

## سُورَةُ الْوَاقِعَاتِ

### Sūrah al Waqi'ah

#### (THE EVENT)

Revealed at Makkah, it has ninety six Āyāt and three Sections.

#### Section 1

In the Name of Allah

The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful.

1. When the Event happens.
2. And there can be no denial of its happening.
3. Abasing one, exalting others.
4. This will be when the earth is shaken and shaken.
5. And the mountains are crumbled and crumbled.
6. So that they become scattered dust.
7. And you are in three groups.
8. Those on the right hand, how happy shall those on the right hand be!
9. Those on the left hand; how miserable shall those on the left hand be!
10. And the preceders are the preceders.
11. Those shall be brought near.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِذَا وَقَعَتِ الْوَاقِعَةُ ﴿١﴾

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12. In Gardens of Delight.
13. A multitude from the ancients.
14. And a few from the later generations.
15. On couches lined with gold.
16. Reclining on them facing each other.
17. Youths ever-young will go round them.
18. With goblets and ewers and cups of limpid drink.
19. Theirs will be no headiness, nor will they be inebriated.
20. And with fruit of their choice.
21. And with fowl-flesh of their desire.
22. And there will be fair ones large-eyed.
23. The like unto pearls well-guarded.
24. A recompense for what they had been doing.
25. No vain or sinful talk will they hear therein.
26. Only the saying; peace! peace!
27. And the fellows on the right hand; How happy shall the fellows on the right hand be!
28. Midst thorn-less lote-trees.
29. And plantains laden with fruit.
30. And the shade over-spread.
31. And water over-flowing.

- فِي جَنَّاتِ النَّعِيمِ ﴿١٢﴾
- ثَلَاثَةٌ مِنَ الْأُولَىٰ ﴿١٣﴾
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- عَلَىٰ سُرُرٍ مَّوْضُونَةٍ ﴿١٥﴾
- مُتَّكِلِينَ عَلَيْهَا مُتَقَابِلِينَ ﴿١٦﴾
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- لَا يَصَدَّعُونَ عَنْهَا وَلَا يُزْفُونَ ﴿١٩﴾
- وَفِيكُنْهَافٍ مِمَّا يَنْخَعْرُوتُ ﴿٢٠﴾
- وَلِحَافٍ طَيْرٍ مِمَّا يَشْتَهُونَ ﴿٢١﴾
- وَحُورٌ عِينٌ ﴿٢٢﴾
- كَأَمْثَلِ الزُّبُرِ الْكَافُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾
- جَزَاءَهُنَّ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٢٤﴾
- لَا يَسْمَعُونَ فِيهَا لَغْوًا وَلَا تَأْتِيهِنَّ ﴿٢٥﴾
- إِلَّا قِيلًا سَلَامًا سَلَامًا ﴿٢٦﴾
- وَأَصْحَابُ الْيَمِينِ مَا أَصْحَابُ الْيَمِينِ ﴿٢٧﴾
- فِي سِدْرٍ مَخْضُودٍ ﴿٢٨﴾
- وَطَلْحٍ مَّنْضُودٍ ﴿٢٩﴾
- وِظَلِّ مُمَدَّدٍ ﴿٣٠﴾
- وَمَاءٍ مَّسْكُوبٍ ﴿٣١﴾



32.	And fruit abundant.	وَفِكَهَةٍ كَثِيرَةٍ ﴿٣٢﴾
33.	Neither ending nor forbidden.	لَا مَقْطُوعَةٍ وَلَا مَمْنُوعَةٍ ﴿٣٣﴾
34.	And couches raised.	وَفُرُشٍ مَّرْفُوعَةٍ ﴿٣٤﴾
35.	Verily We! We have created those maidens by a special creation.	إِنَّا أَنشَأْنَهُنَّ إِنشَاءً ﴿٣٥﴾
36.	And have made them perpetual virgins.	فَجَعَلْنَهُنَّ أَبْكَارًا ﴿٣٦﴾
37.	Loving, of equal age.	عُرُوبًا أُنثَرَابًا ﴿٣٧﴾
38.	For the fellows on the right hand.	لِلْأَصْحَابِ الْيَمِينِ ﴿٣٨﴾

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### Secrets of Revelation

When the inevitable Event, the Qayamah will be established, it will be a great upheaval. It will humiliate many a kings for their disobedience and exalt many a poor and hapless believers for their piety, by Allah's Mercy. The earth will shake violently until the mountains crumble and are blown away as dust. Mankind will now be divided into three groups.

