سورة الزخرف

Súráh al-Zukhruf (ornaments) Súráh # 43 Verses # 89

Chapter 43 - Súrah al-Zukhruf

The surah that mentions the Ornaments of solid gold, and other precious commodities and appointments, which God would have granted in this life to all the unbelievers—had it not been that this would have driven humankind to unite in godlessness—for the trinkets of life are the true hearts" desire of the ungodly. Yet fleeting are all the things of this world, and far finer and everlasting the joy of Paradise for the believers; and that is their true hearts" desire. It takes its name from the word "ornaments" (zukhruf) in , and alluded to again in : in both instances God is refuting the claim of the disbelievers that a true prophet would be rich. The fact that the angels are not God's daughters but His obedient servants is emphasized again and again. Similarly, the idea that Jesus could be the son of God is clearly denied.

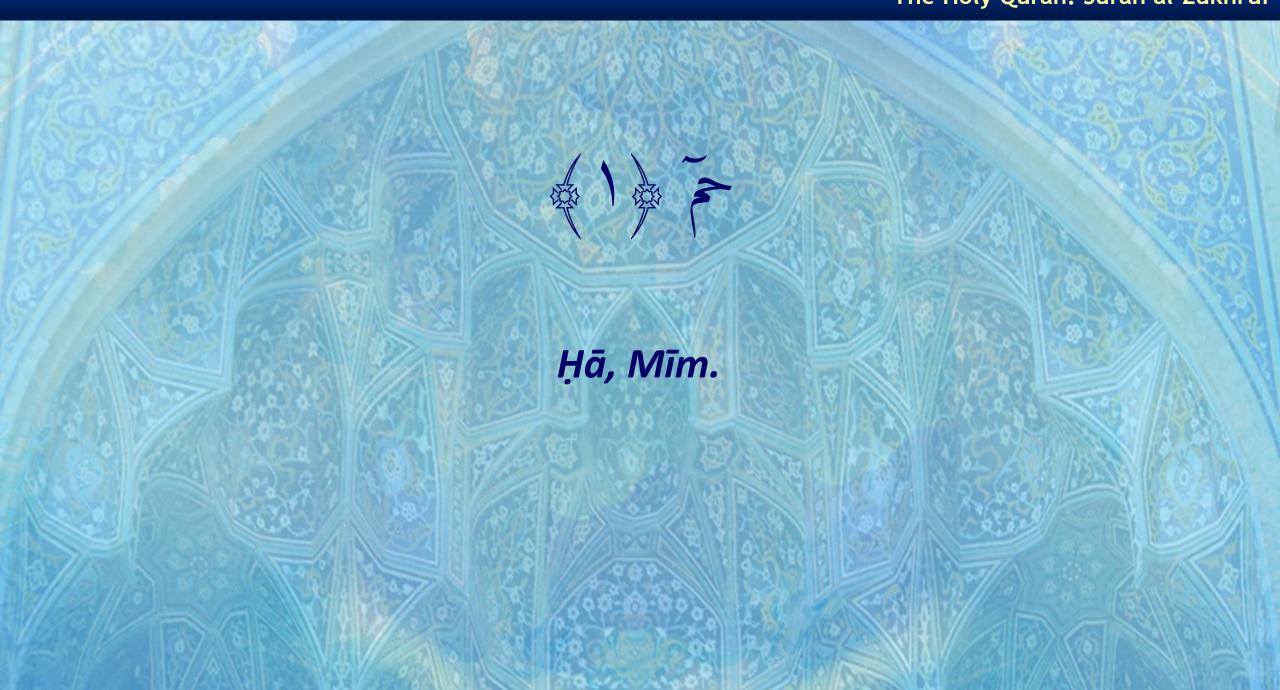
The surah is also known as: Golden Ornaments, Luxury, Ornaments of Gold, The Gold Adornments, The Gold Ornaments..

