

عَالِمُ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ الْكَبِيرُ الْمُتَعَالِ

He knoweth the Unseen and that which is open: He is the Great,
the Most High.

Al Ra'd

(The Thunder)

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

الْمَرْع

1. Alif Lam Mim Ra.

تِلْكَ آيَاتُ الْكِتَابِ

These are the Signs (or Verses) of the Book:

وَالَّذِي أَنْزَلَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ الْحَقُّ

that which hath been revealed unto thee from thy Lord is the Truth;

وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ

but most men believe not.

اللَّهُ الَّذِي رَفَعَ السَّمَوَاتِ بِغَيْرِ عَمَدٍ تَرَوْنَهَا

2. Allah is He Who raised the heavens without any pillars that ye can see;

ثُمَّ اسْتَوَىٰ عَلَى الْعَرْشِ وَسَخَّرَ الشَّمْسَ وَالْقَمَرَ

is firmly established on the Throne (of Authority);

He has subjected the sun and the moon (to His law)!

كُلٌّ يَجْرِي لِأَجَلٍ مُّسَمًّى

each one runs (its course) for a term appointed.

يُدَبِّرُ الْأَمْرَ يُفَصِّلُ الْآيَاتِ لَعَلَّكُمْ بِلِقَاءِ رَبِّكُمْ تُوقِنُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾

He doth regulate affairs, explaining the Signs in detail, that ye may believe with certainty in the meeting with your Lord.

وَهُوَ الَّذِي مَدَّ الْأَرْضَ وَجَعَلَ فِيهَا رَوَاسِيَ وَأَنْهَارًا

3. And it is He Who spread out the earth, and set thereon mountains standing firm, and (flowing) rivers:

وَمِنْ كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ جَعَلَ فِيهَا زَوْجَيْنِ اثْنَيْنِ

and fruit of every kind He made in pairs, two and two:

يُغْشَى اللَّيْلَ النَّهَارَ

He draweth the Night as a veil o'er the Day.

إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ ﴿٢١﴾

Behold, verily in these things there are Signs for those who consider!

وَفِي الْأَرْضِ قِطْعٌ مُّتَجَاوِرَاتٌ

4. And in the earth are tracts (diverse though) neighboring,

وَجَنَّاتٍ مِّنْ أَعْنَابٍ وَزُرْعٍ وَنَخِيلٍ صِنْوَانٌ وَغَيْرُ صِنْوَانٍ يُسْقَىٰ بِمَاءٍ وَاحِدٍ

and gardens of vines and fields sown with corn, and palm trees -- growing out of single roots or otherwise: watered with the same water,

وَنُفُضِلُ بَعْضَهَا عَلَىٰ بَعْضٍ فِي الْأَكْلِ

yet some of them We make more excellent than others to eat.

إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾

Behold, verily in these things there are Signs for those who understand!

وَإِنْ تَعْجَبَ فَعَجَبٌ قَوْلُهُمْ أَإِذَا كُنَّا تُرَابًا أَءِنَّا لَفِي خَلْقٍ جَدِيدٍ

5. If thou dost marvel (at their want of faith), strange is their saying:

"When we are (actually) dust, shall we indeed then be in a creation renewed?"

أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بِرَبِّهِمْ

They are those who deny their Lord!

وَأُولَئِكَ الْأَغْلَالُ فِي أَعْنَاقِهِمْ

They are those round whose necks will be yokes (of servitude):

وَأُولَئِكَ أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ ﴿٥﴾

they will be Companions of the Fire, who dwell therein (for aye)!

وَيَسْتَعْجِلُونَكَ بِالسَّيِّئَةِ قَبْلَ الْحَسَنَةِ وَقَدْ خَلَتْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمُ الْمَثَلَتُ

6. They ask thee to hasten on the evil in preference to the good: yet have come to pass, before them, (many) exemplary punishments!

وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَذُو مَغْفِرَةٍ لِلنَّاسِ عَلَى ظُلْمِهِمْ

But verily thy Lord is full of forgiveness for mankind for their wrongdoing:

وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَشَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ﴿٦﴾

and verily thy Lord is (also) strict in punishment.

وَيَقُولُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَوْلَا نُزِّلَ عَلَيْهِ آيَةٌ مِنْ رَبِّهِ

7. And the Unbelievers say!
"Why is not a Sign sent down to him from his Lord?"

إِنَّمَا أَنْتَ مُنذِرٌ وَلِكُلِّ قَوْمٍ هَادٍ ﴿٧﴾

But thou art truly a warner and to every people a guide.

اللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَحْمِلُ كُلُّ أُنْثَىٰ وَمَا تَغِيصُ الْأَرْحَامُ وَمَا تَزْدَادُ

8. Allah doth know what every female (womb) doth bear, by how much the wombs fall short (of their time or number) or do exceed.

وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ عِنْدَهُ بِمِقْدَارٍ ﴿٨﴾

Every single thing is before His sight, in (due) proportion.

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9. He knoweth the Unseen and that which is open:
He is the Great, the Most High.

سَوَاءٌ مِنْكُمْ مَنْ أَسَرَ الْقَوْلَ وَمَنْ جَهَرَ بِهِ ۚ

10. It is the same (to Him) whether any of you conceal his speech or declare it openly;

وَمَنْ هُوَ مُسْتَخْفٍ بِاللَّيْلِ وَسَارِبٌ بِالنَّهَارِ ﴿١٠﴾

whether he lie hid by night or walk freely by day.

لَهُ مُعَقِّبَاتٌ مِنْ بَيْنِ يَدَيْهِ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِ ۚ يَحْفَظُونَهُ مِنْ أَمْرِ اللَّهِ ﴿١١﴾

11. For each (such person) there are (angels) in succession, before and behind him:
they guard him by command of Allah.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُغَيِّرُ مَا بِقَوْمٍ حَتَّىٰ يُغَيِّرُوا مَا بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ ﴿١٢﴾

Verily never will Allah change the condition of a people until they change it themselves (with their own souls).

وَإِذَا أَرَادَ اللَّهُ بِقَوْمٍ سُوءًا فَلَا مَرَدَّ لَهُ ﴿١٣﴾

But when (once) Allah willeth a people's punishment, there can be no turning it back,

وَمَا لَهُمْ مِنْ دُونِهِ مِنْ وَالٍ ﴿١٤﴾

nor will they find, besides Him, any to protect.

هُوَ الَّذِي يُرِيكُمُ الْبَرْقَ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا وَيُنشِئُ السَّحَابَ الثِّقَالَ ﴿١٥﴾

12. It is He Who doth show you the lightning, by way both of fear and of hope:
it is He Who doth raise up the clouds, heavy with (fertilizing) rain!

وَيُسَبِّحُ الرَّعْدُ بِحَمْدِهِ، وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ مِنْ خِيفَتِهِ،

13. Nay,

thunder repeateth His praises, and so do the angels, with awe:

وَيُرْسِلُ الصَّوَاعِقَ فَيُصِيبُ بِهَا مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُمْ يُجَادِلُونَ فِي اللَّهِ

He flingeth the loud-voiced thunderbolts, and therewith He striketh whomsoever He will... Yet these (are the men) who (dare to) dispute about Allah,

وَهُوَ شَدِيدُ الْحَالِ ﴿١٣﴾

with the strength of His power (supreme)!

لَهُ دَعْوَةُ الْحَقِّ ﴿١٤﴾

14. For Him (alone) is prayer in Truth:

وَالَّذِينَ يَدْعُونَ مِنْ دُونِهِ، لَا يَسْتَجِيبُونَ لَهُمْ بِشَيْءٍ

any others that they call upon besides Him hear them no more than

إِلَّا كَبَسِطَ كَفَّيْهِ إِلَى الْمَاءِ لِيَبْلُغَ فَاهُ وَمَا هُوَ بِبَلِغِهِ،

if they were to stretch forth their hands for water to reach their mouth but it reaches them not:

وَمَا دُعَاءُ الْكَافِرِينَ إِلَّا فِي ضَلَالٍ ﴿١٥﴾

for the prayer of those without Faith is nothing but (futile) wandering (in the mind).

