon show you the home of the mischief-makers.” (i.e. make you ruler of Greater Syria where Amalqa ruled and they were unbelievers. – Ibn-Kathir).

146. I shall turn away those from My revelations who display arrogance on the earth, without any justification. And (even) if they witness all the proofs, they will not believe in them, and if they see the path to right conduct, they will not follow it, but if they see the path to wrong conduct, they will follow it (readily), that
is because they have rejected Our revelations and were heedless to them. (Also Surah Yunus:96,97)

147. And those who deny Our revelations and the Meeting in the Hereafter, their all deeds become null and void. Are they not punished except in accordance with their (evil) activities?

148. And the people of Musa (عليه السلام) made a calf-like body (for worship) in his absence using their ornaments which gave a lowing sound. Did they not see that it could neither speak to them nor guide them to the way (regarding worldly affairs or for the Hereafter)? They worshipped it and they were the wrong-doers.

149. And when they regretted and it became clear to them that they have truly gone astray, they said: “Unless our Creator have mercy upon us and forgive us, we shall certainly be losers.”[They regretted after the return of Musa (عليه السلام)].

150. [Musa(عليه السلام) was informed about the evil activity of his people by revelations] And when Musa (عليه السلام) returned to his people, angry and grieved, he said: “What an evil supervision you have done in my absence! Why did you take this hasty step even before the Commands of Allah? (I went to bring these Commands. You should have waited for me).” Musa (عليه السلام) threw down the Tablets and seized his brother by (the hair of) his head and dragged him towards him. Harun(عليه السلام) said: “O son of my mother! Indeed, the people considered me very weak and (although I did advise them) they were about to kill me. So do not make the enemies jubilant about me nor count me amongst the people who are the
wrong-doers.”

151. Musa (אָסְעָה) said: “O my Creator! Forgive me and my brother and shower your mercy on us since you are the Most Merciful of those who show mercy.”

152. Indeed, those who worshipped calf (if they don’t repent) wrath from their Creator and disgrace will soon come upon them in this worldly life. (This punishment is not for them only) and thus We treat all those who invent lies.

153. But those who committed evil deeds (like worshipping calf) and then repented and (by quitting disbelief) believed, then, indeed, your Creator will forgive them and will shower His mercy upon them.

154. And when the anger of Musa (אָסָע) subsided, he got hold of the Tablets, and in their writing was guidance and mercy for those who fear their Creator.

155. And Musa (אָסָע) chose a group of seventy persons from his people to meet Us at the appointed time and place of meeting. And when a violent earthquake seized them, Musa (אָסָע) said: “O my Creator, if You willed, You could have destroyed them before this and me too. Would You destroy us for the activities of the foolish ones among us? Indeed, it is a test from You by which You lead astray whom You will and keep on guidance whom You will. You are our Protector. Hence forgive us and have Mercy on us, since You are the Best of those who forgive.

156. “And prescribe goodness for us in this world, and in the Hereafter too. Certainly we have been guided to You.” Allah said: “I inflict punishment upon whom I will. 219
And My Mercy embraces all things. I shall prescribe (My Mercy) for those who are pious, give poor-due and they believe in Our revelations,

157. “Those who obey the messenger [Muhammad (ﷺ)], the Prophet who cannot read nor write, about which they find written down with them in the Taurat and the Injeel.” He commands them to do good and forbids them from evil activities, and he makes lawful for them to eat all good things and makes unlawful for them to eat forbidden things and he relieves them from the burdens and yokes (or bindings) that were upon them (e.g. if clothes become impure, Jews had to cut unclean part of it or burn it to make it pure. Now we can just wash it with water to make it pure). So those, who believe in him, and honour him, and help him and follow that light (i.e. the Quran) which has been sent down with him, they will definitely be successful.

158. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] Say: “O mankind! Indeed, I am sent down to you all as a messenger of Allah Who is the Sovereign of the heavens and the earth. None has the right to be worshipped except Him. It is He Who gives life and causes death. Hence believe in Allah and His messenger [Muhammad (ﷺ)], the Prophet who cannot read nor write, who believes in Allah and His Commandments.” [When, Muhammad (ﷺ) does not hesitate to believe in Allah, His messengers and His Books in spite of his status, why should you refuse to believe in them). And follow him
[Muhammad (ﷺ)] so that you may be guided.