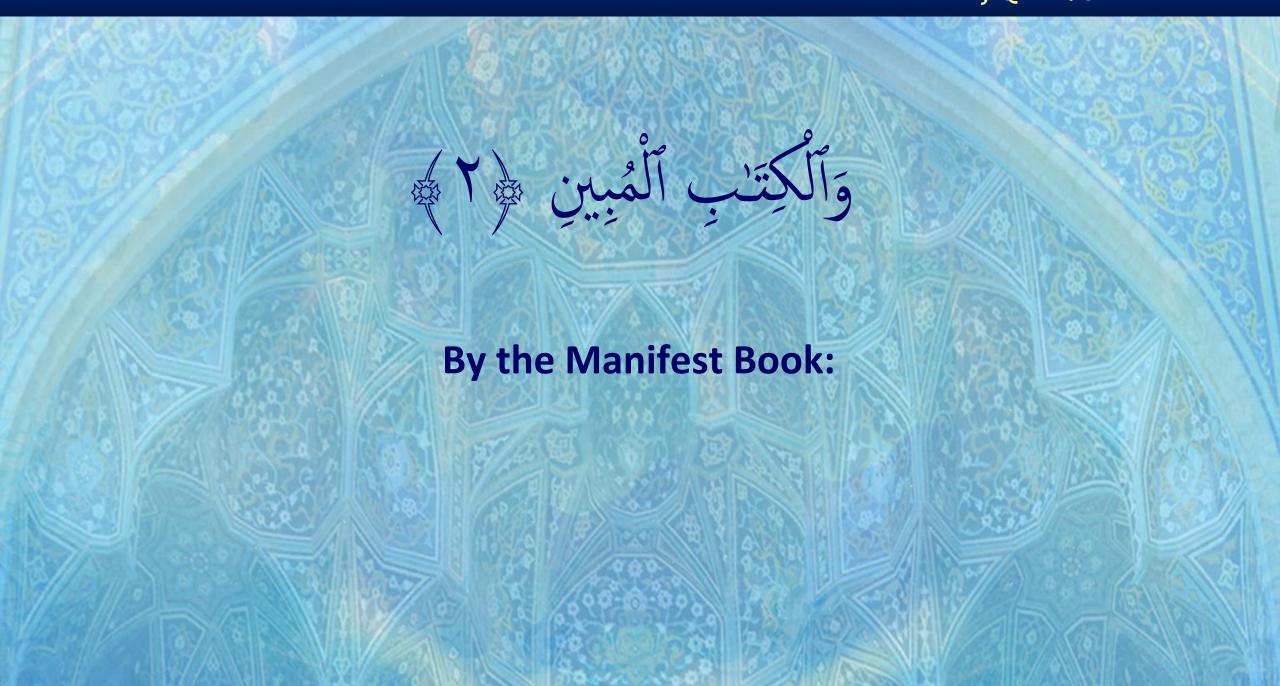
This surah was revealed in Makkah. It is narrated from Imam Ja'far as-Sadiq (A) that whoever recites this surah will be saved from the vermin (e.g. insects, scorpions etc.) in the grave and will not undergo the squeezing (Fishar) in the grave.

The Holy Prophet (S) said that drinking water in which this surah was dissolved acts as a cure and a relief from pain.

