**Surah 84 Surah Inshiqaq**

**THE TEARING**

THE LINK BETWEEN **SURAH INSHIQAAQ AND SURAH MUTAFFIFEEN**

*Surah Mutaffifeen* states that each person's name will be recorded in a special register. *Surah Inshiqaq* goes further to mention that the people in *Jahannam* will be subjected to various levels of punishment, each one being worse than the next.

*Surah Mutaffifeen* cites the case of a group of people who committed a grave sin (i.e. cheating) and condemns them. *Surah Inshiqaq* encourages people rather to do good.

**A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH**

The first five verses of the *Surah* describe the initial events that will take place on the Day of *Qiyaamah*, when the skies will be rent asunder and the earth will swallow everything up. Thereafter, verse 6 reminds man about the time when he will meet his Creator, thereby encouraging him to prepare for this meeting by performing good deeds.

"Verses 7 to 9" As for him who is given his record (of his actions) in his right hand... (until the words) ...and he will return happily to his family (in *Jannah*)" describe the fortunate people who will receive their record of deeds in their right hands, indicating that they will be entered into *Jannah*. Their reckoning will be extremely easy.

Verses 10 to 15 then cite the condition of the unfortunate people who will receive their record of deeds behind their backs. These people will wail and lament and will finally be cast into *Jahannam*. In verses 16 to 19, Allaah takes several oaths to confirm the fact that people will be subjected to increasingly worse stages of punishment in *Jahannam*.

"What is the matter with them (the Kuffaar) that they do not have Imaan and do not prostrate when the Qur'aan is recited to them?" [verses 20 and 21]. In these verses, Allaah expresses surprise at the Kuffaar who do not believe despite the fact that they have heard and have even witnessed so many signs and tokens through which the truth can be clearly perceived. They still wish to be stubborn and refuse to submit to the laws of the Qur'aan.

In verses 22 to 24, Allaah warns the rejecters of a dreadful punishment. In the final verse of the *Surah*, Allaah adds that those who believe and do good deeds will receive unlimited rewards from Him.
In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

1. When (the trumpet will be blown to signal the Day of Qiyaamah,) the sky will tear apart (split asunder)... 

وَأَدْنِسُهَا وَقُلْتُ... 

2. ...and it will listen to (the command of) its Rabb (to tear it apart) as it rightly should.

وَأَدْنِسُهَا وَقُلْتُ... 

3. When (this day takes place,) the earth will be stretched out (to form a level plain)...

وَأَلْقَتُ مَا بَيْنَهَا وَقُلْتُ... 

4. ...and, casting out whatever is within, it will become empty.

وَأَلْقَتُ مَا بَيْنَهَا وَقُلْتُ... 

5. It will listen to (the command of) its Rabb (to do this) as it rightly should.

وَأَيَدَّنِسُهَا وَقُلْتُ... 

6. O man, indeed you make great efforts in your journey (through this world) towards (the Aakhirah where you will meet with) your Rabb and will soon meet with (the fruit of) your efforts.

فَايَمَنْ أَوْلَىٰ كُلْبَتِكُهُ يَكْيِمُهُ... 

7. As for him who is given his record (of his actions) in his right hand (indicating his entry into Jannah)...

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8. ...an easy reckoning will be taken from him (the judgment process will be pleasant)...

9. ...and (after this) he will return happily to his family (in Jannah).

10. As for him who is given his record (of his actions in his left hand) behind his back (because even the angels will not want to look at him)...

11. ...he will soon call for (his own) destruction (his death so that he may not have to suffer punishment).

12. (However, his pleas will be in vain because) He will enter the Blazing Fire (of Jahannam).

13. Indeed (while living in this world,) he used to be happy (without sorrow) among his family.

14. He used to think that he would not return (to account for his actions before Allah on the Day of Qiyaamah).

15. Why (should he) not (return to Allah)! (He certainly willl!) Verily his Rabb was ever Watchful over him (seeing every evil action although he was not taken to task for it).

16. I swear by the twilight...
17. …by the night, by what (whatever creation) the night envelopes…

18. …and by the moon when it is full (on the 14th night)…

19. You (O mankind!) will certainly proceed from phase to phase. (From this world, man proceeds to the realm of “Barzakh” and then towards Qiyaamah and the many stages of the Aakhirah.)

20. What is the matter with them (the Kuffaar) that they do not have Imaan…

21. …and do not prostrate when the Qur’aan is recited to them? (One who recites or hears this verse being recited should perform Sajdah.)

22. Rather, (instead of submitting) the Kuffaar choose to reject (Imaan).

23. Allaah is well Aware of whatever (evil actions they do and beliefs) they amass (hold).

24. So (because of their evil and kuf) give them the good news of a painful punishment…

25. …(which will afflict all of them) except those who (mend their ways and choose to) have Imaan and carry out good acts. Theirs shall be an unending reward (in the Aakhirah).