Surah 59 Surah Hashar

THE EXILE

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH HASHAR AND SURAH MUJAADALAH

* Surah Mujaadalah censured the worst of the Munaafiqueen, whereas Surah Hashar deals with those Munaafiqueen who were not so intractable.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

* An assertion of Towheed.
* Warnings about the consequences of hypocrisy to be faced in this world.
* The distribution of the booty that is captured without a fight.
* Reproaching the Munaafiqueen.
* Towheed is repeated with proofs to substantiate it.
In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

1. Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on earth glorifies Allaah. He is the Mighty, the Wise.

2. It was He who removed the Kuffaar from among the People of the Book (the Jewish Banu Nadheer tribe) from their homes in Madinah for the first exile when they attempted to assassinate Rasulullaah (S). After being banished from Madinah, they proceeded to live in Khaybar. You (Muslims) never thought that they would emerge from their fortresses save from where they never expected. (Being well-equipped and wealthy, the Jews did not expect that they would be defeated by the Muslims who were not as wealthy or as well-equipped as them.) Allaah cast terror into their hearts (the hearts of the Jewish Banu Nadheer tribe) and when they prepared to leave Madinah, they uprooted their homes with their own hands (to take with them as much as they could carry) and with the hands of the Mu’timeen (who assisted them to leave). So take heed, O people with insight! (Keep in mind that those who oppose Allaah and Rasulullaah are humiliated even in this world.)

3. If Allaah had not decreed the exile for them, He would certainly have punished them in this world (by having them executed). And in the Aakhirah, theirs shall be the punishment of the Fire (of Jahannam which will not be reduced).

4. This is because they openly opposed Allaah and His
Whoever opposes Allaah and His Rasool ﷺ, then (he should know that) verily Allaah punishes very severely.

5. (Referring to the date plantations of the Banu Nadheer that the Muslims destroyed to break the morale of the Jews so that they may surrender, Allaah says,) Every date palm that you (Muslims) cut (and burnt) or left standing on its roots was by Allaah’s permission and to humiliate the sinners. (It was done by Allaah’s command and not merely to destroy property.)

6. You (Muslims) neither ran your horses nor your camels for the booty (wealth) that Allaah gave to His Rasool ﷺ. (You won the battle without much travelling and without a fight.) (It is the practice of Allaah that) Allaah grants His Rusul authority over whoever He pleases (even without a fight). Allaah has power over everything.

7. The booty (wealth) that Allaah granted His Rasool ﷺ (without a battle being fought) from the people of the villages is for Allaah (to be distributed as Allaah pleases), for the (needs of the) Rasool ﷺ, for the relatives (of Rasulullaah ﷺ), for the orphans, for the poor and for the travellers so that this wealth may not remain as horded riches with the wealthy among you. (By distributing it in this manner, the wealth is circulated among people so that all may benefit). Hold fast to what (commands) the Rasool ﷺ gives you and refrain from what (actions) He prevents you (because whatever he instructs you is from Allaah). Fear (disobeying) Allaah, for Allaah punishes very severely.

8. (A share of the booty received without a fight is also reserved) For the poor Muhajireen who were removed from their homes and their possessions. They seek Allaah’s grace (bounty) and pleasure and assist Allaah and His Rasool ﷺ. These are the ones who are true (in their claim to Imaan).
9. (Part of this booty is also for) Those (the Ansaar) who adopted the place (Madinah) as their home before them (before the Muhaajireen) and (had adopted) Imaan. They (the Ansaar) love those who migrate to them (the Muhaajireen) and find no want (jealousy or envy) in their hearts for what they (the Muhaajireen) are given. They (the Ansaar) prefer (others) above themselves (they prefer to give to others) even though they are themselves in need (of the things they give). (Like the Ansaar.) Those who are saved (protected) from the miserliness (and greed) of the soul are really the successful Ones (who will attain salvation).

10. Those who come after them (after the Muhaajireen and Ansaar ought to) say, “O our Rabb! Forgive us and our brothers (the Sahabah who passed before us with Imaan. And do not place any impurity (ill will) in our hearts against those who have Imaan. O our Rabb! Indeed You are the Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.”

11. Have you not seen the hypocrites who say to their Kuffaar brothers of the People of the Book (the Jews of the Banu Nadheer tribe), “If you are exiled, we shall definitely leave (Madinah) with you (to express our solidarity) and we shall never obey the word of anyone concerning you (we shall not obey anyone who tells us to expel or kill you). We shall also certainly assist you if you are fought (we shall assist you if the Muslims attack you).” Allaah testifies (bears witness) that they are certainly liars.

