

'Abdallah ibn 'Umar [al-Baydawi](#) (d. ~1286-1316) - Shafi'i jurist, chief judge of Shiraz, Persian scholar, writer. In his important Qur'anic exegesis *The Secrets of Revelation and The Secrets of Interpretation*, (*Anwaar al-Tanziil wa-Asraar al-Ta'wiil*), he gives this commentary on Qur'an [5:82](#) & [2:61](#), the Jews "humiliation and wretchedness".

...“humiliation and wretchedness” covered them like a dome, or stuck to them like wet clay to a wall—a metaphor for their denial of the bounty. The Jews are mostly humiliated and wretched either of their own accord, or out of coercion of the fear of having their jizya doubled....Either they became deserving of His wrath [or]...the affliction of “humiliation and wretchedness” and the deserving wrath which preceded this.

...“because they disbelieved and killed the prophets unjustly” by reason of their disbelief in miracles, e.g. the splitting of the sea, the clouds giving shade, and the sending of the manna and quails, and splitting of the rock into twelve fountains/or, disbelief in the revealed books, e.g. the Gospel, Qur'an, the verse of stoning, and the Torah verse in which Muhammad is depicted; and their killing of the prophets like Shay`aa [Isaiah], Zakariyyaa, Yahyaa, et al., all killed unjustly because they considered that of these prophets nothing was to be believed and thus they deserved to be killed.

In addition [God] accuses them of following fantasy and love of this world, as he demonstrates in His saying [line 14] “this if for their transgression and sin” i.e. rebelliousness, contrariness, and hostility brought them into disbelief in the signs, and killing the prophets. Venial sins lead to serious sins, just as small bits of obedience lead to larger ones....God repeated this proof of what is inveterate [in the Jews], which is the reason for their unbelief and murder, and which is the cause of their committing sins and transgressing the bounds God set."

*Baydawi. ed. Fleischer, H. O. Commentarius in Coranum. Anwaar al-Tanziil Wa-Asraar al-Ta'wiil. 1846—48. Reprint Osnabrück 1968, p. 63. English translation by Michael Schub.*

Also from *The Secrets of Revelation*:

"... on the authority of Ibn Abbas ... that the jizyah is taken from the dhimmi, [while] his neck is being hung low." (Andrew Bostom [Legacy of Jihad](#))

Baydawi: on Qur'an [5:82](#) repeatedly linked to the curse of Qur'an [2:61](#):

"...because of [the Jews'] intense obstinacy, multifaceted disbelief, and their addiction to following their whims, their adherence to the blind following of their tradition, their distancing themselves from the truth, and their unrelenting denial of, and hostility toward, the prophets...[the Christians] ...easiness to deal with, the softness of their

hearts, their dismissal of gain in this world, and their serious concern with learning and good deeds...their acceptance of the truth as soon as they understand it; or, because of their humility as opposed to the arrogance of the Jews..."

*Baydawi. Anwaar al-Tanzil Wa-Asraar al-Ta'wil, Vol. I, p. 270 ([Bostom](#))*