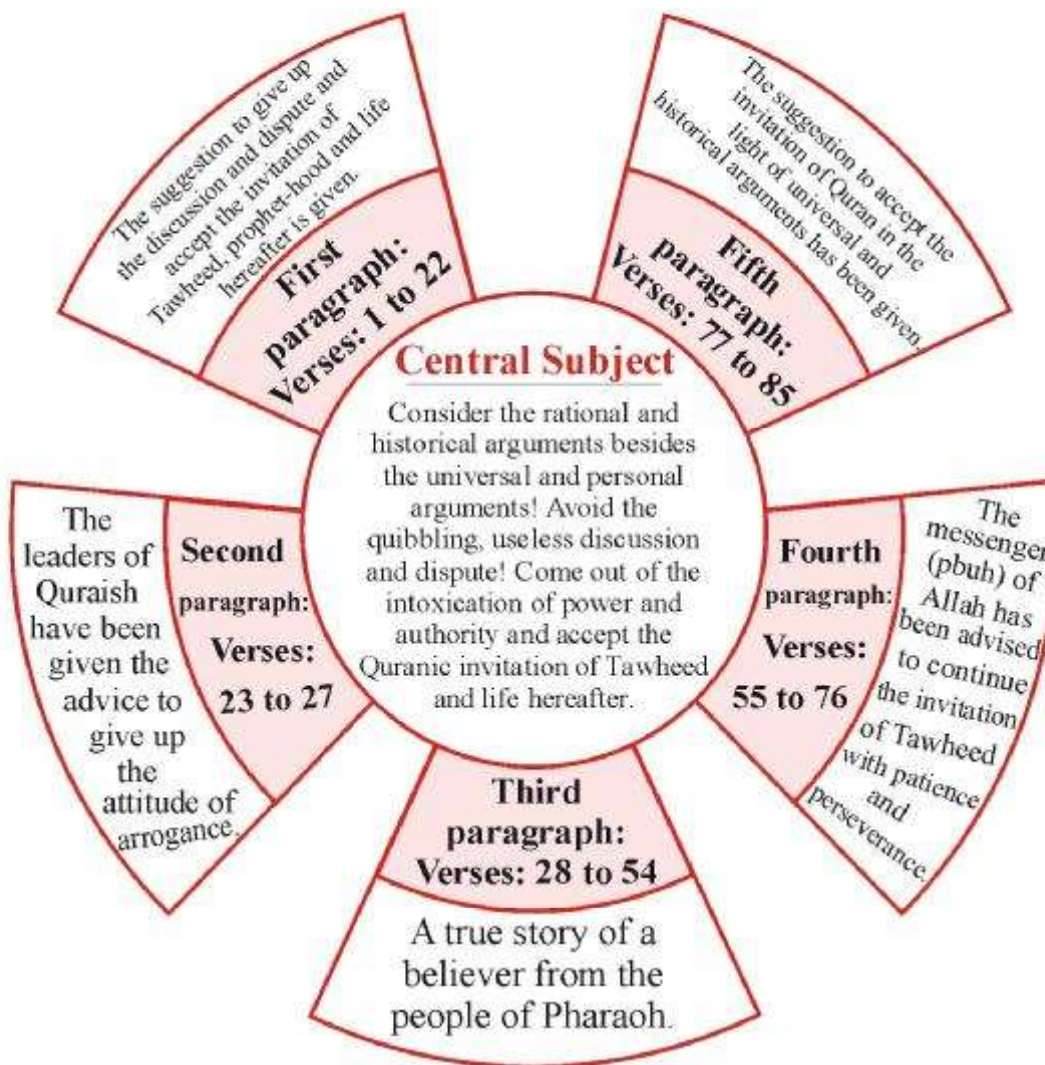


Flow Chart of Macro-Structure of Soorah Al-Mo'min

40-Soorah Al-Mo'min Makkan

Verses: 85

Paragraphs: 5



A brief note about the “Hawaameem”

The soorahs that begin with the letters “Haa-Meem” are called “Hawaameem”. They are seven in total. Look at their period of revelation and central subject together.

