

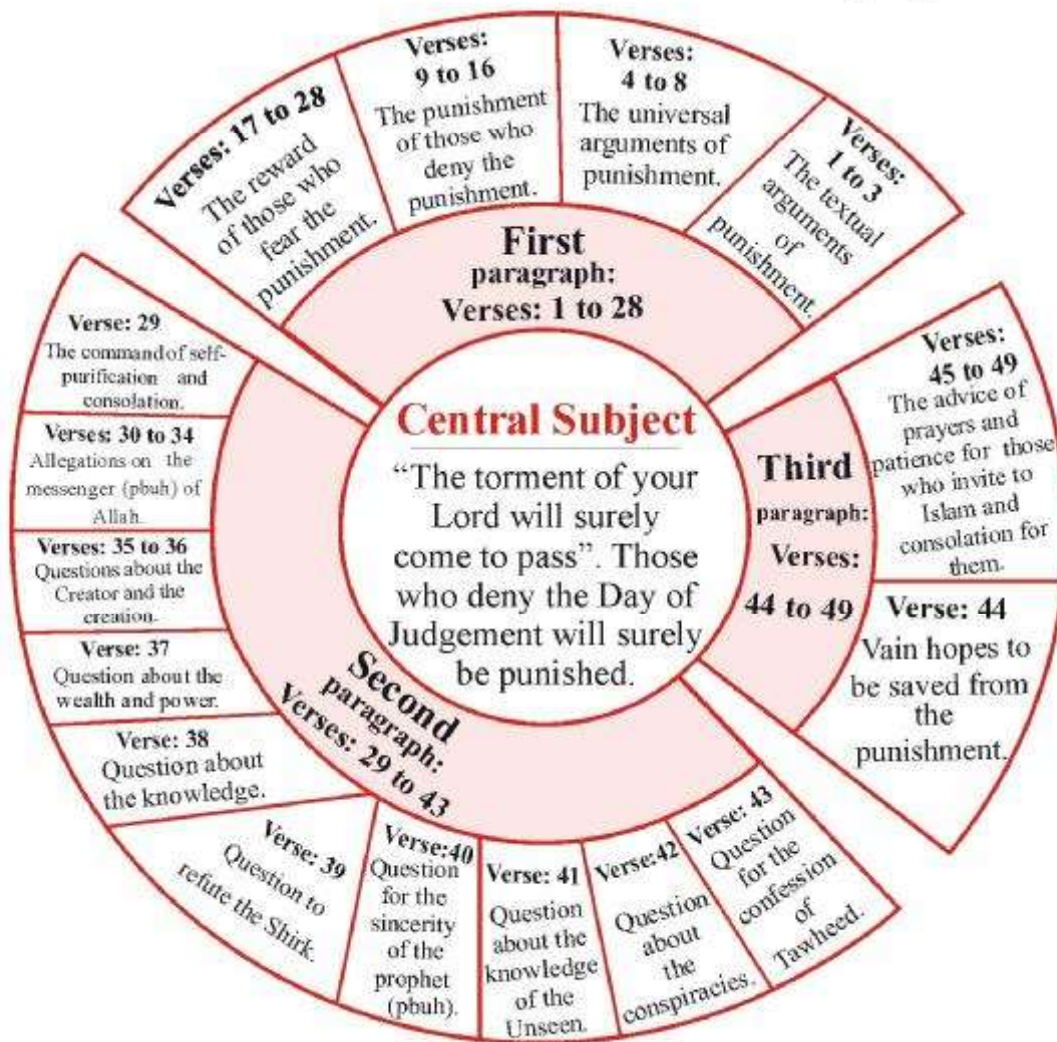
## Flow Chart of Macro-Structure of Soorah At-Toor

# 52 - Soorah At-Toor

Makkan

Verses: 49

Paragraphs: 3



### • Period of revelation:

Like soorah Al-Haaqqah, soorah At-Toor was revealed after the general proclamation of Islam, in the second phase of prophet's stay in Makkah (4 to 5 prophet-hood) during the period of admonition and allegations when the suspicions and doubts were raised against the Messenger (pbuh) of Allah and he was alleged with a lot of allegations like being insane, a poet, a soothsayer and a fabricator etc. "Therefore, (O prophet), keep

up (your mission of) admonition. By the grace of your Lord you are neither a soothsayer nor a madman. Do they say: 'He is but a poet!'"

(Verses: 29, 30)

"Do they say: 'This man has invented this (Quran) himself?'"

The allegation of fabrication of Quran against the Messenger (pbuh) of Allah has also been mentioned in soorah Al-Haaqqah.

### Relationship of soorah At-Toor with the Book

1- Soorah At-Toor has the same subject of life hereafter which has come in the previous soorah Az-Zaariyaat.

