

Misconducts of children of Israel (Jews) mentioned, that include calf worship, breach of covenant with Allah, rejecting revelations, killing Allah's messengers, their accusation on Mariam, mother of Jesus (a.s), their conspiracies and the killing plot against Jesus (Eisaa a.s) and authorizing usury, consequently Allah punished them.

Address to Christians – do not exaggerate (عُلُو) the status of Jesus Christ. He was a mighty messenger of God, not the son of God. Neither there are three Gods (but there is only one God the only Deity)

Invitation to the People of the Book to accept the Truth before hand (Islam), the true teachings of Jesus

Surah al-Ma'idah (The Table Spread)- Revealed in Madinah soon after the Treaty of Hudaibiyah

The Surah takes its name after the story in which Jesus's disciples asked that a table spread might be sent down from Heaven, and their prayer was granted

This Surah deals with topics of commandments and instructions about the religious, cultural and political life of the Muslims, focussed on consolidation of the Islamic Community:

Discussion of dietary laws (lawful and unlawful), pilgrimage and its etiquettes, marriage, and criminal punishment for certain crimes (such as stealing and consuming liquor etc.)

Believers have been instructed to honour all their bonds (and treaties), live with justice, being upright and moral, avoiding sin, corruption and superstition, and doing the deeds of piety and righteousness.

Allah's declaration – He perfected this Deen (of Islam) and graciously bestowed upon believers His bounty in full measure. Indeed, this is the biggest favor from Allah to this Ummah.

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

Perfection of religion of Islam - refers to self-sufficient system of belief and conduct, and an order of social life. This system contains all necessary guidance for human being, either by expounding fundamental principles from which detailed directives can be deduced or by spelling out such directives explicitly.

This also necessitates the Quran to be the unadulterated final book and Prophet Muhammad the last messenger

Breaching the covenant by children of Israel – consequently, It cast them away from Allah's mercy and caused their hearts to harden. Christians also broke their covenant with Allah. Muslims are enjoined to keep it.

The story of the two sons of Adam (Cain and Abel- قابيل و هابيل) has been related to reproach the Jews for their plot to kill the Prophet and his Companions. The righteous under no situation give up right attitude and behavior

Sanctity of human life slaying a soul is like slaying whole mankind, and saving a life is like saving whole humanity

Sanctity of property is emphasized. Penalties mentioned for those who create chaos in the Islamic society.

Expect nothing better from those who had forsaken their own Book (Torah), therefore in spite of enmity, the evil designs and the collusions of the Jews, continue exerting your utmost to establish the right way in accordance with the guidance of the Quran

Strive hard in the way of Allah, believers have been instructed. It directs the believer to engage in a ceaseless, multifrontal struggle, against accursed Satan, their own refractory desires, false religious, cultural and social systems, and other rebellious forces causing hurdle in establishing a just order and man's relation to its Creator.

Torah had guidance for the people. Children of Israel had been instructed to establish the code revealed in Torah to judge the affairs of people according to revealed rulings. They have been sturdily reminded that if they don't enact and judge people's affair according to revealed code (of Torah), then such people are 1- unbelievers (الْكُفْرُونَ) 2- wrongdoers (الظَّالِمُونَ) 3- transgressors (الْفَاسِقُونَ). A stern warning for Muslims for ignoring to implement the laws revealed in Quran for very same purpose.

Six qualities of believers, They, 1- love Allah and Allah will love them 2-humble towards the believers 3- firm towards the unbelievers 4- strive hard in the way of Allah (for Allah's deen) 5-follow the religion of Allah, in implementing His injunctions, in judging things according to the criteria of the faith 6- Impervious to opposition, reproach, denunciation and name-calling

Real Task –observing Allah's Book honestly and making it law of the life (v-68). Say to them: 'People of the Book! You have no solid ground to stand on unless you **establish** the Torah and the Gospel and all that had been revealed to you from your Lord. (Is this call not for Muslims?)

قُلْ يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ لَسْتُمْ عَلَىٰ شَيْءٍ حَتَّىٰ تُقِيمُوا التَّوْرَةَ وَالْإِنْجِيلَ وَمَا أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكُمْ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