50. Their garments will be of pitch, and fire will cover their faces.

51. That Allâh may requite each person according to what he has earned. Truly, Allâh is Swift at reckoning.

52. This (Qur’ân) is a Message for mankind (and a clear proof against them), in order that they may be warned thereby, and that they may know that He is the only One Ilâh (God — Allâh) — (none has the right to be worshipped but Allâh) — and that men of understanding may take heed.

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_Sûrat Al-Hîjr (The Rocky Tract) XV_

_In the Name of Allâh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful._

1. _Alîf-Lâm-Râm._ [These letters are one of the miracles of the Qur’ân, and none but Allâh (Alone) knows their meanings]. These are the Verses of the Book and a plain Qur’ân.

2. How much would those who disbelieved wish that they had been Muslims [those who have submitted themselves to Allâh’s Will in Islâm i.e. İslamic Monotheism — this will be on the Day of Resurrection when they will see the disbelievers going to Hell and the Muslims going to Paradise].

3. Leave them to eat and enjoy, and let them be preoccupied with (false) hope. They will come to know!

4. And never did We destroy a township but there was a known decree for it.

5. No nation can advance its term, nor delay it.

6. And they say: “O you (Muhammad صلی الله عليه وسلم) to whom the Dhîkr (The Qur’ân) has been sent down! Verily, you are a mad man!

7. “Why do you not bring angels to us if you are of the truthful?”

8. We send not the angels down except with the truth (i.e. for torment), and in that case, they (the disbelievers) would have

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11 (V.15:2): See the footnote of (V.3:85).
no respite!

9. Verily, We, it is We Who have sent down the Dhikr (i.e. the Qur’ân) and surely, We will guard it (from corruption).\[1\]

10. Indeed, We sent (Messengers) before you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) amongst the sects (communities) of old.

11. And never came a Messenger to them but they did mock at him.

12. Thus do We let it (polytheism and disbelief) enter the hearts of the Mujrimûn [criminals, polytheists and pagans (because of their mocking at the Messengers)].

13. They would not believe in it (the Qur’ân); and already the example of (Allâh’s punishment of) the ancients (who disbelieved) has gone forth.

14. And even if We opened to them a gate from the heaven and they were to keep on ascending thereto (all the day long)

15. They would surely say (in the evening): “Our eyes have been (as if) dazzled (we have not seen any angel or heaven). Nay, we are people bewitched.”

16. And indeed, We have put the big stars in the heaven and We beautified it for the beholders.\[2\]

17. And We have guarded it (the near heaven) from every outcast Shaitân (devil).

18. Except him (devil) who steals the hearing then he is pursued by a clear flaming fire.

19. And the earth We have spread out, and have placed therein firm mountains, and caused to grow therein all kinds of things in due proportion.

20. And We have provided therein means of living, for you

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\[1\] (V.15:9) This Verse is a challenge to mankind and everyone is obliged to believe in the miracles of this Qur’ân. It is a clear fact that more than 1400 years have elapsed and not a single word of this Qur’ân has been changed, although the disbelievers tried their utmost to change it in every way, but they failed miserably in their efforts. As it is mentioned in this holy Verse: “We will guard it.” By Allâh! He has guarded it. On the contrary, all the other holy Books [the Taurât (Torah), the Injeel (Gospel)] have been corrupted in the form of additions or subtractions or alterations in the original text.

\[2\] (V.15:16) See the footnote of (V.6:97).
and for those whom you provide not [moving (living) creatures, cattle, beasts, and other animals].

21. And there is not a thing, but with Us are the stores thereof. And We send it not down except in a known measure.

22. And We send the winds fertilizing (to fill heavily the clouds with water), then cause the water (rain) to descend from the sky, and We give it to you to drink, and it is not you who are the owners of its stores [i.e. to give water to whom you like or to withhold it from whom you like].

23. And certainly We! We it is Who give life, and cause death, and We are the Inheritor.

24. And indeed, We know the first generations of you who had passed away, and indeed, We know the present generations of you (mankind), and also those who will come afterwards.

25. And verily, your Lord will gather them together. Truly, He is All-Wise, All-Knowing.

26. And indeed, We created man from dried (sounding) clay of altered mud.

27. And the jinn, We created aforetime from the smokeless flame of fire.

28. And (remember) when your Lord said to the angels: “I am going to create a man (Adam) from dried (sounding) clay of altered mud.

29. “So, when I have fashioned him completely and breathed into him (Adam) the soul which I created for him, then fall (you) down prostrating yourselves to him.”

