Surah 56 Surah Waaqi'ah

THE HAPPENING

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH WAAQI'AH AND SURAH AR RAHMAAN

The concluding verse of Surah Ar Rahmaan mentions, "Blessed is the name of your Rabb, the Possessor of majesty and benevolence." This verse denotes that even Allaah's name is most blessed. Allaah says in the final verse of Surah Waaqi'ah, "So glorify the name of your Majestic Rabb" i.e. one should praise Allaah's name and express His purity from all partners.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

* The beginning of the Surah classifies people into three groups, viz. (1) As'haabul Maymanah (those on the right), (2) As'haab Masha'mah (those on the left) and (3) the Saabiqoon (those who have excelled far ahead).
* The qualities of each groups are then mentioned.
* A brief mention of these groups is repeated towards the end.
* The grandeur of the Qur'aan is emphasised.
* Acceptance of the Qur'aan is encouraged.
* Mushrikeen's disobedience is exposed.
* The core assertion of the Surah is mentioned once midway between the Surah (verse 74) and once at the end (verse 96).
* Four logical proofs of Allaah's power are also mentioned. These are found in:
  1. Verses 57 to 62
  2. Verses 63 to 67,
  3. Verses 68 to 70 and in
  4. Verses 71 to 73.
1. When Qiyaamah will take place...

2. ...there shall be none to deny its occurrence.

3. It will lower (those Kuffaar who behaved haughtily in this world) and elevate (those humble and sincere Mu'mineen who were looked down upon in this world).

4. (Qiyaamah will be the day) When the earth shall convulse (shake uncontrollably) with violent earthquakes.

5. And the mountains will be shattered (crumble) to pieces...

6. ...and become like scattered (flying) dust (floating about in the air).

7. You people will then be (sorted out) in three groups.

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate the Most Merciful.
8. So (the first group are) the people of the right (the sincere Mu'mineen); how excellent are the people of the right! (They are referred to as the “people of the right” because they will receive the record of their actions in their right hands, indicating their entry into Jannah.)

9. And (the second group are) the people of the left; how wretched are the people of the left! (They are referred to as the “people of the left” because they will receive the record of their actions in their left hands, indicating their entry into Jahannam.)

10. The foremost (in piety) will be foremost (in Jannah). (They are the third group, who comprise of Mu'mineen of the highest calibre, such as the Ambiyaa and the Siddiqueen.)

11. These (the foremost in piety) are indeed those brought close (nearest to Allaah).

12. They will be (enjoying themselves) in Jannaat of bliss (delight).

13. (Making up this group of the forerunners, there shall be) A large group from among the earlier ones (the people before Rasulullaah…)

14. …and a few from among the later ones (the people after Rasulullaah…). (The people before Rasulullaah make up a large portion of this group because they were greater in number and because there were tens of thousands of Ambiya among them while no Nabi will come after Rasulullaah.)

15. (On the Day of Qiyaamah) They will be (reclining) on woven thrones (thrones woven with thread of pure gold).
16. Reclining on these facing each other (so that they can easily converse with each other).

17. Youngsters of eternal (immortal) youth shall wait on them (serve)...

18....with goblets and jugs and glasses filled with flowing (pure) wine.

19. Neither will they suffer headaches with it (because of this wine), nor will they be intoxicated (because it will be unlike the impure wine of this world).

20. And (they will be served) a variety of fruits to choose from...

21....and the meat of the birds they desire.

22. And (in addition to all of this, they shall have) fair large-eyed damsels (as their wives)...

23....who are like preserved (protected) pearls (because of their beauty, complexion and purity).

24. (They will receive all of this) As a reward for the deeds they carried out (in the world).
25. They will not hear any (unpleasant) noise there (in Jannah) nor any foolish (idle and sinful) talk.

26. Instead they will hear the (pleasant) call (greeting) of “Salaam” (Peace), “Salaam” (Peace). (They will greet each other with the words of Salaam; will be greeted by the angels with these words; and Allaah will also greet them with these words.)

27. The people of the right, how excellent are the people of the right!

28. They will be (enjoying themselves) in (gardens of) thornless lotus flowers...

29. ...and other trees laden (with fruit)...

30. ... (They will be enjoying all these bounties) In unlimited shade. (The environment will be without harsh sunshine. Although they will have ample light, they will feel comfortable like a person who is shaded.)

31. ...And (enjoying the refreshing) flowing water...

32. ...And an abundance of fruit (of all types)...

33. ....that will not come to an end (because another fruit will immediately grow in the place of a plucked one) and will not be restricted (they will have as much as they please)...

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34. ...And (they will be reclining on) elevated thrones (couches).

35. Indeed We have created these damsels (whom the "people of the right" shall marry) pure (without any impurities in their bodies or their behaviour).

