

Surah 17 . Bani Isra'eel (The Children of Israel)

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I begin in the Name of Allah, Hir Rahman Nir Raheem (the Compassionate the Merciful).

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1 . Glory be to Him Who made His servant to go on a night from the *Masjid Al-Haraam* (Sacred Mosque) to *Masjid Al-Aqsa* (the remote mosque) of which We have blessed the precincts, so that We may show to him some of Our signs; surely He is *Samee-ul Baseer* (The Hearer, The Seer.)

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2 . And We gave *Musa* (Moses) The Book and made it a guidance to the children of Israel, saying: Do not take a protector besides Me;

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3 . The offspring of those whom We bore with *Nuh* (*Noah*); surely he was a grateful servant.

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4 . And We had made known to the children of Israel in The Book: Most certainly you will make mischief in the land twice, and most certainly you will behave insolently with great insolence.

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5 . So when the promise for the first of the two came, We sent over you Our servants, of mighty prowess, so they went to and fro among the houses, and it was a promise to be accomplished.

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6 . Then We gave you back the turn to prevail against them, and aided you with wealth and children and made you a numerous band.

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7 . If you do good, you will do good for your own souls, and if you do evil, it shall be for them. So when the second promise came, that they may bring you to grief and that they may enter the *Masjid* (mosque) as they entered it the first time, and that they might destroy whatever they gained ascendancy over with utter destruction.

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8 . It may be that your '*Rabb*' will have mercy on you, and if you again return We too will return, and We have made *Jahannam* (*Hell*) a prison for the unbelievers.

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9 . Surely this *Quran* guides to that which is most upright and gives good news to the believers who do good that they shall have a great reward.

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10 . And that Those who do not believe in the hereafter, We have prepared for them a painful punishment.

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11 . And man prays for evil as he ought to pray for good, and man is ever havey.

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12 . And We have made the night and the day two signs, then We have made the sign of the night to pass away and We have made the sign of the day manifest, so that you may seek grace from your '*Rabb*', and that you might know the numbering of years and the reckoning; and We have explained everything with distinctness.

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13 . And We have made every man's actions to cling to his neck, and We will bring forth to him on *Qiyammah* (the resurrection day) a book which he will find wide open:

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14 . Read your book; your own self is sufficient as a reckoner against you this day.

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15 . Whoever goes aright, for his own soul does he go aright; and whoever goes astray, to its detriment only does he go astray: nor can the bearer of a burden bear the burden of another, nor do We punish until We raise a *Rasool* (an apostle)

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16 . And when We wish to destroy a town, We send Our commandment to the people of it who lead easy lives, but they transgress therein; thus the word proves true against it, so We destroy it with utter destruction.

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17 . And how many of the generations did We destroy after *Nuh* (*Noah*)! and your '*Rabb*' is sufficient as Knowing and Seeing with regard to His servants' faults.

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18 . Whoever desires this present life, We haveen to him therein what We please for whomsoever We desire, then We assign to him the *Jahannam* (Hell); he shall enter it despised, driven away.

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19 . And whoever desires the hereafter and strives for it as he ought to strive and he is a believer; These, their striving shall surely be accepted.

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20 . All do We aid; these as well as those; out of the bounty of your '*Rabb*', and the bounty of your '*Rabb*' is not confined.

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21 . See how We have made some of them to excel others, and certainly the hereafter is much superior in respect of excellence.

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22 . Do not associate with **Allah** any other god, in case you sit down despised, neglected.

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23 . And your '*Rabb*' has commanded that you shall not serve but Him, and goodness to your parents. If either or both of them reach old age with you, say not to them "Ugh" nor chide them, and speak to them a generous word.

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24 . And make yourself submissively gentle to them with compassion, and say: "My '*Rabb*! have compassion on them, as they brought me up (when I was) little.

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25 . Your '*Rabb*' knows best what is in your minds; if you are good, then He is surely Forgiving to those who turn (to Him) frequently.

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26 . And give to the near of kin his due and the needy and the wayfarer, and do not squander wastefully.