30. So the angels prostrated themselves, all of them together.

31. Except Iblîs (Satan) — he refused to be among the prostrators.

32. (Allâh) said: “O Iblîs (Satan)! What is your reason for not being among the prostrators?”

33. [Iblîs (Satan)] said: “I am not the one to prostrate myself to a human being, whom You created from dried (sounding) clay of altered mud.”

34. (Allâh) said: “Then, get out from here, for verily, you are Rajîm (an outcast or a cursed one).” [Tafsîr At-Tabarî]
35. “And verily, the curse shall be upon you till the Day of Recompense (i.e. the Day of Resurrection).”

36. [Iblîs (Satan)] said: “O my Lord! Give me then respite till the Day they (the dead) will be resurrected.”

37. Allâh said: “Then verily, you are of those reprieved,

38. “Till the Day of the time appointed.”

39. [Iblîs (Satan)] said: “O my Lord! Because you misled me, I shall indeed adorn the path of error for them (mankind) on the earth, and I shall mislead them all.

40. “Except Your chosen, (guided) slaves among them.”

41. (Allâh) said: “This is a Way which will lead straight to Me.”

42. “Certainly, you shall have no authority over My slaves, except those who follow you of the Ghâwûn (Mushrikûn and those who go astray, criminals, polytheists, and evil-doers).”

43. “And surely, Hell is the promised place for them all.”

44. “It (Hell) has seven gates, for each of those gates is a (special) class (of sinners) assigned.

45. “Truly! The Muttaqûn (the pious — See V.2:2) will be amidst Gardens and water-springs (Paradise).

46. “(It will be said to them): ‘Enter therein (Paradise), in peace and security.’

47. “And We shall remove from their breasts any deep feeling of bitterness (that they may have). (So they will be like) brothers facing each other on thrones.”

48. “No sense of fatigue shall touch them, nor shall they (ever) be asked to leave it.”

49. Declare (O Muhammad صلوات اللهو وسلم) to My slaves, that truly, I am the Oft-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

50. And that My Torment is indeed the most painful torment.

51. And tell them about the guests (the angels) of Ibrâhîm (Abraham).

52. When they entered to him, and said: Salâm (peace)! [Ibrâhîm (Abraham)] said: “Indeed! We are afraid of you.”

53. They (the angels) said: “Do not be afraid! We give you
glad tidings of a boy (son) possessing much knowledge and wisdom.”

54. [Ibrâhîm (Abraham)] said: “Do you give me glad tidings (of a son) when old age has overtaken me? Of what then is your news?”

55. They (the angels) said: “We give you glad tidings in truth. So be not of the despairing.”

56. [Ibrâhîm (Abraham)] said: “And who despairs of the Mercy of his Lord except those who are astray?”

57. [Ibrâhîm (Abraham) again] said: “What then is the business on which you have come, O Messengers?”

58. They (the angels) said: “We have been sent to a people who are Mujrimûn (criminals, disbelievers, polytheists, sinners).

59. “(All) except the family of Lût (Lot). Them all we are surely going to save (from destruction).

60. “Except his wife, of whom We have decreed that she shall be of those who remain behind (i.e. she will be destroyed).”

61. Then when the Messengers (the angels) came to the family of Lût (Lot).

62. He said: “Verily, you are people unknown to me.”

63. They said: “Nay, we have come to you with that (torment) which they have been doubting.

64. “And we have brought you the truth (the news of the destruction of your nation) and certainly, we tell the truth.

65. “Then travel in a part of the night with your family, and you go behind them in the rear, and let no one amongst you look back, but go on to where you are ordered.”

66. And We made known this decree to him, that the root of those (sinners) was to be cut off in the early morning.

67. And the inhabitants of the city came rejoicing (at the news of the young men’s arrival).

68. [Lût (Lot)] said: “Verily, these are my guests, so shame me not.

69. “And fear Allâh and disgrace me not.”

70. They (the people of the city) said: “Did we not forbid you
from entertaining (or protecting) any of the ‘Ālamūn (people, foreigners and strangers from us)?”

71. [Lūt (Lot)] said: “These (the girls of the nation) are my daughters (to marry lawfully), if you must act (so).”

72. Verily, by your life (O Muhammad صلی الله عليه وسلم), in their wild intoxication, they were wandering blindly.

73. So As-Sa‘īhah (torment — awful cry) overtook them at the time of sunrise.

74. And We turned (the towns of Sodom in Palestine) upside down and rained down on them stones of baked clay.

75. Surely! In this are signs for those who see (or understand or learn the lessons from the Signs of Allâh).

76. And verily, they (the cities) were right on the highroad (from Makkah to Syria i.e. the place where the Dead Sea is now)[11].

