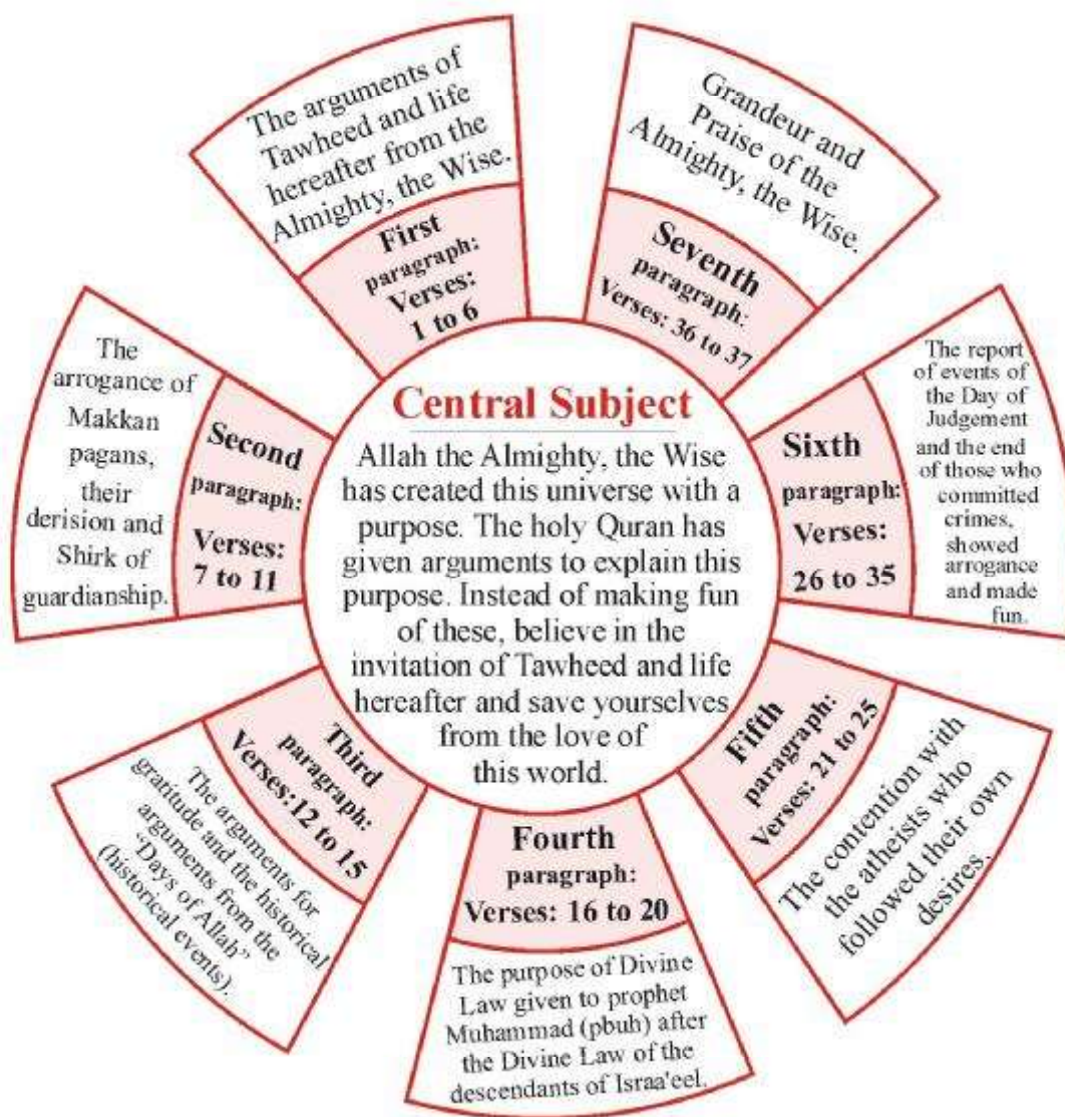


## Flow Chart of Macro-Structure of Soorah Al-Jaathiyah

# 45 - Soorah Al-Jaathiyah Makkan

Verses: 37

Paragraphs: 7



### • The period of revelation and the background

Soorah Al-Jaathiyah is the sixth of the soorahs beginning with the letters Haa-Meem. It was revealed during the third phase of prophet's stay in Makkah (5 to 10 prophet-hood), probably during the famine of seventh prophet-hood, along with soorah Ad-Dukhaan. This was the period when the messenger

