

the Qur'ān in Arabic, that thou mayest warn the Mother of towns, and all around it; and *that* thou mayest warn *them* of the Day of Gathering whereof there is no doubt: A party *will be* in the Garden, and a party in the blazing Fire.

9. And if Allāh had *so* pleased, He could have made them one people; but He admits into His mercy whomsoever He pleases. And *as* for the wrongdoers, they will have no protector and no helper.

10. Have they taken *for themselves* protectors other than Him? But it is Allāh Who is the *real* Protector. And He quickens the dead, and He has power over all things.

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11. And in whatsoever you differ, the decision thereof *rests* with Allāh. *Say*: 'Such is Allāh, my Lord; in Him I put my trust, and to Him I *always* turn.'

*12. *He is* the Maker of the heavens and the earth. He has made for you pairs of your own selves, and of the cattle *also He has made* pairs. He multiplies you therein. There is nothing whatever like unto Him; and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing.

لَتُنذِرَ أُمَّ الْقُرَىٰ وَمَنْ حَوْلَهَا وَتُنذِرَ
يَوْمَ الْجَمْعِ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ ۖ فَرِيقٌ فِي
الْجَنَّةِ وَفَرِيقٌ فِي السَّعِيرِ ۝٨

وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَجَعَلَهُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً
وَلَكِنْ يُدْخِلُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ فِي رَحْمَتِهِ ۚ
وَالظَّالِمُونَ مَا لَهُمْ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا
نَصِيرٍ ۝٩

أَمْ اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ ۚ قَالَ
هُوَ الْوَلِيُّ وَهُوَ يُحْيِي الْمَوْتَىٰ ۚ وَهُوَ عَلَىٰ
كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ۝١٠

وَمَا اخْتَلَفْتُمْ فِيهِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ فَحُكْمُهُ
إِلَى اللَّهِ ۚ ذَلِكُمُ اللَّهُ رَبِّي عَلَيْهِ
تَوَكَّلْتُ وَإِلَيْهِ أُنِيبُ ۝١١

فَاطِرُ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ ۚ جَعَلَ
لَكُمْ مِنْ اَنْفُسِكُمْ اَزْوَاجًا ۚ وَ مِنْ
الْاَنْعَامِ اَزْوَاجًا ۚ يَذُرُكُمْ فِيهِ ۚ
لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ ۚ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ
الْبَصِيرُ ۝١٢

cities or it may also literally mean to be the first township ever built. In that case it would imply that in the ancient times, in the same place where Mecca is situated, a township gradually grew around the house of God when it was initially built by some unknown people. Mankind learned to build townships in imitation of this. As such it can be referred to as the mother of all townships.

*12. *He is* the Prime Creator of the heavens and the earth. *He made pairs from among you and also pairs from among the cattle for your benefit.*

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13. To Him belong the keys of the heavens and the earth. He enlarges the provision for whomsoever He pleases and straitens *it* for whomsoever He pleases. Surely, He knows all things full well.

14. He has prescribed for you the religion which He enjoined on Noah, and which We have revealed to thee, and which We enjoined on Abraham and Moses and Jesus, *saying*, 'Remain steadfast in obedience, and be not divided therein. Hard upon the idolaters is that to which thou callest them. Allāh chooses for Himself whom He pleases, and guides to Himself him who turns *to Him*.'

*15. And they did not become divided but after knowledge had come to them, through jealousy among themselves. And had it not been for a word that had already gone forth from thy Lord for an appointed term, *the matter* would surely have been decided between them. And surely those who were made to inherit the Book after them are in a disquieting doubt concerning it.

16. To this, then, do thou invite *mankind*. And be thou steadfast as thou art commanded, and follow not their evil inclinations, but say, 'I believe in whatever Book Allāh

لَهُ مَقَالِيدُ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَٱلْاَرْضِ ۚ
يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَن يَّشَآءُ وَيَقْدِرُ ۚ
اِنَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيْمٌ ﴿١٣﴾

