

سُورَةُ النَّبَاِ

Sūrah an Naba

(THE ANNOUNCEMENT)

Revealed at Makkah, it has two Sections and forty Āyāt.

Section 1

In the Name of Allah

The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful.

1. Of what are they asking?
2. Of the fateful Announcement.
3. Concerning which they differ.
4. No, indeed they shall soon know the truth.
5. Again, no indeed, they shall soon know the truth.
6. Have We not made the earth an expanse?
7. And the mountains as stakes?
8. And we have created you in pairs.
9. And We have made your sleep a rest.
10. And We have made the night a covering.
11. And We have made the day for seeking livelihood.
12. And We have built over you seven strong heavens.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

عَمَّ يَتَسَاءَلُونَ ﴿١﴾

عَنِ النَّبَاِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿٢﴾

الَّذِي هُمْ فِيهِ مُخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿٣﴾

كَلَّا سَيَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤﴾

كَلَّا سَيَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٥﴾

أَلَمْ نَجْعَلِ الْأَرْضَ مِهْدًا ﴿٦﴾

وَالْجِبَالَ أَوْتَادًا ﴿٧﴾

وَخَلَقْنَاكُمْ أَزْوَاجًا ﴿٨﴾

وَجَعَلْنَا نَوْمَكُمْ سُبَاتًا ﴿٩﴾

وَجَعَلْنَا اللَّيْلَ لِبَاسًا ﴿١٠﴾

وَجَعَلْنَا النَّهَارَ مَعَاشًا ﴿١١﴾

وَبَنَيْنَا فَوْقَكُمْ سَبْعًا شِدَادًا ﴿١٢﴾

13. And We have set therein a lamp glowing.
14. And We have sent down from the rain-clouds abundant water.
15. So that We bring forth from them corn and vegetation.
16. And gardens thick with trees.
17. Verily the Day of Decision is an appointed time.
18. A Day whereon the Trumpet will be blown and you will come in multitudes.
19. And the sky will have been opened and it will have become as doors.
20. And the mountains will have been removed away, and they will have become as mirage.
21. Verily Hell lurks in ambush.
22. A receptacle for the exorbitant.
23. For ages they will tarry therein.
24. They will not taste therein cool or any drink.
25. Save scalding water and corruption.
26. Recompense fitted.
27. Verily they did not use to look for a reckoning.
28. And they belied Our Signs totally.
29. And We have recorded everything in a Book.

وَجَعَلْنَا سِرَاجًا وَهَّاجًا ﴿١٣﴾

وَأَنْزَلْنَا مِنَ الْمُعْصِرَاتِ مَاءً نَّجَّاجًا ﴿١٤﴾

لِنُخْرِجَ بِهِ حَبًّا وَنَبَاتًا ﴿١٥﴾

وَجَنَّاتٍ أَلْفَافًا ﴿١٦﴾

إِنَّ يَوْمَ الْفَصْلِ كَانَ مِيقَاتَنَا ﴿١٧﴾

يَوْمَ يُفْعَفُ فِي الصُّورِ فَنَأْتُونَ أَفْوَاجًا ﴿١٨﴾

وَفُتِحَتِ السَّمَاءُ فَكَانَتْ أَبْوَابًا ﴿١٩﴾

وَسُيِّرَتِ الْجِبَالُ فَكَانَتْ سَرَابًا ﴿٢٠﴾

إِنَّ جَهَنَّمَ كَانَتْ مِرْصَادًا ﴿٢١﴾

لِلطَّعِينِ مَثَابًا ﴿٢٢﴾

لَيَسِيبَنَ فِيهَا أَحْقَابًا ﴿٢٣﴾

لَا يَذُوقُونَ فِيهَا بَرْدًا وَلَا شَرَابًا ﴿٢٤﴾

إِلَّا حَمِيمًا وَغَسَّاقًا ﴿٢٥﴾

جَزَاءً وَفَاقًا ﴿٢٦﴾

إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا لَا يَرْجُونَ حِسَابًا ﴿٢٧﴾

وَكَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا كِذَابًا ﴿٢٨﴾

وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ أَحْصَيْنَاهُ كِتَابًا ﴿٢٩﴾

30. Taste therefore. We shall only
increase you in torment.

فَذُوقُوا فَلَنْ نَزِيدَكُمْ إِلَّا عَذَابًا ﴿٣٠﴾

Secrets of Revelation

The infidels ridicule and ask when the Day of Judgment they are being warned so much about will be. They hold different opinions. Some ask why it does not come about for those already dead. The others assert that nothing of the sort will ever happen. Yet all of them will come to know, for it shall sweep away all doubts. The Absolute Ruler created the earth with infinite qualities, and made it as comfortable as a warm bed and the source of all provisions of life. Then He pegged it with mountains rich in minerals and decorated it with valleys fraught with fruit trees, jungles alive with wild life and peaks capped with snow. And then He created mankind in pairs to exquisitely colour the canvas of life and to sustain human race.

Sleep

He made sleep a way for you to unwind after a day's labour. It is a wonderful thing, whereafter a person gets up fresh, ready to face the errands of a new day. The kings and the paupers benefit from it alike. Ask those of its merit, who seek it through pills. The Omnipotent created night to provide a peaceful environment for sleep, for mankind and beasts alike. Then after a reasonable interval, a new day rises to end the night, for if sleep exceeds reasonable limits, all business of life shall stand suspended. The day brings along the right conditions to undertake worldly chores.

He built seven heavens to provide ceiling to the earth and placed in between a lamp luminous, the sun that rises and sets to sustain the whole infrastructure of life. Clouds are formed to pour down whereby the grain and the greenery grow, and the orchards yield diverse fruits.

The Sun

The whole system is balanced so immaculately that even an infinitesimal change in the equilibrium between earth and sun would disrupt it. In the same way, the Holy Prophet^{SAW} has been simlized with the sun, that every heart should have a bond with him like earth is bonded to the sun. This bond should be strong enough to receive appropriate degree of Barakah, like the earth receives the proper amount of heat from the sun and the clouds are formed to pour down. Like earth is laden with

fruits due to rain, the rain of his Barakah should fill the Qalb with spiritual feelings. The same strong relationship must exist between a seeker and the Accomplished Shaikh. A decline shall upset the balance calling for quick penitence and treatment. This whole system itself demands that a Day of Judgment must be and for sure, it has been determined. When the Trumpet is blown and mankind flocks together, the heavens will be split to form numerous openings, and mountains will be quashed to dust. And the Hell and its angels wait in ambush for the transgressors, who trespassed the limits of duties and rights defined by the Prophets^{AS}. They would be locked in Hell for many a *Ḥaqabah*.

Ḥaqabah

Ḥaqabah is an extremely long period of time extending over millions of years. According to some scholars, these would be the believers who had not taken to the Islamic Code of life. They would only be freed after seething in Hell for millions of years. According to Ḥadīth those Muslims who would be sent to Hell because of sins will only be taken out after staying in it for many a *Ḥaqabah*. Ḥadhrat 'Ali^{RAU} defines *Ḥaqabah* as equal to twenty eight million and eight hundred thousand years. Whatever this period may be, it will ultimately end whereas the disbelievers will abide in the Hell. Another school of scholars hold that this Āyah pertains to the infidels. Their stay in Hell will never end and one *Ḥaqabah* will be followed by another. There will be no concept of any pleasantness in Hell. No such drink will be served that may dampen the heat. Rather, the Hell-bound will get boiling water to drink so hot that it will welter away the skin from their faces. Once swallowed, it will melt away the intestines. Thus, will their crimes be fully requited.

Requital Depends on Conduct

Requital will be of the same kind as the conduct. The infidels rejected the Code of Life given by Islam and opted for the path of denial, which caused multitudes to end up and burn in Hell. They deserve now to have puss and blood dripping from their wounds as food. They had never thought of reckoning, the Doomsday and the Ākhirah and outrightly rejected Allah's Signs and the System He gave. It swept away others in the same tide. They will be satirically told to have a good time, and hope for the torment to increase with each passing moment, just as their evilness and denial would have kept increasing had they still been in the world.

