Surah 10 Surah Yunus

YUNUS

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH YUNUS AND SURAH TAUBAH

Like all the previous Surahs, Surah Yunus and Surah Taubah are also linked in the following two ways.

By Name: Verse 5 of Surah Taubah mentions, “If they repent (from kufr by accepting Islaam), establish salah, and pay Zakaah, then leave their path free (do not harm them).” Verse 98 of Surah Yunus says, “There has been no nation who accepted Imaan (just before Allaah’s punishment struck them), then their Imaan profited them (because they were saved from Allaah’s punishment), except the nation of Yunus YiS&YA. When they accepted Imaan, We turned away from them a punishment of disgrace in this worldly life and We granted them enjoyment for a while (for as long as they lived afterwards).”

By Content: This link may be discussed in the following two ways:

A. The Qur’aan refutes Shirk by emphasising two facts viz. (1) There is no Helper, nor Controller besides Allaah and (2) No intercessor can overpower Allaah’s decree. While the previous Surahs proved the first fact using extensive proofs and details, Surah Yunus proves the second. The Surah impresses upon man that none can veto Allaah’s decree, nor convince Him of anything.

B. Surah Baqara makes special mention of the following themes:

Touheed. Risaalah.
Jihaad. Spending in Allaah’s way.
Matters pertaining to administration and reformation.

Surah Aal Imraan tackles a part of Touheed (refutation of Shirk in beliefs) and also discusses Risaalah, Jihaad and spending in charity.

Surah Nisaa provides the details about administration and reformation, including laws pertaining to the general public, as well as legislation to be implemented by Muslim leaders.

Surah Ma’idah and Surah Anfaal clarify the two facets of Touheed viz. the refutation of Shirk in beliefs and Shirk in actions. While Surah Ma’idah concentrates on explaining the falsehood of Shirk, Surah Anfaal places greater emphasis on logical proofs.

Surah A’raaf then continues to ponder various proofs to refute the two types of Shirk, using the detailed stories of several Ambiyaa.

Surah Anfaal and Surah Tauba discuss Jihaad in great detail. All these Surahs, discuss the
themes introduced in Surah Baqara. The only exception is the second facet of Towheed, viz. the fact that no intercessor can overpower Allaah's decree. Surah Yunus establishes this fact and presents numerous logical proofs that Allaah is the King of kings and The Supreme Controller and Master of all affairs.

The Surah proves that no exalted angel, no apostle and no saint can alter Allaah's decisions. This theme is discussed throughout this Surah and continues until Surah Kahaf.

A SUMMARY OF SURAH YUNUS

The central theme of this Surah (viz. the fact that no intercessor can overpower Allaah's decree) is stated in the following three verses of the Surah:

1. It is stated briefly in verse 3, where Allaah says, “There shall be intercessors only after His permission.” No being, irrespective of his/her rank can intercede without Allaah’s permission.
2. It is stated in passing in verse 18, which reads, “...they say, These are our intercessors with Allaah.”
3. It is discussed in some detail in verses 104 to 107, where Allaah commands Rasulullaah ﷺ saying, “Say, ‘O people! If you are in doubt about my Deen, then (I would like to make it clear that) I do not worship what (idols and gods) you worship besides Allaah’... (until the words) ...and He is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.”

This Surah contains eleven proofs to substantiate that there can be no intercessors besides Allaah in between, the gist of certain proofs are also mentioned in three places, amidst a host of reproaches, warnings, glad tidings and objections. The central theme of this Surah is the fact that no intercessor can overpower Allaah’s decree.
1. Alif Laam Raa (Only Allah knows the meaning of these letters). These are the verses of the wise Book (the Qur'an, which is filled with wisdom).

2. Are people surprised that We sent revelation to a man (Rasulullah ﷺ) from among them (commanding him) that, “Warn people (about the evil consequences of kufr) and give good news to the Mu'mineen (the believers) that there shall surely be a great position for them near their Rabb (in Jannah)”? The Kaafiroon (unable to offer a reasonable explanation) say, “Indeed this (Rasulullah ﷺ) is obviously a magician.”

3. Undoubtedly your Rabb is Allah Who created the heavens and the earth in six days (each day being equal to 6000 years) and then turned His attention to the Throne. He plans every matter. There shall be intercessors only after His permission (none will be able to intercede on the Day of Qiyaamah without Allah's permission). That Allah is your Rabb, so worship (Only) Him. Do you not take heed (will you not listen to sound advice)?