77. Surely, therein is indeed a sign for the believers.

78. And the Dwellers in the Wood [i.e. the people of Madyan (Midian) to whom Prophet Shu‘aib (عليه السلام) was sent by Allâh], were also Zālimūn (polytheists and wrong-doers).

79. So, We took vengeance on them. They are both on an open highway, plain to see.

80. And verily, the dwellers of Al-Hijr (the rocky tract) denied the Messengers.

81. And We gave them Our Signs, but they were averse to them.

82. And they used to hew out dwellings from the mountains, (feeling themselves) secure.

83. But As-Sa‘īhah (torment — awful cry) overtook them in the early morning (of the fourth day of their promised punishment days).

84. And all that they used to earn availed them not.

85. And We created not the heavens and the earth and all that is between them except with truth, and the Hour is surely coming, so overlook (O Muhammad صلی الله عليه وسلم), their

faults with gracious forgiveness. [This was before the
ordainment of ِJihâd — holy fighting in Allâh’s cause].

86. Verily, your Lord is the All-Knowing Creator.

87. And indeed, We have bestowed upon you seven of
Al-Mathâni (seven repeatedly recited Verses), (i.e. Sûrat
Al-Fâtihah) and the Grand Qur’ân. [1]

88. Look not with your eyes ambitiously at what We have
bestowed on certain classes of them (the disbelievers), nor
grieve over them. And lower your wings for the believers (be
courteous to the fellow-believers).

89. And say (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم): “I am indeed a
plain warner.”

90. As We have sent down on the dividers, (Quraish pagans
or Jews and Christians).

91. Who have made the Qur’ân into parts (i.e. believed in
one part and disbelieved in the other). [Tafsîr At-Tabarî]

92. So, by your Lord, (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم), We
shall certainly call all of them to account.

93. For all that they used to do.

94. Therefore proclaim openly (Allâh’s Message — Islâm
Monotheism) that which you are commanded, and turn away
from Al-Mushrikûn (polytheists, idolaters, and disbelievers —
See V.2:105).

95. Truly! We will suffice you against the scoffers,

96. Who set up along with Allâh another ilâh (god); but
they will come to know.

97. Indeed, We know that your breast is straitened at what
they say.

98. So glorify the praises of your Lord and be of those who
prostrate themselves (to Him). [2]

[1] (V.15:87) See the footnote of (V.1:2).

a) Narrated Abu Ma’bad, the freed slave of Ibn ِAbbâs: Ibn ِAbbâs رضي الله عنهم told me, “In the lifetime of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, it was the custom to remember Allâh (Dhikr) by glorifying, praising and magnifying Allâh aloud after the compulsory congregational prayers.” Ibn ِAbbâs further said, “When I heard the
99. And worship your Lord until there comes to you the certainty (i.e. death).[1]

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

1. The Commandment (the Hour or the punishment of disbelievers and polytheists or the Islāmic laws or commandments) ordained by Allāh will come to pass, so, seek not to hasten it. Glorified and Exalted is He above all that they associate as partners with Him.

2. He sends down the angels with the Râh (revelation) of His Command to whom of His slaves He wills (saying): “Warn (mankind) that Lâ ilâha illâ Ana (none has the right to be worshipped but I), so fear Me (by abstaining from sins and evil deeds).

3. He has created the heavens and the earth with truth. High is He, Exalted above all that they associate as partners with Him.

4. He has created man from Nutfāh (mixed drops of male and female sexual discharge), then behold, this same (man) becomes an open opponent.

5. And the cattle, He has created them for you; in them there is warmth (warm clothing), and numerous benefits, and of them you eat.

6. And wherein is beauty for you, when you bring them home in the evening, and as you lead them forth to pasture in

Dhikr, I would learn that the compulsory congregational prayer had ended.” (Sahih Al-Bukhārī, Vol.1, Hadith No.802).

b) Narrated Ibn ʿAbbās: I used to recognize the completion of the prayer of the Prophet صلی الله عليه وسلم by hearing Takkīr. (Sahih Al-Bukhārī, Vol.1, Hadith No.803).

[1] (V. 15:99) Narrated Anas: Allāh’s Messenger صلی الله عليه وسلم said, “None of you should long for death because of a calamity that had befallen him; and if he cannot, but long for death, then he should say, ‘O Allāh! Let me live as long as life is better for me, and take my life if death is better for me.’” (Sahih Al-Bukhārī, Vol.8, Hadith No.362).