No. of Soorah	Name of Soorah	Period of Revelation	Central Subject
40	Haa-Meem Al-Mo'min	Soorah Al-Mo'min was revealed at the end of the third phase of prophet's (pbuh) stay in Makkah during 10 prophet-hood. There is the threat of annihilation like that of Pharaoh in this soorah.	Accept the rational and historical arguments besides the universal and personal arguments! Leave the quibbling, useless discussion and contention! Avoid the intoxication of power! Give up the “Fir'aunic” attitude and accept the Quranic invitation of Tawheed and life hereafter; otherwise, you will have to face the same end as the pharaohs of history faced.
41	Haa-Meem As-Sajdah	It was revealed in the beginning of the third phase of prophet's (pbuh) stay in Makkah, probably, in 10 Prophet-hood. There is the threat of annihilation like that of the people of Aad and Thamood.	Accept the Quranic invitation of Tawheed and life hereafter in the light of universal, historical and personal arguments and give up the attitude of exaltation and arrogance in the land! Do not be the enemies of Allah; otherwise, your end will not be different from that of the people of Aad and Thamood. Accept the invitation of belief and be patient and steadfast! You will be blessed with the success in this world and in the Hereafter. Ascribe the Providence to Allah and be steadfast on it. “They said: Allah is our Lord and then stood firm on it” (30)

42	Haa-Meem Ash-Shoora	It was revealed during the last phase of prophet's (pbuh) stay in Makkah probably in 13 Prophet-hood. This soorah is the introduction of the Islamic State in Madinah.	Believe in the light of the Divine teachings revealed to Muhammad (pbuh)! Give up the Shirk in Sovereignty and give up the self-made human legislation! Understand the importance of establishing the religion and establish the collective organisation based on the system of consultation so that the maintenance of justice is ensured through the Law of Allah.
43	Haa-Meem Az-Zukhruf	Soorah Az-Zukhruf was revealed during the last phase of prophet's stay in Makkah in 13 Prophet-hood along with soorah Ash-Shoora. This was the last revealed soorah among the "Hawaameem". This soorah also is the introduction of Islamic State in Madinah.	Accept the God of heavens as the Sovereign of the earth! The Tawheed of Creation and the Tawheed of Providence are not enough. Accept Allah's Tawheed of Divinity, Tawheed of Worship and Tawheed of Sovereignty as well!
44	Haa-Meem Ad-Dukhaan	Soorah Ad-Dukhaan was revealed in the beginning of the third phase of prophet's (pbuh) stay in Makkah (6 to 10 prophet-hood), probably during the famine of 7 prophet-hood along with soorah Al-Jaathiyah.	The punishment for arrogance, love of worldly life, exaltation in the land, rejection of the Quranic invitation, rejection of Tawheed and life hereafter is annihilation in this world and hell in the hereafter.

45	Haa-Meem Al-Jaathiyah	Soorah Al-Jaathiyah was revealed during the third phase of prophet's stay in Makkah (6 to 10 prophet-hood), probably during the famine of 7 prophet-hood, along with soorah Ad-Dukhaan.	The Almighty and the Wise (Allah) has created the universe with a special purpose. The Quranic arguments are presented to explain this purpose. Believe in the invitation of Tawheed and the life hereafter instead of making fun of it and save yourselves from atheism and the worship of this world!
46	Haa-Meem Al-Ahqaaf	Probably, it was revealed on return from Taa'if at the place of Nakhlah along with soorah Al-Jinn, in Shawwaal, 10 prophet-hood. There is the threat of annihilation like that of the people of Aad, in this soorah.	Believe in the holy Quran revealed by the Almighty, the Wise! Learn a lesson from the end of the polytheists of people of Aad! Be the preachers and propagators of the holy Quran like the Jinns who followed the Tawheed! Otherwise, your end will not be different from that of the people of Aad.

Period of revelation and the background

The other name of soorah Al-Mo'min is soorah Ghaafir. It is the first of the soorahs beginning with the letters Haa-Meem.

Soorah Al-Mo'min was revealed at the end of the third phase of prophet's stay in Makkah (6 to 10 prophet-hood), probably in 10 prophet-hood. This is the period when soorah Haa-Meem As-Sajdah and soorah Haa-Meem Ash-Shoora were revealed as well. The migration to Ethiopia had already taken place. The polytheist and arrogant leaders of Quraish, intoxicated with their power and wealth like Pharaoh, Haamaan and Qaaron were oppressing the Muslims. Like pharaoh, they called their polytheistic way, the way of right guidance and quibbled with the messenger (pbuh) of Allah. They have been told a true story of a believer at the time of prophet Moosaa. In the beginning, he concealed his belief as a stratagem. But when Pharaoh did not take his opinion seriously, he announced his belief openly. The prophet (pbuh) has been advised to be patient and steadfast on Tawheed.

Relationship of soorah Al-Mo'min with the Book

- 1- In the previous soorah (Az-Zumar), the demand for pure and unadulterated Tawheed was made. Here, in soorah Al-Mo'min, the demand to accept the life hereafter, besides Tawheed has been made. There is advice to avoid quibbling, stubbornness and arrogance and there is the threat of annihilation as well.
- 2- Here, in soorah Al-Mo'min, there are historical and rational arguments for the establishment of Tawheed. In the next soorah (Haa-Meem As-Sajdah), there are universal and personal arguments beside the historical arguments.
- 3- Here, in soorah Al-Mo'min, there is suggestion to give up the attitude of arrogance like that of Pharaoh; while in the next soorah (Haa-Meem As-Sajdah), there is the suggestion to avoid the arrogant attitude like that of the people of Aad and Thamood. The threat of annihilation is given in both the soorahs.