4. To Him shall all of you return (after death). Allah's promise is true. Without doubt, He has created creation (everything), then He will repeat it (create them again after their deaths) to
reward with justice those who have Imaan and who carry out good deeds. As for those who commit kufr, they shall have (in Jahannam) a drink of boiling water and a painful punishment because they committed kufr.

5. Allaah is the One Who created the sun as a (bright) light, the moon as a (gentle) glow and has appointed stages (phases of waxing and waning) for it (the moon) so that you may know the count of the years (by the passing of months) and calculation (of time). Allaah has created these only for the truth (for a purpose and not for nothing). He explains the Aayaat for people of knowledge (people who ponder about these Aayaat and learn lessons from them).

6. Indeed in the changing of the night and the day and in whatever Allaah has created in the heavens and the earth are Aayaat (signs of Allaah's greatness and Oneness) for people who have Taqwa.

7. Indeed those who do not wish to meet Us, who are pleased and contented with the life of the world (because they do not believe in the Aakhirah and have no concern for the Aakhirah) and who are indifferent towards Our Aayaat...

8. ...these are the ones whose abode (final resting place) shall be the Fire (of Jahannam) because of what they earn (because of their Incorrect beliefs and their sins).

9. Surely those who have Imaan and do good deeds, their Rabb shall guide them because of their Imaan. They shall have rivers flowing beneath them in the Jannaat of bliss.
10. (The beginning of) Their prayer there (in Jannah) shall be, “O Allaah! You are Pure!” (They will be glorifying Allaah all the time and there will be no need to ask Allaah for anything because they will have everything they desire without having to ask), their greeting will be Sалаam (Allaah will greet them with the words of Sалаam, as will the angels and other Mu’минين) and the end of their prayer shall be, “All praise belongs to Allaah, the Rabb of the universe.” (These words will flow from the bottom of their hearts because of their sincere gratitude to Allaah.)

11. If Allaah rushes (sends quickly) evil to people as they want good to rush (come quickly) their way, their term (of punishment) would have expired for them (they would have been destroyed long ago by Allaah’s punishment because of their sins). We shall leave those who do not wish to meet Us to wander blindly (confused) in their disobedience (unable to see the truth).

12. When any hardship afflicts man (a Kaаfir), he prays to Us (to remove the hardship, whether he is) lying down, sitting or standing. (However,) When We remove the hardship from him, he continues (committing кufри) as if he had never prayed to Us for the (removal of the) hardship that afflicted him. In this manner (just as it appeals to the Kaаfir to pray to Allaah only during times of hardship, similarly) the (evil) actions of those who overstep the limits (set by Allaah) are made appealing to them (causing them to fall deeper into sin).

13. Without doubt, We destroyed many generations before you when they oppressed (committed Shirk). Their Rusул came to them with clear signs (to prove their Prophethood), but they were (still) not prepared to accept Imaan. Thus do We punish the criminal ones (the Kuffааr in one way or the other).

14. Thereafter (after these people were destroyed) We made you successors on earth after them to see how you behave (to see whether you would learn from their wrongs or would you too do what they did).
15. When Our verses (of the Qur’aan) are recited to them, those who do not wish to meet Us say, “Bring us another Qur’aan besides this one or alter it (so that our idols are not condemned in it).” Tell them, “It is not (permissible) for me to alter it of my own accord. I follow only what has been revealed to me (from Allaah). If I disobey my Rabb (by altering the Qur’aan) I fear (that I shall have to suffer) the punishment of a momentous day (the Day of Qiyamah).”

16. Say (to the Kuffaar, 0 Rasulullaah), “If Allaah willed, I would not have recited it (the Qur’aan) to you, nor would He have informed you about it (However, that fact that I have brought the Qur’aan to you proves that Allaah wants me to convey it to you). I have already lived a great portion of my life among you (during which time I have not been able to tell you anything similar to the Qur’aan. It is therefore clear that the Qur’aan is not my speech, but the revealed word of Allaah). Do you not understand?”

17. Who can be more unjust than he who invents lies against Allaah (by claiming that Allaah has partners) or rejects His Aayaat (despite their clarity)? The fact is that the sinful ones (the Mushrikeen) will never be successful.