One of these shall be the blessed souls, holding their Registers of Conduct in their right hands, standing on right side of the 'Arsh. The second group shall comprise the infidels and the wrongdoers, carrying the Registers of Conduct in their left hands, standing on left side of the 'Arsh. How wretched indeed will they be! The third group will include those who had excelled in faith and piety. How exalted in grace will they be, standing before the 'Arsh at a glorified station of Allah's nearness! They shall dwell in the Gardens of Jannah. A multitude will comprise the believers from earlier times and very few will belong to the later generations.

**Will *Muqarrabūn* (the Near Ones) be from the Earlier Ummah?**

Some scholars suggest that in the third group, the foremost in the race declared as *Muqarrabūn*, the word *Awwalūn* (predecessors) refers to those who lived from Prophet Ādam's<sup>AS</sup> time to the raising of the Holy Prophet<sup>SAW</sup>. Tafsīr-e-Mazharī, however, asserts with good reasons that it rightfully pertains to the Ummah of the Holy Prophet<sup>SAW</sup>, being the first addressees of the Qurān, the Companions<sup>RAI</sup> followed by the Tab'a'in and the Tab'a Tab'a'in. They are certainly the *Muqarrabūn* having lived in *Khair-ul-Qurūn* (the best period in human history). Those coming later in



time are termed as *Ākhirīn*; the most noble amongst them, the martyrs and the righteous, will join the *Muqarrabun*. Thus this group will comprise a multitude from the ancients and a few from later generations. These fortunate souls shall be seated in elegance on adjoining couches, facing one another enjoying mutual chat. They will be waited upon by young lads who, like the damsels, are also indigenous to Jannah, created without the process of procreation. Every dweller of Jannah will be attended by thousands of these lads to serve them goblets of limpid drinks enriched in taste and ecstasies. Unlike the intoxicating liquor here that drives one out of mind, this drink will increase perceptions and pleasures. They will be offered fruits of choice, roasted poultry and birds, and will be wedded to the most beautiful damsels, with eyes like pearls and gems concealed in covers, as a reward for their devotion to Allah and His Prophet <sup>SAW</sup>. There will be no cheap talk; goodness and peace prevailing all over. Whenever they will engage in a conversation, it will be abrim with mutual love and respect.

Now the first group on the right hand side of the 'Arsh will also be awarded Jannah with fruit-laden trees so special that even the lote-trees will be thornless. There will be clustered layers of bananas and dense shade of tall trees stretching out to long distances. Through these orchards, having countless varieties of ever-available fruits, will be flowing clean water channels. Seated on splendid couches, they will be accompanied by beautiful damsels, especially created for the believers. The women of this world awarded Jannah will excel even the damsels of Jannah in beauty. These damsels shall retain their virginity even after copulation, and will passionately love their spouses. The ever young couples will be of the same age, as if childhood companions raised together. So blessed will be this group on the right-hand.

## Section 2

39. A multitude from the ancients.  
 40. And a multitude from the later generations.  
 41. And the fellows on the left hand!  
 How miserable shall the fellows on the left hand be!  
 42. Amidst scorching wind and scalding water.

ثَلَاثَةٌ مِنَ الْأَوَّلِينَ ﴿٣٩﴾

وَأُثْلَةٌ مِنَ الْآخِرِينَ ﴿٤٠﴾

وَأَضْعَبُ الشِّمَالِ مَا أَضْعَبُ الشِّمَالِ ﴿٤١﴾

فِي سَمُورٍ وَجَمِيمٍ ﴿٤٢﴾



43. And the shade of dark smoke.
44. Neither cool nor pleasant.
45. Verily they had been affluent before.
46. And they had been persisting in heinous offences.
47. And they used to say, when we are dead and have become dust and bones, shall we indeed be raised?
48. We and our fathers of old?
49. Say you, verily the ancients and those of the later generations.
50. Are all going to be assembled on the assigned time of a Day Known.
51. Then verily you, you erring, denying people.
52. Shall surely eat of the tree of Zaqqūm.
53. And shall fill your bellies with it.
54. And shall drink of boiling water.
55. Drinking as the drinking of thirsty camels raging with thirst.
56. This shall be their entertainment on the Day of Requit.
57. Verily We! It is We Who created you, why do you not confess?
58. Do you behold what you emit?
59. Then is it you who create him, or are We the Creator?