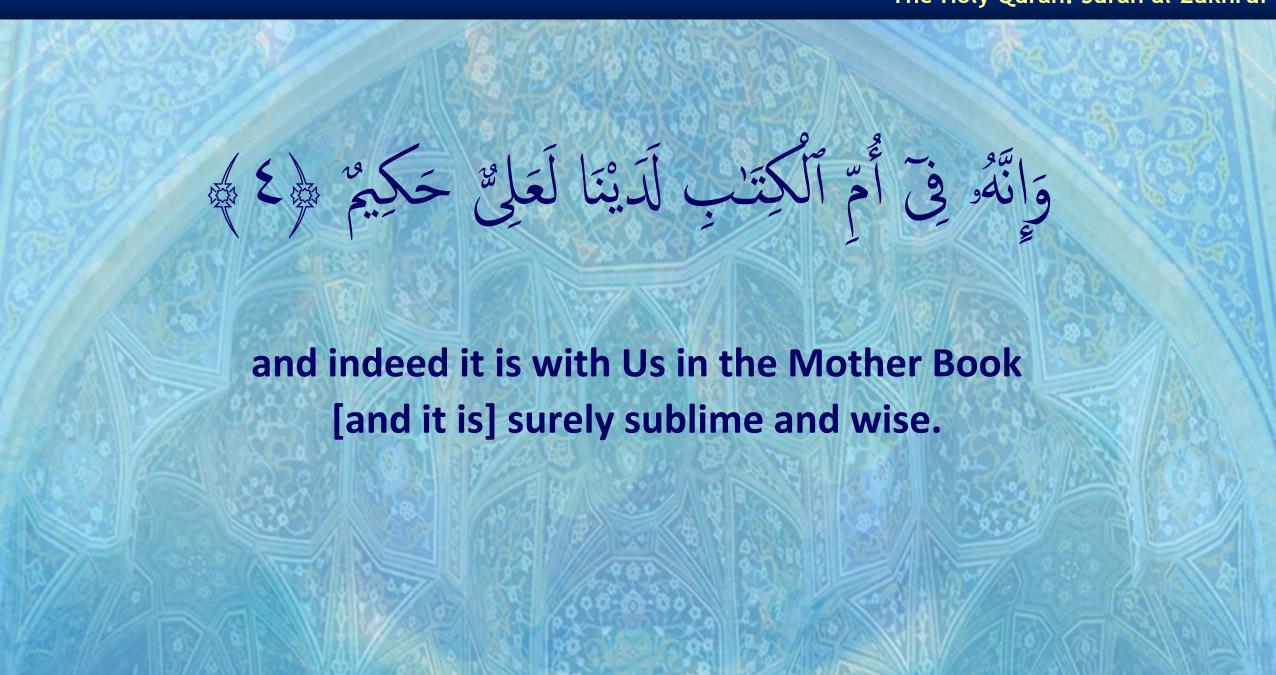








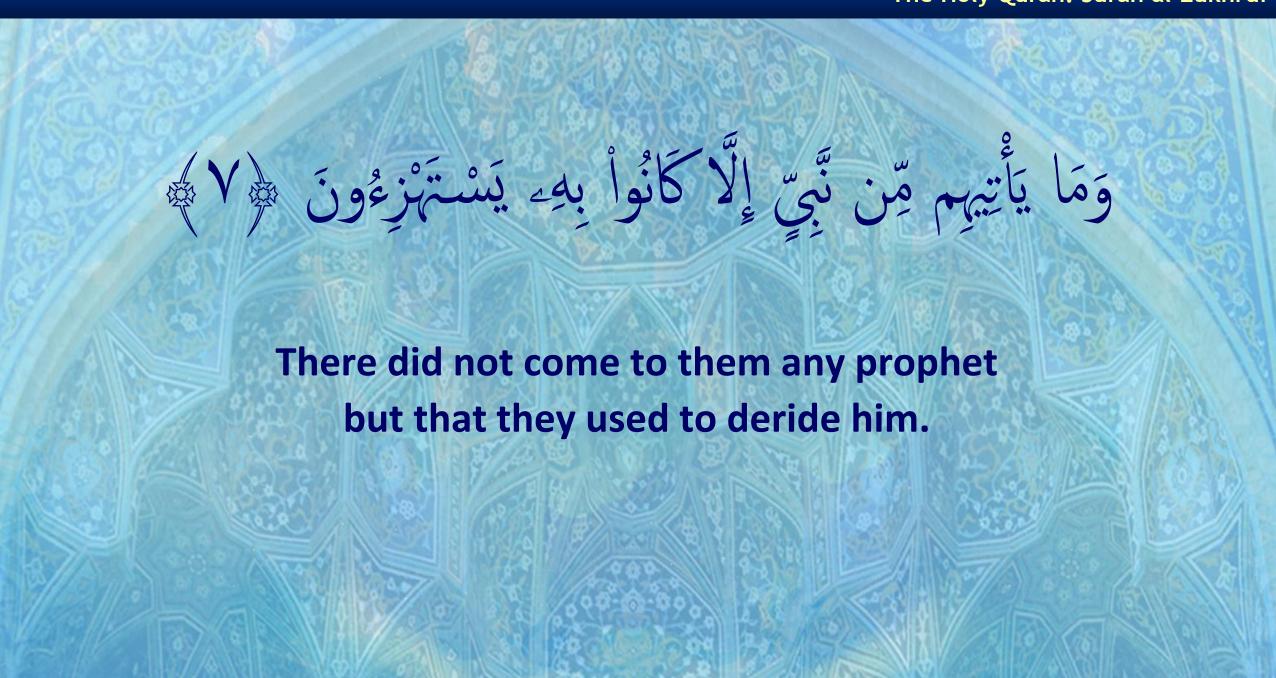






Shall We withhold the Reminder from you unconcernedly, because you are a profligate lot?







So We destroyed those who were stronger than these, and the example of the ancients has passed.



If you ask them, 'Who created the heavens and the earth?'
they will surely say,
'The All-mighty, the All-knowing created them.'



He, who made the earth a cradle for you and made in it ways for you, so that you may be guided [to your destinations],



and who sent down water from the sky in a measured manner, and We revived with it a dead country.

(Likewise you [too] shall be raised [from the dead].)



