72. He [Khidr (ṣāḥib)] said: “Did I not tell you that you would not be able to have patience with me?”

73. [Musa (mūsā)] said: “Excuse me (this time) since I forgot, and don’t be hard in your dealing with me.”

74. Then they both proceeded, till they came across a (young) boy, and he [Khidr (ṣāḥib)] killed him. Musa (mūsā) said: “Have you killed an innocent child who has killed none? Indeed, you have committed a prohibited thing.”

75. He [Khidr (ṣāḥib)] said: “Did I not tell you that you shall not be able to have patience with me?”

76. [Musa (mūsā)] said: “Don’t keep me in your company if I ask you anything after this. This will, indeed, be my last excuse.”

77. So they both proceeded till they passed near a village. They requested meals from the villagers. The villagers refused to entertain them (as guests). Then they saw a wall (in the village) which was about to fall down. Khidr straightened up the wall. Musa (mūsā) said: “If you wished, you could have taken some wages for this job.”

78. He [Khidr (ṣāḥib)] said: “This is the parting between me and you. Now I shall give you the interpretation of those things regarding which you were unable to have patience.

79. “The boat belonged to a few poor people. They used to make their living working in the river. I intended to
(partially) damage the boat since there was a king on the other side (of the river) who seizes every (good) boat by force. (If this boat was seized, the poor people will lose their means of livelihood).

80. “And as for the boy, his parents were believers. (The boy was to grow up as a disbeliever). We feared lest the grown up boy may oppress his parents by his rebellion and disbelief.

81. “Hence we intended (to get rid of this young boy) and their Creator should replace for them a better one who is pious and is more loving child.

82. “And as for the wall, it belonged to two orphan boys in this village and there was a treasure for them buried under this wall, And their father (who had passed away) was a righteous person. Hence your Creator intended that they should reach their age of maturity and then they would, as a Mercy from your Creator, take out their treasure. And I did not act like this on my own accord. That is the interpretation of those things regarding which you could not keep patience.”

83. And they ask you about Dhul-Qarnain. Say: “I shall relate to you his story.”

84. Indeed, We bestowed upon him power in the land and We gave him means of everything.

85. So he followed a path (or he travelled, towards western countries to make conquests).

86. Until, when he reached the setting time of the sun, he found it setting in a spring of black muddy water. He also found some people near the spring. We (Allah) said:
“O Dhul-Qarnain! Either you punish them right away or treat them with kindness (i.e. first introduce them to Islam; if they still disbelieve then punish them).”

87. He (Dhul-Qarnain) said: “(I shall follow the second option, which is the better option). Whoever shall disbelieve, I shall punish him (in this world) and then he will be brought back to his Creator Who will give him an awful punishment (in the Hereafter).

88. “But as for him who believes and does good deeds, he shall be rewarded with goodness i.e. Paradise (in the Hereafter), and we (Dhul-Qarnain) will order good treatment for him in our dealing with him (in this world).”

89. And he travelled again (towards the eastern countries to make conquests).

90. Until he reached the rising time of the sun and he noticed it rising on the people for whom We (Allah) had provided no shelter against the sun.

91. This story is exactly like this. We (Allah) knew it, whatever Dhul-Qarnain had (in the form of equipment and capabilities).

92. And he travelled again (to another direction).

93. Until he reached a site which was situated between two mountains. He found a people near the mountains who did not seem to understand any word.

94. They said: “O Dhul-Qarnain! Indeed, Yajuj and Majuj (Gog and Magog) are spreading mischief in the land. Should we collect some funds for you so that you erect a barrier between us and them?”

95. (Dhul-Qarnain) said: “What my Creator
has bestowed upon me (in the form of wealth, power etc) is far better (than your funding). However help me with manpower and I shall erect a barrier between you and them.

96. “Give me iron sheets.” When he had filled up the opening (or gap) between the two mountains, he ordered: “Blow (to light hot fire).” When the iron sheet became (red hot) like fire, he said: “Bring me molten copper to pour over them.”

97. Hence Yajuj and Majuj could not climb over this wall nor were able to dig (a hole) through it.

98. (When Dhul-Qarnain saw this solid wall which was not an easy job to do) He said: “This is mercy from my Creator (who enabled me to accomplish this job and it is mercy for the people since they will be saved from the mischief of Yajuj and Majuj). So when the Promise of my Creator will come, He shall destroy it. And the Promise of my Creator is always true.”

99. And (when this wall will be destroyed) on that Day we will let loose Yajuj and Majuj in very large number falling one over the other. And the (second) Trumpet will be blown (everything will become alive) and We will gather (all the creatures) together.

100. And on that Day We shall bring Hell in the direct view of the disbelievers.

101. Those who had a cover on their eyes regarding My remembrance and they could not bear to hear (the truth or the Quran).

102. Do the disbelievers think that they can take My slaves as their protectors besides Me? Indeed, We have prepared Hell-Fire
as an initial welcome for the disbelievers.

103. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] Say: “Shall we tell you the greatest loser regarding their deeds?

104. “Those whose efforts in the worldly life have been wasted while they were under the impression that they were performing good deeds.

105. “They denied the revelations of their Creator and the meeting with Him (in the Hereafter). Hence all their deeds became null and void. So We shall assign no weight for their deeds on the Day of Resurrection.

106. “Their reward will be Hell since they disbelieved and mocked at My revelations and My messengers.

107. “Indeed, those who believe and do good deeds, they shall have Gardens of Paradise as an initial hospitality for them.

108. “They will reside there forever. And they will have no desire to leave that place.”

109. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] Say: “If the sea were ink for (writing) the Words of my Creator, the sea will be used up before the Words of my Creator are finished, even if We bring a similar (sea) to help out.”

110. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] Say: “I am, indeed, a man like you. (However) it has been revealed to me that your God is one God (i.e. Allah). So whoever hopes to Meet his Creator, he should perform good deeds and don’t make anybody partner in worship with his Creator.”
19. Surah Maryam (Mary)

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

1. Kaf-Ha-Ya-Ain-Sad (Allah, Alone, knows their meanings).

2. (This) describes the mercy of your Creator to His (beloved) slave Zakariyya (ﷺ).

3. When he made a supplication to his Creator in low voice.

4. He said: “My Creator! Indeed, my bones have weakened and the hair on my head has grown grey due to my old age. (Under these circumstances I should not ask for children.) And O my Creator! None of my supplication to You is ever unsuccessful,

5. “(Another specific reason for this supplication is that) I am worried about my relatives after me (i.e. they may not serve Islamic cause sincerely) and (I do realize) my wife is barren. (Inspite of all this) grant me an heir (i.e. son) (in some extraordinary way).

6. “Who shall inherit (my religious knowledge and Prophethood) and also inherit (religious knowledge) of the family of Yaqub (ﷺ), and O my Creator, make him one with whom You are Fully-Pleased.”

7. (Allah said through angels): “O Zakariyya (ﷺ)! Indeed, We give you glad tidings of a son, whose name will be Yahya (ﷺ). We have not made anyone with same name before.”

8. Zakariyya (ﷺ) said: “My Creator! How can I have a son, when my wife is barren, and I have reached the extreme old age?”
9. Allah said (through angels): “Your (physical) condition will remain so (still you will have a son). Your Creator says: ‘It is easy for Me. (Note that I have done a more extraordinary thing before this, which is) I have created you before, when you were not a thing (worth mentioning)”

10. Zakariyya (as) said: “My Creator! (Please) appoint a sign for me (when my wife becomes pregnant so that I become more thankful to you for this favour). (Allah) said: “Your sign is that you shall not be able to speak to mankind for three nights (and days) though you will be physically a healthy person.”

11. (When his wife became pregnant) then he came out of a private room and instructed his people (by signs) to praise Allah in the morning and in the evening.

12. [When Yahya (as) was born and reached his mature age, he was commanded]: “O Yahya (as)! Hold fast the Scripture (i.e. follow its commands fully).” And We bestowed upon him wisdom even in his childhood.

13. And We also made him very sympathetic (to mankind) as a mercy from Us, and pure (from sins). And he was very God-fearing,

14. And very kind to his parents, (i.e. he fulfilled the rights of Allah and the rights of the people) and was neither arrogant nor disobedient (to Allah or to his parents).

15. (Since Allah was fully pleased with him, Allah said): “And peace be upon him the day he is born, and the day he dies, and the day he will be raised up to life again.¹

¹ Three occasions are the most frightening for mankind. (i) when he comes out of the womb of his mother. (ii) the time of death (iii) when he will be reborn. Hence peace be upon Yahya(as) at these occasions.
16. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] And describe in this part of the Quran the story of Maryam [since it is very appropriate after the story of Zakariyya (عليه السلام)], when Maryam went aside in seclusion from her family to (take a bath) in a house which faced east (i.e. was east of Masjid Al-Aqsa).

17. Then she drew a curtain between her and the people of the house. We sent Our angel [i.e. Jibrael (الجبريل)] to her. So the angel appeared before her as a man in all respects.

18. Maryam said: “Indeed, I seek refuge with the Most Gracious (Allah) from you (i.e. go away from here) if you do fear Allah.”

19. (The angel) said: “(I am not a human being. So don’t fear). I am only a messenger from your Creator to give you a pious son.” (i.e. by breathing towards you, will make you pregnant, with the Permission of Allah).

20. Maryam said: “How can I have a son, when no man has touched me, nor am I unchaste woman?”

21. (The angel) said: “Your son will be born like this (without any man touching you). Your Creator said: ‘That is easy for Me to bestow you a son (in this unusual way), and We shall make him a sign and a mercy from Us for mankind. And (this birth of a child in an extraordinary way) is already decided (by Allah))”.