36. And We have made them all (pure) virgins...

37. ...most beloved (every facet of their appearance and behaviour will be pleasing to their husbands) and of equal (the same) age...

38. ...for the people of the right.

39. (Making up the people of the right shall be) A large group (member) from among the early ones (the people before Rasulullaah ﷺ) ...

40. ...and a large group (number) from among the later ones (the people after Rasulullaah ﷺ).

41. And (as for) the people of the left, how wretched are the people of the left!

42. They shall be (suffering) in a fierce scorching wind (hot vapour), boiling (burning) water...
43. …and the shade of black smoke…

44. …that will neither be cool nor hospitable. (Rather, it will add to the heat and misery.)

45. Verily these people used to indulge in their wealth and luxuries before (in the world).

46. They used to persistently commit major sins (like Shirk, belying the Ambiyaa and denying resurrection).

47. They used to say, “After we die and have become sand and bones, will we then be resurrected (raised up)??

48. “Or our early forefathers?”

49. Say, “Indeed the early ones and the latter ones…”

50. “…shall certainly be gathered for an appointment of a known day (Whose the time Allaah has specified).”

51. “Then, O you who deviated (from the straight path) rejecters of Imaan …”
52. “...you shall surely eat from the Zaqqoom (cursed) tree (see verses 62-67 of Surah 37).”

53. “And you shall fill your bellies with it (because of your intense hunger).”

54. “You shall (then) drink boiling water upon it (to try to force the scraps down)…”

55. “…and you shall drink like thirsty camels.”

56. This is the hospitality they will receive on the Day of Reckoning.

57. We have created you, so why do you (Kuffaar) not accept (Imaan)?

58. Tell me about the seed (sperm) that you issue forth? (Do you have control over its course and the process of conception?)

59. (After conception.) Do you create the child or are We the Creators?

60. We have decreed death among you and We are not helpless...

61. ...to replace you with others like you and make you into forms (beings) that you have no knowledge of.
62. You already have knowledge of the first (time Allaah created the whole of) creation, so why do you not take heed (and realise that it is simple for Allaah to create you again on the Day of Qiyaamah)?

63. Tell me about what you plant.

64. Do you make it (the seed) grow or are We the Ones who make it grow?

65. If We wish We could reduce it (your crops) to bits (by some disaster) and leave you astounded...

66....(saying) “We are being taxed (burdened with debt and ruined),”

67. “Indeed, we are deprived (for we have lost everything).”

68. Tell me about the water you drink.

69. Do you cause it to rain from the clouds or is it We Who cause it to rain?

70. If We willed it, We could have made the water salty (depriving you of anything to quench your
71. Tell me about the fire that you kindle.

72. Did you create the tree (to make the fire) or is it We Who created it?

73. We have made it as a reminder (of Our great power) and as a source of benefit to the travellers (who are then able to light fires as they journey).

74. So glorify the name of your Majestic Rabb (to express your thanks for everything He has given you).

75. I swear by the positions of the stars (where they rise and set)!

76. This is undoubtedly a great oath if you (only) knew (understand).

77. Verily this (revelation to Rasulullah ﷺ) is the honourable Qur’aan...

78. ...(which is recorded) in a preserved book (the “Lohul Mahfooth”).

79. Only the pure ones (the angels, who are pure from sin) may touch it (the “Lohul Mahfooth”). (The
Shayaateen and all evil forces have absolutely no access to it.)

80. (This Qur’aan is) A revelation from the Rabb of the universe.

81. Do you regard this (Qur’aan) as something trivial (something to be treated lightly)?

82. Have you fixed as your shares (have you resolved) that you shall reject (the Qur’aan)?

83. So (if you feel powerful enough to oppose the message of your Creator) why do you not (intervene) when the soul reaches the throat (of a dying person)...

84....and you (as family and friends) are all there watching (helplessly)?

85. We are even nearer to him than you but you fail to see (despite knowing at that moment that We are in control of all affairs, you still choose to exert your opinions over Ours and reject what We say).

86. If you are exempt from being resurrected (as you claim), why do you not...

87. ...return the soul (of a dead person to his body) if you are truthful (in your claim that things will happen as you wish and not as the Ambiyaa inform you)?

88. Therefore, (after leaving this world) if someone it from among those brought close (to Allaah)...
89. ...he shall have comfort (rest), sustenance (provisions) and the Jannaat of bliss (delight).

90. If he was from among the people of the right...

91. ...(he will be told), “Peace be on you. You are from the people of the right (and have nothing to fear).”

92. However, if he was among the rejecters (disbelievers) and deviated (astray) ones...

93. ...he will be served boiling water...

94. ...and shall enter (be cast into) the blazing fire.

95. This is most definitely the irrefutable (undeniable) truth.

96. So glorify the name of your Majestic Rabb (and do your best to secure salvation in the Aakhirah).