

SURAH AL-QAARI'AH

LEVEL:
INTERMEDIATE

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْقَارِعَةُ (1) مَا الْقَارِعَةُ (2) وَمَا أَذْرَكَ مَا الْقَارِعَةُ (3) يَوْمَ يَكُونُ النَّاسُ كَالْفَرَاشِ الْمَبْثُوثِ
(4) وَتَكُونُ الْجِبَالُ كَالْعِهْنِ الْمَنْفُوشِ (5) فَأَمَّا مَنْ ثَقُلَتْ مَوَازِينُهُ (6) فَهُوَ فِي عِيشَةٍ رَاضِيَةٍ
(7) وَأَمَّا مَنْ خَفَّتْ مَوَازِينُهُ (8) فَأُمُّهُ هَاوِيَةٌ (9) وَمَا أَذْرَكَ مَا هِيَ (10) نَارٌ حَامِيَةٌ (11)

TRANLITRATION

TRANSLATION

Al qaari'ah

The Striking Calamity

Mal qaariah

What is the Striking Calamity?

Wa maa adraaka mal qaari'ah

And what can make you know
what is the Striking Calamity?

Yauma ya koonun naasu kal
farashil mabthooth

It is the Day when people will be
like moths, dispersed,

Wa ta koonul jibalu kal 'ihnii
manfoosh

And the mountains will be like
wool, fluffed up.

Fa-amma man thaqulat mawa
zeenuh

As for one whose scales are
heavy [with good deeds],

Fahuwa fee 'ishatir raadiyah

He will be in a pleasant life.

Wa amma man khaffat mawa zeenuh

But as for one whose scales are light,

Fa-ummuhu haawiyah

His refuge will be an abyss.

Wa maa adraaka maa hiyah

And what can make you know
what that is?

Naarun hamiyah

A blazing Fire.

Surah Al-Qari'ah is one of the Meccan surahs in the Holy Quran, and it is the 101st surah in the order of the Quranic chapters. This surah aims to make people aware of the reality of the Day of Judgment and its terrifying events. The name "Al-Qari'ah" is one that evokes fear in the heart, symbolizing the day when the scales of justice will be overturned, and great events will take place.

THE MEANING OF THE AYAT

1- Al-Qari'ah (The Striking Calamity)

The surah begins with the word "Al-Qari'ah," which is one of the names of the Day of Judgment. "Al-Qari'ah" means something that strikes violently and makes a loud sound, signifying the dread and terror that will overwhelm people on that day. The surah starts with this name to emphasize the intensity and impact of that day on people.

2- Mal qaariah (What is Al-Qari'ah?)

This is a rhetorical question to emphasize the greatness and horror of the Day of Judgment, where Allah asks: What is Al-Qari'ah? This draws the listeners' attention, making them realize the significance and severity of this day.

3- Wa maa adraaka mal qaari'ah (And what can make you know what is Al-Qari'ah?)

The question is repeated to reinforce the magnitude of this day, as if God is asking Prophet Muhammad, ﷺ: What could possibly make you understand what Al-Qari'ah is? This indicates that the day is beyond human comprehension and understanding.

4- Yauma ya koonun naasu kal farashil mabthooth (It is the Day when people will be like moths, dispersed)

This verse describes the state of people on the Day of Judgment, where Allah likens them to scattered moths, fluttering and dispersed in the air. The moths here symbolize the confusion and panic that will grip people on that day, causing them to scatter in every direction without purpose or control.

5- Wa ta koonul jibalu kal 'ihnīl manfoosh (And the mountains will be like wool, fluffed up)

This verse refers to the fate of the mountains on the Day of Judgment, which will become like fluffed-up wool, meaning they will turn from their solid and strong state into a condition of being torn apart and scattered. This illustrates the power and effect of Al-Qari'ah on the entire universe, as even the mountains, symbols of stability and permanence, will be reduced to nothing.

6- Fa-amma man thaqulat mawa zeenuh (Then as for one whose scales are heavy [with good deeds])

Here, the surah begins to discuss the reckoning and recompense on the Day of Judgment. This verse indicates that those whose good deeds outweigh their bad deeds will be among the successful on that day.

7- Fahuwa fee 'ishatir raadiyah (He will be in a pleasant life)

The verse explains the reward for those whose scales are heavy, as they will enjoy a pleasant and satisfying life in paradise. This life will be free from worries and sorrows, serving as a reward for those who performed righteous deeds in this world.

8- Wa amma man khaffat mawa zeenuh (But as for one whose scales are light)

This verse refers to those whose scales are light due to the abundance of their sins and the scarcity of their good deeds. These individuals will find themselves in a difficult situation on the Day of Judgment.