(pbuh) of Allah was presenting the rational, textual, historical, universal and personal arguments for Tawheed and life hereafter in the light of holy Quran. The words “Aayah” (sign) and “Aayaat” (signs) have been used repeatedly in this soorah for these arguments. In response to these arguments the Makkan pagans were involved in mockery and derision. They committed the Shirk of guardianship. They denied the life hereafter and followed their desires. They were severely involved in the love of this world and showed arrogance. They were told that if they understand the purpose of creation of the universe in the light of the Quranic arguments and accept the invitation of belief, they will be granted peace and success.

### Relationship of soorah Al-Jaathiyah with the Book

In the previous soorah (Ad-Dukhaan), the arrogance and “the exaltation in the land” were forbidden. Here, in this soorah (Al-Jaathiyah), the cause of arrogance and “exaltation in the land” has been told. The arrogance is generated by the negative attitudes like pride, derision and worshipping the desires.

﴿أَفَرَأَيْتَ مَنِ اتَّخَذَ إِلَهَهُ هَوَاهُ وَأَضَلَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَىٰ عِلْمٍ وَخَتَمَ عَلَىٰ سَمْعِهِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَجَعَلَ عَلَىٰ بَصَرِهِ عِثْرَةً فَمَنْ

(آيت: 23)

يَهْدِيهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ اللَّهِ أَفَلَا تَذَكَّرُونَ﴾

“Have you considered (the case of such an individual) who has made his own desires as his god, and Allah having knowledge left him astray, and sealed his hearing and his heart and drew a veil over his sight? Who is there to guide him after Allah (has withdrawn His Guidance)? Will you not learn a lesson?” (Verse: 23)

### Important Key words and Subjects

#### 1- The wisdom behind using two Attributes of Allah the Mighty and the Wise in soorah Al-Jaathiyah:

Two Attributes of Allah - the Almighty and the Wise - have been used twice in this soorah, in the beginning and at the end. It has been told that only Allah the Almighty, the Wise has Grandeur in the heavens and the earth. (Verses: 2, 37) Allah has the power to give reward and punishment. This is His Might. He has given man the freedom of choice and made him the caliph in this perishable world. This is His Wisdom.

## 2- The purpose of revelation of Holy Quran as described in soorah Al-Jaathiyah:

- (a) The holy Quran has been revealed gradually by Allah the Almighty, the Wise. (Verse: 2)
- (b) ﴿ هَذَا هُدًى ﴾ The holy Quran is guidance. (Verse: 11)
- (c) The holy Quran is guidance and mercy for those who believe and it is eye opener for mankind. ﴿ هَذَا بَصَافِرٌ لِلنَّاسِ وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّقَوْمٍ يُوقِنُونَ ﴾ “This is the eye opener for mankind; a guidance and a blessing to the true believers.” (Verse: 20)
- (d) The purpose of revelation of Quran, after Torah, is the prevention of the transgression and deterioration of the Israelites. (Verses: 16 to 19)
- ﴿ ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَاكَ عَلَىٰ شَرِّ أُمَّةٍ مِنَ الْأُممِ فَاتَّبِعْهَا ﴾ “O prophet! We have put you on the Shari'ah (Right Way) of Our commandment, so follow it.” (Verse: 18)

## 3- Explanation of the purpose of the Day of Judgement in soorah Al-Jaathiyah:

A special purpose of the creation of heavens and earth and establishment of the Day of Judgement is the test of good deeds by Allah the Almighty, the Wise. ﴿ وَرَبُّنَا يُجْزِي كُلَّ نَفْسٍ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ ﴾ “In order to reward each soul according to its deeds” (Verse: 22)

## 4- The arguments of Tawheed and life hereafter in soorah Al-Jaathiyah:

The arguments of Tawheed have been presented in this soorah from the words ﴿ آيَةً ﴾ “Aayah” (sign) and ﴿ آيَاتٍ ﴾ “Aayaat” (signs).