22. [After this conversation Jibrael (الجبريل) breathed towards her] So she conceived. (When she felt it is time for child birth) she went away to a far place with this pregnancy. (i.e. Bethlehem valley about five kilometers from Jerusalem).
23. Then the pangs of the childbirth brought her close to a trunk of a palm tree. (She felt very upset with the pain and also for the fear of blame of an illegitimate child). (In this condition) she said: “I wish I had died before this situation and had been totally forgotten.”

24. Then [Jibrael (๑) ] said loudly to her from a site below her [and Jibrael (๑) did not come near her out of respect]: “Don’t be sad. Your Creator has made a water stream under you.

25. “And shake the trunk of the palm tree towards you, it will make fresh ripe-dates fall around you.

26. “So eat (fruit), drink (water) and be happy [to (i) see the child (ii) eat (iii) drink (iv) for being a chosen person of Allah]. (Regarding the blame) if you happen to see any human being, say: ‘Indeed, I have vowed a fast to the Most Gracious (Allah), so I shall not speak to any human being this day.’”

27. [She was pacified by these remarks and she gave birth to Isa (๑) ]. Then she went to her people carrying the baby. They said: “O Maryam! Indeed, you have done a strange thing.

28. “O sister of Harun! Your father was not a bad man, nor was your mother an unchaste woman.”

29. Then she pointed to the baby (he will answer your questions. People thought she is making fun of them). They said: “How can we talk to a child in the cradle?”

30. [Isa (๑), as a child] spoke out: “Indeed, I am a (special) servant of Allah (neither I am Allah as Christian think nor am I a
rejected person as Jews think). Allah has given me the Scripture (i.e. although He will give it in future, but it is so certain as if He has already given it to me) and He made me a Prophet (i.e. although He will make me in the future, but it is very certain).

31. “And He has made me blessed wheresoever I be. And He has commanded me to perform Salat and pay Zakat (the poor-due); as long as I live [this is a proof that Isa (אֲשֶׁר) is an obedient servant of Allah].

32. “And to be kind to my mother (since he is born without father). And He did not make me arrogant or unblessed person (who ignores the rights of others).

33. “And peace be upon me the day I was born, the day I die, and the day I shall be resurrected (on the Day of Judgement).”

34. This is (the true story) of Isa (אֲשֶׁר), son of Maryam, about which they doubt (or dispute).

35. It is not befitting for (the Majesty of) Allah that He should beget a son. He is Glorified (and Exalted). When He decrees a thing, He says to it: “Be!” – And it is.

36. (Isa (אֲשֶׁר) added:) “And, indeed, Allah is my Creator and your Creator. Hence worship Him (Alone). That is the Straight Path.”

37. Then the various (religions) sects differed among themselves. So woe to the disbelievers from the Meeting of a great Day.

38. How clearly the disbelievers will see and hear that Day when they will appear before Us. But the wrong-doers are in obvious error today (i.e. in this worldly life).
39. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] And warn them about the Day of regrets (the disbelievers will regret for their bad deeds and the believers will regret why did they not perform more good deeds), when the (final) judgement will be made. And they are careless about it now, and they do not believe.

40. Indeed, We will inherit the earth and everything on it. And they shall be returned to Us.

41. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] Describe (the story of) Ibrahim (pb. u.) in (this part of) the Quran. He was very truthful (in his speech and actions) and was a Prophet.

42. When he said to his father: “O my father! Why do you worship the thing which can neither hear, nor can see, nor can benefit you in any way?

43. “O my father! Indeed, I have received some knowledge (i.e. revelations) which you don’t have. Hence follow me; I shall guide you to a Straight Path.

44. “O my father! Don’t worship Satan. Indeed, Satan has been disobedient to the Most Gracious (Allah).

45. “O my father! Indeed, I fear lest a torment from the Most Gracious (Allah) should strike you and you become a companion of Satan (in the Hell-Fire).”

46. The father said: “Are you rejecting my gods, O Ibrahim (pb. u.)? If you don’t stop this, I will, indeed, stone you (to death). You better get away from me safely for a long time (before I punish you).”

47. Ibrahim (pb. u.) said: “I bid farewell to you. I shall pray to my Creator for your forgiveness. Indeed, He is very Generous...
to me. (Also Surah Al-Furqan:63)

48. “And I shall withdraw from you (physically) and those whom you worship besides Allah, and I shall worship my Creator (with more concentration), and I am hopeful that my Creator will not reject my supplication.”

49. So when he had left them and those whom they worshipped besides Allah, We gave him Ishaq (عليه السلام) (his son) and Yaqub (عليه السلام) (his grandson) and made each of them a Prophet. [Ismail (عليه السلام) was already there before Ishaq (عليه السلام)].

50. And We bestowed upon all of them Our Mercy (by granting them various virtues). Everybody praised them and held them in high esteem.

51. And describe (the story of) Musa (عليه السلام) in (this part of) the Quran. Indeed, he was chosen (for Prophethood) and was a messenger and a Prophet.