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27 . Surely the squanderers are the fellows of the *Shaitan* (Satan) and the *Shaitan* (Satan) is ever ungrateful to his '*Rabb*'.

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28 . And if you turn away from them to seek mercy from your '*Rabb*', which you hope for, speak to them a gentle word.

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29 . And do not make your hand to be shackled to your neck nor stretch it forward to the utmost of its stretching forward, in case you should sit down blamed, stripped off.

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30 . Surely your '*Rabb*' makes plentiful the means of subsistence for whom He pleases and He straitens; surely He is ever Aware of, Seeing, His servants.

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31 . And do not kill your children for fear of poverty; We give them sustenance and yourselves; surely to kill them is a great wrong.

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32 . And go not close to fornication; surely it is an indecency and an evil way.

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33 . And do not kill any one whom *Allah* has forbidden, except for a just cause, and whoever is slain unjustly, We have indeed given to his heir authority, so let him not exceed the just limits in slaying; surely he is aided.

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34 . And draw not near to the property of the orphan except in a goodly way till he attains his maturity and fulfill the promise; surely promises shall be questioned about.

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35 . And give full measure when you measure out, and weigh with a true balance; that is fair and better in the end.

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36 . And follow not that of which you have not the knowledge; surely the hearing and the sight and the heart, all of these, shall be questioned about that.

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37 . And do not go about in the land exultingly, for you cannot cut through the earth nor reach the mountains in height.

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38 . All that the evil of it is hateful in the sight of your '*Rabb*'.

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39 . That is of what your '*Rabb*' has revealed to you of wisdom, and do not associate any other god with *Allah* in case you should be thrown into *Jahannam* (Hell), blamed, cast away.

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40 . What! has then your '*Rabb*' preferred to give you sons, and taken daughters from among the angels? Most surely you utter a grievous saying.

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41. And certainly We have repeated in the *Quran* that they may be mindful, but it does not add save to their aversion.

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42. Say: "If there were with Him gods as they say, then certainly they would have been able to seek a way to the power.

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43. Glory be to Him and exalted be He in high exaltation above what they say.

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44. The seven heavens declare His glory and the earth, and those who are in them; and there is not a single thing but glorifies Him with His praise, but you do not understand their glorification; surely He is *Haleem-man Ghafoor* (The Forbearing, The Forgiving)

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45. And when you recite the *Quran*, We place between you and those who do not believe in the hereafter a hidden barrier;

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46. And We have placed coverings on their hearts and a heaviness in their ears in case they understand it, and when you mention your '*Rabb*' alone in the *Quran* they turn their backs in aversion.

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47. We know best what they listen to when they listen to you, and when they take counsel secretly, when the unjust say: "You follow only a man deprived of reason.

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48. See what they liken you to! So they have gone astray and cannot find the way.

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49. And they say: "What! when we shall have become bones and decayed particles, shall we then certainly be raised up, being a new creation?"

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50. Say: "Become stones or iron,

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51 . Or some other creature of those which are too hard in your minds! But they will say: "Who will return us? Say: "Who created you at first. Still they will shake their heads at you and say: "When will it be? Say: "Maybe it has drawn close.

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52 . On the day when He will call you forth, then shall you obey Him, giving Him praise, and you will think that you tarried but a little.

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53 . And say to My servants, they speak that which is best; surely the *Shaitan* (Satan) sows dissensions among them; surely the *Shaitan* (Satan) is an open enemy to man.

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54 . Your '*Rabb*' knows you best; He will have mercy on you if He pleases, or He will punish you if He pleases; and We have not sent you as being in charge of them.

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55 . And your '*Rabb*' best knows those who are in the heavens and the earth; and certainly We have made some of the *Nabis* (the prophets) to excel others, and to *Dawood (David)* We gave a scripture.

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56 . Say: "Call on those whom you assert besides Him, so they shall not control the removal of distress from you nor transference.

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57 . Those whom they call upon, themselves seek the means of access to their '*Rabb*'; whoever of them is nearest; and they hope for His mercy and fear His punishment; surely the punishment of your '*Rabb*' is a thing to be cautious of.

