

CHAPTER 1
Al-Fātiḥah: The Opening

(REVEALED AT MAKKAH: 7 verses)

In the name of Allāh, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

- 1 Praise be to Allāh, the Lord of the worlds,
- 2 The Beneficent, the Merciful,
- 3 Master of the day of Requital.
- 4 Thee do we serve and Thee do we beseech for help.
- 5 Guide us on the right path,
- 6 The path of those upon whom Thou hast bestowed favours,
- 7 Not those upon whom wrath is brought down, nor those who go astray.

Part 1
CHAPTER 2
Al-Baqarah: The Cow

(REVEALED AT MADĪNAH: 40 *sections*; 286 *verses*)

SECTION 1:
**Fundamental Principles
of Islām**

In the name of Allāh, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

1 I, Allāh, am the best Knower.

2 This Book, there is no doubt in it, is a guide to those who keep their duty,

3 Who believe in the Unseen and keep up prayer and spend out of what We have given them,

4 And who believe in that which has been revealed to thee and that which was revealed before thee, and of the Hereafter they are sure.

5 These are on a right course from their Lord and these it is that are successful.

6 Those who disbelieve — it being alike to them whether thou warn them or warn them not — they will not believe.

7 Allāh has sealed their hearts and their hearing; and there is a covering on their eyes, and for them is a grievous chastisement.

SECTION 2:
Lip-profession

8 And there are some people who say: We believe in Allāh and the Last Day; and they are not believers.

9 They seek to deceive Allāh and those who believe, and they deceive only themselves and they perceive not.

10 In their hearts is a disease, so Allāh increased their disease, and for them is a painful chastisement because they lie.

11 And when it is said to them, Make not mischief in the land, they say: We are but peacemakers.

12 Now surely they are

the mischief-makers, but they perceive not.

13 And when it is said to them, Believe as the people believe, they say: Shall we believe as the fools believe? Now surely they are the fools, but they know not.

14 And when they meet those who believe, they say, We believe; and when they are alone with their devils, they say: Surely we are with you, we were only mocking.

15 Allāh will pay them back their mockery, and He leaves them alone in their inordinacy, blindly wandering on.

16 These are they who buy error for guidance, so their bargain brings no gain, nor are they guided.

17 Their parable is as the parable of one who kindles a fire, but when it illumines all around him, Allāh takes away their light, and leaves them in darkness — they cannot see.

18 Deaf, dumb, (and) blind, so they return not:

19 Or like abundant rain from the cloud in which is darkness, and thunder and

lightning; they put their fingers into their ears because of the thunder-peal, for fear of death. And Allāh encompasses the disbelievers.

20 The lightning almost takes away their sight. Whenever it shines on them they walk in it, and when it becomes dark to them they stand still. And if Allāh had pleased, He would have taken away their hearing and their sight. Surely Allāh is Possessor of power over all things.

SECTION 3: Divine Unity

21 O men, serve your Lord Who created you and those before you, so that you may guard against evil,

22 Who made the earth a resting-place for you and the heaven a structure, and sends down rain from the clouds then brings forth with it fruits for your sustenance; so do not set up rivals to Allāh while you know.

23 And if you are in doubt as to that which We have revealed to Our ser-

vant, then produce a chapter like it and call on your helpers besides Allāh if you are truthful.

24 But if you do (it) not — and you can never do (it) — then be on your guard against the fire whose fuel is men and stones; it is prepared for the disbelievers.

25 And give good news to those who believe and do good deeds, that for them are Gardens in which rivers flow. Whenever they are given a portion of the fruit thereof, they will say: This is what was given to us before; and they are given the like of it. And for them therein are pure companions and therein they will abide.

26 Surely Allāh disdains not to set forth any parable — a gnat or anything above that. Then as for those who believe, they know that it is the truth from their Lord; and as for those who disbelieve, they say: What is it that Allāh means by this parable? Many He leaves in error by it and many He leads aright by it. And He leaves in error by it only the transgressors,

27 Who break the

covenant of Allāh after its confirmation and cut asunder what Allāh has ordered to be joined, and make mischief in the land. These it is that are the losers.

28 How can you deny Allāh and you were without life and He gave you life? Again, He will cause you to die and again bring you to life, then you shall be brought back to Him.

29 He it is Who created for you all that is in the earth. And He directed Himself to the heaven, so He made them complete seven heavens; and He is Knower of all things.

SECTION 4:

Greatness of Man and Need for Revelation

30 And when thy Lord said to the angels, I am going to place a ruler in the earth, they said: Wilt Thou place in it such as make mischief in it and shed blood? And we celebrate Thy praise and extol Thy holiness. He said: Surely I know what you know not.

31 And He taught Adam all the names, then present-

ed them to the angels; He said: Tell Me the names of those if you are right.

32 They said: Glory be to Thee! we have no knowledge but that which Thou hast taught us. Surely Thou art the Knowing, the Wise.

33 He said: O Adam, inform them of their names. So when he informed them of their names, He said: Did I not say to you that I know what is unseen in the heavens and the earth? And I know what you manifest and what you hide.

34 And when We said to the angels, Be submissive to Adam, they submitted, but Iblis (did not). He refused and was proud, and he was one of the disbelievers.

35 And We said: O Adam, dwell thou and thy wife in the garden, and eat from it a plenteous (food) wherever you wish, and approach not this tree, lest you be of the unjust.

36 But the devil made them slip from it, and caused them to depart from the state in which they were. And We said: Go forth, some of you are the

enemies of others. And there is for you in the earth an abode and a provision for a time.

37 Then Adam received (revealed) words from his Lord, and He turned to him (mercifully). Surely He is Oft-returning (to mercy), the Merciful.

38 We said: Go forth from this (state) all. Surely there will come to you a guidance from Me, then whoever follows My guidance, no fear shall come upon them, nor shall they grieve.

39 And (as to) those who disbelieve in and reject Our messages, they are the companions of the Fire; in it they will abide.

SECTION 5:

Israelite Prophecies fulfilled in Qur'ān

40 O Children of Israel, call to mind My favour which I bestowed on you and be faithful to (your) covenant with Me, I shall fulfil (My) covenant with you; and Me, Me alone, should you fear.

41 And believe in that