

from our homes and our sons'? But when fighting was ordained for them, they turned back except a small number of them. And Allāh knows the transgressors well.

أَخْرَجْنَا مِنْ دِيَارِنَا وَ آبَائِنَا
فَلَمَّا كُتِبَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْقِتَالُ تَوَلَّوْا
إِلَّا قَلِيلًا مِنْهُمْ ؕ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ
بِالظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٢٤﴾

248. And their Prophet said to them: 'Allāh has appointed for you Ṭālūt as a king.' They said: 'How can he have sovereignty over us while we are better entitled to sovereignty than he, and he is not given abundance of wealth?' He said: 'Surely, Allāh has chosen him above you and has increased him abundantly in knowledge and body.' And Allāh gives sovereignty to whom He pleases and Allāh is Bountiful, All-Knowing.

وَقَالَ لَهُمْ نَبِيُّهُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ
بَعَثَ لَكُمْ طَالُوتَ مَلِكًا ؕ قَالُوا أَنَّى
يَكُونُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ عَلَيْنَا وَنَحْنُ
أَحَقُّ بِالْمُلْكِ مِنْهُ وَلَمْ يُؤْتَ سَعَةً
مِّنَ الْمَالِ ؕ قَالَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَاهُ
عَلَيْكُمْ وَزَادَهُ بَسْطَةً فِي الْعِلْمِ
وَالْجِسْمِ ؕ وَاللَّهُ يُؤْتِي مُلْكَهُ مَن
يَشَاءُ ؕ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٢٥﴾

249. And their Prophet said to them: 'The sign of his sovereignty is that there shall be given you a heart wherein there will be tranquillity from your Lord and a legacy of good left by the family of Moses and the family of Aaron—the angels bearing it. Surely, in this there is a Sign for you if you are believers.'

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وَقَالَ لَهُمْ نَبِيُّهُمْ إِنَّ آيَةَ مُلْكِهِ
أَن يَأْتِيَكُمُ التَّابُوتُ فِيهِ سَكِينَةٌ
مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَبَقِيَّةٌ مِّمَّا تَرَكَ آلُ
مُوسَىٰ وَآلُ هَارُونَ تَحْمِلُهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ
إِنَّ فِي ذَٰلِكَ لَآيَةً لَّكُمْ إِن كُنْتُمْ
مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٢٦﴾

250. And when Ṭālūt set out with the forces, he said: 'Surely, Allāh will try you with a river. So he who drinks therefrom is not of me; and he who tastes it not is assuredly of me, except him who takes a handful

فَلَمَّا فَصَلَ طَالُوتُ بِالْجُنُودِ ؕ قَالَ
إِنَّ اللَّهَ مُبْتَلِيكُمْ بِنَهَرٍ ؕ فَمَنِ شَرِبَ
مِنْهُ فَلَيْسَ مِنِّي ۖ وَمَنْ لَّمْ يَطْعَمْهُ

of water with his hand.' But they drank of it, except a few of them. And when they crossed it—he and those who believed along with him—they said: 'We have no power today against Jālūt and his forces.' But those who knew for certain that they would *one day* meet Allāh said: 'How many a small party has triumphed over a large party by Allāh's command! And Allāh is with the steadfast.'

251. And when they issued forth to *encounter* Jālūt and his forces, they said: 'O our Lord, pour forth steadfastness upon us, and make our steps firm, and help us against the disbelieving people.'

252. So they routed them by the command of Allāh; and David slew Jālūt, and Allāh gave him sovereignty and wisdom, and taught him of what He pleased. And had it not been for Allāh's repelling men, some of them by the others, the earth would have become filled with disorder. But Allāh is Munificent to *all* peoples.