- (a) The arguments of Tawheed of Power from the creation of heavens and earth. ﴿ إِنَّ فِي السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ لَآيٰتٍ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ ﴾ “Surely, in the heavens and the earth there are signs for the (true) believers.” (Verse: 3)
- (b) The arguments of Tawheed of Power from the personal evidence of man's creation. ﴿ وَفِي خَلْقِكُمْ وَمَا يَبْتَدِئُ مِنْ كَاتِبَةٍ اَيْتٍ لِّقَوْمٍ يُوقِنُونَ ﴾ “In your own creation and that of animals which are scattered through (the earth), there are signs for those who are firm in faith.” (Verse: 4)

(c) The arguments of Tawheed of Providence:

﴿اللَّهُ الَّذِي سَخَّرَ لَكُمْ الْبَحْرَ لَتَجْرِي فِيهِ الْفُلُوكُ فِيهِ بِأَمْرِ رَبِّهِ وَلِتَسْتَغُوا مِنْ فَضْلِهِ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ۝ وَسَخَّرَ لَكُمْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعًا قَبْلَهُ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يُتَفَكَّرُونَ﴾

“It is Allah who has subjected the sea to you, so that ships may sail upon it by His command, and that you may seek His bounty and be grateful to Him. He also subjected to you whatever is between the heavens and the earth; all from Himself. Surely there are signs in this for those who think.” (Verses: 12, 13)

(d) The arguments of Power and life hereafter: (Verses: 5, 6, 32) Allah controls the movement of the sun and the moon.

﴿وَاجْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ وَمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مِنْ رِزْقٍ فَأَحْيَا بِهِ الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا وَتَصْرِيفِ الرِّيحِ ۗ آيَاتٍ لِقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ﴾  
(آيت: 5)

“And in the alternation of night and day, in the sustenance that Allah sends down from heaven with which he revives the earth after its death and in the changing of the winds, there are signs for those who use their common sense.” (Verse: 5) There are arguments for self-recognition, the recognition of Allah and understanding the universe in the holy Quran itself.

﴿تِلْكَ آيَاتُ اللَّهِ نَتْلُوهَا عَلَيْكَ بِالْحَقِّ فَبِأَيِّ حَدِيثٍ بَعْدَ اللَّهِ وَآيَاتِهِ يُؤْمِنُونَ﴾ “These are the revelations of Allah, which We are reciting to you in all truth. Then, in what report after Allah and His revelations, will they believe?” (Verse: 6)

(e) There are historical arguments from the events of history for the deniers of life hereafter that how did Allah punish the criminals who denied the life hereafter? ﴿قُلْ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَلَى الَّذِينَ لَا يَتَرَعُونَ أَيَّامَ اللَّهِ يَجْزِي قَوْمًا بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ﴾ “Tell the believers to forgive those who do not fear the coming of (bad) days from Allah, so that He may Himself recompense those people according to what they have earned.” (Verse: 14)

(f) There is a rational argument for the deniers of the life hereafter that the end of those who do good deeds and those who earn sins cannot be alike.

﴿أَمْ حَسِبَ الَّذِينَ اجْتَرَحُوا السَّيِّئَاتِ أَنْ نَجْعَلَهُمْ كَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ سَاءَ مَا يَحْكُمُونَ﴾  
(آيت: 21)

“Do the evil doers think that We shall hold them equal with those who believe and do good deeds, and that their lives and deaths shall be alike? Worst is the judgement that they make!” (Verse: 21)

The Muslim and the criminal cannot be alike as the people of paradise and the people of hell cannot be alike.