Section 2

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| <p>31. Verily for the pious is an achievement.</p> | <p>إِنَّ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ مَفَازًا ﴿٣١﴾</p> |
| <p>32. Gardens enclosed and vine-yards.</p> | <p>حَدَائِقَ وَأَعْنَابًا ﴿٣٢﴾</p> |
| <p>33. And full-breasted maidens of equal age.</p> | <p>وَكَوَاعِبَ آتْرَابًا ﴿٣٣﴾</p> |
| <p>34. And an overflowing cup.</p> | <p>وَكَأْسًا مِدْهَاقًا ﴿٣٤﴾</p> |
| <p>35. They will hear therein no babble or falsehood.</p> | <p>لَا يَسْمَعُونَ فِيهَا لَغْوًا وَلَا كِذَابًا ﴿٣٥﴾</p> |
| <p>36. A recompense from your Rabb, a gift sufficient.</p> | <p>جَزَاءً مِنْ رَبِّكَ عَطَاءً حِسَابًا ﴿٣٦﴾</p> |
| <p>37. From the Rabb of the heavens and the earth and of what is in-between, the Compassionate with whom they cannot demand audience.</p> | <p>رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا الرَّحْمَنُ لَا يَمْلِكُونَ مِنْهُ خِطَابًا ﴿٣٧﴾</p> |
| <p>38. The Day whereon the souls and the angels will stand arrayed, they will not be able to speak, except whom the Compassionate gives leave and who speaks aright.</p> | <p>يَوْمَ يَقُومُ الرُّوحُ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ صَفًّا لَا يَتَكَلَّمُونَ إِلَّا مَنْ أَذِنَ لَهُ الرَّحْمَنُ وَقَالَ صَوَابًا ﴿٣٨﴾</p> |
| <p>39. That is the Sure Day. Let him who wills; seek a way back to his Rabb.</p> | <p>ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمُ الْحَقُّ فَمَنْ شَاءَ اتَّخَذْ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِ مَعَابًا ﴿٣٩﴾</p> |
| <p>40. Verily We have warned you of an imminent chastisement, a Day whereon a man will see what he has sent forth and the infidel will say: Would that I had been dust!</p> | <p>إِنَّا أَنْذَرْنَاكُمْ عَذَابًا قَرِيبًا يَوْمَ يَنْظُرُ الْمَرْءُ مَا قَدَّمَتْ يَدَاهُ وَيَقُولُ الْكَافِرُ يَا لَيْتَنِي كُنْتُ تُرَابًا ﴿٤٠﴾</p> |

Secrets of Revelation

The Day of Reckoning will be a day of fulfilment for the devoted. They will enter orchards laden with clusters of grapes, and charming maidens of their age, and glasses abrim with drinks unheard of.

Hūr

Hūr is a creature of Jannah, a beautiful woman, so dazzling that according to a Ḥadīth, if she exposes her palm, its radiance will humble the sun. Among them will also be the believing women of this world. All men and women will be returned to an everlasting youth. The real honour will be for those women who believed in **Allah** and **His Prophet**^{SAW}, and obeyed them unwaveringly despite worldly turmoils and grief. Hūrs will be their maid-servants, and because they did not go through the accountable temporal life, they will be subservient to the believing women and permissible for the men of Jannah.

In Jannah, no one will lie or gossip in vain. That is a place of reward, multiplied infinitely. **Allah** is Supreme Sovereign, whose blessings are limitless. **He** shall reward so stupendously that the believers will be amazed to the hilt.

On the Day of Reckoning, Archangel Jibril^{AS} and other angels will present the record, as desired by **Allah**, flawless and accurate. It will be the Day of Justice. So O' people! If you wish to win, obey **Him**. You have been warned about the consequences of your conduct, which you will witness yourselves. When after the reckoning, animals and other creatures are returned to dust, the disbelievers will ruefully long for the same so as be spared the eternal torment. Therefore, to avoid such distressful end, embrace the Code of Life revealed to the Holy Prophet^{SAW}.