

*42. He said, 'Make her throne unrecognizable to her, and let us see whether she follows the right way or whether she is *one* of those who follow not the right way.'

43. And when she came, it was said, 'Is thy throne like this?' She replied, 'It is as though it were the same. And we had been given knowledge before this, and we have already submitted.'

44. And that which she used to worship beside Allāh had stopped her *from believing*; for she came of a disbelieving people.

*45. It was said to her, 'Enter the palace.' And when she saw it, she thought it to be a great expanse of water, and she uncovered her shanks. *Solomon* said, 'It is a palace paved smooth with slabs of glass.' She said, 'My Lord, I indeed wronged my soul; and I submit myself with Solomon to Allāh, the Lord of the worlds.'

R. 4.

46. And We sent to Thamūd their brother Šāliḥ, *who said*, 'Worship Allāh.' But behold, they became two parties contending with each other.

47. He said, 'O my people, why do you wish to hasten on the evil rather

قَالَ نَكِّرُوا لَهَا عَرْشَهَا نَنْظُرَ أَتَهْتَدِي
أَمْ تَكُونُ مِنَ الَّذِينَ لَا يَهْتَدُونَ ﴿٣٧﴾

فَلَمَّا جَاءَتْ قِيلَ أَهَكَذَا عَرْشُكِ
قَالَتْ كَأَنَّهُ هُوَ ۖ وَأُوتِينَا الْعِلْمَ مِنْ
قَبْلِهَا وَكُنَّا مُسْلِمِينَ ﴿٣٨﴾

وَصَدَّهَا مَا كَانَتْ تَعْبُدُ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ
إِنَّهَا كَانَتْ مِنْ قَوْمٍ كَافِرِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾

قِيلَ لَهَا ادْخُلِي الصَّرْحَ ۖ فَلَمَّا رَأَتْهُ
حَسِبَتْهُ لُجَّةً وَكَشَفَتْ عَنْ سَاقَيْهَا
قَالَ إِنَّهُ صَرْحٌ مُّمَرَّدٌ مِنْ قَوَارِيرَ
قَالَتْ رَبِّ إِنِّي ظَلَمْتُ نَفْسِي
وَاسْلَمْتُ مَعَ سُلَيْمَانَ إِلَهُ رَبِّ
الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٤٠﴾

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وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَىٰ ثَمُودَ أَخَاهُمْ
صَالِحًا أَنْ عِبُدُوا اللَّهَ فَادَّاهُمُ قَرِيفٌ
يَخْتَصِمُونَ ﴿٤١﴾

قَالَ لِيَقُمْ لِمَ تَسْتَعْجِلُونَ بِالسَّيِّئَةِ

*42. Make her throne **appear commonplace to her**,

*45. **Note:** Clear, high-quality glass, deftly laid, can create the impression of water and that is what actually happened. The message delivered to the Queen, who was exceptionally intelligent, was that sometimes things are very different from the impressions they create, and the qualities they reflect, do not belong to them. Similarly, the impression of glory and power created by the sun, does not belong to it but belongs only to the Creator.

than the good? Wherefore do you not ask forgiveness of Allāh that you may be shown mercy?"

قَبْلَ الْحَسَنَةِ ۚ لَوْلَا تَسْتَغْفِرُونَ
اللَّهُ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾

*48. They said, 'We augur evil from thee and from those that are with thee.' He said, 'The cause of your evil fortune is with Allāh. Nay, but you are a people who are on trial.'

قَالُوا اطَّيَّرْنَا بِكَ وَبِمَنْ مَعَكَ ۚ
قَالَ طَبَّرَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ بَلْ أَنْتُمْ قَوْمٌ
تُفْتَنُونَ ﴿٢٥﴾

49. And there were in the city a party of nine *persons* who made mischief in the land, and would not reform.

وَكَانَتْ فِي الْمَدِينَةِ تِسْعَةُ رَهْطٍ
يُفْسِدُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا يُصْلِحُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾

50. They said, "Swear to each other by Allāh that we will surely attack him and his family by night, and then we will say to his heir, 'We witnessed not the destruction of his family, and most surely we are truthful.'"