18. They worship besides Allaah what (gods) does not harm them (if they do not worship them) nor benefits them (if they worship them), and they say, “These are our intercessors with Allaah.” Say, “Are you informing Allaah of what He does not know in the heavens and in the earth (that He has partners about whom He has no knowledge)? He is Pure and High above what (partners) they ascribe to him.”

19. Mankind was but a single nation (the people were Muslims during the time of Aadam and after the flood during the time of Nooh, afterwards they differed (when some of them resorted to kufr...
and Shirk). If it were not for a decision that issued forth from your Rabb (that they are to be punished at a later time or only in the Akhirah), the matter would have been decided between them concerning that about which they differed. (If the time for their punishment had not been already set for a future date, the Kuffar would have already learnt that they are wrong when Allaah’s punishment destroys them and leaves the Mu’mineen unharmed.)

20. They (the Mushrikeen of Makkah) say, “Why is an Aayah (a miracle that we wish to specify) not revealed to him (Rasulullaah) from his Rabb?” Tell them, “The knowledge of the unseen is only with Allaah (only Allaah knows whether He will fulfil your request for a miracle or not). So wait! Indeed I am waiting with you (because the day of the final fate is not in this world).”

21. When We let people taste (Our) mercy after a difficulty (seven years of famine) has afflicted them, they suddenly have a plan (a plot) against Our Aayaat (they reject Our Aayaat and mock them). Say, “Allaah is swifter in planning (in taking you to task for what you do). Indeed Our messenger angels record whatever you plan (nothing goes unnoticed).”

22. It is He Who allows you to travel (peacefully) on land and sea, until the time comes when you are in a ship and it sails with them (the people on board, propelled) by a pleasant wind. They are happy in it until a strong wind (suddenly) strikes them and the waves come to them from every side. They think that they are surrounded (will be drowned) and they pray to Allaah with sincere faith in Him. (They say in their prayer,) “(O Allaah!) If You rescue us from this, we will certainly be from among the grateful ones (the Mu’mineen).”

23. (However) When He rescues them (and allows them to reach the shore safely), they suddenly
(without stopping to think) start causing corruption (engaging in sin) on earth (once again) without just cause. O people! Your corruption (Shirk, sin and oppression) is to your own detriment (because you will suffer the consequences in this world and especially in the Aakhirah). You enjoy the pleasures of this world (for a short while), then (when you die) you shall return to Us and We will inform you of what you used to do (and punish you for your sins).

24. The example of the worldly life is like the water that We send from the sky, with which mingles (nourishes) the plants of the earth that man and animals eat. (This process continues) Until the earth reflects her splendour (flourishes with vegetation), becomes beautified, and her inhabitants think that they are her masters (can harvest the crops whenever they please). Then Our command (Our punishment in the form of a disaster) comes to her (strikes the crop) by night or by day, turning her (the crop) into a pile of reaped harvest (useless to man), as if it had not even existed before. Thus do We explain the Aayaat for those who ponder (reject).

25. (By inviting people to Islaam) Allaah calls (them) towards the Home of Peace (Jannah, a place free from sorrow, calamities, losses or troubles). He guides whom He wills to the straight path (of Islaam).

26. For those who do righteous deeds shall be The Best (part of Jannah) and more (seeing Allaah Himself). Neither darkness (gloom and worry) nor any disgrace will cross their faces (in the Aakhirah). These are the inhabitants of Jannah, where they will live forever (Jannah is eternal).

27. As for those who earn evil acts, the punishment for evil will be the like of it (their punishment will not be any more) and their faces will be covered in disgrace. There shall be no protector for them from (the punishment of) Allaah. (Their faces will be so gloomy that) It will be as if their faces are covered by a part of an extremely dark night. These are the inhabitants of the Fire, in which they shall live forever (Jahannum is eternal).
28. (Do not forget) The day when We will gather them all together and We shall then tell those who committed Shirk, “You and your partners (your gods) remain where you are (so that you may account for your behaviour in the world)! We will then separate them and their partners (their gods) will say, “You never did worship us (because the object of worship is to please the one being worshipped and instead of pleasing us, you have caused more problems for us here in the Aakhirah)!”