**5- Charge sheet against the polytheists in soorah Al-Jaathiyah:**

The charge sheet has been laid down against the Makkan pagans.

- (a) They are involved in the Shirk of guardianship. No guardian or helper besides Allah will be able to save the polytheists on the Day of Judgement, while Allah will be the Guardian of the pious people. (Verses: 10, 19) The belief of guardianship held by the polytheists is false.
- (b) They are arrogant. They are showing arrogance regarding the revelations of Allah. (Verses: 8, 31)
- (c) The Makkan pagans have made their desires as their god and they are following these desires blindly. ﴿أَفَرَأَيْتَ مَنِ اتَّخَذَ إِلَهَهُ هَوَاهُ﴾ “Have you considered (the case of such an individual) who has made his own desires as his god.” (Verse:23)
- (d) The Makkan pagans do not believe in the life Hereafter and they express their doubts and suspicions about it. (Verse: 32)
- (e) Regarding the life Hereafter, the Makkan pagans offer this spurious argument that bring our dead forefathers to life if you are true! ﴿وَإِذَا تُلِيَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُنَا بَيِّنَاتٍ مَا كَانَ لِحُجَّتِهِمْ أَنْ قَالُوا اتُّخِذُوا آبَاءَنَا﴾ “When Our clear revelations are recited to them, they have no other argument but to say: 'Bring our forefathers back if what you say is true'.” (Verse: 25)
- (f) The Makkan pagans are unmindful of the meeting with their Lord on the Day of Judgement, therefore, they will be sent to the Hell. ﴿الْيَوْمَ نَنْسِيكُمْ كَمَا نَسَيْتُمْ لِقَاءَ يَوْمِكُمْ هَذَا﴾ “Today We will forget you as you forgot the meeting of this Day of yours.” (Verse: 34)
- (g) The Makkan pagans are pure materialists and atheists. They utter with their tongues: ﴿وَمَا يُلْكُنَا إِلَّا الدَّهْرُ﴾ “Nothing but time destroys us.” (Verse: 24) ﴿وَعَزَّتْكُمْ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا﴾ They are deceived by the life of this world. (Verse: 35) The Makkan pagans were told clearly that all the people will be on their knees before Allah on the Day of Judgement. ﴿وَتَرَى كُلَّ أُمَّةٍ جَائِيَةٌ﴾ “You shall see every nation on its knees.” (Verse: 28) The word “Jaathiyah” is female subject which means the female who goes on her knees.

### Macro-structure of soorah Al-Jaathiyah

Soorah Al-Jaathiyah consists of seven (7) paragraphs.

- 1- Verses: 1 to 6: In the first paragraph, the Quranic arguments of Tawheed and life Hereafter have been presented from Allah the Almighty, the Wise.**

The obstinacy and stubbornness of the Makkan pagans have been pointed out. The holy Quran has been revealed by Allah, the Almighty, the Wise. The Creed of Tawheed and life hereafter should be accepted in the light of the universal and personal arguments. But the obstinate polytheists do not accept any argument.

- 2- Verses: 7 to 11: In the second paragraph, the detail of the stubbornness of Makkan pagans, their arrogance, derision and Shirk of guardianship have been mentioned that they accepted others besides Allah as their helpers and guardians.**

Woe to the obstinate pagans! They are utterly false and wicked.

﴿وَيْلٌ لِّكُلِّ أَفَّاكٍ أَثِيمٍ﴾ “Woe to each lying sinner.” (verse: 7) They stick to Shirk with arrogance after hearing the revelations of Allah. They will go to hell. They make fun of the revelations of Allah. On the Day of Judgement, neither their deeds nor their friends and guardians will be of any help.