And who created all the kinds and made for you the ships and the cattle such as you ride,



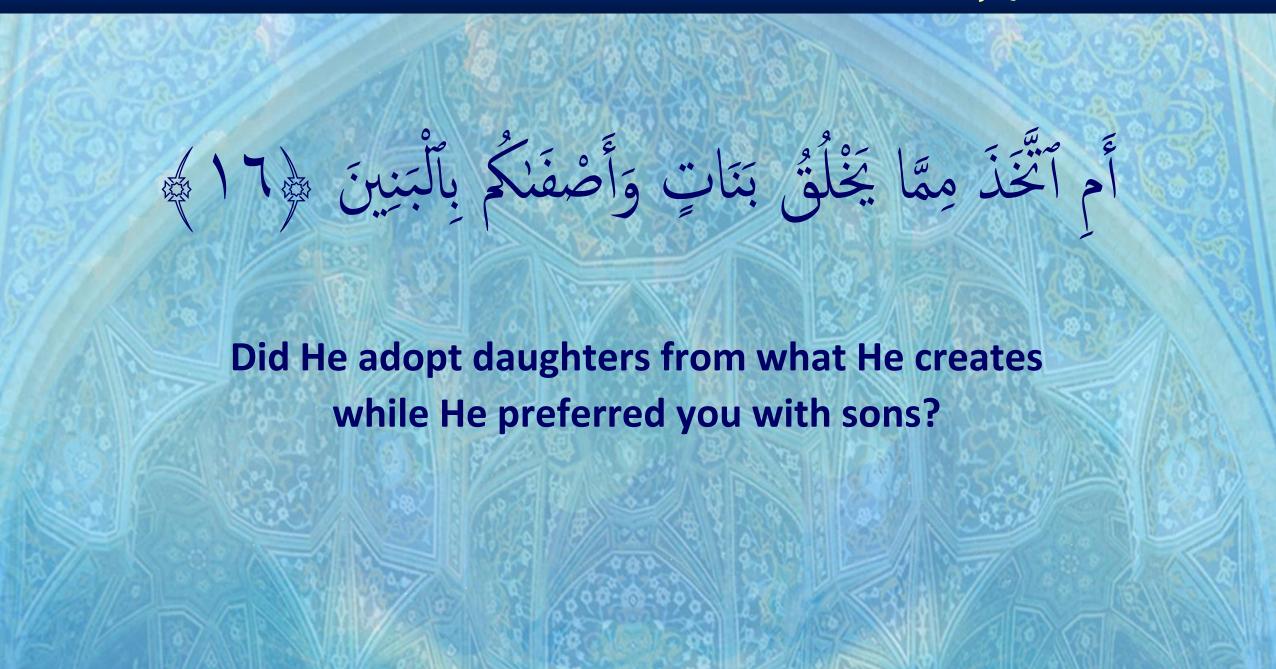
that you may sit on their backs, then remember the blessing of your Lord when you are settled on them, and say, 'Immaculate is He who has disposed this for us, and we [by ourselves] were no match for it.





They ascribe to Him offspring from among His servants!

Man is indeed a manifest ingrate.





When one of them is brought the news of what he ascribes to the Allbeneficent, his face becomes darkened and he chokes with suppressed agony, [and says]