52. And We called him from the right side of mountain Tur. We drew him near to Us to talk to him secretly.

53. We, through Our Mercy granted him, his brother Harun (عليه السلام) with the Prophethood.

54. And mention in (this part of) the Quran Ismail (عليه السلام). He always kept his promise and he was a messenger and a Prophet.

55. And he used to command his family and his people to perform Salat and pay the poor-due and he was beloved (slave) of his Creator.

56. And mention in (this part of) the Quran Idris (عليه السلام), he was a truthful person and a Prophet.

57. We raised him to a high place (by
58. These are those Prophets on whom Allah bestowed His Grace. They were the children of Adam (as). And they are from the children of those whom We carried (in a boat) with Nuh (as), and from the children of Ibrahim (as) and Yaqub (as). We guided them and made them Our chosen persons. When the Verses of the Most Gracious (Allah) were recited to them, they fell down prostrate while weeping (to show humbleness and thankfulness).

59. Then they were succeeded by the people who did not pay much attention to Salat and were carried away by their lusts. So they would soon see their destruction (in the Hereafter).

60. Except those who repent and are believers and do good deeds. Such will enter Paradise and they will not be wronged even a little bit.

61. They will enter the Paradise of everlasting Gardens which the Most Gracious (Allah) has made as an Unseen promise to His slaves. And indeed, His promise will definitely be fulfilled.

62. They will not hear any vain talk there except peace (from angels and among themselves). And there will be provision for them in the morning and evening.

63. This is the Paradise which We give as an inheritance to Our servants who have been pious persons.

64. [O Muhammad (nhw)!] And we (the angels) cannot descend without the Command of your Creator. To Allah belongs what is before us (i.e. angels) and what is behind us and what is between
those two and your Creator is never forgetful.

65. The Creator of the heavens and the earth, and all that is between them.\(^1\) Hence worship Him (Alone) and be patient and consistent in worshipping Him. Do you know of anybody who has the same name (and is equal to Him)?

66. And man (the disbeliever) says: “When I am dead, shall I then be raised up alive?”

67. Does not man recall that We created him before while he was nothing?

68. So, by your Creator, We shall gather them together and Satans too, on their knees (due to extreme fear) around Hell.

69. Then, indeed, We shall separate from every group all those who were the most rebellious against the Most Gracious (Allah) (so that We throw them in Hell before others).

70. (We don’t have to make any investigations for it) since We do know best those who are the most deserving candidate to be thrown (in the Hell-Fire).

71. And every one of you will pass over it (Hell). This is absolutely decided by your Creator.

72. Then We shall save those who used to fear Allah. And We shall leave the wrong-doers there on their knees.

73. And when Our Clear Verses are recited to them, the disbelievers say to those who believe: “Which of the two groups has higher status and more grand assembly?”

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\(^1\) Here Allah informed us about the useful matter in intersteller space (called plasma) which we discovered recently. Also see Verses 15:85, 20:6, 21:16, 25:59, 30:8, 32:4 and 38:27.
74. And (they forget that) how many communities We have destroyed before them which had more goods and were more impressive in outer appearance.

75. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] Say: “The Most Gracious (Allah) delays a lot the punishment of those who are in error until they see the promised things, either the torment (in worldly life) or the Day of Judgement. Then they will realize who has worst status and whose supporters are weaker.”

76. And Allah goes on increasing the guidance of the believers (which is the real asset). And good deeds that last are better with your Creator for reward and for the final result. (This Verse pacified the poor believers).

77. Have you seen him who disbelieved in Our revelations and he said: “I shall definitely be given wealth and children (if I will be alive again).”

78. Has he knowledge of the Unseen or has he taken a promise from the Most Gracious (Allah)?

79. Not at all. We shall record what he says, and (due to this) We shall go on increasing his torment (in the Hell).

80. And We shall inherit all those things he is talking about (i.e. wealth and children), and he shall come to Us all alone.

81. And they worship other gods besides Allah to acquire for themselves honour and glory.

82. Not at all! Those false deities will even deny being worshipped and they will become enemies of their worshippers.

83. Did you not see that We have sent Satan
to the disbelievers to incite them a lot (to do evil)?

84. So don’t haste about them. Indeed, We are keeping count of their days (when appointed time comes, they will be punished).

85. (This punishment will occur) on the Day when We will gather the pious persons as guests of the Most Gracious (Allah).

86. And We shall drive the extremely thirsty criminals to Hell.

87. None shall have the power of intercession except those who have taken a promise from the Most Gracious (Allah).

88. And they say: “The Most Gracious has begotten a son.”

89. Indeed, you have come up with a very terrible and extremely evil thing.

90. The heavens are almost torn and the earth may split apart and the mountains may fall in ruin due to this wording.

91. That they are trying to prove that the Most Gracious (Allah) has a son.

92. It is not befitting for (the Majesty of) the Most Gracious (Allah) that He should beget a son.

93. Everybody in the heavens and the earth will come to the Most Gracious (Allah) as His obedient servant.

94. Indeed, He knows them all and is keeping (a good) count of them (in this world).

95. And every one of them will come to Him alone on the Day of Resurrection. (Also Surah Ash-Shuara:88)

96. Indeed, those who believe and do good deeds, Allah will create love for them (in the hearts of those who are in the heavens
and the earth, as in a Hadith in Bukhari). (Give this glad tiding to them).

97. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] So, indeed, We have made this (the Quran) easy in your own language so that you may convey with it glad tidings to the pious persons and warn with it the most quarrelsome people.

98. (One of those warnings is as follows) And how many of the communities We have destroyed (with torment) before them! [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] Can you see even a slight movement of them or hear even a whisper of them?

20. Surah Ta-Ha

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

1. Ta-Ha (Allah, Alone, knows their meanings).

2. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] We have not sent down the Quran to you to cause you hardship. (Also Surah Al-Kahf:6)

3. Except as a reminder for those who fear (Allah).

4. It is a revelation from Allah who has created the earth and high heavens.

5. The Most Gracious (Allah) rose over the throne (in a manner that suits His Majesty).

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1. (i) Omar Farooq(ٍ) embraced Islam after reciting the first fourteen Verses of Surah Ta-Ha (Al-Jauzi) (ii) Prophet Muhammad(ﷺ) said: ‘Allah recited Surah Ta-Ha and Surah Yasin to angels two thousand years before the creation of the heavens and the earth. The angels said: ‘How fortunate and blessed that Ummah will be who will receive these two Surahs. How blessed will be those hearts which memorize them. And how blessed will be those tongues which will recite them.’ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُبَيِّنُ الرِّجَالَ وَتَعَفَّلُ مَعَهُ مَعَوَّةٌ وَالْأَرْضٌ أَيْضًا أَيْضًا فَاللَّهُ عَلَى مَا يَعْمَلُونَ مُفْلِحٌ ‘الْحَلَائِكَةَ الْقُوْانِ قَالَ لَقُوْانِ قَانِ: اَلْقُوَّانِ لَا أَقَلُّ قَانِ عِندَهُمَا وَلَقَدْ قَالَ: أَنْتُمْ لَا تُحْيِي تَوْبيَّةً وَلَا تُفْتَنُونَ’ (Masnad Darmi-3414)
6. All that is in the heavens and all that is in the earth, and all that is between them, and all that is under the soil, belongs to Allah.

7. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] And if you speak aloud, He even knows the secret and also what is more hidden.

8. Allah! None has the right to be worshipped except Him. His are the most Beautiful Names (which describe His Characteristics and Noble Virtues).

9. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] And has the story of Musa (ﷺ) reached you? (i.e. it is a very beneficial story).

10. (During his journey from Madyan) when he saw a fire (which was light but looked like fire), he said to his family: “Wait here. Indeed, I have seen a fire. Perhaps I can bring a flame of this fire for you or find some guidance near the fire (for our travelling route).”

11. So when he reached (near the fire), he heard a call (saying :) “O Musa (ﷺ)!

12. “Indeed, I am your Creator! So take off your shoes, you are in a sacred valley called Tiwa.

13. “And I have chosen you (to make you a Prophet). So listen to that which will be revealed (to you).

14. “Indeed, I am Allah! None has the right to be worshipped except I. So worship Me and perform Salat for My Remembrance.

15. “Indeed, the Day of Judgement will definitely occur. I intend to keep its timing hidden. It is to reward every person according to his efforts.

16. “(You should believe and prepare yourself for the Day of Judgement). So let not a
disbeliever and who follows his own lusts
hinder you from it lest you be destroyed.

17. “And what is that in your right hand, O
Musa (ﷺ)?”

18. Musa (ﷺ) said: “This is my stick. I lean
upon it and I beat down branches (of
trees) with it for my sheep and I have
many other benefits from it.”

19. (Allah) said: “Throw it down (on the
ground), O Musa (ﷺ)!”,

20. He threw it down and, suddenly, it
became a snake and moved around
quickly.

21. (Allah) said: “Hold it (in your hand) and
don’t fear. We shall change it to its former
state.

22. “And put your (right) hand in your (left)
armpit. (Then take it out). It will become
white (shining) without any defect or
disease. This is another sign (of the
Oneness of Allah, and of your
Prophethood). (Also Surah Al-Qasas:32)

23. “It is to show you some of Our Great
Signs.

24. “Go to Firaun! Indeed, he has
transgressed (a lot).”,

25. (When Musa (ﷺ) learnt that he is chosen
as a Prophet and is to reform Firaun,
Musa (ﷺ) requested Allah): “O my
Creator! Open for me my chest (i.e. raise
my courage).

26. “And make my (this preaching) task easy
for me.

27. “And remove the knot from my tongue
(i.e. remove its defect).

28. “So that people may understand my
speech easily.
29. “And appoint for me an assistant from my family.

30. “Harun (عليه السلام), my brother.


32. “And make him my partner in my task.

33. “So that we (both) may glorify You much,

34. “And remember You much.

35. “Indeed, You know us fully (we need Your Favours).”

