Surah 50 Surah Qaaf

QAAF

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH QAAF AND THE PRECEDING SURAHS

Surahs Muhammad, Fatah and Hujuraat formed part of the last fifth of the Qur'aan outline aspects of Jihaad. Thereafter, Surahs Qaaf, Dhaariyaat and Toor begin the second part, detailing aspects like resurrection and reckoning.

The first part instructs Muslims to fight the Mushrikeen because they ascribe many partners to Allaah. The second part mentions that besides their Shirk, they also refute resurrection, Qiyaamah and reckoning.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

This Surah contains the following:

* Two logical proofs to substantiate resurrection, the first is detailed, while the second is brief.
* The beginning of the Surah reproaches the Kuffaar.
* The end of the Surah consoles Rasulullaah.
* In between, Towheed is dealt with in greater degree than was mentioned in the Preceding Surahs.
* The Kuffaar are warned about the punishment they will face in the Aakhirah.
* Glad tidings of Jannah are given to the Mu'mineen.
In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

1. Qaaf. (Only Allaah knows the correct meaning of this letter.) By the oath of the Glorious Qur’aan (you people will certainly be resurrected).

2. Yet (despite receiving proof that Rasulullah ﷺ is a Rasool) they (the Kuffaar) are astonished (amazed) that a warner (a Nabi) has come to them from among themselves (warning them about the coming of Qiyamah and resurrection). So (in response to the warning) the Kaafiroon say, “This (resurrection) is something (very) strange.”

3. “Will we be brought back to life after we have (died, after we have been buried and) become sand? This resurrection is certainly farfetched (a fabrication and unbelievable)!”

4. We know what the earth diminishes of them (decomposes of their bodies and we are able to collect every part together for resurrection) and (in addition) with Us is the Protected Book (the “Lowhul Mahfoodh” which contains these and all other details).

5. (Despite hearing the truth,) They (the Kuffaar) reject the truth when it comes to them and are in a confused (restless) state.

6. (To understand Our power to resurrect the dead,) Have they not looked at the sky above (all that is above) them and seen how (well) We have made it, beautified (decorated) it and that it has no cracks (despite its size, height, age and many functions)?

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7. And (have they not looked at) the earth which We have spread out, placed massive mountains on it and have produced on it every (all) type of magnificent growth?

8. (These are all) Eye-openers and reminders for every repentant slave (sincere believer informing him that Our powers are immense and that resurrecting the dead is a small feat for Us).

9. (In addition to all of this,) We have sent blessed rains from the sky and have grown with it gardens grains for havest...

10. …and tall date palms with interwoven branches...

11. …as a provision for man. And We have (also) revived dead (barren) land with it (with the rains). Such shall the resurrection be (when We shall revive dead bodies).

12. The nation of Nooh, the people of the well (a community of Kuffaar who were swallowed by the earth as they sat beside a well) and the Thamud rejected (the message of their Ambiyaa) before them.

13. So too did the Aad, Fir’oun, the people of Loot...

14. …the people of the forest (Madyan) and the nation of Tubba. Each one of them rejected their Rusul, so My warning (of punishment) came to pass.
15. Did We get tired with the first creation (after creating everything for the first time)? No. Yet they are in doubt (deception) about the new creation (resurrection, which would be easier because it is a repeat of an act that has already been performed previously).

16. Verily (truly) We have created man, We are aware of the (evil) whispers that enter his heart (soul) and We are closer to him than his jugular vein. (We know him better than himself.)

17. (Do not forget each time) When the two receivers (angels) receive (record the good and bad acts of a person), sitting on his right and left hand sides (respectively).

18. Whenever a word escapes (from a person’s mouth), there is a guard ready by him. (An angel immediately records the good or bad speech).

19. The pangs (agony) of death will bring the truth (of Imaan to every person). (Then it will then be said to the dying person,) “This (death) is what you used to avoid.” (However, now you have no option.)