29. (Given the power of speech, their gods will say further,) “Allaah suffices as Witness between us and you. The fact of the matter is that we were unaware of your worship.” (By worshipping us, you were pleasing only the Shayateen and doing us no good at all.)

30. At that instance (time) every soul will (carefully) analyse what it had done before (in this world). They (all of creation) will be returned to Allaah their True Master and whatever (partners to Allaah) they invented will be lost to them (unable to assist them at all).

31. Say (to the Mushriken), “Who provides for you (rain) from the sky and (produce from) the earth? Or (ask them) who is in control (owner) of the ears and eyes? Or who extracts the living from the dead and the dead from the living? And who plans all matters?” They will shortly reply, “Allaah!” Tell them, “Do you then not fear (that He will take you to task for committing Shirk despite your knowledge of His power)?”

32. That Allaah is your True Rabb! After (besides) the truth (Islam) there is only deviation (being led astray and no third option). So to where are you wandering off? (You are either following the truth or wandering blindly astray.)
33. Thus the decree of your Rabb is justified (truthful) against the disobedient ones (the Kuffaar) that they will definitely not have Imaan. (Allaah assures Rasulullaah ﷺ that he should not blame himself if the Kuffaar do not accept his message because Allaah had already known from the beginning of time that these people will not have Imaan.)

34. Say, “Are there any of your partners who can create (something) from nothing (without any raw materials) and then create it again (a second time after it has been destroyed)?” Say, “Allaah creates from nothing and then creates (a second time). So to where are you wandering astray?” (How can you worship gods whose powers cannot compare with Allaah’s powers?)

35. Say (to the Mushrikeen), “Are any of your partners (gods) capable of guiding towards the truth?” Say, “Allaah guides to the truth! So is He (Allaah) Who guides to the truth more worthy of following or he (your gods) who cannot find guidance unless he is shown the way? So what is the matter with you? How do you judge?” (How can you worship something that does not deserve to be worshipped?)

36. Most of them (Mushrikeen) follow only assumptions (assuming that what their forefathers worshipped was true). Indeed (mere) assumption is of no significance against the truth. Without doubt Allaah has perfect knowledge of what you do.

37. This Qur’aan is not such that it could be produced without Allaah (none besides Allaah could have produced it). However, it confirms those (divine scriptures) that came before it and it is a detailed explanation of that which has been decreed (it explains the necessary injunctions of the Shari’ah). There is no doubt in it, (and it proceeds) from the Rabb of the universe.

38. Do they (the Mushrikeen) say that he (Rasulullaah ﷺ) fabricated it (the Qur’aan)? Tell them, “Then produce even a single Surah like any in it (in the Qur’aan something that can match the eloquence, the beauty, the style and the prophesies of the Qur’aan) and (you are also at liberty to) call whoever you can (to assist you) besides Allaah if you are truthful. (Accept this challenge if you feel that you are
39. However, they deny that (Qur’an), the knowledge of which they could not encompass (they have not even given proper thought to what the Qur’an tells them) and the outcome of which has not yet come to them (they have not yet witnessed the outcome of the warnings that the Qur’an sounds because if they have to witness the punishment that the Qur’an warns them about, they will certainly believe it). In this manner (just as these people reject without proper studying and research, so too) did those before them reject (their Ambiyaa). So (wait and) see what will be the plight of the oppressors (those who reject the Ambiyaa and the divine scriptures).

40. Among them (the people of Makkah) is he who believes in it (the Qur’an) and he who does not believe in it (and will never believe). Your Rabb is best aware of those who spread corruption (who spread evil and commit Shirk and He will deal with them accordingly at the proper time).

41. If they reject you (O Rasulullah), then say (to them), “My actions are mine (and I will account for them if I convey a wrong message) and your actions are yours (only you will have to account for them for I have conveyed the message of truth). You are absolved from what I do and I am absolved from what you do (I will not have to answer for what you do).”

42. Among them (the people of Makkah) are those who listen intently to you (O Rasulullah) when you recite the Qur’an. Can you make the deaf (those who do not want to listen with the intention of accepting) hear when they cannot even understand?

43. Among them is he who looks at you. Can you show the way to the blind (those who do not want to see the truth) when they cannot see? (You cannot influence those who have damaged their faculties of understanding by kufr and constant sin.)
44. Undoubtedly Allaah does not oppress people in the least, but people oppress their own selves (by destroying their ability to accept the truth and thereby earning Allaah's punishment).

