

2:87. We gave Moosâ the Book and sent a succession of Messengers after him; We gave 'Eesâ the son of Maryam clear signs and supported him with the Pure Spirit. Is it that whenever there came to you a Messenger with something that was not in accordance with your desires, you became arrogant; some you disbelieved, and others you killed?

Here Allah reminds the Children of Israel that He sent Moosâ to them and gave him the Torah; after him, He sent Messengers who ruled in accordance with the Torah, until He sent their final Prophet, 'Eesâ ibn Maryam (ﷺ), and gave him clear signs that would be sufficient proof for any human to believe in him.

«supported him with the Pure Spirit» that is, Allah strengthened him with the Pure Spirit.

The majority of commentators stated that this refers to Jibreel (ﷺ); others suggested that it refers to faith by means of which Allah supports His slaves.

Yet, despite these blessings that cannot be quantified, when the Messengers came to you, «with something that was not in accordance with your desires, you became arrogant» that is, you were too arrogant to believe in them.

«some» of them «you disbelieved, and others you killed», so you gave precedence to your whims and desires over guidance, and to this world over the hereafter. This is an obvious rebuke.



﴿وَقَالُوا أَأُفْلِحُ بِمَا عَلَّمُنَا اللَّهُ إِكْفَرِهِمْ فَكَفِيلًا مَّا يُؤْمِنُونَ﴾ (سورة البقرة: ٨٨)

2:88. They say: Our hearts are impenetrably wrapped [against whatever you say]. Nay, Allah has cursed them for their disbelief; little is it they believe.