- 53. And (recall) when We gave Musa the Book (Taurat) and the Criterion (of right and wrong) that perhaps you would be guided.
- **54.** And (recall) when Musa said to his people, 'O my people! Indeed you have wronged yourselves by taking the calf (for worship). So turn in repentance to your Creator and kill yourselves. That is best for you in the sight of your Creator.` He accepted your repentance. Indeed, He is the Oft-returning (to mercy), the Most Merciful.
- 55. And when you said, `O Musa! We will never believe you until we Allah see manifestly,` so the thunderbolt seized you while you were looking on.
- **56.** Then **We** revived you after your death, so that you might be grateful.
- **57.** And **We** shaded you with clouds and sent down to you manna and quails. Eat from the good things, which We have provided you. And they did not wrong Us, but they were doing wrong to themselves.
- 58. And when We said, `Enter this town and eat abundantly wherever you wish, and enter the gate bowing humbly and say, 'Repentance,' We will forgive your sins for you. And We will increase



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the good-doers (in reward).`

- 59. But those who wronged changed the words from that which had been said to them for another; so We sent down upon the wrongdoers a punishment from the sky because they were defiantly disobeying.
- And when Musa asked for water for his people, We said, `Strike the stone with your staff.` Then twelve springs gushed forth from it. All the people (of the twelve tribes) knew their drinking place. `Eat and drink from the provisions of Allah, and do not act wickedly on the earth spreading corruption.`
- 61. And when you said, `O Musa! We can never endure one (kind of) food. So pray to your Lord to bring forth for us out of what the earth grows, its herbs, its cucumbers, its garlic, its lentils, and its onions.` He said, `Would you exchange that which is better for that which is inferior? Go down to (any) city and indeed you will have what you have asked for.` humiliation and misery were struck upon them and they drew on themselves the wrath of Allah. That was because they used to disbelieve in the Signs of Allah

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and kill the Prophets without any right. That was because they disobeyed and were transgressing.

- 62. Indeed, those who believed, and those who became Jews, and the Christians, and the Sabians who believed in Allah and the Last Day and did righteous deeds, will have their reward with their Lord; no fear will be on them, nor will they grieve.
- 63. And when We took your covenant, and We raised above you the mount (saying), 'Hold firmly that which We have given you, and remember what is in it, perhaps you would become righteous.'
- **64.** Then even after that you turned away. Had it not been for the Grace and Mercy of Allah upon you, indeed you would have been among the losers.
- 65. And indeed, you knew those amongst you who transgressed in the matter of the Sabbath. So **We** said to them, `Be apes, despised.`
- **66.** And **We** made it a deterrent punishment for those who were present and those who succeeded them and an admonition for those who fear Allah.
- 67. And when Musa said to his people, 'Indeed, Allah commands you to slaughter a cow,' they said, 'Do you take us in ridicule?' He said,



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- `I seek refuge in Allah from being among the ignorant.`
- 68. They said, 'Pray to your Lord to make clear to us what it is.' He (Musa) said, 'He says, 'It is a cow neither old nor young, but of middle age between the two,' so do what you are commanded.'
- 69. They said, `Pray to your Lord to make clear to us its color.` He (Musa) said, `He says, `It is a yellow cow, bright in color, pleasing to those who see it.``
- 70. They said, `Pray to your Lord to make clear to us what it is. Indeed, all cows look alike to us. And indeed, if Allah wills, we will surely be guided.`
- 71. He (Musa) said,

 'He says, it is a cow
 neither trained to
 plough the earth nor
 water the field; sound,
 with no blemish on it.'

 They said, 'Now you
 have come with the
 truth.' So they
 slaughtered it, though
 they were near to not
 doing it.
- 72. And (recall) when you killed a man and disputed concerning it, but Allah brought forth that which you were concealing.
- **73.** So **We** said, `Strike him with a part of it.` Thus Allah revives the dead,



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and shows you **His** Signs, perhaps you may use your intellect.

- 74. Then (even after your hearts that) hardened like stones or even worse hardness. And indeed, there are stones from which rivers gush forth, and indeed, there are some of them (i.e., the stones) which split asunder and water flows from them, and indeed, there are some of them (i.e., the stones) which fall down for fear of Allah. And Allah is not unaware of what you do.
- 75. Do you hope (O believers!) that they would believe you while indeed a party of them used to hear the words of Allah and then distort it after they had understood it, knowingly?
- **76.** And when they meet those who believe, they say, 'We have believed.` But when they are alone with one another, they say, 'Do you tell them what Allah has revealed to you so that they (might) use it in argument against you before your Lord? Do you not then understand?
- 77. Do they not know that Allah knows what they conceal and what they declare?
- **78.** And among them are unlettered (i.e., illiterate) people



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who do not know the Book except (see therein their own) wishful thinking, and they do nothing but guess.