- وَضَلِيلٍ مِّنْ يَّحْمُومٍ ﴿١٢﴾  
لَّا بَارِدٌ وَلَا كَرِيمٌ ﴿١١﴾
- إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا قَبْلَ ذَلِكَ مُتْرَفِينَ ﴿١٥﴾
- وَكَانُوا يُبْصِرُونَ عَلَى الْغَيْثِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿١٦﴾
- وَكَانُوا يَقُولُونَ أَإِذَا مِتْنَا وَكُنَّا تُرَابًا وَعِظْمًا إِذْنَا لَمَنَعُوهُمْ ﴿١٧﴾
- أَوْ آبَاؤُنَا الْأَوَّلُونَ ﴿١٨﴾
- فَلْيَاثُ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ ﴿١٩﴾
- لَمَجْمُوعُونَ إِلَى مِيقَاتِ يَوْمٍ مَّعْلُومٍ ﴿٢٠﴾
- ثُمَّ إِنَّكُمْ أَنْتُمُ الْمُضَالِمُونَ الْمُكَذِّبُونَ ﴿٢١﴾
- لَا يَكُونُ مِنْ شَجَرٍ مِّنْ زُقُومٍ ﴿٢٢﴾
- فَالنُّونَ مِنهَا الْبَطُونُ ﴿٢٣﴾
- فَسَرِيُونَ عَلَيْهِ مِنَ الْعَمِيمِ ﴿٢٤﴾
- فَسَرِيُونَ شُرْبَ الْهَبِيمِ ﴿٢٥﴾
- هَذَا نَزَّاهُمْ يَوْمَ الدِّينِ ﴿٢٦﴾
- نَحْنُ خَلَقْنَاكُمْ فَلَوْلَا تُصَدِّقُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾
- أَفَرَأَيْتُمْ مَا تُمْنُونَ ﴿٢٨﴾
- أَأَنْتُمْ تَخْلُقُونَهُ أَمْ نَحْنُ الْخَالِقُونَ ﴿٢٩﴾

60. We! It is We who have decreed death unto you all and We are not to be outstripped.

فَمَنْ قَدَرْنَا بَدَأَ الْوَعْدَ وَمَنْ عَمِلْ فِي السَّاعَةِ ﴿٦٠﴾

61. In what We may substitute others like you and may produce you into what you know not.

عَلَىٰ أَنْ نُبَدِّلَ أَمْثَلَكُمْ وَنُنشِئَكُمْ فِي مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٦١﴾

62. And assuredly you have fully known the first production. Why do you not heed?

وَلَقَدْ عَلِمْتُمُ النَّشْأَةَ الْأُولَىٰ فَلَوْلَا تَتَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٦٢﴾

63. Do you behold what you sow?

أَفَرَأَيْتُمْ مَا تَحْرُثُونَ ﴿٦٣﴾

64. Do you cause it to grow, or are We the Grower?

ءَأَنْتُمْ تَزْرَعُونَهُ أَمْ نَحْنُ الزَّارِعُونَ ﴿٦٤﴾

65. If We willed, We would surely make it chaff, so that you would be left wondering.

لَوْ نَشَاءُ لَجَعَلْنَاهُ حُطَبًا فَظَلْتُمْ تَفَكَّهُونَ ﴿٦٥﴾

66. We are undone indeed.

إِنَّا الْمُعْرَمُونَ ﴿٦٦﴾

67. Aye! We are deprived altogether.

بَلْ نَحْنُ مَحْرُومُونَ ﴿٦٧﴾

68. Do you behold the water which you drink.

أَفَرَأَيْتُم مِّنَ الْمَاءِ الَّذِي تَشْرَبُونَ ﴿٦٨﴾

69. Is it you who sends it down from the rain-cloud, or are We the sender down?

ءَأَنْتُمْ أَنْزَلْتُمُوهُ مِنَ الْمُزْنِ أَمْ نَحْنُ الْمُنزِلُونَ ﴿٦٩﴾

70. If We willed, We would surely make it brackish. Why do you not give thanks?

لَوْ نَشَاءُ جَعَلْتَهُ أَجَاًا فَلَوْلَا تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٧٠﴾