وَلِلَّهِ يَسْجُدُ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ طَوْعًا وَكَرْهًا

15. Whatever beings there are in the heavens and the earth do prostrate themselves to Allah (acknowledging subjection) -- with good will or in spite of themselves:

وَوَظِلُّهُمْ بِالْغُدُوِّ وَالْآصَالِ ﴿١٦﴾

so do their shadows in the mornings and evenings.

قُلْ مَنْ رَبُّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

16. Say: "Who is the Lord and Sustainer of the heavens and the earth?"

قُلِ اللَّهُ

Say: "It is Allah."

قُلْ أَفَأَتَّخِذْتُمْ مِّن دُونِهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ لَا يَمْلِكُونَ لِأَنفُسِهِمْ نَفْعًا وَلَا ضَرًّا

Say: "Do ye then take (for worship) protectors other than Him, such as have no power either for good or for harm to themselves?"

قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الْأَعْمَىٰ وَالْبَصِيرُ

Say:

"Are the blind equal with those who see?"

أَمْ هَلْ تَسْتَوِي الظُّلُمَاتُ وَالنُّورُ

Or the depths of darkness equal with Light?"

أَمْ جَعَلُوا لِلَّهِ شُرَكَاءَ خَلَقُوا كَخَلْقِهِ فَتَشَبَّهُ الْخَلْقُ عَلَيْهِمْ

Or do they assign to Allah partners who have created (anything) as He has created, so that the creation seemed to them similar?

قُلِ اللَّهُ خَلِقُ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَهُوَ الْوَاحِدُ الْقَهْرُ

Say:

"Allah is the Creator of all things:

He is the One, the Supreme and Irresistible."

أَنْزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَسَالَتْ أَوْدِيَةٌ بِقَدَرِهَا

17. He sends down water from the skies, and the channels flow, each according to its measure:

فَأَحْتَمَلَ السَّيْلُ زَبَدًا رَّابِيًا

but the torrent bears away the foam that mounts up to the surface.

وَمِمَّا يُوقِدُونَ عَلَيْهِ فِي النَّارِ ابْتِغَاءَ حِلْيَةٍ أَوْ مَتَاعٍ زَبَدٌ مِّثْلَهُ

Even so, from that (ore) which they heat in the fire, to make ornaments or utensils therewith, there is a scum likewise.

كَذَلِكَ يَضْرِبُ اللَّهُ الْحَقَّ وَالْبَاطِلَ ۚ

Thus doth Allah (by parables) show forth Truth and Vanity:

فَأَمَّا الزَّبَدُ فَيَذْهَبُ جُفَاءً ۗ وَأَمَّا مَا يَنْفَعُ النَّاسَ فَيَمْكُثُ فِي الْأَرْضِ ۚ

for the scum disappears like froth cast out; while that which is for the good of mankind remains on the earth.

كَذَلِكَ يَضْرِبُ اللَّهُ الْأَمْثَالَ ۚ

Thus doth Allah set forth parables.

لِلَّذِينَ اسْتَجَابُوا لِرَبِّهِمْ الْحُسْنَىٰ ۚ

18. For those who respond to their Lord, are (all) good things.

وَالَّذِينَ لَمْ يَسْتَجِيبُوا لَهُدْ لَوْ أَنَّ لَهُمْ مَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا

But those who respond not to Him -- even if they had all that is in the heavens and on earth,

وَمِثْلَهُ مَعَهُدٌ لَّا فِتْدَوْا بِهِ ۚ

and as much more, (in vain) would they offer it for ransom.

أُولَٰئِكَ هُمْ سُوءَ الْحِسَابِ وَمَأْوَاهُمْ جَهَنَّمُ ۖ

For them will the reckoning be terrible:

their abode will be Hell --

وَبِئْسَ الْمِهَادُ ۚ

what a bed of misery!

أَفَمَنْ يَعْلَمُ أَنَّمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ رَبِّكَ الْحَقُّ كَمَنْ هُوَ أَعْمَىٰ ۚ

19. Is then one who doth know that that which hath been revealed unto these from thy Lord is the Truth, like one who is blind?