159. And (although some people opposed you) but there is a group from the people of Musa (ﷺ) which guides others in accordance with truth (Islam) and establishes justice with it too. (e.g. Abdullah bin Salam).

160. And We divided them into twelve tribes and made each of them a separate community. When Musa’s (ﷺ) people asked him for water, We commanded Musa (ﷺ): “Strike (that) stone with your stick.” So twelve springs gushed out of the stone, each person found his own place for water. And We covered them with shade of clouds and sent down for them Al-Manna and quails (saying): “Eat from good things which We have provided you.” And they did not harm Us but they used to harm themselves.

161. And (remember) when it was said to them: “Reside in this town (Jerusalem) and eat from wherever you wish and say: ‘(O Allah!) Forgive our sins’, and enter the gate bowing humbly, We shall forgive your (previous) sins. (This is for everybody). But We shall increase (the reward) for the good-doers.”

162. So the wrong-doers among them changed the wording that had been given to them. Hence We sent on them a torment from the sky due to their wrong-doings.

163. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] And ask them about the town that was by the sea, when they transgressed concerning the Sabbath (i.e. Saturday), when their fish came to them very visible on Saturday
and did not come to them on other days. In this way We tested them because they used to disobey (the Commands of Allah).

164. And when one group among them said: “Why do you advise those whom Allah is about to destroy or inflict a severe punishment on them?” They answered: “In order to justify being free from guilt before your Creator, and (secondly) perhaps they may fear Allah.”

165. So when they ignored the reminders (repeatedly), We rescued those who forbade evil but We seized the wrong-doers with a grievous torment because they used to disobey (the Commands of Allah).

166. So when they exceeded the limits of what they were forbidden, We said to them: “Be you monkeys, low and rejected.”

167. And (remember) when your Creator announced (through the messengers of Children of Israel) that He would certainly keep on sending people against Jews (for their rudeness and disobedience to Allah) till the Day of Judgement, to inflict them with an evil torment. Indeed, your Creator can take a quick revenge (if He wills) and indeed, your Creator is Very Forgiving, Most Merciful (if they sincerely repent).

168. And We broke them into various communities in the land. Some of them were righteous and others were not. We tested them with good time and bad time in order that they might return (to Allah’s obedience).

169. So they were succeeded by (sinful) successors, who inherited the Book, but
they greedily took perishable (worldly) gains, saying: “All our sins will be forgiven,” (as an excuse for it). And if they got another chance to have similar petty worldly gains, they would eagerly take it too (like many Muslims of our time). Did they not make the promise as stated in the Book that they would not say about Allah anything except the truth, and they have studied (and fully understood) what is in the Book? And the home of the Hereafter is better for those who are conscious of their duty to Allah. Don’t you understand this?

170. And those who hold fast to the (teachings of the) Book [Taurat, in which they are commanded to believe in Muhammad (ﷺ)] and perform Salat, We shall, certainly, not waste the reward of those who reform themselves (with good deeds).

171. And (remember) when We raised the mountain over them like a canopy and they realized that it was about to fall on them, (We said): “Hold firmly to what We have given you (i.e. Taurat) and follow its commandments, so that you may become pious persons.”

172. And (remember) when your Creator brought forth the seed of the Children of Adam (الإنس) from their back (when they were in the form of spirits and Allah gave them intelligence) and took this testimony from them about themselves (saying:): “Am I not your Creator?” They said: “Yes, indeed, we testify.” Lest you should say on the Day of Judgement: “Indeed, we have been unaware of this.”

173. Or lest you should say: “Actually our forefather ascribed partners in worship
with Allah, we were only their children, and will you destroy us because of the deeds of the wrong-doers?"

174. And in this way We describe Our revelations in detail so that they may return (to the truth).

175. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)] Recite to them the story of the person whom We gave (the knowledge) of Our Verses, but he totally disobeyed Our commands, so Satan followed him closely. Then he became one of those who went astray.

176. And, if We willed, We would have made him distinguished with Our Verses but he inclined towards earthly gains and followed his vain desires. Hence his example is like a dog: if you attack the dog, he sticks his tongue out, or if you leave him alone, he still sticks his tongue out. Such is the example of people who reject Our Verses. (It is same for them if you preach them or not). Hence describe these stories to them so that they may ponder over them.