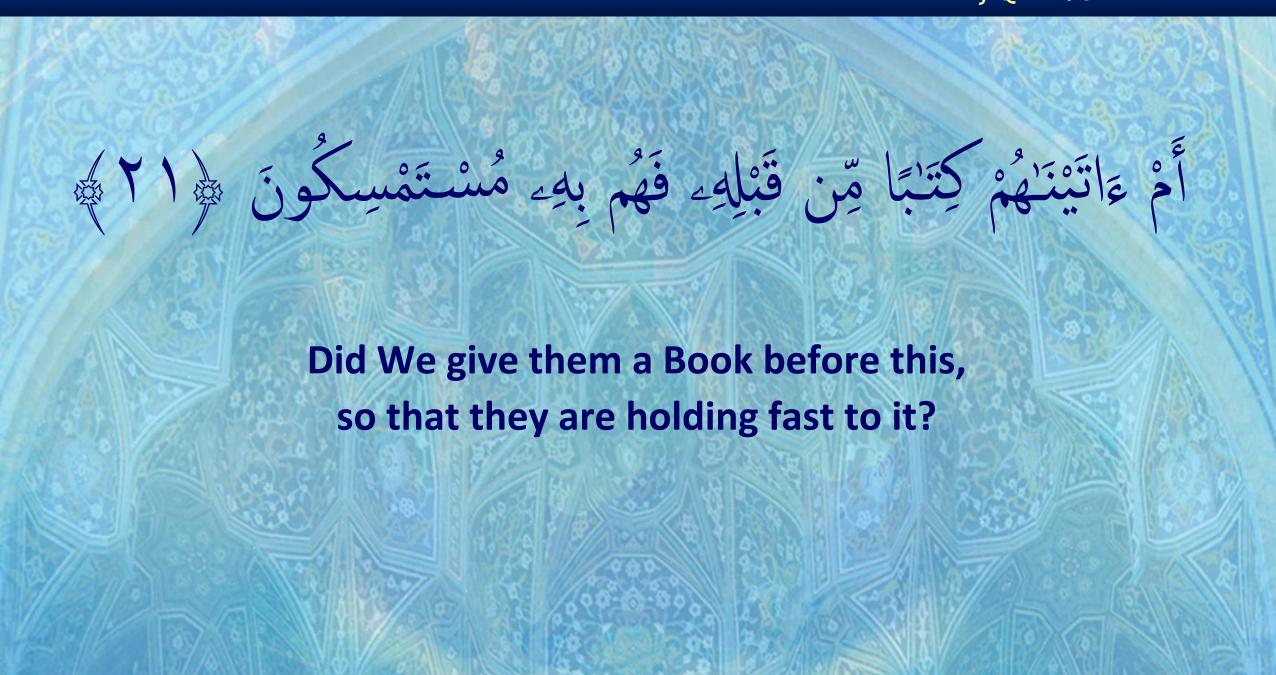




And they have made the angels —who are servants of the Allbeneficent—females. Were they witness to their creation? Their testimony will be written down and they shall be questioned.



They say, 'Had the All-beneficent wished, we would not have worshipped them.' They do not have any knowledge of that, and they do nothing but surmise.





Rather they say, 'We found our fathers following a creed, and we are indeed guided in their footsteps.'

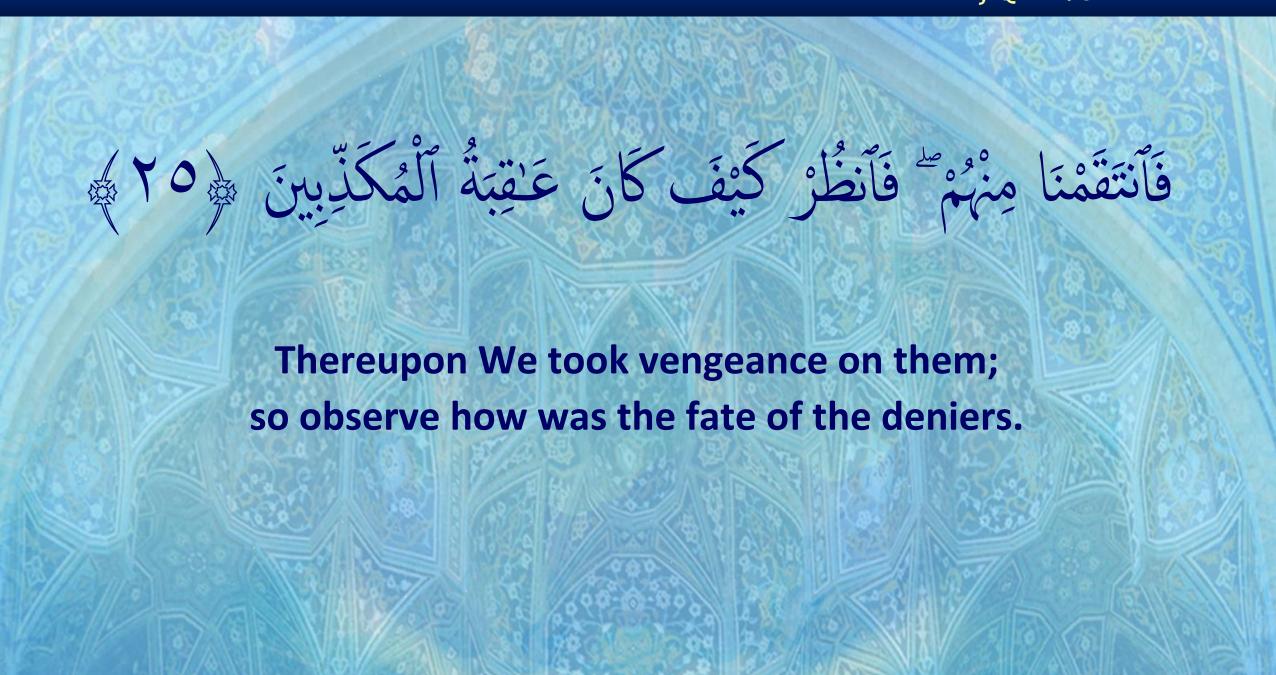


And so it has been that We did not send any warner to a town before you, without its affluent ones saying, 'We found our fathers following a creed and we are indeed following in their footsteps.'



