

IN THE LIGHT OF SURAH AL-RUM

Prediction

The Romans have been defeated{2}. In the nearer land (Syria, Iraq, Jordan, and Palestine), and they, after their defeat, will be victorious{3}. Within three to nine years. The decision of the matter, before and after (these events) is only with Allâh, (before the defeat of Romans by the Persians, and after, i.e. the defeat of the Persians by the Romans). And on that Day, the believers (i.e. Muslims) will rejoice (at the victory given by Allâh to the Romans against the Persians),{4}. With the help of Allâh, He helps whom He wills, and He is the AllMighty, the Most Merciful{5}.

Reason for Prediction

Do they not think deeply (in their own selves) about themselves (how Allâh created them from nothing, and similarly He will resurrect them)? Allâh has created not the heavens and the earth, and all that is between them, except with truth and for an appointed term. And indeed many of mankind deny the Meeting with their Lord. [See *Tafsir At-Tabarî*, Part 21, Page 24]{8}.

Promise of Allah

(It is) a Promise of Allâh (i.e. Allâh will give victory to the Romans against the Persians), and Allâh fails not in His Promise, but most of men know not{6}. They know only the outside appearance of the life of the world (i.e. the matters of their livelihood, like irrigating or sowing or reaping, etc.), and they are heedless of the Hereafter{7}

End Result of Ill Actions

Do they not travel in the land, and see what was the end of those before them? They were superior to them in strength, and they tilled the earth and populated it in greater numbers than these (pagans) have done, and there came to them their Messengers with clear proofs. Surely, Allâh wronged them not, but they used to wrong themselves{9}. Then evil was the end of those who did evil, because they belied the *Ayât* (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, Messengers, etc.) of Allâh and made mock of them{10}.

Nay, but those who do wrong follow their own lusts without knowledge, Then who will guide him whom Allâh has sent astray? And for such there will be no helpers{29}.

Giving Birth Followed By Re-Creation

Allâh (Alone) originates the creation, then He will repeat it, then to Him you will be returned{11}. And on the Day when the Hour will be established, the *Mujrimûn* (disbelievers, sinners, criminals, polytheists, etc.) will be plunged into destruction with deep regrets, sorrows, and despair{12}. No intercessor will they have from those whom they made equal with Allâh (partners i.e. their so-called associate gods), and they will (themselves) reject and deny their partners{13}.

On the Day of Judgment

And on the Day when the Hour will be established, that Day shall (all men) be separated (i.e. the believers will be separated from the disbelievers){14}. Then as for those who believed (in the Oneness of Allâh Islâmic Monotheism) and did righteous good deeds, such shall be honoured and made to enjoy luxurious life (forever) in a Garden of delight (Paradise){15}. And as for those who disbelieved and belied Our *Ayât* (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons,

signs, revelations, Allâh's Messengers, Resurrection, etc.), and the Meeting of the Hereafter, such shall be brought forth to the torment (in the Hell-fire){16}.

Power of Allah

He brings out the living from the dead, and brings out the dead from the living. And He revives the earth after its death. And thus shall you be brought out (resurrected){19}. And among His Signs is this, that He created you (Adam) from dust, and then [Hawwa' (Eve) from Adam's rib, and then his offspring from the semen, and], - behold you are human beings scattered!{20}.

Creation of Wives with Similar Genes

And among His Signs is this, that He created for you wives from among yourselves, that you may find repose in them, and He has put between you affection and mercy. Verily, in that are indeed signs for a people who reflect{21}.

Languages and Colors as Symbols of Allah

And among His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the difference of your languages and colours. Verily, in that are indeed signs for men of sound knowledge{22}.

A Natural Religion

So set you (O Muhammad SAW) your face towards the religion of pure Islâmic Monotheism *Hanifa* (worship none but Allâh Alone) Allâh's *Fitrah* (i.e. Allâh's Islâmic Monotheism), with which He has created mankind. No change let there be in *Khalqillâh* (i.e. the Religion of Allâh Islâmic Monotheism), that is the straight religion, but most of men know not¹. [*Tafsir AtTabarî*, Vol 21, Page 41]{30}.

Your life

Allâh is He Who created you in (a state of) weakness, then gave you strength after weakness, then after strength gave (you) weakness and grey hair. He creates what He wills. And it is He Who is the AllKnowing, the All-Powerful (i.e. Able to do all things){54}.

Praising Allah Through Recitation

So glorify Allâh [above all that (evil) they associate with Him (O believers)], when you come up to the evening [i.e. offer the (*Maghrib*) sunset and ('*Ishâ'*) night prayers], and when you enter the morning [i.e offer the (*Fajr*) morning prayer]{17}. And His is all the praises and thanks in the heavens and the earth, and (glorify Him) in the afternoon (i.e. offer '*Asr* prayer) and when you come up to the time, when the day begins to decline (i.e offer *Zuhr* prayer). (Ibn 'Abbâs said: "These are the five compulsory congregational prayers mentioned in the Qur'ân."){18}.