Important Key words and Subjects

1- The demand for pure Tawheed of Prayer in soorah Al-Mo'min:

The demand for pure Tawheed of Prayer that is free from any mixture of Shirk has been made twice in this soorah. ﴿قَادِعُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ﴾ “So invoke Allah with sincere devotion to Him.” (Verses: 14, 65) The Makkan pagans used to pray to the gods other than Allah. (Verses: 66 and 74) The words: ﴿مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ﴾ “Min Doonillah” (gods other than Allah) is a special phrase of Quran which means the creation whom the ignorant people had given the status of god. Another phrase: “Ghairullah” (besides Allah) has also been used for this purpose.

2- Meaningfulness of the use of word ﴿مُجَادَلَهُ﴾ “Mujaadalah” (contention, dispute) in soorah Al-Mo'min:

The word ﴿مُجَادَلَهُ﴾ “Mujaadalah” (contention, dispute) has been used four times for the useless quibble of Makkan pagans in this soorah. It was caused by their arrogance and stubbornness. (Verses: 4, 35, 56, 69) The messenger (pbuh) of Allah invited them for Tawheed. Tawheed has been mentioned in seven verses in this soorah. (Verses: 14, 41, 42, 60, 62, 65, 84)

3- Description of arrogance of infidel leaders in soorah Al-Mo'min:

The basic reason for rejecting the invitation of the messenger (pbuh) of Allah was the pride and arrogance of the leadership of Quraish. Their arrogance has been mentioned five times in this soorah. (Verses: 27, 47, 48, 60, 76)

4- The threat of annihilation to the proud politicians and arrogant rulers in soorah Al-Mo'min:

We have repeatedly pointed out in this book, that in most of the soorahs of Quran, the topic which is described in the first paragraph, is repeated in the last paragraph as well. Even in this soorah, the arrogant politicians and rulers have been threatened in verses 21 and 82 that Allah Almighty has ruined such nations who were distinct for their power and left great relics. In this topic, there is lesson not only for the Quraish of Makkah but for all the rulers until the Doomsday.

(a) ﴿كَانُوا أَشَدَّ مِنْهُمْ قُوَّةً وَأَكْبَارًا﴾ “They were far greater in power than these and (left great) traces in the land.” (Verse: 21)

(b) ﴿كَانُوا أَكْثَرُ مِنْهُمْ قُوَّةً وَأَكْبَارًا فِي الْأَرْضِ﴾ “They were more in number and superior in strength than these and they have left behind great traces (of their power) in the land.” (Verse: 82)

5- The promise of showing the “Right Way” by both the believer and Pharaoh in soorah Al-Mo'min:

In this soorah two different kinds of leaders claimed that they can guide the people to the right way. This claim was made by two opposite leaderships - the Islamic leadership and the rebellious leadership. First, it was made by the believer who had concealed his belief in the beginning and secondly, it was made by Pharaoh who was the leader of the rebellious forces of his time.

6- The masses have been advised to avoid the rebellious forces in soorah Al-Mo'min:

The masses have been warned in this soorah that they should not follow the rebellious powers and dictatorial leaders. They will not be able to save them on the Day of Judgement. Both such leaders and their followers will go to hell and there, they will quarrel with each other. The word ﴿ضَعَفَاءُ﴾ “Dho'afaa”

(weaklings) has been used for the masses and the words “Allazeenastakbaroo” (those who showed arrogance) have been used for the leaders.

﴿وَأَذِيتَعَا جُون فِي النَّارِ فَيَقُولُ الضُّعْفُو الدِّينِ اسْتَكْبَرُوا إِنَّا كُنَّا لَكُمْ تَبَعًا فَهَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُغْنُونَ عَنَّا نَصِيبًا

(آيت: 47)

﴿مِنَ النَّارِ﴾

“When these people will start arguing with each other in the fire, and the weak followers will say to the arrogant leaders: We were your followers: can you now save us from some of these flames.” (Verse: 47)

7- The messenger (pbuh) of Allah has been advised twice to be patient and steadfast in soorah Al-Mo'min:

The Makkan pagans started useless discussion after rejecting the invitation of Tawheed. In this atmosphere, the messenger (Pbuh) of Allah was advised for patience twice. ﴿فَاصْبِرْ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ﴾ “So be patient, the promise of Allah is true.” (Verses: 55, 77)

Macro-structure of soorah Al-Mo'min

Soorah Al-Mo'min consists of five paragraphs.