36. (Allah) said: “(All) your requests are granted, O Musa (عليه السلام).

37. “And, indeed, We did another Favour to you before this (even without any request from you).

38. “When We inspired your mother, which is being mentioned here.

39. “(Saying): ‘Put the child in a chest and put it into the river (Nile). (A branch of this river passed near the palace of Firaun). The river will throw the chest on its bank. Then my enemy and also enemy of this child shall take away the chest.’ And I made you a loving and attractive child (for Firaun and for other people) so that you may be brought up under My supervision.

40. “(Remember) when your sister went (to Firaun’s house looking for you), so she said: ‘Shall I inform you about a person who will nurse the child (you did not accept milk of many ladies)?’ (She brought your mother and through this plan) We returned you back to your mother so that she might cool her eyes and she should not grieve. (When you grew up We did another favour to you).
And you killed a person (by mistake and you were worried due to fear of revenge or punishment). We removed your worry (by sending you from Egypt to Madyan). And We put you through many trials. So you stayed with the people of Madyan (Midian) for many years. Then you came here as I decreed for you, O Musa (مُوسَى).

41. “And I have chosen you (as a Prophet) for Myself.

42. “You and your brother go with My miracles (to the location you are instructed). And don’t slacken in My remembrance.

43. “Both of you go to Firaun. He, indeed, has transgressed (a lot).

44. “So speak to him kindly, perhaps he may accept advice or fear (from the punishment of Allah).”

45. They said: “Our Creator! We are, indeed, afraid that he might harm us or cause us extreme torture (during the preaching).”

46. Allah said: “Don’t fear. I am with you both, hearing and seeing. (I shall protect you and make him hear your message).

47. “So both of you go to him and say: ‘Indeed, we are messengers of your Creator, so let the Children of Israel go with us, and don’t torture them. (To support the claim of our Prophethood) we have come to you with a miracle from your Creator. And peace will be upon him who follows the guidance.

48. ‘Indeed, it has been revealed to us that Allah’s torment will be inflicted upon him who rejects (the truth) and turns away from it.”

49. Firaun said: “O Musa (مُوسَى)! Then who is
the Creator of you both?”

50. Musa (مُوسَى) said: “Our Creator is He Who has granted a specific shape and form to everything He has created, and then guided (every living thing e.g. even every animal and bird finds its food, its mate and its living place etc).

51. Firaun said: “What about the generations which have passed away? (How will they be punished for their denial of truth?)”

52. Musa (مُوسَى) said: “My Creator has the knowledge (of their deeds) in a record. My Creator does not make any mistake nor does He forget.”

53. Who has made earth for you like a floor (to rest), and has made paths in it for you (to travel), and has sent down rain water from the sky, and has created with it various kinds of vegetation.

54. To eat (from it) and graze your cattle too. Indeed, in that are signs (of the Power of Allah) for the people of understanding.

55. We created you from the earth [through Adam (عَبْدُ اللَّهِ)], and We shall return you to it and from it We shall bring you out again.

56. And, indeed, We showed Firaun all of Our signs [given to Musa (مُوسَى)] but he denied and refused.

57. Firaun said: “Have you come to turn us out of our land with your magic, O Musa (مُوسَى)?”

58. “So we will bring magic like this against you. Hence fix a meeting between us and you, which neither we nor you shall fail to attend in a place where both shall have equal chances.”

59. Musa (مُوسَى) said: “Your promised meeting shall take place on the day of village
festival) where people gather after sun rise.”

60. So Firaun went away, firmed up his plan (by gathering his best magicians) and then came back (to the meeting place).

61. Musa (ﷺ) warned the magicians: “Woe to you! Don’t try to invent a lie against Allah. So He would destroy you completely by a torment. And he who invents a lie (against Allah) will perish.”

62. (On hearing this) the magicians disputed the matter among themselves and made secret consultations.

63. (Finally) they said: “Indeed, both of them are magicians who would like to expel you from your land with their magic and do away with your best tradition. (Also Surah Ar-Rum:32)

64. “So make firm strategy, then line up (to compete). And whoever overcomes today will, indeed, be the winner.”

65. They said: “O Musa (ﷺ), will you throw first, or we shall be the first to throw?”

66. Musa (ﷺ) said: “Rather you throw (first).” Then, suddenly their ropes and sticks, appeared to [Musa (ﷺ)] moving around quite fast due to their magic.

67. So Musa (ﷺ) felt a kind of fear deep in his heart.

68. We (Allah) said: “Don’t be afraid! Indeed, you will dominate (them).

69. “And throw that which is in your right hand. It will swallow that which they have made up. Indeed, what they have made is just a magician’s trick. And a magician will never be successful (against miracles) whatever (skills) he may come with.”
70. [Musa (ع) threw his stick and it swallowed their ropes and sticks. The magicians realized that it is a miracle and not a magic]. Hence the magicians fell down prostrate. They announced: “We believe in the Creator of Harun (ع) and Musa (ع).”