He would say, 'What! Even if I bring you a better guidance than what you found your fathers following?!'

They would say, 'We indeed disbelieve in what you are sent with.'





When Abraham said to his father and his people, 'I repudiate what you worship,





And He made it a lasting word among his posterity so that they may come back [to the right path].



Rather I provided for these and their fathers until there came to them the truth and a manifest apostle.



But when the truth came to them, they said, 'This is magic, and we indeed disbelieve in it.'



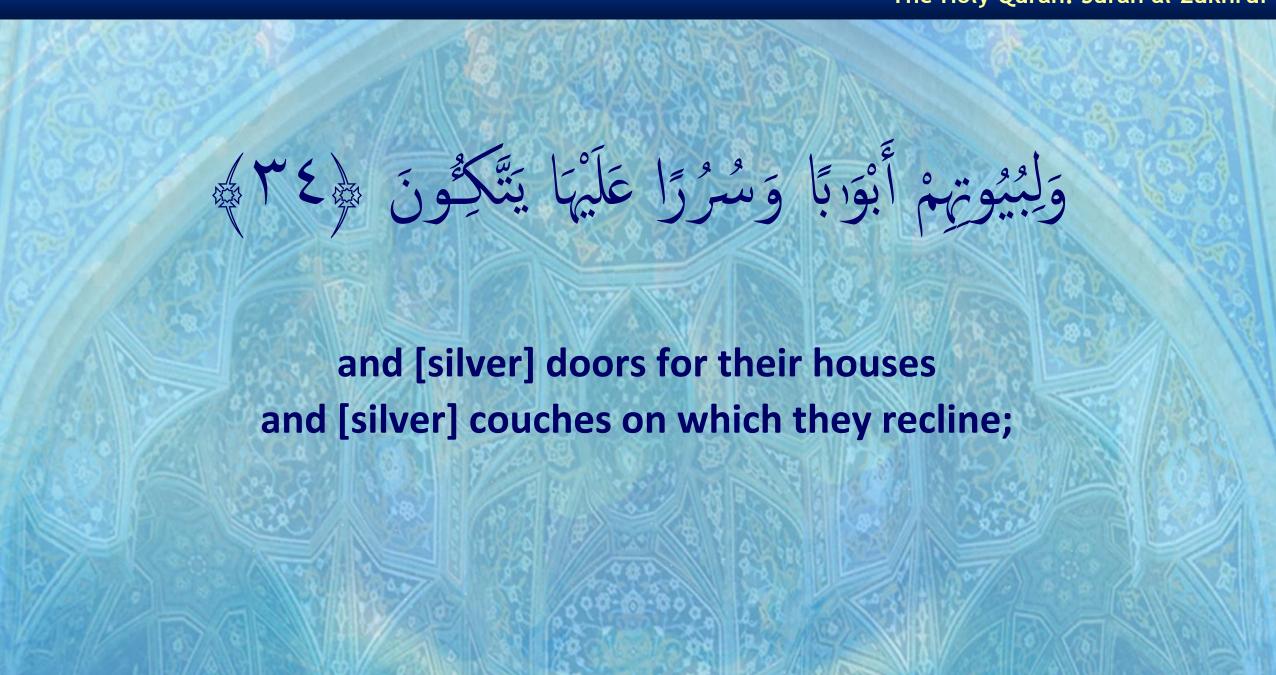
And they said, 'Why was not this Qur'an sent down to some great man from the two cities?'

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Is it they who dispense the mercy of your Lord? It is We who have dispensed among them their livelihood in the present life, and raised some of them above others in rank, so that some may take others into service, and your Lord's mercy is better than what they amass.



Were it not [for the danger] that mankind would be one community, We would have surely made for those who defy the All-beneficent, silver roofs for their houses and [silver] stairways by which they ascend;





and ornaments of gold; yet all that would be nothing but the wares of the life of this world, and the Hereafter near your Lord is for the Godwary.



Whoever turns a blind eye to the remembrance of the All-beneficent, We assign him a devil who remains his companion.



Indeed they bar them from the way while they suppose that they are [rightly] guided.



