Surah 80 Surah Abas

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THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH ABAS AND SURAH NAAZIAAT

Compared to Surah Naazi'aat, Surah Abas provides more details about the Day of Qiyaamah. The Surah states that although the Kuffaar and sinners will be punished in the Aakhirah, the Day of Qiyaamah will itself be so frightening that people will flee from their kith and kin.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The Surah may be divided into two parts. The first part contains the following three aspect:

1. The first discussion (from the beginning to verse 16) advises Rasulullaah and describes the grandeur of the Qur'aan.
2. The second discussion (verses 17 to 23) condemns the Mushrikeen, who are ungrateful to Allaah by disobeying Him despite exploiting all the bounties of Allaah grants to them.
3. The third discussion (verses 24 to 32) contains a logical proof to substantiate Qiyaamah. In these verses, Allaah prompts people to reflect on who provides the various types of food and drink for them and their animals. The One Who provides all this sustenance can most certainly resurrect them on the Day of Qiyaamah.

In the second part of the Surah, Allaah describes the Day of Qiyaamah from verse 33 to 37. Here Allaah mentions that the day will be so frightening that every person will flee in terror from others, even though they may be their parents, their children or their blood relatives.

However, there will be those who will not suffer this terrible fate but who will be resplendent and happy. These will be the sincere Mu'mineen who are mentioned in verses 38 and 39. The last three verses conclude with a description of the Kuffaar and Mushrikeen who will be disgraced on that day.
In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

1. (Abdullaah bin Umni Maltoom once came to Rasulullaah while Rasulullaah was preaching Islaam to a few leaders of the Quraysh. Because he was blind, he did not realise that Rasulullaah was occupied with the others and he kept insisting that Rasulullaah should teach him something. Since his arrival disturbed the discussion and according to his request would interrupt what was being said to the Mushriken leaders, Rasulullaah ignored him, thinking that he would speak to him later on. Since the opportunity to address the Quraysh leaders was so rare if any of them accepted Islaam, it would influence many others to follow. Rasulullaah’s reaction became evident on his face when he frowned. Referring to this, Allaah says,) 

2. ...because a blind man came to him (interrupting him).

3. (O Rasulullaah) How do you know that perhaps he (the blind man) will be (spiritually) purified (by your guidance)...

4. ...or he may take heed and the advice will prove beneficial (useful) to him?

5. As for him (the Quraysh leaders) who was indifferent (do not care)...

6. ...to him do you attend (instead of attending to the blind sincere Muslim)....
7. …when there would be no blame on you if he is not purified (because they were not Muslims in the first place).

8. As for him (the blind Muslim) who comes running to you...

9. …in fear (for Allaah)...

10. …to him you show indifference (gave little attention).

11. This should never be. Indeed this (Qur’aan) is a reminder (so that mistakes are not repeated).

12. So whoever desires should remember (the advice of the Qur’aan).

13. It (the Qur’aan) is (recorded) in scriptures (the “Louhul Mahfoodh”) that are honoured (in Allaah’s sight)...

14. …elevated (just beneath Allaah’s throne) and pure (from errors and beyond the reach of the impure Shayateen)...

15. …in the hands of scribes (the angels and the Sahabah (RA) who were the scribes)…
16. ...who are honourable and righteous. (The “scribes” mentioned here can also refer to those Sahabah who used to reward in writing the Qur’aan during the lifetime of Rasulullaah) 

17. Woe be to man (the Kaafir) ! How ungrateful is he (Despite all the favours Allaah has blessed him with, the Kaafir chooses to worship others instead.)

18. From what did Allaah create him?

19. From a drop of semen Allaah created him, made him in due proportion (with all the parts of his body in proportion to each other)...

20. ...and then eased the way for him (to come into this world and to survive in it. By sending the Ambiyaa and the Divine Scriptures, Allaah also made it easy for man to understand right and wrong).

21. Allaah then gave him death and concealed him in a grave.

22. Then Allaah shall resurrect him when He wills.

23. Behold! Man (the Kaafir) has not done (fulfilled) what Allaah has commanded him (to do).

24. Let man look at his food (for in it he will recognise the power of Allaah and realise Allaah’s tremendous favours to him).
25. We make the rain pour forth in abundance. (The rain nourishes the soil and causes seeds to germinate and sprout.)

26. Then (when the shoots of the seeds start to pierce through the ground,) We cause the earth to part into clefts (split to allow the shoots to reach the surface and grow).

27. We then grow on the earth grains (such as cereals)...

28. ...grapes, vegetables...

29. ...olives, date palms...

30. ...dense gardens...

31. ...fruit and fodder... (pastures)

32. ... (all of this) for your benefit (use) and for the benefit of your animals.

33. So when the deafening (ear-piercing) scream (the sound of the trumpet) will come (to announce the advent of Qiyaamah)...

34. ...on that day man will run from his brother...
35. ...his mother, his father...

36. ...his wife and his sons. (No one will want to help another because everyone will be concerned only about trying to save themselves.)

37. On that day every one of them will be preoccupied with a predicament that will make him oblivious of another.

38. On that day many faces shall be radiant...

39. ...laughing and happy. (These will be the Mu’mineen destined for Jannah.)

40. And (on the other hand) many faces will be dusty...

41. ...covered in darkness.

42. These will be the sinful Kuffaar.