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58 . And there is not a town but We will destroy it before *Qiyamat* (the day of resurrection) or punish it with a severe punishment; that is written in the Divine ordinance.

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59 . And nothing could have hindered Us that We should send signs except that the ancients rejected them; and We gave to *Samood* the she-camel; a manifest sign; but on her account they did injustice, and We do not send signs but to make (men) fear.

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60 . And when We said to you: Surely your '*Rabb*' encompasses men; and We did not make the vision which We showed you but a trial for men and the cursed tree in the *Quran* as well; and We cause them to fear, but it only adds to their great wickedness.

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61 . And when We said to the angels: Make obeisance to *Aadam* (*Adam*); they made obeisance, but *Iblis*; He said: Shall I make obeisance to him whom You have created of dust?

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62 . He said: Tell me, is this he whom You have honoured above me? If You should respite me till *Qiyamat* (the day of resurrection), I will most certainly cause his progeny to perish except a few.

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63 . He said: Be gone! for whoever of them will follow you, then surely *Jahannam* (Hell) is your recompense, a full recompense:

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64 . And beguile whomsoever of them you can with your voice, and collect against them your forces riding and on foot, and share with them in wealth and children, and hold out promises to them; and the *Shaitan* (Satan) makes not promises to them but to deceive:

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65 . Surely My servants, you have no authority over them; and your '*Rabb*' is sufficient as a Protector.

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66 . Your '*Rabb*' is He Who speeds the ships for you in the sea that you may seek of His grace; surely He is ever Merciful to you.

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67 . And when distress afflicts you in the sea, away go those whom you call on except He; but when He brings you safe to the land, you turn aside; and man is ever ungrateful.

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68 . What! Do you then feel secure that He will not cause a tract of land to engulf you or send on you a tornado? Then you shall not find a protector for yourselves.

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69 . Or, do you feel secure that He will (not) take you back into it another time, then send on you a fierce gale and thus drown you on account of your ungratefulness? Then you shall not find any aider against Us in the matter.

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70 . And surely We have honoured the children of *Aadam* (*Adam*), and We carry them in the land and the sea, and We have bestowed them of the good things, and We have made them to excel by an appropriate excellence over most of those whom We have created.

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71 . The day when We will call every people with their *Imam*; then whoever is given his book in his right hand, these shall read their book; and they shall not be dealt with a whit unjustly.

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72 . And whoever is blind in this, he shall be blind in the hereafter; and more erring from the way.

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73 . And surely they had purposed to turn you away from that which We have revealed to you, that you should forge against Us other than that, and then they would certainly have taken you for a friend.

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74 . And had it not been that We had already established you, you would certainly have been near to incline to them a little;

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75 . In that case We would certainly have made you to taste a double (punishment) in this life and a double (punishment) after death, then you would not have found any helper against Us.

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76 . And surely they purposed to unsettle you from the land that they might expel you from it, and in that case they will not tarry behind you but a little.

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77 . (A) course with regard to those of Our *Rasools* (apostles) whom We sent before you, and you shall not find a change in Our course.

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78 . Keep up prayer from the declining of the sun till the darkness of the night and the morning recitation; surely the morning recitation is witnessed.

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79 . And during a part of the night, pray *Tahajjud* beyond what is incumbent on you; maybe your '*Rabb*' will raise you to a position of great glory.

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80 . And say: “My ‘*Rabb*! make me to enter a goodly entering, and cause me to go forth a goodly going forth, and grant me from near Only You power to assist.

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81 . And say: “The truth has come and the falsehood has vanished; surely falsehood is a vanishing (thing).

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82 . And We reveal of the *Quran* that which is a healing and a mercy to the believers, and it adds only to the perdition of the unjust.

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83 . And when We bestow Favour on man, he turns aside and behaves proudly, and when evil afflicts him, he is despairing.

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84 . Say: “Every one acts according to his manner; but your ‘*Rabb*’ best knows who is best guided in the path.

