Surah 75 Surah Qiyaamah

(The Day of) QIYAMAH

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH QIYAAMAH AND THE OTHER SURAHS

Apart from rejecting Towheed, the Mushrikeen also rejected the belief in Qiyaamah along with the rewards and punishment in the Aakhirah. Therefore, Allaah emphasises belief in Qiyaamah from Surah Qiyaamah up to the end of Surah Taariq (Surah 86). Since Towheed is the central belief of a Mu'min, it is also repeatedly mentioned in many of the Surahs.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

In the first two verses, Allaah takes two oaths to emphasise that the advent of Qiyaamah is inevitable. "Does man think that We shall never gather his bones?...until the words ...When will Day of Qiyaamah come?" [verses 3 to 6]. In these verses, Allaah condemns the Mushrikeen for thinking that He cannot resurrect them, whereas the feat is not difficult at all for Allaah. Allaah will even reproduce their original fingerprints when resurrecting their decayed corpses.

In verses 7 to 15, Allaah warns people about the Aakhirah. Allaah conveys the message to Rasulullaah ﷺ that He can easily embed the Qur’aan within Rasulullaah ﷺ’s heart without any effort just as He can combine the sun and the moon and resurrect people with as fine a detail as their fingerprints.

Allaah then chides people in verses 20 and 21 for preferring the world to the Aakhirah. Thereafter, Allaah promises good fortune of certain people, when he says, "Many faces (the faces of the people in Jannah) on that day (of Qiyaamah) will be resplendent, looking at their Rabb." On the contrary, there will be others not so fortunate, who will have to suffer punishment on the Day of Qiyaamah, as mentioned in verses 24 to 30.

In the remaining verses of the Surah, Allaah again condemns those who think that man has been created without a definite a purpose. Allaah also conveys the message that He can easily resurrect people because He is the one who created them the first time.
In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

1. I swear by the Day of Qiyaamah!

2. And I swear by the rebuking Nafs [the inner voice that reprimands a person when he does wrong or when his good deeds are deficient]!

3. Does man think that We shall never gather his bones [to resurrect him on the Day of Qiyaamah]?

4. Why not? [We most certainly will]! We have the power to perfect even his fingertips! (When We resurrect him, We will even reproduce to perfection details as fine as his fingertips.)

5. The fact is that man [refutes Qiyaamah because he] wants to [continue to] sin [in the life] ahead of him. (He knows that if he believes in Qiyaamah, he will have to stop sinning in preparation for it.)

6. He [sarcastically] asks, “When will the Day of Qiyaamah come?”

7. When eyes will be bewildered [dazed out of extreme fear]...
8. ...the moon will eclipse (lose its light)...

9. ...and the sun and moon will be joined (and both will be without light)...

10. ...man will say on that day, “Where is an escape?”

11. No! There is definitely no place of safety (to escape).

12. On this day, the only abode (place of safety) shall be towards your Rabb.

13. On that day man will be informed of whatever (actions) he had sent ahead (carried out) and left behind (in the world without carrying out).

14. In reality, man will be well aware of himself (of the wrongs he did)...

15. ...even though he will make excuses (in an attempt to prove his innocence).

16. (When revelation used to come to Rasulullaah ﷺ, he repeated the words immediately upon hearing them, fearing that he would forget them. In this manner, the physical strain on him was increased. Affectionately advising him not to exert himself so much, Allaah says,) Do not move your tongue with the (words of the) Qur’aan to hasten it. (Allaah commanded Rasulullaah ﷺ to first listen attentively to the recitation of the Qur’aan and only then to repeat the words.)
17. Verily, it is Our responsibility to collect it (to make you memorise the words of the Qur'aan) and to make you recite it.

18. So when We have recited it (with Jibra'eel's help), follow its recitation (once the recitation has been completed).

19. Thereafter, (after We have revealed it,) it is Our responsibility to make it clear. (We will ensure that you are able to recite it clearly to people and to convey it to them.)

20. (Addressing those who deny the coming of Qiyaamah, Allaah says,) It shall not be (as you say. Qiyaamah will certainly take place). The fact is that you (deny Qiyaamah because you) love this world...

21. ...and you forsake the Aakhirah.

22. Many faces (of the people in Jannah) on that day (of Qiyaamah) will be resplendent (shining brightly)...

23. ...(while) looking at their Rabb.

24. And many faces on that day will be gloomy...
25. …sensing that they will be dealt with most severely.

26. Never! (This world can never be preferred over the Aakhirah, especially because people have to leave the world and everything in it behind when they die. Death is that time) When the soul reaches the collar-bone…

27. …and it is said (by those around the dying person), “Who can cure (save) him?”

28. …(They ask this) while certain that this is really the parting (from this world and that none can save him).

29. (Death is the time) When one leg is planted close to the other (as the dying person prepares for death)…

30. …on this day you will be drawn towards your Rabb.

31. So (if the dying person was a Kaafir, his plight will be a terrible one because) he neither accepted (Imaan) nor performed salaah…

32. …but instead he rejected (Imaan and Islaam) and walked away (from the one calling him to Islaam).

33. Then (without regret and without searching for the truth) he went to his family in arrogance (defiantly).
34. Woe to you (O Kaafir) and woe to you again!

35. Woe to you yet again and again!

36. Does man think that he will be left to be (free without being required to fulfil Allaah’s commands and without being called to account for his actions)?

37. Was he (man) not a discharge of semen (In the womb at one stage)…

38. …after which he developed into a clot of blood and then He (Allaah) created him and perfected him?

39. Then Allaah made among him (mankind) two sexes, male and female?

40. Does He (Allaah Who created mankind from nothing) then not have the power to resurrect the dead (on the Day of Qiyaamah)?