71. Firaun said: “Do you believe in him before I give you permission? Indeed, he is your bigger leader who has taught you magic. Hence I will cut off your hands and feet on opposite sides and I will crucify you on the trunks of a palm tree and you shall soon come to know which of us can inflict more severe and lasting punishment.”

72. They said: “We will never prefer you against the proofs which have come to us and against Him Who created us. So do whatever pleases you, since you can only command things in this worldly life.

73. “Indeed, we have believed in our Creator hoping that He may forgive our sins, and the magic for which you put pressure on us. And (the reward from) Allah is better and more lasting.”

74. Indeed, whoever comes to his Creator as a criminal, there is definitely Hell for him in which he will neither die nor live.

75. And whoever comes to his Creator as a believer and has done good deeds, so for those are high levels (in the Hereafter).

76. Paradise with everlasting Gardens, beneath which rivers flow. They will live there forever. And such is the reward for those who purified themselves (by refraining from sins).

77. And We revealed to Musa (ع) (saying): “Travel with my slaves during the night
and (strike your stick to) make a dry Path for them in the sea. Don’t fear (about Firaun’s army following you) nor be afraid (of drowning in the sea).”

78. So Firaun followed them with his troops, but the sea water covered them as it was supposed to cover. (Hence Firaun and his troops were drowned).

79. And Firaun led his people astray, and did not guide them.

80. (Apart from this We did many other favours to the Children of Israel). O Children of Israel! We rescued you from your (big) enemy. And We promised you (i.e. your Prophet, for your benefit) to come to the right side of mountain Tur (and gave him Taurat there). And We sent down Al-Manna (a kind of grain) and Al-Salwa (quails) for you.

81. Eat from the good lawful things which We have provided you and don’t transgress (the limits set by Islam. e.g., don’t acquire things by unlawful ways) lest My Wrath falls on you. And he on whom My Wrath falls, is, indeed, destroyed.

82. And I forgive him who repents (for his sins) and believes, and does good deeds and (constantly) follows the guidance.

83. (When Allah commanded Musa (مُوسَى) to come to Tur along with some of his followers to receive Taurat, Musa (مُوسَى) went there all alone being very keen to receive the Taurat.) (Allah said :) “And what made you hurry from your people, O Musa (مُوسَى)?”

84. Musa said: “They are following my footsteps. And I hurried to You, O my Creator, so that You might be pleased (by my advancement).”
85. (Allah) said: “Indeed, We have put your people in a trial in your absence, and Samiri (سَمِرِي) has led them astray.”

86. Then Musa (مُوسَى) returned to his people full of anger and sorrow. He said: “O my people! Did your Creator not make a good promise to you [for (i) Paradise or (ii) Victory or (iii) of Taurat]? Did this period (of fulfilling this promise) appear long to you? Or do you wish to have the Wrath of your Creator inflicted upon you, so you broke your promise made with me [to obey Harun (هَارُون) in my absence]?”

87. They said: “We did not break the promise to you on our own will. In fact, we were made to carry the weight of the ornaments of (Firaun’s) people, so we threw them (into the fire with the suggestion of Samiri). Then similarly Samiri threw (into the fire the ornaments with him).”

88. Then Samiri brought out (of the fire) for them a calf-like body which gave a lowing sound. So they said (to each other): “This is your god and the god of Musa (مُوسَى), but [Musa (مُوسَى)] has forgotten.”

89. (Allah said): “Did they not see that it did not answer them at all, and it neither has any power to harm them nor to do them any good?”

90. And Harun (هَارُون) reminded them beforehand (i.e. before arrival of Musa (مُوسَى)) (saying): “O my people! Indeed, you are being tested by this, and, indeed, your Creator is the Most Gracious (Allah). Hence obey me and follow my instructions (in religious activities).”

91. They said: “We will not stop worshipping the calf, until Musa (مُوسَى) returns to us.”
92. [Then Musa (عليه السلام) arrived]. He said: “O Harun (عليه السلام)! What prevented you when you saw them going astray (in joining me in Tur so that they realize that you totally disapprove their activity).

93. (What prevented you) from not following me? Have you then disobeyed my order? (i.e. don’t follow the Path of the evil-doers as in Surah Al-Araf: 142).

94. Harun (عليه السلام) said: “O son of my mother! (Please) don’t catch me by my beard, or by my head. (Please listen to my excuse). I, indeed, feared lest you should say: ‘You have divided the Children of Israel into groups and you did not wait for my instructions.’”

95. Musa (عليه السلام) said: “O Samiri! So what is the matter with you (i.e. what made you do so)?”

96. Samiri said: “I saw what they did not see. So I took a handful (of dust) from the footprint of messenger (i.e. Jibrael’s (عليه السلام) horse) and threw it (into the Fire). I just felt like doing this.”

97. Musa (عليه السلام) said: “So (you) go away. Indeed, your punishment in this life will be that you will say (to anybody you come across): “Don’t touch me” (by touching both will get high fever. Hence he lived in the forest with animals for the rest of his life). And there is another promise for you which will definitely be fulfilled (i.e. punishment in the Hereafter). And look at your god which you worshipped with great devotion. We will definitely burn it and scatter its particles in the river.”