45. (On) The Day (of Qiyaamah) when We will gather them (all the people), it will seem (to them) as if they had stayed (in this world or in the grave) for only a moment of a day (because the Day of Qiyaamah will be so long and so difficult, people will forget the time they spent in the world and in the grave). (When people will be raised on the Day of Qiyaamah.) They will recognise each other (but will be unable to help each other at all). Truly those people are at a loss who reject meeting with Allaah (on the Day of Qiyaamah) and they will not be rightly guided.

46. If We were to show you (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) a part of what (punishment) We have promised them (if We punish them during your lifetime), or (if) We were to claim your soul (before punishing them or without punishing them), then (in every event) their return shall be to Us. Then (in all circumstances) Allaah is Witness over what they do. (Therefore, whether wrongdoers are punished or not in this world, they will have to return to Allaah on the Day of Qiyaamah. He will then take them to task for their wrongdoing because no act of theirs escapes His attention.)

47. For every nation there was a Rasool (who brought the message of Tawheed to them). So when their Rasool came to them (and they rejected his message), their matter was decided with justice (they were punished because of their own wrongdoing after sufficient warnings had been given to them) and they were not oppressed (there was always a good reason for their punishment).

48. They (the Kuffaar) say (to Rasulullaah ﷺ), “When will this promise (punishment) materialise (come) If you are truthful?”

49. Say (to them, O Rasulullaah ﷺ), “I do not possess the power to harm or to benefit myself, except what Allaah wills. Benefit or harm can come to me only if Allaah wills. Since I am unable to benefit or harm myself without Allaah’s command, how can I possibly harm others without His command? Punishment will come your way only when Allaah wills. There is an appointed term for every nation (after which...
50. Say, “Tell me. If His punishment comes to you at night or during the day, then what was it that the sinful ones wanted to hurry?” (What was the need to keep asking for punishment when it was meant to come? Instead of asking for it, the Kuffaars ought to seek Allaah's protection from it.)

51. Will it be that you believe in it (in the punishment or in Allaah only) when it occurs (when the punishment arrives)? If people accept Imaan only when Allaah's punishment arrives, their Imaan will not be accepted and it will be said to them, “(Do you accept Imaan only) Now, when (before this) you wanted to hurry it (you kept asking when the punishment would come to frustrate the Nabi™)?”

52. Then (when the dead are raised on the Day of Qiyamah) it will be told to those who oppress (to those who died as Kuffaars), “Taste the everlasting punishment (which you previously rejected)! You will be punished only for what (evil) you used to earn.”

53. They (the Kuffaars) ask you (O Rasulullaah ﷺ), “Is it (resurrection and punishment) really the truth?” Tell them, “Yes! (I swear) By my Rabb! It is the truth! And you will not be able to escape (it when it occurs).”

54. If every oppressive soul (Kaafir) possessed whatever (wealth) is in the earth, it would offer it in ransom (to save itself from Allaah's punishment in the Akhirah). They (the Kuffaars leaders who misled their followers) will hide their remorse (regret from their followers) when they see the punishment (so that their followers do not mock them). (On the Day of Qiyamah) Judgement will be passed between them (all of creation) with justice and they will not be oppressed.

55. Behold! To Allaah belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth (He therefore has the power to do as He pleases). Behold! Indeed the promise of Allaah (that He will resurrect people) is
true, but most of them do not know (understand).

56. He gives life and death and to Him shall you return (on the Day of Qiyaamah).

57. O people! Indeed Advice (the Qur'aan) has come to you from your Rabb, a Cure for what (evil qualities, doubt and wrong beliefs) is in the breasts (hearts), (it is also a means of) Guidance and Mercy to the Mu'mineen (for human perfection).

58. Say, “About the grace of Allaah (Islaam) and His mercy (the Qur’aan), about this you should rejoice (these things are worth rejoicing about with gratitude)! It is better than what (wealth and property) they (the Kuffaar) accumulate.”

59. Say, “Tell me about the sustenance (food) that Allaah has provided for you, some of which you make Haraam (of your own accord), and others Halaal.” Say, “Has Allaah permitted you (to make these things Halaal or Haraam) or are you inventing lies about Allaah (by falsely claiming that Allaah had commanded you to regard these things as Halaal or Haraam)?”