For Those who Research

And among His Signs is the sleep[□] that you take by night and by day, and your seeking of His Bounty. Verily, in that are indeed signs for a people who listen{23}.

And among His Signs is that He shows you the lightning, by way of fear and hope, and He sends down water (rain) from the sky, and therewith revives the earth after its death. Verily, in that are indeed signs for a people who understand{24}.

And among His Signs is that the heaven and the earth stand by His Command, then afterwards when He will call you by single call, behold, you will come out from the earth (i.e. from your graves for reckoning and recompense){25}. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth. All are obedient to Him{26}.

Making Groups and Sects in Religion

(Always) Turning in repentance to Him (only), and be afraid and dutiful to Him; and perform *AsSalât (Iqâmat-asSalât)* and be not of *AlMushrikûn* (the disbelievers in the Oneness of Allah, polytheists, idolaters, etc.){31}. Of those who split up their religion (i.e. who left the true Islâmîc Monotheism), and became sects, [i.e. they invented new things in the religion (*Bid'ah*), and followed their vain desires], each sect rejoicing in that which is with it. □{32}.

Ingratitude

And when harm touches men, they cry sincerely only to their Lord (Allâh), turning to Him in repentance, but when He gives them a taste of His Mercy, behold! a party of them associate partners in worship with their Lord{33}. So as to be ungrateful for the graces which We have bestowed on them. Then enjoy (your short life); but you will come to know{34}. Or have We revealed to them a Scripture, which speaks of that which they have been associating with Him?{35}.

Allâh is He Who created you, then provided food for you, then will cause you to die, then (again) He will give you life (on the Day of Resurrection). Is there any of your (so-called) partners (of Allâh) that do anything of that ? Glory

be to Him! And Exalted be He above all that (evil) they associate (with Him){40}.

Loosing Faith

And when We cause mankind to taste of mercy, they rejoice therein, but when some evil afflicts them because of (evil deeds and sins) that their (own) hands have sent forth, lo! They are in despair!{36}.

Provisions

Do they not see that Allâh enlarges the provision for whom He wills and straitens (it for whom He wills). Verily, in that are indeed signs for a people who believe{37}.

Charity

So give to the kindred his due, and to *AlMiskîn* (the poor) and to the wayfarer. That is best for those who seek Allâh's Countenance, and it is they who will be successful{38}.

And that which you give in gift[□] (to others), in order that it may increase (your wealth by expecting to get a better one in return) from other people's property, has no increase with Allâh, but that which you give in *Zakât* seeking Allâh's Countenance then those, they shall have manifold increase{39}.

Faithful

Evil (sins and disobedience of Allâh, etc.) has appeared on land and sea because of what the hands of men have earned (by oppression and evil deeds, etc.), that Allâh

may make them taste a part of that which they have done, in order that they may return (by repenting to Allâh, and begging His Pardon){41}. Say (O Muhammad SAW): "Travel in the land and see what was the end of those before (you)! Most of them were *Mushrikûn* (the disbelievers in the Oneness of Allah, polytheists, idolaters, etc.)."{42}. So set you (O Muhammad SAW) your face to (the obedience of Allâh, your Lord) the straight and right religion (Islâmic Monotheism), before there comes from Allâh a Day which none can avert it. On that Day men shall be divided [(in two groups), a group in Paradise and a group in Hell]{43}. Whosoever disbelieves will suffer from his disbelief, and whosoever does righteous good deeds (by practising Islâmic Monotheism), then such will prepare a good place (in Paradise) for themselves (and will be saved by Allâh from His Torment){44}. That He may reward those who believe (in the Oneness of Allâh Islâmic Monotheism), and do righteous good deeds, out of His Bounty. Verily, He likes not the disbelievers{45}.

Winds as a Blessing

And among His Signs is this, that He sends the winds as glad tidings, giving you a taste of His Mercy (i.e. rain), and that the ships may sail at His Command, and that you may seek of His Bounty, in order that you may be thankful{46}.

Punishment in the form of Winds

And if We send a wind [which would spoil the green growth (tilth) brought up by the previous rain], and they see (their tilth) turn yellow, behold, they then after their being glad, would become unthankful (to their Lord Allâh as) disbelievers{51}.

(Knowledge Without Wisdom)

So verily, you (O Muhammad SAW) cannot make the dead to hear (i.e. the disbelievers, etc.), nor can you make the deaf to hear the call, when they show their backs, turning away{52}. And you (O Muhammad SAW) cannot guide the blind from their straying; you can make to hear only those who believe in Our *Ayât* (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.), and have submitted to Allâh in Islâm (as Muslims){53}.