1- Verses: 1 to 22: In the first paragraph, those who denied the invitation have been advised to give up the dispute.

The leadership of Quraish have been advised to give up useless discussions and accept the Quranic invitation of Tawheed, prophet-hood and life after death. Only the disbelievers dispute about the signs of Allah. They are the people who tyrannise others in different countries. Muslims have been advised not to be deceived by their activities. ﴿مَا يُجَادِلُ فِي آيَاتِ اللَّهِ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَلَا يَغْرُزُكَ تَعَلُّهُمُ فِي الْبِلَادِ﴾

“None disputes the revelations of Allah but those who disbelieve; so let not their affluent activities in the land deceive you.” (Verse: 4)

The messenger (pbuh) of Allah has been ordered to make his religion pure for Allah and call Him, no matter, how disdainful it may be for the disbelievers. ﴿فَادْعُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ﴾ “So invoke Allah with sincere devotion however much the unbelievers may dislike it.” (Verse: 14)

2- Verses: 23 to 27: In the second paragraph, the arrogant leadership of Quraish have been advised to give up their attitude of arrogance.

The proud and arrogant leadership of Quraish have been advised to give up their arrogant attitude. Prophet Moosaa was sent to Pharaoh, Haamaan and Qaaroon but he was called to be a magician and a liar. They kept oppressing the children of Israa'eel, but the plans of unbelievers usually fail. Pharaoh had declared with arrogance that he himself will kill Moosaa. He may call his Lord for help. Pharaoh said, ﴿وَقَالَ فِرْعَوْنُ كَذَّبُوا بِالَّذِي نَادَىٰ رَبَّهُمْ﴾ “Let me kill Moosaa; and let him invoke his Lord.” (Verse: 26) But prophet Moosaa had taken refuge of Allah from every arrogant person who denied the Day of Judgement. So Pharaoh could not harm him in any way.

3- Verses: 28 to 54: In the third paragraph, the true story of a believer from the people of Pharaoh has been described.

He had concealed his belief for some time as a stratagem. Then he declared his belief openly and stood against Pharaoh as the standard-bearer of Tawheed and invited people to the right way. In response to his invitation, Pharaoh deceived the masses by declaring that he was leading them to the right way.

This sincere believer questioned the people's conscience:

﴿أَتَقْتُلُونَ رَجُلًا أَنْ يَقُولَ رَبِّيَ اللَّهُ؟﴾ “Will you kill a man merely because he says: 'My Lord is Allah?'” (Verse: 28)

The sincere believer clarified the difference between the two kinds of invitations by saying: ﴿وَيَقُولُ مَا لِيَ أُدْعَىٰ إِلَى السَّجْوَةِ وَتَدْعُونَنِي إِلَى النَّارِ﴾ “O my people! How is it that I call you to salvation and you call me to the fire?” (Verse: 41)

4- Verses: 55 to 76: In the fourth paragraph, the messenger (pbuh) of Allah has been given the instructions.

The messenger (pbuh) of Allah has been advised to continue his invitation of Tawheed with patience and perseverance in that atmosphere of arrogance, stubbornness, contention and quibbling.

﴿فَاصْبِرْ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لِذُنُوبِكُمْ وَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ بِالْعَشِيِّ وَالْإِبْكَارِ﴾ “So be patient, the promise of Allah is true. Implore forgiveness for your sins and celebrate the praises of your Lord evening and morning.” (Verse: 55) Those who cannot see and those

who can see cannot be equal. Likewise, those who believe and do righteous deeds and those who are evil cannot be equal. Allah has declared that He should be asked and He will accept the prayers. Those who deny to worship Him and pray to Him will be put in hell. Allah should be worshipped sincerely without any adulteration and mixture. The abode of arrogant disbelievers is hell.

5- Verses: 77 to 85: In the fifth and last paragraph, the arrogant leadership have been threatened with annihilation.

The arrogant leadership have been warned through universal and historical arguments that they should not be swelled with their military might, social dignity and economic prosperity. Allah had annihilated such nations in the past who were much stronger than the Quraish. They had much wealth and left great relics. ﴿كَانُوا أَكْثَرُ مِنْهُمْ قُوَّةً وَأَدَّتْ فِي الْأَرْضِ﴾ “They were more in number and superior in strength than these and they have left behind great traces (of their power) in the land. (Verse: 82)

Central Subject

Accept the rational and historical arguments besides universal and personal arguments! Leave the quibbling, useless discussion and contention! Avoid the intoxication of power! Give up the attitude of arrogance and accept the Quranic invitation of Tawheed and life hereafter; otherwise your end will be the same as that of the Pharaohs of the history.