9- Fa-ummuhu haawiyah (His refuge will be an abyss)

This verse describes the fate of those whose scales are light, indicating that their destination will be the abyss. "Abyss" (Hawiyah) is one of the names of Hell, and the description "His refuge will be an abyss" means that the fire will be their primary and permanent abode. Just as a mother is a refuge for her child, here the fire will be the refuge for the disobedient.

10- Wa maa adraaka maa hiyah (And what can make you know what it is)

The surah concludes with another rhetorical question to underscore the severity of the abyss, where God asks again: And what can make you know what it is?

11- Naarun hamiyah (A blazing Fire.)

The final verse clarifies that the abyss is a blazing fire, extremely hot, in which the wicked souls and disobedient will be tormented.

CONCLUSION:

Surah Al-Qari'ah serves as a powerful warning to people about the Day of Judgment and its horrors. The surah calls for reflection on one's fate and urges individuals to improve their balance with good deeds. It reminds us that the life of this world is only a temporary phase and that the Hereafter is the true life that we must prepare for. Those who fear the Day of Judgment and work for the Hereafter will be among the successful ones who enjoy the bliss of paradise.

ACTIVITIES

WRITE THE MEANINGS OF THE VERSES

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الْقَارِعَةُ (1) مَا الْقَارِعَةُ (2)

وَمَا أَذْرَكَ مَا الْقَارِعَةُ (3)

يَوْمَ يَكُونُ النَّاسُ كَالْفَرَاشِ الْمَبْثُوثِ (4)

وَتَكُونُ الْجِبَالُ كَالْعِهْنِ الْمَنْفُوشِ (5)

فَأَمَّا مَنْ ثَقُلَتْ مَوَازِينُهُ (6)

فَهُوَ فِي عِيشَةٍ رَاضِيَةٍ (7)

وَأَمَّا مَنْ خَفَّتْ مَوَازِينُهُ (8)

فَأُمُّهُ هَاوِيَةٌ (9)

وَمَا أَذْرَكَ مَا هِيَ (10)

نَارٌ حَامِيَةٌ (11)

ACTIVITIES

Q

x

1- How does Surah Al-Qari'ah describe the state of people on the Day of Judgment?

Q

x

2- What will happen to those whose scales are heavy on the Day of Judgment?

Q

x

- 1- I am one of the names of the Day of Judgment. What am I?
- 2- I will be turned into something like fluffed-up wool. What am I?
- 3- I am the abyss mentioned as the destination of the person whose scales are light. What am I?

- 1- Al-Qari'ah is one of the names of the Day of _____.
17. People will be like scattered _____.
- 2- The mountains will be like fluffed-up _____.
- 3- The person whose scales are _____ will have a pleasant life.
- 4- The person whose scales are _____ will have Hawiyah.
- 5- Hawiyah is described as a _____ Fire.

TRUE OR FALSE

- 1-Surah Al-Qari'ah is a Medinan surah.
- 2- The surah describes the fate of the righteous as being in a "pleasant life" in Paradise.
- 3- The name "Al-Qari'ah" symbolizes a peaceful and calm day.
- 4- On the Day of Judgment, the mountains will remain firm and stable.
- 5- Those with light scales will find refuge in Paradise.
- 6- The rhetorical questions in Surah Al-Qari'ah emphasize the severity and incomprehensibility of the Day of Judgment.

ACTIVITIES



CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER:

1. What does "Al-Qari'ah" refer to?
 - A. The life of this world
 - B. The Day of Judgment
 - C. The night of Ramadan
 - D. The Day of Eid
2. What does "Al-Qari'ah" describe?
 - A. Something peaceful and quiet
 - B. Something that strikes violently and causes great fear
 - C. A beautiful garden
 - D. A strong mountain
3. How will people be described on the Day of Judgment?
 - A. Like birds flying together
 - B. Like scattered moths
 - C. Like strong mountains
 - D. Like trees
4. What will happen to the mountains?
 - A. They will become larger.
 - B. They will remain unchanged.
 - C. They will become like fluffed-up wool.
 - D. They will disappear into the sea.
5. What happens to a person's deeds on the Day of Judgment?
 - A. They are forgotten.
 - B. They are weighed.
 - C. They are given to another person.
 - D. They are hidden.
6. What will happen to the person whose scales are heavy?
 - A. He will have a pleasant life.
 - B. He will return to this world.
 - C. He will become a mountain.
 - D. He will be punished.
8. How does the surah describe Hawiyah at the end?
 - A. A peaceful garden
 - B. A blazing fire
 - C. A dark cloud
 - D. A deep ocean