Surah 79 Surah Naazi’aat

THOSE WHO EXTRACT

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH NAAZI’AAT AND SURAH NABA

_Surah Naba_ mentions only the bounties of Allaah given to man in this world, without mentioning the adversities that he also has to endure. People are expected to call to mind the adversities as well. Just as Allaah will bestow bounties on people on the Day of Qiyaamah, He will also mete out punishment.

Moving a step closer, _Surah Naazi’aat_ mentions that the angels of death will also behave in a like manner when claiming people’s souls. While they will be gentle and compassionate towards the pious _Mu’mineen_, they will be harsh towards the _Kuffaar_.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The beginning of the Surah describes the angels of death when they claim people’s souls. This indicates the rewards and punishment people will receive in the Aakhirah. Verses 6 to 9 describe the horror of the Day of Judgement, which will terrify people. Allaah then mentions the _Kuffaar_ who refute resurrection and question the advent of Qiyaamah. They mockingly asked whether decomposed bones can be brought back to life.

"Has the story of Moosa (as) reached you?... until the words...There is certainly a lesson in this for the one who fears (Allaah’s punishment)" [verses 15 to 26]. Here, Allaah cites an example of His punishment in this world which the _Kuffaar_ will suffer. Allaah talks about how Fir’oun rejected the message of Moosa (as) and was eventually destroyed by punishment in this very world. Of course, he will still have to face worse punishment in the Aakhirah.

In verses 27 to 33, Allaah asks whether resurrection can be more difficult than the initial creation of all His creation like the skies, the mountains and all the fauna and flora. The verse prompts people to realise that resurrecting previously created phenomena cannot be difficult for the Mighty Allaah, Who has created so many other creatures from nothing.

From verses 34 to 39, Allaah again warns people about the Day of Qiyaamah. Thereafter, glad tidings are given to the pious _Mu’mineen_ who will be admitted into _Jannah_ [verses 40 and 41]. In the concluding verses Allaah refers to those who ask Rasulullaah (saw) about the actual time when Qiyaamah will take place. Only Allaah possesses this knowledge.
In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

1. By the oath of those angels who harshly extract (tear out the souls of the Kuffaar)...

2. ... (By) those (angels) who (draw out the souls of the Mu'mineen as gently as they) untie knots...

3. ...those who (speedily take the souls of the dead to the heavens as if they) are swimming along (quickly)...

4. ...who then swiftly race (along with the souls after Allaah instructs them whether the soul should be rewarded among the righteous or punished with the Kuffaar and sinners)...

5. ...and (by the oath of) those (angels) who arrange (to carry out) the commands (of Allaah).

6. The day (of Qiyaamah shall certainly take place) when that (the first blowing of the trumpet) which shakes (things) shall (cause them to) shake (and collapse)...

7. ...to be followed by that (the second blowing of the trumpet) which will follow. (After the first blowing of the trumpet causes everything to perish, the second blowing will bring creation back to life for reckoning.)
8. On that day, many hearts will be fluttering (throbbing with fear and worry)...

9. …with their gazes cast down (in embarrassment for what they did in the world and in humility before Allaah).

10. They (the Kuffaar) say, “Will we be returned to our former states (will we be raised up on the Day of Qiyaamah)…”

11. “…even after we have (died and) become decayed bones?”

12. They (sarcastically) say, “In that case (if we are resurrected) the return shall be a tremendous loss (to us because we have not prepared).”

13. It will be only a single blast (of the trumpet to signal the arrival of Qiyaamah)…

14. …and they will all immediately be awakened (from their graves to present themselves for Reckoning).

15. Has the story of Moosa reached you?

16. (Remember the time) When his Rabb called him in the holy valley of Tuwa (and commanded him to take the message of Tawheed to Fir’oun and his people).
17. (Allaah said to Moosa ﷺ) “Go to (preach Touheed to) Fir‘oun for he has certainly transgressed (has become rebellious),”

18. “Tell him, ’Do you want to be purified (from kufr and sin)’?”

19. “And should I guide you to your Rabb so that you may fear (Him)?”

20. So he (Moosa ﷺ) showed him (Fir‘oun) a great Aayah (many miracles).

21. But he (Fir‘oun) rejected (the message) and disobeyed (the commands of Allaah that Moosa ﷺ conveyed to him).

22. Then he turned back and applied himself (plotted to defeat Moosa ﷺ).

23. He (then) gathered the people and announced...

24. ...“I am your highest Rabbi!”

25. So (because of his rebellion) Allaah seized him with the punishment of this world (drowning) and (also of) the Aakhirah (Jahannam).
26. There is certainly a lesson (to ponder over) in this for the one who fears (Allaah's punishment).

27. Are you (mankind) more difficult to create or the sky (which is much larger)? (If Allaah could create something as immense and magnificent as the sky, resurrecting mankind on the Day of Qiyaamah is extremely easy for Him.) Allaah has created it (the sky)...

28. ...elevated (lifted) its roof (made it tower above the earth), perfected it (so that no cracks are found)...

29. ...made its night dark and made its light manifest (by the rising and setting of the sun).

30. Thereafter (after creating all this in sky), Allaah spread out the earth.

31. He extracted (brought out) from the earth her water and fodder (plants)...

32. ...and firmly stationed the mountains.

33. All this (was done) for your benefit (use) and for the benefit of your animals (so that you all can have food to eat and water to drink).
34. So when the tremendous calamity (Qiyaamah) befalls... 

35. ...that day man will remember what (actions) he did [in his lifetime]...

36. ...and Jahannam will be clearly visible to those who look on.

37. As for the one who transgresses [the commands of Allaah]...

38. ...and who prefers the life of this world [to the Aakhirah]...

39. ...then Jahannam shall certainly be his abode [final destination.]

40. As for the one who fears standing [to account for his actions] before his Rabb and who restrains himself from carnal passions [lowly desires]...

41. ...then Jannah shall definitely be his abode.

42. They [the Kuffaar sarcastically] ask you [O Rasulullah (saw)] about when Qiyaamah will take place.

43. What have you to tell about it [when you have no knowledge about when it will occur]?
44. To your Rabb belongs (the knowledge of) its term. (Only Allaah knows when Qiyaamah will take place.)

45. You (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) are a warner only to him who fears it (Qiyaamah because only he will take heed).

46. The day when they see it (Qiyaamah), it will seem to them as if they had lived (tarry in this world and in the grave for) only an evening or a morning (compared to Qiyaamah which will be so long and dreadful).