- 3- Verses: 12 to 15: In the third paragraph, there are arguments of gratitude for these ungrateful people and they have been threatened with the historical events of annihilation of nations.**

Man should recognise the blessings of Allah and be grateful to him. The ships and the oceans have been subjugated for man that he may find the bounties of Allah. Allah has subjugated for man what is in the heavens and the earth. The Muslims have been advised to forgive those who do not learn the lesson from the events of history. Everyone will get the reward or punishment according to his deeds.

- 4- Verses: 16 to 20: In the fourth paragraph, the purpose of revelation of Divine Law given to prophet Muhammad (pbuh) after the Divine Law of the Israelites has been described.**

The Israelites were given the Torah and they were given superiority over the other nations of the world but they had committed the crime of mutual

exploitation like the Quraish and they were guilty of violence against each other. ﴿ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَاكَ عَلَىٰ شَرِّ ذُرِّيَّتِهِ مِنَ الْأَوَّلِينَ فَلَا تَتَّبِعِ الْهَوَاءَ الَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ﴾ “We have put you on the right way of our commandment, so follow it, and do not yield to the desires of ignorant people,” (Verse: 18)

﴿وَإِنَّ الظَّالِمِينَ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ ۗ وَاللَّهُ وَلِيُّ الْمُتَّقِينَ﴾ “In fact, the wrongdoers are protectors of one another, while the protector of the righteous is Allah Himself.” (Verse:19)  
This Quran is the eye opener for the people and guidance and mercy for the believers.

**5- Verses: 21 to 25: In the fifth paragraph, the actual cause of denial, arrogance and stubbornness has been described.**

The unbelievers have been told clearly that the virtuous people and the sinners cannot be equal. This universe has not been created without a purpose. The reward and punishment will be given on the Day of Judgement according to the good or bad deeds. Those who deny the life hereafter are fascinated by the worldly goods. They have made their desires as their gods and follow them blindly. So these atheists were disputed. ﴿مَنْ اتَّخَذَ إِلَهًا هُوَ﴾ He has made his own desires as his god”. (Verse: 23)

They say: ﴿وَمَا يهلكنا إِلَّا الدَّهْرُ﴾ “Nothing but time destroys us.” (Verse: 24)

Their misunderstanding has been removed that they will have the same end as the pious Muslims.

﴿أَمْ حَسِبَ الَّذِينَ اجْتَرَحُوا السَّيِّئَاتِ أَنْ نَجْعَلَهُمْ كَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ سَوَاءً قَحْتَاهُمْ وَمَا نَحْمَدُهم سَاءَ مَا يَحْكُمُونَ﴾  
“Do the evil doers think that We shall hold them equal with those who believe and do good deeds, and that their lives and deaths shall be alike? Worst is the judgement they make.” (Verse: 21)

**6- Verses: 26 to 35: In the sixth paragraph, the events of the Day of Judgement have been stated and the end of those who committed crimes, showed arrogance and made fun is shown.**

The Day of Judgement is a reality. Every group will be on their knees on that Day. ﴿وَتَرَىٰ كُلَّ أُمَّةٍ جَائِيَةً﴾ “You shall see every nation on its knees.” (Verse: 28)  
They will be invited to see their book of deeds. Those who believed and did good deeds, will enjoy Allah's Mercy; while the arrogant and criminal disbelievers who denied the life hereafter, were involved in the life of this world and used to make fun of the believers, will be thrown in hell.

**7- Verses: 36 to 37: In the seventh paragraph, two Attributes of Allah - the Mighty, the Wise - have been mentioned like the first paragraph.**

In the last two verses, the topic of Tawheed has been repeated that Allah is the Lord Who runs the system of the heavens and the earth. He is the Greatest Being in the heavens and the earth. He is the All-Mighty and He is the All-Wise.

### Central Subject

Allah the Almighty, the Wise has created this universe with a purpose. The holy Quran has given arguments to explain this purpose. Instead of making fun of these, believe in the invitation of Tawheed and life hereafter and save yourselves from atheism and the love of this world.