إِنَّمَا يَتَذَكَّرُ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿١٩﴾

It is those who are endued with understanding that receive admonition --

الَّذِينَ يُوفُونَ بِعَهْدِ اللَّهِ وَلَا يَنْقُضُونَ الْمِيثَاقَ ﴿٢٠﴾

20. Those who fulfil the Covenant of Allah and fail not in their plighted word;

وَالَّذِينَ يَصِلُونَ مَا أَمَرَ اللَّهُ بِهِمْ أَنْ يُوصَلَ

21. Those who join together those things which Allah hath commanded to be joined,

وَتَخْشَوْنَ رَبَّهُمْ وَيَخَافُونَ سُوءَ الْحِسَابِ ﴿٢١﴾

hold their Lord in awe, and fear the terrible reckoning;

وَالَّذِينَ صَبَرُوا ابْتِغَاءَ وَجْهِ رَبِّهِمْ

22. Those who patiently persevere, seeking the countenance their Lord;

وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَنْفَقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ سِرًّا وَعَلَانِيَةً

establish regular prayers;

spend, out of (the gifts) We have bestowed for their sustenance, secretly and openly;

وَيَذَرُونَ بِالْحَسَنَةِ السَّيِّئَةَ

and turn off Evil with good:

أُولَئِكَ لَهُمُ الْعُقُوبُ الدَّارِ ﴿٢٢﴾

for such there is the final attainment of the (Eternal) Home --

جَنَّاتٍ عَدْنٍ يَدْخُلُونَهَا وَمَنْ صَلَحَ مِنْ آبَائِهِمْ وَأَزْوَاجِهِمْ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِمْ

23. Gardens of perpetual bliss:

they shall enter there, as well as the righteous among their fathers, their spouses, and their offspring:

وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ يَدْخُلُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنْ كُلِّ بَابٍ ﴿٢٣﴾

and angels shall enter unto them from every gate (with the salutation):

سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِمَا صَبَرْتُمْ فَنِعْمَ عُقْبَى الدَّارِ ﴿٢٤﴾

24. "Peace unto you for that ye persevered in patience!
Now how excellent is the final Home!"

وَالَّذِينَ يَنْقُضُونَ عَهْدَ اللَّهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ مِيثَاقِهِ

25. But those who break the Covenant of Allah, after having plighted their word thereto

وَيَقْطَعُونَ مَا أَمَرَ اللَّهُ بِهِ أَنْ يُوصَلَ وَيُفْسِدُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ

and cut asunder those things which Allah has commanded to be joined,
and work mischief in the land --

أُولَئِكَ لَهُمُ اللَّعْنَةُ وَهُمْ سُوءُ الدَّارِ ﴿٢٥﴾

on them is the Curse;
for them is the terrible Home!

اللَّهُ يَبْسُطُ الرِّزْقَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَقْدِرُ

26. Allah doth enlarge, or grant by (strict) measure the Sustenance (which He giveth) to whom so He pleaseth.

وَفَرِحُوا بِالْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا

(The worldly) rejoice in the life of this world:

وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا فِي الْآخِرَةِ إِلَّا مَتَاعٌ ﴿٢٦﴾

but the life of this world is but little comfort in the Hereafter.

وَيَقُولُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَوْلَا نُزِّلَ عَلَيْهِ آيَةٌ مِنْ رَبِّهِ

27. The Unbelievers say: "Why is not a Sign sent down to him from his Lord?"

قُلْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُضِلُّ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَهْدِي إِلَيْهِ مَنْ أَنْابَ ﴿٢٧﴾

Say:
"Truly Allah leaveth, to stray, whom He will; but He guideth to Himself those who turn to Him in penitence --

الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَتَطْمَئِنُّ قُلُوبُهُمْ بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ

28. "Those who believe, and whose hearts find satisfaction in the remembrance of Allah:

أَلَا بِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ تَطْمَئِنُّ الْقُلُوبُ ﴿٢٨﴾

for without doubt in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find satisfaction.

الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ طُوبَىٰ لَهُمْ وَحَسَنُ مَّآبٍ ﴿٢٩﴾

29. "For those who believe and work righteousness, is (every) blessedness, and a beautiful place of (final) return."