71. Do you behold the fire you strike out?

أَفَرَأَيْتُم مِّنَ النَّارِ الَّتِي تُورُونَ ﴿٧١﴾

72. Is it you who produce the tree thereof, or are We the Producer?

ءَأَنْتُمْ أَنْشَأْتُمْ شَجَرَتَهَا أَمْ نَحْنُ الْمُنشِئُونَ ﴿٧٢﴾

73. We! It is We Who made it a reminder, and a provision for the campers.

نَحْنُ جَعَلْنَاهَا تَذْكِرَةً وَمَتَاعًا لِّلْمُقِيمِينَ ﴿٧٣﴾



74. So hallow you the name of your  
Rabb, the Mighty.

فَسَبِّحْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٦١﴾

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## Secrets of Revelation

The group on the right hand side will comprise a multitude from the *Awwalīn* and a multitude from the *Ākhirīn*. Believers with sinful conduct will eventually join this group after emancipation, whether purely by Allah's Mercy, or through intercession or through retrieval from Hell. Hell will not merely be a punishment for a believer, but a cleansing process whereby the impurities of sin will be melted away.

And as for the group comprising the infidels, those on the left-hand side of 'Arsh, they will be dumped into constantly steaming water completely enshrouded by smoke. They availed His blessings in the world, yet defiantly opted for the flagrant crimes - polytheism and infidelity. And they used to deny quickening once they were reduced to dust, or their ancestors whose bones too had decomposed? The Holy Prophet<sup>SAW</sup> may inform them that their ancestors and their followers in infidelity till the end of time, will be gathered on a Day preordained. And against the nonsense uttered, they will be forced to eat chunks of cactus, a tree indigenous to Hell and served with scalding water which they shall drink like thirsty camels. This will cause abscesses in their oral cavities and lacerate their intestines. Such is the hospitality decreed for the rebels.

Allah had created them the first time. Had they pondered over their birth, they would not have denied the Resurrection. From a seed, the human body is formed in the mother's womb. As she eats, a portion of the food is diverted to the child. In other words, the share of food of another being is filtered through her bloodstream. It is Allah Who develops a body in the womb and none else. This masterpiece of His creativity is witnessed every day, fashioning of an exquisite body, followed by breathing in the Rūḥ. And then there are so many other facets of this creativity, namely the gender, the disposition, the mental faculties, term of life, destiny etc. By His Omnipotence He decrees death, a phase everyone must go through to enter the eternal abode. Did anyone todate manage to "escape it or outpace Him"? So how on earth can people deny that they will be resurrected? Indeed, He is All Powerful to seize, destroy, or distort their appearances and replace them with another nation.



Now reflect upon the process of cultivation. The soil is prepared and the seed is sown. See how a complete plant with stalks holding hundreds of grains sprouts out of a single seed? Is it grown by them or by the Omnipotent? He is also capable of reducing the fertile fields to desolate ruins. Can they stop Him or do anything other than bewailing, being miserable and living on debt? Take another one of His Signs, the water, an indispensable source of life. Is it they who generate heat of the sun that causes water to evaporate, form clouds and come down as rain? If Allah decides to embitter the water, no living being would be able to survive, nor would any herbage grow. So why don't they acknowledge His favours with gratitude.

Now ponder over the fire. It burns everything and is yet used in many constructive ways. His Omnipotence stored it in the ever green trees, wherefrom mankind learnt the art of making fire. Mark that it is Allah Who made this tree grow. He made it a Sign as well as a blessing for the dwellers of the wilderness. So the best course of action for mankind is to glorify Him all the time.

### Section 3

75. I swear by the setting of the stars.  
 76. And that is a mighty oath, if you but knew.  
 77. That it is an honoured Recitation.  
 78. In a Book well-guarded.  
 79. Which none can touch except the purified.  
 80. It is a revelation from the Rabb of the worlds.  
 81. Is this the discourse that you hold so lightly?  
 82. And make it your provision that you should deny it?  
 83. Wherefore then, when the sor<sup>1</sup> comes up to the wind-pipe.  
 84. And you are looking on.