When he comes to Us, he will say, 'I wish there had been between me and you the distance between east and west! What an evil companion [are you]!'



'Today that will be of no avail to you.

As you did wrong, so will you share in the punishment.'



Can you, then, make the deaf hear or guide the blind and someone who is in manifest error?





or We shall show you what We have promised them, for indeed We hold them in Our power.



So hold fast to what has been revealed to you. Indeed you are on a straight path.



Indeed it is a reminder for you and for your people, and soon you will be questioned.



Ask those of Our apostles We have sent before you:

Did We set up any gods besides the All-beneficent to be worshipped?



Certainly We sent Moses with Our signs to Pharaoh and his elite. He said, 'I am indeed an apostle of the Lord of all the worlds.'





And We did not show them a sign but it was greater than the other, and We seized them with punishment so that they might come back.



They would say, 'O magician! Invoke your Lord for us by the covenant He has made with you. We will indeed be guided.'



But when We lifted the punishment from them, behold, they would break their pledge.



And Pharaoh proclaimed amongst his people.

He said, 'O my people! Does not the kingdom of Egypt belong to me and these rivers that run at my feet? Do you not perceive?





Why have no bracelets of gold been cast upon him, nor have the angels come with him as escorts?'



So he misled his people and they obeyed him. Indeed they were a transgressing lot.



So when they roused Our wrath,
We took vengeance on them and drowned them all.





When the Son of Mary was cited as an example, behold, your people raise an outcry.



They say, 'Are our gods better or he?'
They only cite him to you for the sake of contention.
Rather they are a contentious lot.



He was just a servant whom We had blessed and made an exemplar for the Children of Israel.



Had We wished We would have set in your stead angels to be [your] successors on the earth.



Indeed he is a portent of the Hour; so do not doubt it and follow Me.

This is a straight path.



Do not let Satan bar you [from the way of Allah]. Indeed he is your manifest enemy.



When Jesus brought the manifest proofs, he said, 'I have certainly brought you wisdom, and [I have come] to make clear to you some of the things that you differ about. So be wary of Allah and obey me.



Indeed Allah is my Lord and your Lord; so worship Him.

This is a straight path.'



But the factions differed among themselves. So woe to the wrongdoers for the punishment of a painful day.



Do they await anything but that the Hour should overtake them suddenly, while they are unaware?



On that day, friends will be one another's enemies, except for the Godwary.