60. What do those who invent lies about Allaah (the Mushrikeen who say that Allaah has partners) think about the Day of Qiyaamah (Do they think that it will not come or that they will not be questioned then)? Undoubtedly Allaah is Most Gracious to people (because He gives them time to repent and does not punish them immediately) but most of them are ungrateful (they do not appreciate this period of grace and fail to repent).

61. We are Witnesses to whatever condition you (O Rasulullah) are in, to whatever
portion of the Qur’ān you are reciting and to every action that you (O people) may be doing even while you are engaged in it. Not an atom’s weight in the earth and in the sky escapes the knowledge of your Rabb. And there is nothing smaller or larger than this that is not (recorded) in the clear Book (the Lowhul Mahfūdh).

62. Behold! Verily for the friends of Allāah there shall be no fear (about the future), nor shall they grieve (about their past or be sad when leaving this world).

63. (The friends of Allāah are) Those who have Imaan and who adopt Taqwa (they do what Allāah commands and refrain from what He prohibits).

64. For them shall be good news (tidings) in the life of this world (the good news at the time of death that they will be taken to Jannah) and in the Aakhirah (when they will enter Jannah). There is nothing that can change the words (decrees and promises) of Allāah. This (success of Allāah’s friends) is the greatest success.

65. (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) Let not their speech (the insults and mockery of the Kuffār) grieve you. (Their words cannot dishonour you because) All honour belongs to Allāah (and Allāah will grant you great honour). He is All Hearing, All Knowing (He knows what they tell you and will punish them for it).

66. Behold! Verily only to Allāah belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth (whether seen or unseen). Who do those people follow who call upon (who worship) partners (gods) besides Allāah? They follow only assumptions and they lie (they assume that their gods will intercede for them on the Day of Qiyāmah and lie to others about this).

67. Allāah is He Who made the night so that you may rest (get peace in it) and the day as a
means of seeing (so that man may conduct his daily affairs). Indeed in this (in the creation of the night and day) are Aayaat (signs displaying Allaah’s great power) for those who listen (with the intention of accepting the truth).

They (the Kuffaar) say, “Allaah has taken a son.” He is Pure! He is Independent (not in need of a son or anyone else to assist Him). To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth (so why should he require children). You have no proof for this (the claim that Allaah has a son). Do you say about Allaah what you do not know (something about which you have no proof)?

68. Say, “Surely those who invent lies about Allaah will not succeed.”

70. (O Kuffaar! You can enjoy only a brief period of) Enjoyment in this world. Thereafter your return will be to Us (after your death) and then We will let you taste a dreadful punishment because you used to commit kufr.

71. (O Rasulullaah) Recite to them the incident of Nooh (Tell them of the time) When he said to his people, “O my people! If my stay (among you) and my reminders of Allaah’s Aayaat are difficult upon you (unpleasant to you and you wish to get rid of me), then only in Allaah do I trust. So you and your partners (may all join forces and) decide your affair (decide what you want to do about me). Then do not let your affair (your decision) be a secret, pass your sentence on me (do to me what you have decided) and do not grant me any respite (any relief because I am not at all afraid of you).”

72. “If you turn away (refuse to accept my message), then (remember that) I have never asked any reward from you (so you cannot claim that you have rejected my message because you were unable to give me what I had asked for). My reward shall be from Allaah and I have been commanded to be from those who submit (only to Him).”
73. They (the people of Nooh) rejected him, so We rescued him and those (Mu’mineen) with him in the ark (when the flood came) and made them successors (they succeeded the others as owners of their property). And We drowned those who rejected Our Aayaat. So see what was the plight of those who were warned (about the consequences of kufr but still did not accept Imaan)!  

74. We sent after him (Nooh) many Rusul to their nations. They (the Rusul) came to them (to their nations) with (many) clear signs (miracles to prove that they really were prophets), but the people were unlikely to believe what they had already rejected earlier (before the Prophets came to them). In this manner (as We had sealed the hearts of these people, so too) do We seal the hearts of those who transgress (those who overstep the limits that Allaah has set). (Because of their kufr and constant sin, the hearts of such people become hard and fail to respond to the truth.)  

