SECTION 1:  
Rule of Interpretation  
In the name of Allāh, the Beneficent, the Merciful.  
1 I, Allāh, am the best Knower,  
2 Allāh, (there is) no god but He, the Ever-living, the Self-subsisting, by Whom all subsist.  
3 He has revealed to thee the Book with truth, verifying that which is before it, and He revealed the Torah and the Gospel  
4 Aforetime, a guidance for the people, and He sent the Discrimination. Those who disbelieve in the messages of Allāh — for them is a severe chastisement. And Allāh is Mighty, the Lord of retribution.  
5 Surely nothing in the earth or in the heaven is hidden from Allāh.  
6 He it is Who shapes you in the wombs as He pleases. There is no god but He, the Mighty, the Wise.  
7 He it is Who has revealed the Book to thee; some of its verses are decisive — they are the basis of the Book — and others are allegorical. Then those in whose hearts is perversity follow the part of it which is allegorical, seeking to mislead, and seeking to give it (their own) interpretation. And none knows its interpretation save Allāh, and those firmly rooted in knowledge. They say: We believe in it, it is all from our Lord. And none mind except men of understanding.  
8 Our Lord, make not our hearts to deviate after Thou hast guided us and grant us mercy from Thee; surely Thou art the most liberal Giver.  
9 Our Lord, surely Thou
art the Gatherer of men on a
day about which there is no
doubt. Surely Allāh will not
fail in (His) promise.

SECTION 2:
Unity the Basis of all
Religions

10 Those who disbelieve,
neither their wealth nor
their children will avail
them aught against Allāh.
And they will be fuel for
fire —

11 As was the case of the
people of Pharaoh, and
those before them! They
rejected Our messages, so
Allāh destroyed them on
account of their sins. And
Allāh is Severe in requiting
(evil).

12 Say to those who dis-
believe: You shall be van-
quished, and driven togeth-
er to hell; and evil is the
resting-place.

13 Indeed there was a
sign for you in the two
hosts (which) met together
in encounter — one party
fighting in the way of Allāh
and the other disbelieving,
whom they saw twice as
many as themselves with
the sight of the eye. And
Allāh strengthens with His
aid whom He pleases.
There is a lesson in this for
those who have eyes.

14 Fair-seeming to men is
made the love of desires, of
women and sons and hoard-
ed treasures of gold and sil-
ver and well-bred horses
and cattle and tilth. This is
the provision of the life of
this world. And Allāh —
with Him is the good goal
(of life).

15 Say: Shall I tell you of
what is better than these?
For those who guard
against evil are Gardens
with their Lord, in which
rivers ßow, to abide in
them, and pure companions
and Allāh’s goodly plea-
sure. And Allāh is Seer of
the servants.

16 Those who say: Our
Lord, we believe, so forgive
our sins and save us from
the chastisement of the fire.

17 The patient and the
truthful, and the obedient,
and those who spend and
those who ask Divine pro-
tection in the morning
times.

18 Allāh bears witness
that there is no god but He,
and (so do) the angels and
those possessed of knowledge, maintaining justice. There is no god but He, the Mighty, the Wise.

19 Surely the (true) religion with Allāh is Islām. And those who were given the Book differed only after knowledge had come to them, out of envy among themselves. And whoever disbelieves in the messages of Allāh — Allāh indeed is Quick at reckoning.

20 But if they dispute with thee say: I submit myself entirely to Allāh and (so does) he who follows me. And say to those who have been given the Book and the Unlearned (people): Do you submit yourselves? If they submit, then indeed they follow the right way; and if they turn back, thy duty is only to deliver the message. And Allāh is Seer of the servants.

SECTION 3: The Kingdom is Granted to Another People

21 Those who disbelieve in the messages of Allāh and would slay the prophets unjustly and slay those among men who enjoin justice, announce to them a painful chastisement.

22 Those are they whose works will be of no avail in this world and the Hereafter, and they will have no helpers.

23 Hast thou not seen those who are given a portion of the Book? They are invited to the Book of Allāh that it may decide between them, then a party of them turn back and they withdraw.

24 This is because they say: The Fire shall not touch us but for a few days; and that which they forge deceives them regarding their religion.

25 Then how will it be when We gather them together on a day about which there is no doubt. And every soul shall be fully paid what it has earned, and they shall not be wronged?

26 Say: O Allāh, Owner of the Kingdom, Thou givest the kingdom to whom Thou pleasest, and takest away the kingdom from whom Thou pleasest,
and Thou exaltest whom
Thou pleasest and abasest
whom Thou pleasest. In
Thine hand is the good.
Surely, Thou art Possessor
of power over all things.

27 Thou makest the night
to pass into the day and
Thou makest the day to
pass into the night; and
Thou bringest forth the liv-
ing from the dead and Thou
bringest forth the dead from
the living; and Thou givest
sustenance to whom Thou
pleasest without measure.

28 Let not the believers
take the disbelievers for
friends rather than believ-
ers. And whoever does this
has no connection with
Allâh—except that you
guard yourselves against
them, guarding carefully.
And Allâh cautions you
against His retribution. And
Allâh is Compassionate to the
servants.

30 On the day when every
soul will find present that
which it has done of good;
and that which it has done
of evil — it will wish that
between it and that (evil)
there were a long
distance. And Allâh cau-
tions you against His retri-
bution. And Allâh is Com-
passionate to the servants.

SECTION 4:
Last Members of a
Chosen Race

31 Say: If you love Allâh,
follow me: Allâh will love
you, and grant you protec-
tion from your sins. And
Allâh is Forgiving, Merciful.

32 Say: Obey Allâh and
the Messenger; but if they
turn back, Allâh surely
loves not the disbelievers.

33 Truly Allâh chose
Adam and Noah and the
descendants of Abraham
and the descendants of
Amran above the nations,

34 Offspring, one of the
other. And Allâh is Hear-
ing, Knowing.

35 When a woman of
Amran said: My Lord, I
vow to Thee what is in my
womb, to be devoted (to
Thy service), so accept (it)