98. Indeed, your God is only Allah. None has the right to be worshipped except Him.
His knowledge encompasses everything.

99. Thus We describe to you [Muhammad (ﷺ)] from the news of the past events (so that it adds to the proofs of your Prophethood). And, indeed, We have given you from Us a Reminder (i.e. the Quran which is itself a proof of your Prophethood).

100. Whoever turns away from it (the Quran), they will carry a big burden (of sins) on the Day of Judgement.

101. They will reside in that (state) forever. And it will be an evil burden for them on the Day of Judgement.

102. The Day when (the second) Trumpet will be blown (everything will come to life again), We shall gather the criminals with blue eyes (due to thirst and terror as in Tafsir Qurtubi).

103. (They will be extremely terrified) And they will be saying to each other in a very low voice (saying): “You stayed (in the world or in the graves) not more than ten (days).”

104. We know very well what they will say (about the period) when the better among them in wisdom will say: “You stayed no longer than a day!” (Also Surah Ar-Rum:55)

105. And they ask you concerning the mountains, say: “My Creator will break them into tiny particles (on the Day of Judgement) and scatter them (as particles).

106. “And He shall make earth a levelled clear plain.

107. “You will see nothing crooked in it or
with ups and downs.”

108. On that Day people will follow (Allah’s) caller and they shall not show any disobedience to the calling angel. (Out of terror) all the voices will be humbled for the Most Gracious (Allah) and you shall hear nothing except very low sound of their footsteps (or slight whispering).

109. On that Day no intercessions shall benefit except the one for whom the Most Gracious (Allah) has granted permission and approved his wording.

110. Allah knows what they do (in this world) and what will happen to them (in the Hereafter) and none can encompass anything of His Knowledge.

111. And (all) faces shall be humbled before the Ever Living; the One Who sustains and protects all that exists. And he who carried a burden of wrong-doings will perish (on that Day).

112. And he who does good deeds while he is a believer, so he will have no fear of injustice nor of depriving him of his reward.

113. And thus We have sent down the Quran in Arabic and We have explained the warnings in it in detail in order that people may fear Allah or to give them some food for thought.

114. So High above all is Allah, the True King (who revealed the beneficial Quran). [O Muhammad (ﷺ)! Don’t hasten to recite the Quran (during the revelation) before its revelation is completed to you and say: “O my Creator! Increase my knowledge.”

115. And, indeed, We took a promise from
Adam (אָדָם) before, (detail of which follows later) but he forgot and We did not find him firm in his will-power.

116. And (remember) when We said to the angels: “You prostrate to Adam (אָדָם). They prostrated themselves all except Satan. He refused.”

117. So We said: “O Adam (אָדָם)! Indeed, This is your enemy and also enemy of your wife lest he gets both of you expelled from the Paradise causing you hardships (e.g. seeking means of livelihood etc.).

118. “Indeed, here you will never be hungry or naked.

119. “And, indeed, you will never be thirsty nor you will suffer from the sun’s heat.”

120. So Satan whispered to him, saying: “O Adam (אָדָם)! Shall I show you the tree for eternal life and kingdom which will never become weak?”

121. So both of them ate from the tree and hence their private parts became uncovered. They started covering themselves with leaves of Paradise and Adam (אָדָם) did disobey his Creator and he slipped away (from the Right Path).

122. (When they repented) then His Creator chose him, so accepted his repentance, and guided him (to the Right Path).

123. Allah said: “Both of you get down, together, (from Paradise to earth). Some (of your children) are going to be enemies of one another. So if My guidance comes to you, then whoever follows My guidance he shall not go astray, nor shall experience any hardship.

124. “And whoever turns away from My
Reminder, for him is life of hardships (in this world and in the grave), and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Resurrection.”

125. He will say: “O my Creator! Why have you raised me up blind while I had eyesight before (in the world)?”

126. Allah will say: “It should be like this. You are ignored today just as you ignored Our revelations which came to you.”

127. And thus We do punish him who transgresses and does not believe in the revelations of his Creator. And definitely the torment of the Hereafter is far more severe and more lasting.

128. Did it not guide them that We destroyed many communities before them, in whose dwellings they walk? Indeed, there are signs in this for the people of understanding.

129. Had your Creator not decided this in advance (to delay the punishment due to some wisdom) and had fixed a time for it, the torment would have definitely struck them by now (in this world).

130. [O Muhammad (ﷺ)!] So be patient about what they say, and glorify the praise of your Creator before the rising of the sun, and before its setting and during the parts of the night, and at the ends of the day (i.e. five compulsory prayers) so that you are pleased (with the level you attain with Allah).

131. And don’t care to even look towards those things which We have given for enjoyment to various groups from them. It is the pomp and show of this life to test them with it. But the provision of your Creator is better and more lasting.