كَذَٰلِكَ أَرْسَلْنَاكَ فِي أُمَّةٍ قَدْ خَلَتْ مِن قَبْلِهَا أُمَمٌ

30. Thus have We sent thee amongst a People before whom (long since) have (other) Peoples (gone and) passed away;

لِتَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمُ الَّذِي أَوْحَيْنَا إِلَيْكَ وَهُمْ يَكْفُرُونَ بِالرَّحْمَنِ

in order that thou mightest rehearse unto them what We send down unto thee by inspiration; yet do they reject (Him), the Most Gracious!

قُلْ هُوَ رَبِّي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ

Say:

"He is my Lord! There is no god but He!

عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَإِلَيْهِ مَتَابٍ ﴿٣٠﴾

On Him is my trust, and to Him do I turn!"

وَلَوْ أَنَّ قُرْءَانًا سُيِّرَتْ بِهِ الْجِبَالُ أَوْ قُطِعَتْ بِهِ الْأَرْضُ

31. If there were a Qur'an with which mountains were moved, or the earth were cloven asunder,

أَوْ كُفِّرَتْ بِهِ الْمَوْتَىٰ

or the dead were made to speak, (this would be the one!)

بَلِ لِلَّهِ الْأَمْرُ جَمِيعًا

But, truly, the Command is with Allah in things!

أَفَلَمْ يَأْيَسِ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَنْ لَوْ يَشَاءُ اللَّهُ لَهْدَى النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا

Do not the Believers know, that, had Allah (so) willed, He could have guided all mankind (to the Right)?

وَلَا يَزَالُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا تُصِيبُهُم بِمَا صَنَعُوا قَارِعَةٌ

But the Unbelievers -- never will disaster cease to seize them for their (ill) deeds,

أَوْ تَحُلُّ قَرِيبًا مِّن دَارِهِمْ حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ وَعْدُ اللَّهِ

or to settle close to their homes, until the Promise of Allah come to pass,

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ

for, verily, Allah will not fail in His promise.

وَلَقَدْ أَسْتَهْزَيْتُ بِرُسُلٍ مِّن قَبْلِكَ

32. Mocked were (many) Messengers before thee:

فَأَمَلَيْتُ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ثُمَّ أَخَذْتُهُمْ

but I granted respite to the Unbelievers, and finally I punished them;

فَكَيْفَ كَانَ عِقَابِ

then how (terrible) was My requital!

أَفَمَنْ هُوَ قَائِمٌ عَلَى كُلِّ نَفْسٍ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ

33. Is then He Who standeth over every soul (and knoweth) all that it doth, (like any others)?

وَجَعَلُوا لِلَّهِ شُرَكَاءَ قُلُوبًا سَمُوهُمْ

And yet they ascribe partners to Allah. Say: "But name them!"

أَمْ تَتَّبِعُونَهُ بِمَا لَا يَعْلَمُ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَمْ بِيظْهِرٍ مِّنَ الْقَوْلِ^ك

Is it that ye will inform Him of something He knoweth not on earth,
or is it (just) a show of words?"

بَلْ زِينٍ لِلَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مَكْرَهُمْ وَصُدُّوا عَنِ السَّبِيلِ^ك

Nay! to those who believe not, their pretence seems pleasing, but they are kept back (thereby)
from the Path:

وَمَن يُضَلِّ اللَّهُ فَمَا لَهُ مِن هَادٍ ﴿١٣﴾

and those whom Allah leaves to stray, no one can guide.

هُمَّ عَذَابٌ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا^ط وَلَعَذَابُ الْآخِرَةِ أَشَقُّ^ط

34. For them is a Penalty in the life of this world, but harder, truly, is the Penalty of the Hereafter;

وَمَا لَهُم مِّنَ اللَّهِ مِن وَّاقٍ ﴿١٤﴾

and defender have they none against Allah.

مَّثَلُ الْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي وُعِدَ الْمُتَّقُونَ^ط

35. The parable of the Garden which the righteous are promised! --

تَجْرِي مِن تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ

beneath if flow rivers:

أُكُلُهَا دَائِمٌ وَظِلُّهَا^ح

perpetual is the enjoyment thereof and the shade therein:

تِلْكَ عُقْبَى الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا^ط

such is the End of the Righteous;

وَعُقْبَى الْكَافِرِينَ النَّارُ ﴿١٥﴾

and the End of Unbelievers is the Fire.