قَالُوا تَقَاسَمُوا بِاللَّهِ لَنُبَيِّتَنَّهُ وَأَهْلَهُ
ثُمَّ لَنَقُولَنَّ لِوَلِيِّهِ مَا شَهِدْنَا مَهْلِكَ
أَهْلِهِ وَإِنَّا لَصَادِقُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾

*51. And they planned a plan, and We planned a plan, but they perceived *it* not.

وَمَكَرُوا مَكْرًا وَكَمْزُوا مَكْرًا وَهُمْ لَا
يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾

52. Then see how *evil* was the end of their plan! Verily, We utterly destroyed them and their people all together.

فَانْظُرْ كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ مَكْرِهِمْ ۚ
أَنَّا دَمَّرْنَاهُمْ وَقَوْمَهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾

*53. And yonder are their houses empty, because of their wrongdoing. In that, verily, is a Sign for a people who possess knowledge.

فَتِلْكَ بُيُوتُهُمْ خَاوِيَةٌ بِمَا ظَلَمُوا ۚ
إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً لِّقَوْمٍ يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾

54. And We saved those who believed and feared God.

وَأَنْجَيْنَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَكَانُوا
يَتَّقُونَ ﴿٣١﴾

*48. They said, 'We augur **ill of you and of those** that are with you.'

*51. And they **wove a plot** and We **wove a counterplot** but they were **unaware of it**.

*53. And yonder **lie** their houses empty, because of their wrongdoing.

55. And *remember* Lot, when he said to his people, ‘Do you commit abomination while you see *the evil thereof*?’

*56. What! do you approach men lustfully rather than women? Nay, you are indeed an ignorant people.’

*57. But the answer of his people was naught save that they said, ‘Drive out Lot’s family from your city. They are a people who would keep clean.’

58. So We saved him and his family, except his wife; her We decreed to be of those who stayed behind.

59. And We rained upon them a rain; and evil was the rain for those who were warned.

R. 5.

*60. Say, ‘All praise belongs to Allāh, and peace be upon those servants of His whom He has chosen. Is Allāh better or what they associate *with Him*?’

61. Or, Who created the heavens and the earth, and Who sent down water for you from the sky wherewith We cause to grow beautiful orchards? You could not

وَلَوْطًا إِذْ قَالَ لِقَوْمِهِ أَتَأْتُونَ
الْفَاحِشَةَ وَأَنْتُمْ تُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٥٥﴾

أَيُنْذِرُكُمْ لَتَأْتُونَ الرِّجَالَ شَهْوَةً
مِّنْ دُونِ النِّسَاءِ ۖ بَلْ أَنْتُمْ قَوْمٌ
تُجْهَلُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾

فَمَا كَانَ جَوَابَ قَوْمِهِ إِلَّا أَنْ قَالُوا
أَخْرِجُوا آلَ لُوطٍ مِّنْ قَرْيَتِكُمْ ؕ إِنَّهُمْ
أَنَاسٌ يَّتَطَهَّرُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾

فَأَنْجَيْنَاهُ وَأَهْلَهُ إِلَّا امْرَأَتَهُ ۖ فَقَدَرْنَا
مِنْ الْغَابِرِينَ ﴿٥٨﴾

وَآمَطَرْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ مَطَرًا ۖ فَسَاءَ
مَطَرُ الْمُنْذَرِينَ ﴿٥٩﴾

قُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَسَلَامٌ عَلَىٰ عِبَادِهِ
الَّذِينَ اصْطَفَى ۗ ؕ اللَّهُ خَيْرٌ أَمَّا
يُشْرِكُونَ ﴿٦٠﴾

أَمَّنْ خَلَقَ السَّمُوتِ وَالْأَرْضَ
وَأَنْزَلَ لَكُمْ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً
فَأَنْبَتْنَا بِهِ حَدَائِقَ ذَاتَ بَهْجَةٍ ۚ مَا

*56. ‘What! do you approach men lustfully rather than women? Nay, you are indeed a **people unmindful of consequences**.’

*57. But the **response** of his people was **nothing except** that they *incited the people and* said, ‘Drive out the **followers of Lot** from your **township**. They are **indeed** a people **who pretend to be pure**.’

*60. Say, ‘All praise belongs to Allāh, and peace be upon those servants of His whom He has chosen. Is Allāh better or **that which** they associate *with Him*?’

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