20. (Then, to bring people back to life on the day of Qiyaamah,) The trumpet will be sounded. (The people will then be told,) “This is what you were warned about.”

21. Every soul shall come with an angel (who will take him to the place where he will be questioned) and a witness (the angel who has recorded all his actions).
22. (The person will then be told) “You were certainly heedless (inconvenient) about this (day). We have removed your veils from you (opened your eyes) and your vision (insight) is ever sharp today (you can now see what was unseen to you in the world),”

23. His companion (the angel who always remained with him to record his actions) shall (present the record of actions and) say, “This is what I have ready (prepared).”

24. (After reckoning, Allaah will command the angels saying,) “Throw every obstinate (stubborn, ungrateful) Kaafir into Jahannam,…”

25. “…everyone who prevented (hindered) good, who was rebellious (transgressing) and who created doubts,…”

26. “…(and) who ascribed another Ilah with Allaah. So fling (cast) him into a severe (terrible) punishment.”

27. His companion (the Shaytaan who always remained with him) will say, “O our Rabb! I did not (forcibly) mislead him but he was in distant deviation (of his own accord. So do not punish me for his wrongdoing).”

28. Allaah shall say, “Do not argue (quarrel) before me (for it is fruitless). I have already sent a warning to you (informing you that those who go astray shall be punished).”

29. “(So prepare to be punished because) The decision (order) that proceeds from Me shall never be altered and I do not oppress My slaves. (They will be punished only because they deserve the punishment for their sins).”
30. On the day (of Qiyaamah) We shall ask Jahannam, “Are you full?” and she will reply, “Are there any more (to come because I still have more space?)”

31. (On the Day of Qiyaamah) Jannah will be brought close to those with Taqwa and will not be far away (so that it can be observed in all its splendour).

32. (They will then be told,) “This is what you have been promised for every penitent (repentant) and conscientious (sincere) person.”

33. (This person is) “The one who feared Allaah without seeing Him and has arrived with a repentant heart (a heart that is attached to Allaah).”

34. (Upon reaching Jannah, they will be told) “Enter it (Jannah) in peace (without any fear of hardship or fear of being removed). This is a day of eternal (unending) life.”

35. They shall have whatever they desire there (in Jannah) and We even have something extra for them. (They will see Allaah Himself and would have secured His everlasting pleasure.)

36. How many were the nations that We destroyed before them (the people of Makkah) who were mightier (in power) than them? So (when the punishment arrived) they scurried through the cities (searching for an escape and calling) “Is there any escape?” (However, despite their strength and resources, they could not escape Allaah’s punishment.)
37. There is certainly a reminder (to think about) in this for him who has a heart (that believes) or who listens attentively.

38. We have created the heavens, the earth and whatever is between the two in six days without fatigue even remotely touching Us. (How can resurrection then be difficult for Us?)

39. Patiently bear whatever they (the Kuffaar) say (to hurt you) and glorify the praises of your Rabb before sunrise and before sunset (by reading Tasbeeh or performing Nafl salat).

40. Glorify Him (by engaging in Tasbeeh and Nafl salat) during a portion of the night as well and after prostration (after performing salat).

41. Listen attentively (to what has already been said and what is still to come). (Do not forget) The day when the caller (the angel Israafee (الجبريل)) will call (blow the trumpet) from a near place (because wherever one will be, the sound will seem nearby or from Baitul Muqaddas).

42. The day when people shall hear the screech (the sound of the trumpet) in truth, this is the day of resurrection (after the second blowing of the trumpet).

43. Indeed it is only We who give life and death and to Us shall be the return (of every soul and none will be able to escape).

44. The day when the earth shall split open from above them (above their graves) and they will be hurrying (towards the plain of resurrection). This shall be a gathering very easy for Us.

45. We know best what they (the Kuffaar) say and you (O Rasulullah) are not one to force them (to accept Imaan for you are not a tyrant). Warn by means of this Qur’aan him who fears My warning (because these are the ones who will take heed).