شَرَعَ لَكُم مِّنَ الدِّيْنِ مَا وَصٰى بِهِ
نُوْحًا وَّ الَّذِيۤ اَوْحَيْنَاۤ اِلَيْكَ وَّمَا
وَصَّيْنَاۤ بِهٖ اِبْرٰهِيْمَ وَّمُوْسٰى وَعِيسٰى
اَنۡ اَقِيْمُوا الدِّيْنَ وَلَا تَتَفَرَّقُوْا فِيْهِ ۚ
كَبُرَ عَلٰى الْمُشْرِكِيْنَ مَا تَدْعُوْهُمْ
اِلَيْهِ ۚ اَللّٰهُ يَجْتَبِيْۤ اِلَيْهِ مَن يَّشَآءُ
وَيَهْدِيۤ اِلَيْهِ مَن يُّنِيبُ ﴿١٤﴾

وَمَا تَفَرَّقُوْا اِلَّا مِّنۡ بَعْدِ مَا جَآءَهُمُ
ٱلْعِلْمُ بَغْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ ۚ وَلَوْ لَا كَلِمَةٌ
سَبَقَتْ مِّن رَّبِّكَ اِلٰى اَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى
لَّفُضِيَۤا بَيْنَهُمْ ۚ وَ اِنَّ ٱلَّذِيْنَ اُوْرَثُوْا
ٱلْكِتٰبَ مِّنۡ بَعْدِهِمْ لَفِيۤ شَكٍّ مِّنْهُ
مُرِيْبٍ ﴿١٥﴾

فَلِذٰلِكَ فَادْعُ ۚ وَاسْتَقِمۡ كَمَا اُمِرْتَ ۚ
وَلَا تَتَّبِعۡ اَهْوَاۤءَهُمْ ۚ وَقُلۡ اٰمَنْتُ
بِمَا اَنْزَلَ اللّٰهُ مِنۡ كِتٰبٍ ۚ وَ اُمِرْتُ

*15. They did not differ and split, but after knowledge had come to them, *they did so out of envy against each other*.

has sent down, and I am commanded to judge justly between you. Allāh is our Lord and your Lord. For us is the reward of our works, and for you the reward of your works. There is no quarrel between us and you. Allāh will gather us together, and to Him is the return.'

17. And those who dispute concerning Allāh after He has been accepted—their dispute is futile in the sight of their Lord; and on them is *God's* wrath and for them will be a severe punishment.

18. Allāh it is Who has sent down the Book with truth and *also* the Balance. And what will make thee know that the Hour may be near at hand?

19. Those who believe not therein seek to hasten it; but those who believe are fearful of it, and know that it is the truth. Beware! those who dispute concerning the Hour are in error, far gone.

*20. Allāh is Benignant to His servants. He provides for whom He pleases. And He is the Powerful, the Mighty.

R. 3.

21. Whoso desires the harvest of the Hereafter, We give him increase in his harvest; and whoso desires

لَا عَدَلَ بَيْنَكُمْ ۚ اللَّهُ رَّبُّنَا وَرَبُّكُمْ ۚ
لَنَا أَعْمَالُنَا وَلَكُمْ أَعْمَالُكُمْ ۚ لَا
حُبَّةَ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَكُمْ ۚ اللَّهُ يَجْمَعُ
بَيْنَنَا ۚ وَإِلَيْهِ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿١٩﴾

وَالَّذِينَ يُحَاجُّونَ فِي اللَّهِ مِنْ عَمَّا
اسْتُجِيبَ لَهُ حُجَّتُهُمْ دَاحِضَةٌ عِنْدَ
رَبِّهِمْ ۖ وَعَلَيْهِمْ غَضَبٌ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ
شَدِيدٌ ﴿٢٠﴾

اللَّهُ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ
وَالْمِيزَانَ ۚ وَمَا يُدْرِيكَ لَعَلَّ
السَّاعَةَ قَرِيبٌ ﴿٢١﴾

يَسْتَعْجِلُ بِهَا الَّذِينَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ
بِهَا ۚ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مُمْسِقُونَ مِنْهَا ۚ
وَيَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّهَا الْحَقُّ ۚ أَلَا إِنَّ الَّذِينَ
يُمَارُونَ فِي السَّاعَةِ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ
بَعِيدٍ ﴿٢٢﴾

اللَّهُ لَطِيفٌ بِعِبَادِهِ يَرْزُقُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۚ
وَهُوَ الْقَوِيُّ الْعَزِيزُ ﴿٢٣﴾

مَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ حَرْثَ الْآخِرَةِ نَزِدْكَ فِي
حَرْثِهِ ۚ وَمَنْ كَانَ يُرِيدُ حَرْثَ الدُّنْيَا

*20. Allāh is **exquisitely kind** to His servants.

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