177. Evil is the example of the people who deny Our revelation and (by this denial) they pushed themselves into a loss.

178. Whomsoever Allah guides, he is the truly guided one, and whomsoever He leads astray, then those are the losers.

179. And, indeed, We have created many jinn and men for Hell. They have hearts with which they cannot understand (the truth). They have eyes with which they cannot see (the proofs). They have ears with which they cannot hear (the truth attentively). They are like cattle or rather more astray. They are (totally) heedless (even after many reminders).
180. And all the Most Beautiful Names belong to Allah, so address Him by them, and don’t mix with those people who don’t honour these Names (i.e. try to give these Names to others). They will be punished soon for what they used to do.

181. And of those whom We have created, there is a group which guides others with truth and establish justice with it too.

182. And those who reject Our revelations, We shall gradually seize them (to punish) in a way that they don’t perceive it.

183. And I postpone (the torment) for them. Indeed, My strategy is very firm.

184. Did they not give a serious thought to it that their companion [Muhammad (ﷺ)] has no (sign of) madness? He is truly an obvious Warner.

185. Do they not ponder over the kingdom of the heavens and the earth and other things which Allah has created and (also) that probably the end of their lives is very near (hence they should fear about the accountability)? (If Qur’an’s eloquent speech did not affect them), so in what other message after this they will believe?

186. Whomsoever Allah leads astray, none can guide him, and He lets them wander blindly in their transgression.

187. They ask you about the time of occurrence of the Day of Judgement. Say: “Indeed, its knowledge is with my Creator only. None can reveal its time except Him. It will be a very heavy (i.e. big disaster) in the skies and the earth. It shall come upon you all of a sudden.” They ask you as if you have researched it (and
know it). Say: “Its knowledge is with Allah (Alone) but most of the people don’t know it.”

188. [O Muhammad (安宁)] Say: “I don’t have power to benefit or harm myself except as Allah wills. And if I had the knowledge of Unseen, I would have amassed a lot of good for me, and no misfortune would have touched me. I am only a warner, and a conveyer of good news to the people who believe.”

189. It is He Who has created you from a single person [Adam (عهود)], and (then) He has created from him his wife (Hawwa), so that he may live lovingly with her. When he (a disbeliever from Adam’s offspring – Tafsir Ibn-Kathir) had sexual relation with his wife, she became pregnant and she carried around her light pregnancy. Then when it became heavy, they prayed to Allah Who is their Creator, (saying): “If you grant us a pious child, we shall, indeed, be very grateful.” (Also Surah Ar-Rum:21)

190. When He granted them a good child (in all aspects), they started making partners with Allah in what He had bestowed upon them. High is Allah. Exalted above all that they make partners with Him.

191. Do they make partners with Allah while those partners did not create anything rather they themselves were created?

192. And they cannot give them any form of help, nor can they help themselves.

193. And if you seek guidance from them, they don’t answer you (Fateh al-Qadeer).
It is same for you whether you call them or you remain silent.

194. Indeed, those whom you worship besides Allah are mere slaves like you. Hence go ahead call them. Then they should respond to your call, if you are truthful.

195. (How can they respond to you when they have nothing to initiate an action). Do they have feet to walk with them? Or do they have hands to grasp (anything)? Or do they have eyes to see with them? Or do they have ears to hear with them? [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] Say: “Invite (so-called) partners (of Allah) and hatch a plot (to harm me), then don’t postpone your action a bit.”

196. Indeed, my protector is Allah Who has sent down (this) Book (the Quran), and He is the helper of the righteous people.

197. And those whom you worship besides Allah cannot help you nor can they help themselves.

198. And if you seek guidance from them, they don’t even hear, and you will see them looking towards you but they cannot see (since their eyes are artificial).

199. You pardon them and instruct them to do good, and turn away from the foolish people.

200. And if the whispering of Satan comes to you, to make you (somewhat angry), then seek refuge with Allah. Indeed, He is All-Hearer, All-Knower.

201. Indeed, when Satan brings an evil thought to the pious persons, they spontaneously engage themselves in
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remembrance of Allah and, they then, at once, see (things correctly).

202. And those who follow Satans, they (Satans) push them deeper into ignorance, and they never stop doing it.

203. And when you don’t bring them (their demanded) miracle, they say: “Why have you not brought it?” Say: “Indeed, I follow only what is revealed to me by my Creator, and it consists of many miracles from your Creator (e.g. each Surah is a miracle) and it is a guidance and mercy for those who believe.”

204. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)! And remind them also] when the Quran is recited, listen to it attentively and remain silent during the recitation (to appreciate its miracles) and so that Allah’s mercy be showered on you (new or additional).

205. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)! Say to each one of them]. And engage yourself in the remembrance of Allah quietly (i.e. in your heart), humbly and with fear of Allah and with a low voice, during the morning and in the evening (as a matter of habit) and don’t be one of those who are neglectful.

206. Indeed, those who are near their Creator (i.e. angels) they are never too proud to worship their Creator, and they glorify His praise and prostrate themselves before Him.

Surah Al-Anfal
(The Spoils of War)

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

1. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] They ask you about the spoils of war.¹ Say: “The spoils

¹ Anfal (أَنفَل) is plural of nafal (نَفَل). It means extra spoils of war. It is called anfal since it
of war belong to Allah and the Messenger.” Hence fear Allah and settle all differences among you and obey Allah and His messenger if you are (true) believers.

2. Indeed, the (true) believers are those who, when Allah is mentioned, their hearts are filled with fear, and when His Verses are recited to them, their faith further increases, and they put their trust in Allah (Alone),

3. Those who perform Salat and spend part of that which We have provided them.

4. They are the true believers. They have high levels (of dignity) from their Creator and Forgiveness and a generous provision (in Paradise).

5. As your Creator caused you to go out of your home with the truth, and, indeed, a group of believer disliked it (i.e. there was hidden Wisdom of Allah in sending you out of your homes, just like there was hidden wisdom of Allah in the regulations for distribution of spoils of war).

6. (This group of believers) disputed with you concerning the truth after it became clear, (i.e. the caravan of Quraish has escaped and only army of Quraish is there. Hence fighting is must), as if they were being driven to death, while they were looking at it.

7. And (remember) when Allah promised the Muslims that one of the two groups (army or caravan) should be yours. You wished that the unarmed (the caravan) should be yours, but Allah willed that He may prove

was an extra thing made *halal* for the followers of Prophet Muhammad(ﷺ) or it is an extra reward for fighting in the Path of Allah in this world, the actual reward of *Jihad* will be in the Hereafter.
the (real) truth by His Words and also cut the roots of the disbelievers.

8. That He may prove the (real) truth clearly and prove the falsehood as false, even though the criminals (disbelievers) hate it.

9. (Remember) when you made a humble supplication to Allah for help and Allah granted your supplication (saying): “I will help you with one thousand angels coming one after another in succession.”

10. And Allah conveyed this news to you only as a glad tiding and to soothe your hearts. And there is no help (victory) except from Allah. Indeed, Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise.

11. (Remember) when Allah made slumber overcome you to provide you comfort from Him, and He sent down rainwater from the sky, to clean you with it and to remove the whispering of Satan, and to strengthen your hearts, and to make your feet firm.

12. (Remember) When Allah revealed to the angels: “Indeed, I am with you, so raise the courage of the believers, soon I will infuse fear in the hearts of the disbelievers. So strike the disbelievers on their necks and their finger tips and toes (so that they are disabled to fight and disabled to run away).”

13. This is because they opposed Allah and His messenger, and whoever opposes Allah and His messenger, then, indeed, Allah is Severe in punishment.

14. This (torment) is for you (in this world), so taste it, and, indeed, there is torment of Fire for the disbelievers (in the Hereafter).

15. O you who believe! When you are facing the disbelievers in a battlefield, never turn your backs to them.
16. And whoever turns his back to them on such occasion, except as a war strategy or to take refuge with his own troop, he has incurred wrath from Allah. And his abode is Hell and it is a terrible destination.

17. Hence you did not kill them, but Allah killed them. And you did not throw (pebbles) when you did throw, rather Allah threw (since Allah caused the pebbles to do damage to the disbelievers) and so that Allah may reward the believers very generously for their efforts. Indeed, Allah is All-Hearer, All-Knower.

18. That was one thing. And, (secondly) Allah intended to weaken the strategy of the disbelievers.

19. (O disbelievers) if you ask for final result and judgement, then you have seen the result (truth has overcome the falsehood). Hence if you stop opposition [to Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ)], it is better for you. And if you revert, We shall revert too (i.e. crush you down by Muslims), and your forces will not be able to do you any good however large they may be. And, indeed, Allah is with the believers.

20. O you who believe! Obey Allah and His messenger and don’t turn away from it when you hear it. (Hence obey it also just like you believe it).