وَالَّذِينَ ءَاتَيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَابَ يَفْرَحُونَ بِمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ^ط

36. Those to whom We have given the Book rejoice at what hath been revealed unto thee:

وَمِنَ الْأَحْزَابِ مَن يُنْكِرُ بَعْضَهُ^ج

but there are among the clans those who reject a part thereof.

قُلْ إِنَّمَا أُمِرْتُ أَنْ أَعْبُدَ اللَّهَ وَلَا أُشْرِكَ بِهِ^ج

Say:

"I am commanded to worship Allah, and not to join partners with Him.

إِلَيْهِ أَدْعُوا وَإِلَيْهِ مَعَابِدٌ ﴿٣٦﴾

Unto Him do I call,
and unto Him is my return."

وَكَذَلِكَ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ حُكْمًا عَرَبِيًّا^ج

37. Thus have We revealed it to be a judgment of authority in Arabic.

وَلِيْنَ أَتَّبَعْتَ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ بَعْدَ مَا جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ

Wert thou to follow their (vain) desires after the knowledge which hath reached thee,

مَا لَكَ مِنْ اللَّهِ مِنْ وَّلِيٍّ وَلَا وَاقٍ ﴿٣٧﴾

then wouldst thou find neither protector nor defender against Allah.

وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلًا مِّن قَبْلِكَ وَجَعَلْنَا لَهُمْ أَزْوَاجًا وَذُرِّيَّةً^ك

38. We did send Messengers before thee, and appointed for them wives and children:

وَمَا كَانَ لِرَسُولٍ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ بِآيَةٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ^ك

and it was never the part of a Messenger to bring a Sign except as Allah permitted (or commanded).

لِكُلِّ أَجَلٍ كِتَابٌ ﴿٢٨﴾

For each period is a Book (revealed).

يَمْحُوا اللَّهُ مَا يَشَاءُ وَيُثَبِّتُ^ص وَعِنْدَهُ أُمُّ الْكِتَابِ ﴿٣٩﴾

39. Allah doth blot out or confirm what He pleaseth: with Him is the Mother of the Book.

وَإِنْ مَا نُرِيَنَّكَ بَعْضَ الَّذِي نَعِدُهُمْ أَوْ نَتَوَفَّيَنَّكَ

40. Whether We shall show thee (within thy lifetime) part of what We promised them or take to Ourselves thy soul (before it is all accomplished),

فَإِنَّمَا عَلَيْكَ الْبَلَاغُ وَعَلَيْنَا الْحِسَابُ ﴿٤٠﴾

thy duty is to (make the Message) reach them: it is Our part to call them to account.

أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّا نَأْتِي الْأَرْضَ نَنْقُصُهَا مِنْ أَطْرَافِهَا^ع

41. See they not that We gradually reduce the land (in their control) from its outlying borders?

وَاللَّهُ يُحْكِمُ لَأِمْعَابِ لِحُكْمِهِ^ع

(Where) Allah commands, there is none to put back His command:

وَهُوَ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ ﴿٤١﴾

and He is swift in calling to account.

وَقَدْ مَكَرَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ فَلِلَّهِ الْمَكْرُ جَمِيعًا^ص

42. Those before them did (also) devise plots;
but in all things the master planning is Allah's.

يَعْلَمُ مَا تَكْسِبُ كُلُّ نَفْسٍ^ط

He knoweth the doings of every soul:

وَسَيَعْلَمُ الْكُفْرُ لِمَنْ عُقِبِيَ الدَّارِ ﴿٤٢﴾

and soon will the Unbelievers know who gets home in the End.

وَيَقُولُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَسْتَ مُرْسَلًا

43. The Unbelievers say: "No Messenger art thou."

قُلْ كَفَىٰ بِاللَّهِ شَهِيدًا بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَكُمْ وَمَنْ عِنْدَهُ عِلْمُ الْكِتَابِ ﴿٤٣﴾

Say:

"Enough for a witness between me and you is Allah, and such as have knowledge of the Book."



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