75. Then We sent after them (after these Rusul) Moosa and Haaroon with clear signs (miracles to prove that they were Allaah’s Prophets) to Fir’oun and his ministers (chiefs). However, they were arrogant (refusing to accept the truth) and were a nation of sinners (who oppressed others).  

76. When the truth came to them from Us (when they saw the miracles of Moosa of the staff and shining hand), they said, “This is obviously magic!”  

77. Moosa said, “Do you say with regard to the truth when it comes to you, ‘Is this magic?’ (Do you not realise that when) Magicians (try to do something extraordinary to prove that they are Prophets, they) are never successful (in their attempt. I am therefore certainly a true Prophet of Allaah because I have successfully shown you miracles to prove that I am Allaah’s Prophet).”  

78. They (Fir’oun and his ministers) said, “Have you come to us to turn us away from that (religion) which we found our forefathers following so that the two of you (Moosa and
79. (To challenge Moosa) Fir‘oun said, “Bring every learned magician (from every part of Egypt) to me.”

80. Then, when the magicians came (to challenge Moosa and asked him whether he would like to begin the contest), Moosa told them, “Throw that (sticks and ropes) which you throw (to commence your magic).”

81. When they threw (their sticks and ropes which seemed to turn into snakes) Moosa told them, “What you have displayed is magic (and not what I had shown to Fir‘oun). Allaah shall soon eliminate it (destroy its effect). Surely Allaah does not allow the actions of mischief-makers to materialise (to have significant results).”

82. Allaah establishes (confirms) the truth with His words (His decrees and promises) even though the wrong-doers (the Kuffaar) detest it.

83. Only a few people from his nation believed in Moosa, fearing that Fir‘oun and his ministers would put them to trial (would torture them to make them forsake the religion of Moosa). Undoubtedly Fir‘oun was in a position of superiority (high-handed) in the land (of Egypt), and he was certainly one of the transgressors (high handed by claiming that he was Allaah).

84. (Encouraging his people to be strong against Fir‘oun’s tyranny) Moosa said, “O my people! If you believe in Allaah, then rely on Him only (for He will assist you against your enemies), if you are (really people who are) subservient (to Him).”
85. They said, “We rely on Allaah only. O our Rabb! Do not make us a test for the oppressive ones (let them not overpower us and therefore think that they are on the right path while we are not).

86. “And (O our Rabb) rescue us with Your mercy from the (tyranny and slavery of) those who do not have Imaan.”

87. We sent revelation (orders) to Moosa and his brother (Haaroon saying to them), “Establish homes for your people in Egypt (make separate colonies, so when calamities fall, you will not be affected at once), make your homes places of worship, establish salaaah (despite Fir’oun preventing you from salaaah) and give good news (glad tidings) to the Mu’mineen (that We shall soon assist them against their enemies and will enter them into Jannah in the Aakhirah).”

88. Moosa said, “O our Rabb! Indeed you have granted splendour (luxuries, riches) and wealth to Fir’oun and his ministers in this worldly life. O our Rabb! This (wealth they use) to lead (others) astray from Your path (from Touheed). O our Rabb! Destroy their wealth (so that they cannot use it for evil purposes) and harden their hearts so that they do not have Imaan until they witness a painful punishment (a time when having Imaan will be futile since it will there be too late).” (Haaroon also joined Moosa in this du’aa by saying “Aameen”.)

89. He (Allaah) said, “The prayer that the two of you have made has been accepted. So remain upright (steadfast on your call) and never follow the path of those without knowledge.” (Do not follow those who fail to understand that We have sound reasons for not punishing people immediately.)
90. (After escaping from Egypt) We made the Bani Israa’eeel cross the sea (Red Sea) while Fir’oun and his army (doggedly) chased them out of defiance and tyranny. They continued to give chase and even entered the pathways Allah created for the Bani Israa’eeel in the sea. Until (the time came when the pathways in the sea closed and) Fir’oun began to drown (when), he said, “I believe that there is no Ilaah but Him in Whom the Bani Israa’eeel believe, and I am from those who surrender.”

91. (It was then said to him) “(Do you believe only) Now, when (all the while) you were disobedient before (this incident that is claiming your life) and were among those who caused corruption (by misleading and oppressing others)?”

