Surah 86 Surah Taariq

THAT WHICH COMES AT NIGHT

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH TAARIQ AND SURAH BUROOJ

Surah Burooj attests the certainty of Qiyaamah and also mentions the punishment of this world as well as that of the Aakhirah. Surah Taariq states that if the Kuffaar continue to refuse to believe after these matters have been clarified, they should still be granted another opportunity to accept Imaan. However, if they choose to remain obstinate, they will be drawing Allaah’s wrath upon themselves.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

The first four verses of the Surah inform people that angels have been appointed over each of them to make a meticulous record of their deeds. Therefore, they should be assured of receiving the full reward for their deeds.

“(If) Man (doubts the coming of Qiyaamah, he) should think about what he was created from...until the words...There shall then neither be any power nor assistant for man (against Allaah’s punishment)” [verses 5 to 10]. In these verses, Allaah draws man’s attention to the fact that He created man from a drop of fluid. It is therefore very simple for Him to resurrect man on the Day of Qiyaamah.

Verses 11 to 14 present the second logical proof to substantiate the reality of Qiyaamah. Allaah refers to that fact that He can easily resurrect man just as He sends rain from the skies to revive barren soil, causing it to flourish with an abundance of vegetation.

The concluding three verses of the Surah condemn the behaviour of the Kuffaar and also contain the central message of the Surah, i.e. to grant respite to the Kuffaar.
Surah Taariq (That Which Comes at Night - 86)

In the name of Allah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

1. By (the oath of) the sky and by that which appears by night!

2. How will you know what it is that appears by night?

3. It is the bright star.

4. There is no soul without a watcher (an angel) appointed over it (to keep record of all its actions).

5. (If) Man (doubts the coming of Qiyaamah, he) should think about what he was created from.

6. He was created from spurting water (semen)...

7. ...which emerges from between the backbone and the chest. (This is a reference to mens loins and women's chests)
8. Verily (just as Allaah had the power to create man from nothing,) Allaah (also) has the power to raise him (on the Day of Qiyaamah).

9. (The Day of Qiyaamah will be) The day when secrets will be examined (and people will either be rewarded or punished).

10. There shall then neither be any power (to defend) nor assistant for man (against Allaah's punishment).

11. By (the oath of) the sky from which rain falls...

12. ...and by the earth which cleaves (opens to make way for sprouting plants)!

13. It (the Qur'aan) is definitely a decisive speech (which differentiates falsehood from truth)...

14. ...and it is not for amusement. (It should not be treated lightly.)

15. They (the Kuffaar) are certainly conniving (busy making) plots (to oppose Islaam)...

16. ...and I am also planning something (to ensure that their plots ultimately fail).

17. So give the Kaafiroon respite (allow them a short period from punishment). Grant them respite for a while (for they will soon suffer terribly for their evils).