فَلَا أَقْسِمُ بِمَوْقِعِ النُّجُومِ ﴿٧٥﴾

وَإِنَّهُ لَقَسَمٌ لِّتَوْعَلَمُونَ عَظِيمٌ ﴿٧٦﴾

إِنَّهُ لَقُرْآنٌ كَرِيمٌ ﴿٧٧﴾

فِي كِتَابٍ مَّكْنُونٍ ﴿٧٨﴾

لَّا يَمَسُّهُ إِلَّا الْمُطَهَّرُونَ ﴿٧٩﴾

نَزِيلٌ مِّن رَّبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ﴿٨٠﴾

أَفَيْهَذَا الْحَدِيثِ أَنْتُمْ مُدْهِنُونَ ﴿٨١﴾

وَتَجْعَلُونَ رِزْقَكُمْ أَنْتُمْ تُكذِّبُونَ ﴿٨٢﴾

فَلَوْلَا إِذَا بَلَغَتِ الْحُلُقُومَ ﴿٨٣﴾

وَأَنْتُمْ حِينِيذٌ تَنْظُرُونَ ﴿٨٤﴾



85. We are nearer to him than you are, but you behold not.
86. Wherefore then, if you are not to be requited.
87. Can you cause it not to return, if you are truthful?
88. Then if he be of the brought-near.
89. For him shall be repose and fragrance and a Garden of Delight.
90. And if he be of the fellows on the right hand.
91. Then: peace unto you, for you are of those on the right hand.
92. And if he be of the rejectors, the erring.
93. Then, an entertainment of the boiling water.
94. And roasting in a Blaze.
95. Verily this! This is the very truth.
96. So hallow you the name of your Rabb, the Mighty.

- وَنَحْنُ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنكُمْ وَلَكِن لَّا تُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٨٥﴾
- فَلَوْلَا إِن كُنْتُمْ غَيْرَ مَدِينِينَ ﴿٨٦﴾
- تَرْجِعُونَهَا إِن كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٨٧﴾
- فَأَمَّا إِن كَانَ مِنَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ ﴿٨٨﴾
- فَرَوْحٌ وَرَيْحَانٌ وَجَنَّتُ نَعِيمٍ ﴿٨٩﴾
- وَأَمَّا إِن كَانَ مِنَ أَصْحَابِ الْيَمِينِ ﴿٩٠﴾
- فَسَلَامٌ لَّكَ مِنَ أَصْحَابِ الْيَمِينِ ﴿٩١﴾
- وَأَمَّا إِن كَانَ مِنَ الْمُكَذِّبِينَ الضَّالِّينَ ﴿٩٢﴾
- فَقُرْلٌ مِنْ جَمِيمٍ ﴿٩٣﴾
- وَنَصِيلَةٌ جَجِيمٍ ﴿٩٤﴾
- إِنَّ هَذَا لَهُوَ حَقُّ الْيَقِينِ ﴿٩٥﴾
- فَسَبِّحْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٩٦﴾

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### Secrets of Revelation

By the setting of the stars! And if you reflect, this entire System bears witness to the Providence of the Absolute Powerful, Who ordained this setting to rise afresh and be the means of navigation and sustenance of life on earth. It is He Who revealed the Qurān for guidance in faith and action, an honoured Book inscribed in the Guarded Tablet, not to be touched or read save by the unpolluted. The angels



are informed on its text and it is the Archangel who brings in the revelation. The Satan dare not get near its text.

### Touching the Qurān Unpolluted

This Āyah as well as the Ḥadīth forbid touching the Qurān without ablution or an obligatory bath where required. Or a woman undergoing her monthly periods, cannot touch it either as well as its cloth cover. However, while in a state of pollution, it is permissible to hold it using a separate piece of cloth other than her Ḥijāb or the clothes a person is wearing. It is, however, permitted to recite it without ablution without touching it, but not when in a state of impurity after copulation or a woman in her menses. Further details may be seen in books on Islamic Jurisprudence.

This Qurān is revealed by the **Supreme Being Who**, out of His Providence, has catered for the spiritual nourishment and guidance of mankind. Yet O' infidels! You consider it insignificant. Is it only the denial that is your lot? In other words, your wretchedness impedes you to believe in **Allah**, preferring infidelity for yourselves. If you do not believe in **His Magnificence**, then why is it that when someone dear to you is on the throes of death, you can do nothing other than staring with bewildered eyes, unable to prevent this death despite yearning for a survival? It is **Allah Who** is Aware of the real condition of the dying. If you think you are in control, why don't you endeavour to prevent the Rūḥ from departing? Why do the life saving drugs become ineffective? Obviously it is **His** decision that must prevail.

If the departing Rūḥ is of the group of *Muqarrabīn*, death is a source of comfort and joy being welcome into a bedecked Jannah. If the dying belongs to the right-hand group, it is also blessed with complete peace and **His Mercy**. However, the deniers and the wayward will be dumped straight into Hell, and entertained with scalding water. These punishments commence provisionally soon after death, as according to the Holy Prophet<sup>SAW</sup>, grave is either a garden of Jannah, or a pit of Hell. It is indeed a decisive statement! So O' Reader! Continue to express the glory of your **Rabb** in the form of **His Zikr**, practical, verbal and perpetual, that is, **Zikr-e-Qalbi**.