- 79. So woe to those who write the book with their own hands, then say, 'This is from Allah,' to exchange it for a little price. So woe to them for what their hands have written and woe to them for what they earn.
- 80. And they say, 'Never will the Fire touch us except for a few days.' Say, 'Have you taken a covenant from Allah, so that Allah will never break His Covenant? Or do you say against Allah that which you do not know?'
- 81. Yes, (on the contrary) whoever earns evil and his sins have surrounded himthose are the companions of the Fire; they will abide in it forever.
- 82. And those who believe and do righteous deeds, those are the companions of Paradise; they will abide in it forever.
- 83. And (recall) when We took the covenant from the Children of Israel (saying), 'Do not worship except Allah, and be good to parents, relatives, orphans and the needy, and speak good to people and establish the prayer



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and give the zakah.` Then you turned away, except a few of you, and you were refusing.

- 84. And when We took your covenant, `Do not shed your (i.e., each other`s) blood or evict yourselves (one another) from your homes.` Then you ratified while you were witnessing.
- **85.** Then you are those (same ones) who kill one another and evict a party of you from their homes, support one another against them in sin and transgression. And if they come to you as captives, you ransom them; while their eviction (itself) was forbidden to you. So do you believe in part of the Book and disbelieve in (another) part? Then what should be the recompense for those who do so among you except disgrace in worldly life; and on the Day of Resurrection they will be sent back to the most severe punishment? And Allah is not unaware of what you do.
- 86. Those are the ones who have bought the life of this world (in exchange) for the Hereafter; so the punishment will not be lightened for them, nor will they be helped.
- 87. And indeed We gave
 Musa the Book and
 We followed him up
 with (a succession of)

a few except you turned away, Then and give We took And when 83 from yourselves and (will) not evict You will not shed your blood (were) witnessing. while you vou ratified then from a party (who) kill against them [you] support one another And if and [the] transgression. you ransom them: (was) forbidden and disbelieve the Book their eviction does (for the one) who (should be the) recompense Then what in part? the life in disgrace that (of) the world; except among you, they will be sent back and (on the) Day (the) most severe of [the] Resurrection Those 85 you do. of what unaware And Allah (is) not punishment? فلا so not for the Hereafter; (of) the world the life (are) the ones who after him and We followed up the Book Musa We gave And indeed

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Messengers. And We gave Isa, the son of Maryam, clear signs and supported him with the Holy Spirit. Is it not so, that whenever there came to you a Messenger with what you yourselves did not desire, you acted arrogantly? So a party (of Messengers) you denied and another party you killed.

- **88.** And they said, 'Our hearts are wrapped.' Nay, Allah has cursed them for their disbelief; so little is that which they believe.
- 89. And when there came to them a Book (Qur`an) from Allah confirming what was with them, though before that they used to pray for victory over disbelievers then when there came to them that which they recognized, they disbelieved in it. So the curse of Allah is on the disbelievers.
- 90. Evil is that for which thev have themselves, that they disbelieved in what Allah has revealed, grudging that Allah sends down of His Grace upon whom He wills from among His servants. So they have drawn on themselves wrath upon wrath. And for the disbelievers is a humiliating punishment.
- 91. And when it is said to them, `Believe in what Allah has revealed,` they say, `We believe (only) in what was revealed to us.` And they disbelieve in what came after it, while it is



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the truth confirming that which is with them. Say, `Then why did you kill the Prophets of Allah before, if you were believers?`

- 92. And indeed Moses came to you with clear signs, yet you took the calf (in worship) after he left, and you were wrongdoers.
- 93. And when We took your covenant and We raised above you the mount, 'Hold firmly what We gave you and listen, they said, 'We heard and we disobeyed.` And they were made to imbibe (the love of) the calf into their hearts because of their disbelief. Say, `Evil is that which your faith orders you, if you are believers.`
- 94. Say, `If the home of the Hereafter with Allah is exclusively for you and not for others of mankind, then wish for death, if you are truthful.`
- 95. And they will never wish for it, ever, because of what their hands have sent ahead (i.e., their deeds). And Allah is Knowing of the wrongdoers.
- 96. And you will surely find them the most greedy of mankind for life, and (even greedier) than those who associate partners with Allah. Each one of them loves



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