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Hebrew Bible
Genesis 41:38-45

38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants: 'Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom the spirit of God is?' 39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph: 'Forasmuch as God hath shown thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou. 40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled; only in the throne will I be greater than thou.' 41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph: 'See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.' 42 And Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck. 43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him: 'Abrech'; and he set him over all the land of Egypt. 44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph: 'I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt.' 45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.

English Translation: JPS
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New Testament text
Acts 6: 1-7

1 Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. 2 And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, ‘It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait at tables. 3 Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, 4 while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.’ 5 What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte of Antioch. 6 They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. 7 The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

English Translation: NRSV

1Ἐν δὲ ταῖς ἡμέραις ταύταις πληθυνόντων τῶν μαθητῶν ἐγένετο γογγυσμός τῶν Ἑλληνιστῶν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑβραίους, ὅτι παρεθεωροῦντο ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ τῇ καθημερινῇ αἱ χήραι αὐτῶν. 2προσκαλεσάμενοι δὲ οἱ δώδεκα τὸ πλῆθος τῶν μαθητῶν εἶπαν, Ὁυκ ἀρεστὸν ἡττῶν ἡμᾶς καταλείψαντας τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ διακονεῖν τραπέζαις: ἔπισκεψάσθε δὲ, ἀδελφοί, ἄνδρας ἐξ ὑμῶν μαρτυρουμένους ἐπὶ πλήρεις πνεύματος καὶ σοφίας, οὓς καταστήσωμεν ἐπί τῆς ταύτης ταύτης ἥμεις δὲ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ διακονίᾳ τοῦ λόγου προσκαρτερήσωμεν. Ῥακ ἔρεισθεν ὁ λόγος ἐνώπιον παντὸς τοῦ πλῆθους, καὶ ἐξελέξαντο Στέφανον, ἄνδρα πλήρης πίστεως καὶ πνεύματος ἁγίου, καὶ Φίλιππον καὶ Πρόχορον καὶ Νικάνορα καὶ Τίμωνα καὶ Παρμενᾶν καὶ Νικόλαον προσήλυτον Αντιοχέα, ὥς ἔστησαν ἐνώπιον τῶν ἁπαστόλων, καὶ προσευξάμενοι ἐπέθεκαν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας. Ῥακ ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ ἐνώπιον, καὶ ἐπληθύνετο ὁ ἄριθμος τῶν μαθητῶν ἐν Ἰερούσαλημ σφόδρα, πολὺς τε ὁχλὸς τῶν ἱερέων ὑπήκουον τῇ πίστει.
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Qur’an text
Surah Taha 20:25-36

25 Moses said, 'Lord, lift up my heart 26 and ease my task for me. 27 Untie my tongue, 28 so that they may understand my words, 29 and give me a helper from my family, 30 my brother Aaron—31 augment my strength through him. 32 Let him share my task 33 so that we can glorify You much 34 and remember You often: 35 You are always watching over us.' 36 God said, 'Moses, your request is granted.

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