253. These are the Signs of Allāh; We recite them unto thee with truth. Surely, thou art *one* of the Messengers.

فَرَأَاهُ مِنِّي إِلَّا مَنِ اعْتَرَفَ غُرْفَةً
بِيَدِهِ ۖ فَشَرِبُوا مِنْهُ إِلَّا قَلِيلًا مِّنْهُمْ ۖ
فَلَمَّا جَاوَزَهُ هُوَ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَعَهُ
قَالُوا لَا طَاقَةَ لَنَا الْيَوْمَ بِجَالُوتَ
وَجُنُودِهِ ۚ قَالَ الَّذِينَ يَظُنُّونَ أَنَّهُمْ
مُلْكُوا اللَّهَ ۖ كَمِثْلٍ نَّهْنٍ ۖ فَوَكَزَهُ قَلِيلٌ مِّنْ
عَلَبَتْ فِتْنَةً كَثِيرَةً ۚ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ۚ
وَاللَّهُ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿٢٥١﴾

وَلَمَّا بَرَزُوا لِجَالُوتَ وَجُنُودِهِ
قَالُوا رَبَّنَا أَفْرِغْ عَلَيْنَا صَبْرًا وَثَبِّثْ
أَقْدَامَنَا وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ
الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٢٥٢﴾

فَهَزَمُوهُمْ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ ۖ وَقَتَلَ
دَاوُدُ جَالُوتَ ۖ وَآتَاهُ اللَّهُ الْمُلْكَ
وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَعَلَّمَهُ مِمَّا يَشَاءُ ۚ
وَلَوْ لَا دَفْعُ اللَّهِ النَّاسَ بَعْضَهُمْ
بِبَعْضٍ لَّفَسَدَتِ الْأَرْضُ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ
ذُو فَضْلٍ عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٢٥٣﴾

تِلْكَ آيَاتُ اللَّهِ تَنزِيلُهَا عَلَيْكَ
بِالْحَقِّ ۖ وَإِنَّكَ لَمِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ﴿٢٥٤﴾

Part 3

*254. These Messengers have We exalted, some of them above others: among them there are those to whom Allāh spoke†; and some of them He exalted by degrees of rank. And We gave Jesus, son of Mary, clear proofs and strengthened him with the Spirit of holiness. And if Allāh had *so* willed, those *that came* after them would not have fought with one another after clear Signs had come to them; but they did disagree. Of them were some who believed, and of them were some who disbelieved. And if Allāh had *so* willed, they would not have fought with one another; but Allāh does what He desires.

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255. O ye who believe! spend out of what We have bestowed on you before the day comes wherein there shall be no buying and selling, nor friendship, nor intercession; and it is those who disbelieve that do wrong to *themselves*.

256. Allāh—there is no God but He, the Living, the Self-Subsisting and All-Sustaining. Slumber seizes Him not, nor sleep. To Him belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth. Who is he that will intercede with Him except by His permission? He knows what

تِلْكَ الرُّسُلُ فَضَّلْنَا بَعْضَهُمْ
عَلَىٰ بَعْضٍ مِّنْهُمْ مَّنْ كَلَّمَ اللَّهُ
وَرَفَعْنَا بَعْضَهُمْ دَرَجَاتٍ ۖ وَآتَيْنَا
عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ الْبَيِّنَاتِ وَأَيَّدْنَاهُ
بِرُوحِ الْقُدُسِ ۖ وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مَا اقْتَتَلَ
الَّذِينَ مِتُّ بَعْدَهُمْ مِّمَّنْ بَعْدَ
مَا جَاءَتْهُمْ الْبَيِّنَاتُ وَلَكِنْ اخْتَلَفُوا
فَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ آمَنَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ كَفَرَ ۖ
وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ مَا اقْتَتَلُوا وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ
يَفْعَلُ مَا يُرِيدُ ﴿٢٥٤﴾

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْفِقُوا مِمَّا
رَزَقْنَاكُمْ مِّن قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَكُمْ يَوْمٌ لَا
بَيْعَ فِيهِ وَلَا خُلَّةَ وَلَا شَفَاعَةً ۚ
وَالْكَافِرُونَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿٢٥٥﴾

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۖ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ
لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَّةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ ۚ لَهُ مَا فِي
السَّمٰوٰتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ۚ مَن ذَا الَّذِي
يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ ۚ يَعْلَمُ
مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ ۖ

*254. **Note:** This verse can be translated by placing a pause after the word *minhum* (مِنْهُمْ) and not before it. In this case the translation is more easily readable and understandable and would run as follows: **These Messengers of whom We have exalted some above others, Allāh spoke to them and exalted some of them in degrees of rank.**

† i.e. gave them a new Law.