92. (He was further told) “Today We shall preserve (save) you with your body to be an Aayah (a sign and a lesson) for those after you (people who choose your course). (Unfortunately,) There are certainly (still) many people who are negligent of Our Aayaat (and fail to learn lessons from them).”

93. Indeed We settled the Bani Israa’eeel in a pleasant (desirable) abode (place) and provided them with pure things (to eat). They did not differ (concerning the principles and injunctions of their religion) until knowledge (of the various injunctions) came to them. Surely your Rabb shall decide between them on the Day of Judgement about that which they differed (division will always remain).

94. If you are in (any) doubt about what We have revealed (about the truth of the incidents mentioned in the Qur’aan), then ask those who were reciting the Book (the Torah) before you (they will confirm that these incidents are true because they had been told the same). Undoubtedly the truth has come to you from your Rabb, so never be of the doubtful ones.

95. And never be of those who deny Allaah's Aayaat, for then you will be of the (ultimate) losers (who will lose the rewards of both worlds).
96. Without doubt those against whom the word of your Rabb (decision of kufr) has passed will not accept Imaan...

97. ...even though every Aayah comes to them, until they see the agonising (painful) punishment (However, then it will be too late).

98. There has been no nation who accepted Imaan (just before Allaah's punishment struck them), where their Imaan profited them (because they were saved from Allaah's punishment), except the nation of Yunus. When they accepted Imaan, We turned away from them a punishment of disgrace in this worldly life and We granted them enjoyment for a while (for as long as they lived afterwards).

99. (O Muhammad ﷺ) If your Rabb willed, all those on earth would surely have Imaan (However, He knows best why He does not allow everyone to have Imaan). Will you force people (to accept Imaan, stopping at nothing) until they become Mu’mineen? (Your call is only to preach and not to force people. Therefore, do not grieve when they reject Imaan because it is no fault of yours.)

100. No soul can have Imaan without Allaah's order (will and grace). Allaah has set impurity (kufr and the resultant punishment) upon those who do not (want to) understand (Allaah's Aayaat).

101. Say, “Look at (carefully observe) whatever is in the heavens and the earth (look at all the signs of Allaah's greatness and try to recognise Him). (However,) Aayaat (signs) and warnings are of no use to those people who do not have Imaan (those whom Allaah knows will die as Kuffaar).

102. Are they (the Kuffaar) waiting only for the times (the punishment) that came to those (Kuffaar) before them (before accepting Imaan)? Say, “You wait for such a time when it will be too late to accept Imaan. I shall be of those who wait with you (for the final decision between truth and falsehood).”
103. Then (when Our punishment arrives,) We rescue Our Rusul and the Mu'mineen likewise (also). It is Our bounden duty (guarantee) to rescue the Mu'mineen (from punishment when they conform to the Shari'ah).

104. Say, "O people! If you are in doubt about my Deen, then (I would like to make it clear that) I do not worship what (idols and gods) you worship besides Allaah. However, I worship that Allaah Who shall take your lives. I have been commanded to be (to remain) one of the Mu'mineen...

105. ...and (I have been commanded with the words) 'Focus your attention towards the Deen in such a way that you turn away from all other religions (and their practices), never be among the Mushrikeen...

106. ...and, besides Allaah, do not call on (do not worship) any being who cannot benefit nor harm you (do not worship or pray to them because they cannot harm or benefit you). If you do so, then you will surely be of the oppressors (wrong-doers).”

107. If Allaah afflicts you with (any) harm, none can remove it besides Him. (On the other hand,) If He intends (any) good for you, then none can prevent His grace (none can stop the good from reaching you). He bestows His grace on those of His bondsman (servants) whom He pleases and He is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful (in both worlds).
108. Say (O Muhammad ﷺ), “O people! Certainly the truth has come to you from your Rabb. So whoever will be guided shall receive guidance only for himself (for his own benefit). (However) whoever will go astray shall go astray only to his own detriment (because he will have to suffer the consequences of his incorrect choice). I am not a guardian over you (I am not answerable for what you do).”

109. (O Rasulullah ﷺ) Follow what has been revealed to you and exercise sabr (do not melt in sorrow) until Allaah passes decision (until Allaah manifests His decision either to guide the Kuffaar to Islaam or to punish them). He is the Best of the deciders (therefore, His decision will always be the best).