

That is, when a Book has come to them from Allah at the hands of the best of creation and the Seal of the Prophets, confirming that which is with them of the Torah, and they had prior knowledge of it and were certain of its coming – to the extent that if war broke out between them and the polytheists during the jāhiliyah, they would speak of the victory they would achieve when this Prophet (ﷺ) came, and warn them (the polytheists) about his imminent appearance and that they would fight the polytheists alongside him. But when this Book came to them, and the Prophet (ﷺ) whom they recognised, they rejected him out of resentment and envy that Allah would send it down, by His grace, upon whomever He willed among His slaves. So Allah cursed them and was angry with them, wrath upon wrath, because their disbelief was so great and because they kept doubting and associating others with Allah.

«And for the disbelievers there will be a humiliating» that is, painful «punishment», namely being thrown into hell and missing out on eternal bliss (in paradise). What a wretched situation they will be in, and what a bad deal they made when they gave up belief in Allah and in His Books and Messengers, and traded it for disbelief in Him and in His Books and Messengers, despite their knowledge and certainty. Thus their punishment will be more severe.



﴿وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ ءَامِنُوا بِمَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ قَالُوا تَأْمِنُوا بِمَا نُنَزِّلُ عَلَيْنَا وَيَكْفُرُوا
بِمَا وَرَاءَهُ. وَهُوَ الْحَقُّ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا مَعَهُمْ ۚ قُلْ فَلِمَ تَقْتُلُونَ أَنْبِيَاءَ اللَّهِ مِنْ قَبْلُ إِنْ
كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٩١﴾ وَلَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ مُوسَىٰ بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ ثُمَّ اتَّخَذْتُمُ الْعِجْلَ
مِنْ بَعْدِهِ وَأَنْتُمْ ظَالِمُونَ ﴿٩٢﴾ وَإِذْ أَخَذْنَا مِيثَاقَكُمْ وَرَفَعْنَا فَوْقَكُمُ
الطُّورَ خُذُوا مَا آتَيْنَاكُمْ بِقُوَّةٍ وَاسْمَعُوا قَالُوا سَمِعْنَا وَعَصَيْنَا وَأَشْرَبُوا