12. If they (the Jews) are exiled, they (the Munaafiqeen) will not leave (Madinah) with them and if they (the Jews) are engaged in battle (against the Muslims), they (the Munaafiqeen) will not assist them (as they had promised). Even if they (the Munaafiqeen) have to (are forced to) assist them, they will (very soon) surely turn their backs (and flee from the battlefield as they always do) after which they (the Jews) will not have any assistance (anywhere).
13. Without doubt the fear that they (the Muraadjeen) have in their hearts for you (Muslims) is more than the fear they have for Allaah. This is because they are a nation that has no understanding. (They fail to realise Allaah’s power and therefore fear for people more than they fear Allaah).

14. Their combined forces (of the Jews) will fight you (Muslims) only from fortified strongholds (fortresses) or from behind walls (of a fortified city because they fear fighting you in the open. This is exactly what happened when the Muslims marched to fight the Jews in Khaybar). (Although they will combine to fight you Muslims,) The rivalry amongst them is intense (fierce). You think that they are united (as they stand against you) whereas their hearts are divided (their unity is superficial and nothing to be feared). This (division between them) has occurred because they are a nation that has no (wisdom) knowledge (of the true Deen to unite upon).

15. Their example (situation) is like those (Jews of the Banu Qaynuqa tribe who lived) shortly before them who tasted the consequence of their doing (for breaking their treaty with the Muslims and were exiled to a place called Adhra‘at). Theirs shall be a painful punishment.

16. (Their example is) Like the example of Shyataan when he says to man, “Commit kufr.” (become disbelievers) So when man commits kufr (and has to suffer punishment either in this world or in the Aakhirah), Shyataan says, “I have nothing to do with you. (You cannot blame me because I did not force you.) Indeed I fear (the punishment of) Allaah, the Rabb of the universe.”

17. The plight (end) of the two (Shyataan and the one whom he misleads) is that both shall suffer in the Fire (of Jahannam) forever. This is the punishment of the oppressors (sinners).

18. O you who have Imaan! Fear Allaah and let every soul see (consider) what (good deeds) it has sent ahead for tomorrow (to be rewarded on the Day of Qiyaamah). Fear (the punishment of) Allaah (by fulfilling his commands and refraining from sin)! Indeed Allaah is informed of what you do. (Hence adopt the way of piety and guard against sins).
19. (O Muslims!) Do not become like those who forgot (neglected to fulfil the commands of) Allaah after which He made them forget themselves. (This caused them to eventually neglect their duties, leading them to commit sins that will destroy them in the Akhirah). Those are the sinners (the heedless and disobedient ones).

لا يصحب التّارّ ولا يصحب الجّنّة الحكوّان هُم الفائِروُن

20. The people of the Fire (Jahannam) and the people of Jannah cannot be equal. Only the people of Jannah are successful.

لا أدأرنا هذا القرآن على حمّاله رأته كأنها أصبغها فضلاً عليه ونلتئاك الفائتك لَنصبره بالسّياس لَنحفره يومًا

21. If We have to reveal this Qur’aan to (on to) a mountain (and grant it understanding of the Qur’aan without the barrier of carnal desires), you will see it humble itself and shatter (split) out of fear for Allaah. These are examples that We relate to people so that they reflect (about their personal conditions).

هوَ اللّهُ الّذِي لا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْغَيْبُ وَالْمَهْدُ وَهُوَ الْرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ

22. He is Allaah, there is no Illeah but He. He is the Knower of the unseen and the seen. He is the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

هوَ اللّهُ الّذِي لا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْكُرِيْبُ وَالْمُهْتَدُ وَهُوَ السَّلِيمُ الْمُعْلُومُ الْمُعْلَمُ الْمُحْيِينُ الْعَزِيزُ الْجُلُودُ الْمَتَعِيرُ

23. He is Allaah besides Whom there is no Illeah. He is the Sovereign, the Most Pure, the Giver of peace (safety), the Giver of security (shelter), the Vigilant, the Mighty, the Overpowering, the Glorious. He is Pure from whatever (partners) they (the Mushriken) ascribe to Him. (None can compare with His being, attributes or actions.)

هوَ اللّهُ الْخَالِقُ الْبَرِّيِّ الْحَيّ الْإِلَهُ الْحَيّ الْإِلَهُ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

24. He is Allaah, the Creator, the Perfect Maker, the Fashioner Who has the most beautiful names (of supreme beauty and perfection). Whatever is in the heavens and the earth glorifies Him. He is the Mighty (with absolute power), the Wise (with absolute knowledge and wisdom).