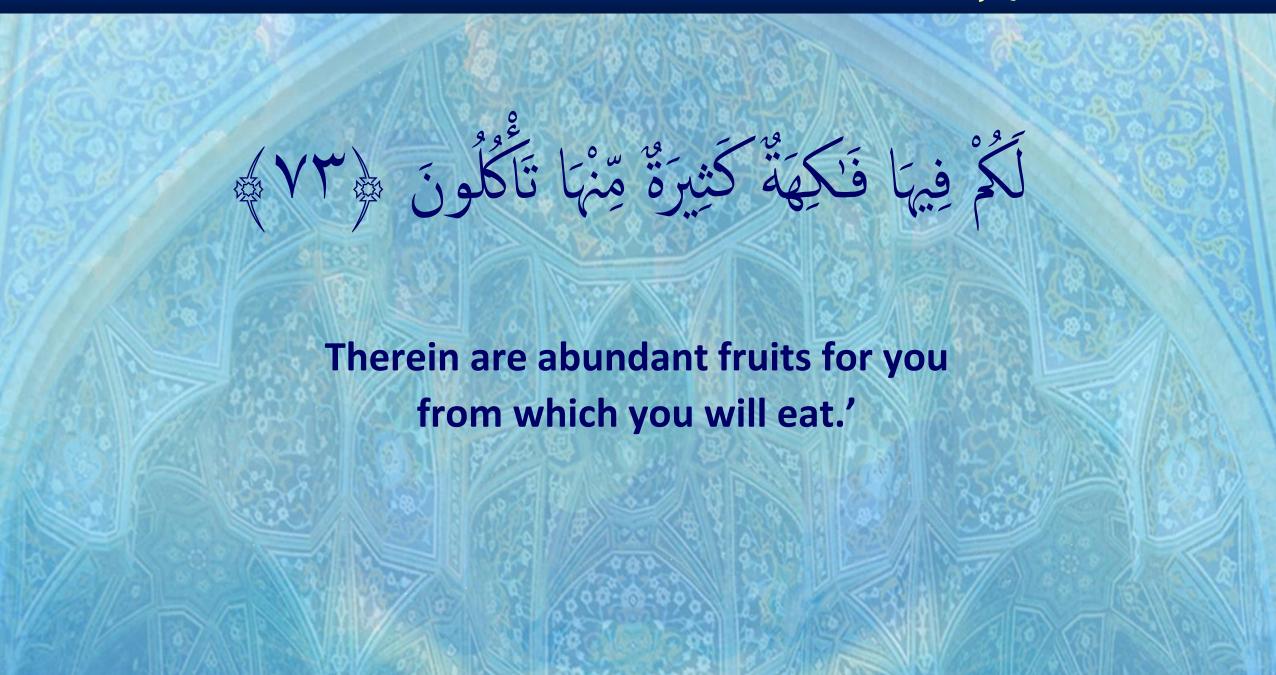






(they will be served around with golden dishes and goblets, and therein will be whatever the souls desire and eyes delight in) 'and you will remain in it [forever].





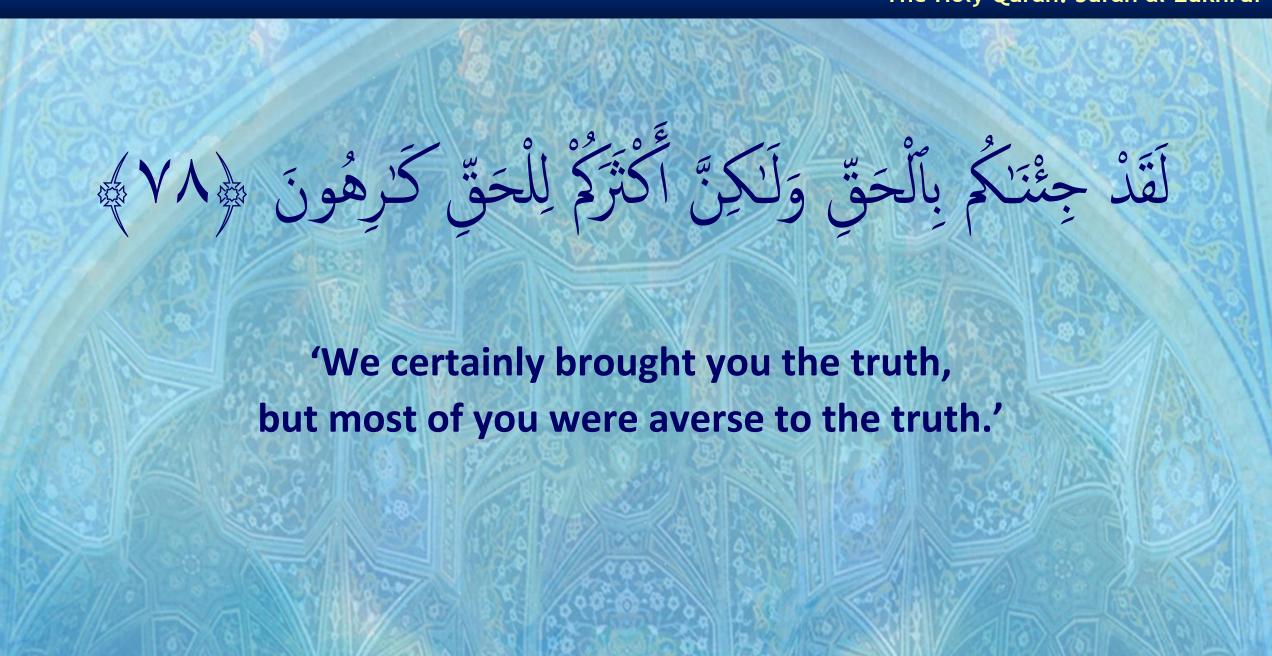








They will call out, 'O Mālik! Let your Lord finish us off!'
He will say, 'Indeed you will stay on.'







Do they suppose that We do not hear their secret thoughts and their secret thoughts and their secret thoughts and their secret talks? Yes indeed!

And with them are Our messengers, writing down.





Clear is the Lord of the heavens and the earth, the Lord of the Throne, of whatever they allege [concerning Him]!



So leave them to gossip and play until they encounter their day which they are promised.



It is He who is God in the sky, and God on the earth; and He is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing.



Blessed is He to whom belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth and whatever is between them, and with Him is the knowledge of the Hour, and to Him you will be brought back.



Those whom they invoke besides Him have no power of intercession, except those who are witness to the truth and who know [for whom to intercede].



If you ask them, 'Who created them?' they will surely say, 'Allah.'

Then where do they stray?







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