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85 . And they ask you about the soul. Say: “The soul is one of the commands of my ‘*Rabb*’, and you are not given anything of knowledge but a little.

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86 . And if We please, We should certainly take away that which We have revealed to you, then you would not find for it any protector against Us.

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87 . But on account of mercy from your ‘*Rabb*’; surely His grace to you is abundant.

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88 . Say: “If men and *jinn* should combine together to bring the like of this *Quran*, they could not bring the like of it, though some of them were aiders of others.

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89 . And certainly We have explained for men in this *Quran* every kind of similitude, but most men do not consent to anything but denying.

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90 . And they say: “We will by no means believe in you until you cause a fountain to gush forth from the earth for us.

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91 . Or you should have a garden of palms and grapes in the midst of which you should cause rivers to flow forth, gushing out.

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92 . Or you should cause the heaven to come down upon us in pieces as you think, or bring **Allah** and the angels face to face.

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93 . Or you should have a house of gold, or you should ascend into heaven, and we will not believe in your ascending until you bring down to us a book which we may read. Say: "Glory be to my '*Rabb*'; am I nothing but a mortal *Rasool* (apostle)?"

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94 . And nothing prevented people from believing when the guidance came to them except that they said: What! has **Allah** raised up a mortal to be a *Rasool* (an apostle)?"

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95 . Say: "Had there been in the earth angels walking about as settlers, We would certainly have sent down to them from the heaven an angel as a *Rasool* (an apostle)"

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96. Say: "**Allah** suffices as a witness between me and you; surely He is Aware of His servants, Seeing."

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97. And whomsoever **Allah** guides, he is the follower of the right way, and whomsoever He causes to err, you shall not find for him guardians besides Him; and We will gather them together on *Qiyammah* (the day of resurrection) on their faces, blind and dumb and deaf; their abode is *Jahannam* (Hell); whenever it becomes allayed We will add to their burning.

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98. That is their retribution because they disbelieved in Our communications and said What! when we shall have become bones and decayed particles, shall we then indeed be raised up into a new creation?"

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99. Do they not consider that **Allah**, Who created the heavens and the earth, is able to create their like, and He has appointed for them a doom about which there is no doubt in this? But the unjust do not consent to anything but denying.

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100. Say: "If you control the treasures of the mercy of my '**Rabb**', then you would withhold from fear of spending, and man is niggardly.

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101. And certainly We gave **Musa (Moses)** nine clear signs; so ask the children of Israel. When he came to them, **Firon (Pharaoh)** said to him: Most surely I deem you, **Ya Musa (Moses)**, to be a man deprived of reason.

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102. He said: Truly you know that none but the '**Rabb**' of the heavens and the earth has sent down these as clear proof and most surely I believe you, **Ya Firon (O Pharaoh)**, to be given over to perdition.

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103. So he desired to destroy them out of the earth, but We drowned him and those with him all together;

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104. And We said to the Israelites after him: Dwell in the land: and when the promise of the next life shall come to pass, we will bring you both together in judgment.

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105. And with truth have We revealed it, and with truth did it come; and We have not sent you but as the giver of good news and as a warner.

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106. And it is a *Quran* which We have revealed in portions so that you may read it to the people by slow degrees, and We have revealed it, revealing in portions.

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107. Say: "Believe in it or believe not; surely those who are given the knowledge before it fall down on their faces, making obeisance when it is recited to them.

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108. And they say: "Glory be to our '*Rabb*'! most surely the promise of our '*Rabb*' was to be fulfilled.

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109. And they fall down on their faces weeping, and it adds to their humility.

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110. Say: "Call upon *Allah* or call upon *Aur-Rahman* (The Compassionate); whichever you call upon, He has *Asma-ul-Husna* (the best names); and do not utter your prayer with a very raised voice nor be silent with regard to it, and seek a way between that.

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111. And say: "All praise is due to *Allah*, Who has not taken a son and Who has not a partner in the kingdom, and Who has not a helper to save Him from disgrace; and proclaim His greatness magnifying.