21. And don’t be like those who say: “We have heard,” but they hear not. (i.e. don’t be like disbelievers who have neither belief nor understanding of it).

22. Indeed, the worst of the living creatures in the sight of Allah are those who are deaf (unable to hear the truth), and dumb (unable to speak out the truth) and they don’t understand a bit (i.e. disbelievers). (Also Surah Al-Araf:179)
23. Had Allah known any good in them (i.e. if they were keen to seek the truth), then Allah would have given them the ability to hear (with belief). However, even if Allah make them hear (with their present state of mind), they will definitely turn away (with disbelief).

24. O you who believe! Obey Allah and His messenger when the messenger calls you since he is inviting you to a (permanent) life. (Hence your obedience is beneficial for you), and bear in mind that Allah becomes a barrier between a person and his heart.\(^1\) And, verily, you all shall be gathered to Him.

25. (Just like obedience is important, to motivate others to do good and to forbid them from evil is also important) and save yourself from the trial which will not affect the wrong-doers exclusively (but it may entrap others too), and know that Allah is Severe in punishment.

26. And remember when you were few and were considered weak in the land (Makkah), and you were always worried lest people snatch you away (i.e. kidnap you), but Allah gave you refuge (in Madinah), strengthened you with His help, and provided you good things so that you might be thankful (to Allah).

27. O you who believe! Don’t betray Allah and His messenger, nor betray knowingly things entrusted to you.

28. And bear in mind that your wealth and your children are but a test, and that with Allah is immense reward.

\(^1\) Prophet Muhammad(ﷺ) said: “The hearts of mankind is between the two fingers of Allah. He turns the hearts to whatever direction He likes”. Then the Prophet(ﷺ) made the following supplication, O who turns the hearts, please turn our hearts to Your obedience. (Muslim-2604).
29. O you who believe! If you constantly remain conscious of Allah, He will grant you criteria (to clearly distinguish between right and wrong), and remove your sins, and forgive you too. And Allah has Great Bounty (He can bestow many more favours on you, which are beyond your imagination).

30. And that time is worth remembering, when the disbelievers were plotting to imprison you, or to kill you, or to expel you from your land, and they were plotting and Allah was plotting too (to defeat their evil plots). And Allah’s strategy is the Best.

31. And (the mentality of disbelievers is such that) When Our revelations are recited in their presence they say: “We have heard (the recitation of the Quran), if we wish we can recite similar sentences. Indeed, these are only ancient tales.”

32. And (remember) when they said: “O Allah! If this Quran is a true revelation from You, then rain down stones on us from the sky (for our refusal to accept it) or inflict upon us a painful torment.”

33. And Allah would not punish them while you [Muhammad (ﷺ)] are amongst them and Allah would not punish them as long as they seek (Allah’s) Forgiveness.

34. And why should not Allah punish them while they hinder people to enter Masjid-al-Haram, and they are not the guardians of this masjid. Only the pious persons can be the guardians of this masjid, but most of them (the disbelievers) don’t understand this.

35. And their Salat near the house of Allah was nothing but whistling and hand
36. (Above were the verbal and physical activities of the disbelievers. Here are their financial activities). Indeed, the disbelievers spend their wealth in order to hinder from the Path of Allah, and they will keep spending their wealth, then this wealth will become anguish for them and finally they will be defeated. And the disbelievers will be gathered to Hell.

37. (This grouping is) so that Allah separate the unclean people (disbelievers) from the clean people (believers), and then pack the unclean people one over the other and then make a heap of them, and finally dump them into Hell. They are, truly, the losers.

38. Say to the disbelievers, if they stop disbelieving (and embrace Islam), Allah will forgive their previous sins. But if they revert (to their previous habits) then the examples about the fate of the previous disbelievers is there (in the history).

39. And fight them until there is no more disbelief and the worship will all be for Allah Alone. But if they stop (worshipping others besides Allah), then, indeed, Allah is All-Seer of what they do.

40. And if they turn away (from Islam, then fight them back) and bear in mind that Allah is your Protector – what an Excellent Helper.

1. Prophet Muhammad(ﷺ) said: “Whoever embraces Islam and adhere to performing good deeds, he will be forgiven his previous sins committed during the period of ignorance. Whoever does not give up evil even after embracing Islam, he will have to account for all his previous and present actions.” (Bukhari-6523, Muslim-120).