In the previous soorah (Az-Zaariyaat), the possibility of Day of Judgement was proved by the words: "And surely, the Day of Judgement will come to pass." (Verse: 6). Here, in this soorah, it has been proved by the words: "The torment of your Lord will surely come to pass." (Verse: 7)

2- In soorah At-Toor, the human conscience has been roused by incessant questions so that Man may be convinced of the Day of Judgement and the life hereafter.

3- In verse 53 of soorah Az-Zaariyaat, the leaders of Makkan pagans have been called "a rebellious nation" and here, in verse 32 of soorah At-Toor also they have been called "a rebellious nation".

### Important key words and subjects

**1- The non-serious attitude of Makkan pagans about the life hereafter has been exposed in soorah At-Toor.**

The non-serious attitude of Makkan pagans about the Quran and its invitation of Tawheed has been exposed by these words: "Those who are engaged in their useless sports." (Verse: 12)

**2- It has been told in soorah At-Toor that the children of a lesser status will join their parents of higher status in the paradise.**

The reality that the believing parents will be joined by their believing children even if they belong to a lower category of believers has been described in the following words: "We shall unite the true believers with those of their children who follow them in their faith." (Verse: 21)

**3- In soorah At-Toor, the messenger (pbuh) of Allah has been ordered to continue the invitation of Quran in that atmosphere of allegations.**

The polytheists have been warned and the messenger (pbuh) of Allah has been consoled and advised in the following words that he should continue inviting people towards Tawheed and admonishing them in the difficult circumstances and in spite of the allegations like soothsayer and madman: “Therefore, (O prophet), keep up (your mission of) admonition. By the grace of your Lord you are neither a soothsayer nor a madman. (Verse: 29)

**4- The rational arguments of Tawheed have been given in the form of questions in soorah At-Toor.**

5- “Do they have a god other than Allah? Exalted is Allah, far above those deities they associate with Him.” (Verse: 43) This is the last question of the series of questions. In other words it is the answer of all the above mentioned questions. If you try to find the answer from your own conscience, you will be convinced of Tawheed and will deny the Shirk.

### Macro-structure of soorah At-Toor

Soorah At-Toor consists of three paragraphs.

**1- Verses: 1 to 16: In the first paragraph, those who deny the Day of Judgement have been warned.**

Traditional (textual) arguments of reward and punishment have been presented from the mount Toor and the teachings given there by revelation. The universal arguments of reward and punishment have been provided from the inhabited house, the elevated canopy of sky and the surging ocean. The polytheists have been warned that they should think seriously about these Quranic arguments. They should not try to avoid the holy Quran by saying that it is magic.

**1 B- Verses: 17 to 22: In this paragraph, the pious people are mentioned in comparison to the deniers.**

The opposite of the deniers are the testifiers, those who testify that the life hereafter is a reality and spend their lives with piety. They are the God-fearing pious people. The picture of rewards and blessings of paradise reserved for the pious people in the hereafter has been drawn.

**2- Verses: 29 to 43: In the second paragraph, the messenger (pbuh) of Allah has been ordered to continue preaching and admonishing in the atmosphere of allegations. (Verse: 29)**

The prophet (pbuh) has been ordered to continue preaching and admonishing people. (Verse: 29) After this, the deniers of life hereafter have been presented with such questions which could remove their suspicions if they pondered over them.

To prove the existence of Allah they were asked: "Have they created themselves?" (Verse: 35)

To prove that they have been created they were asked: "Have they created the heavens and earth?" (Verse: 36)

To get them out of their vain hopes they were asked: "Have they got the control of Allah's treasures?" (Verse: 37)

To prove their ignorance they were asked: "Is there any ladder which they use to get the news of the unseen?" (Verse: 38)

To prove that their creed about the angels was wrong they were asked: "Are there daughters for Allah and sons for the polytheists?" (Verse: 39)

To prove the sincerity of the messenger (pbuh) of Allah they were asked: "Does he ask you for any compensation?" (Verse: 40)

In the end, the polytheists were asked in order to get a confession of Tawheed from them: "In the light of above arguments tell me if there is any other god besides Allah!

**3 A- Verses: 44 to 47: The polytheists who denied the Day of Judgement are given a severe warning and threat of double punishment.**

The attitude of the polytheists is that if they see a part of the sky falling on them, they will say it is the cloud to give them rain. Their moves will not pay them anything on the Day of Judgement and they will not get any support from anywhere. There is punishment for the wrong-doers.

**3 B- Verses: 48 to 49: The messenger of Allah has been given instructions in the last paragraph.**

Continue your invitation with patience. Praise and glorify your Lord in the morning and in the evening. He is watching all this, therefore, He will not leave you alone. A special regard for the prophet (pbuh) has been shown by using the words: "Surely, you are in front of Our eyes."

He has been given the good news that this invitation will surely reach its logical end and the messenger (pbuh) of Allah will become dominant not only in Makkah but in the whole of Arabia and the invitation of Islam will spread in the whole world.

### Central subject

The Day of Judgement and the punishment of Allah are sure to come. "The torment of your Lord will surely come to pass." (Verse: 7) Hence, you should think about the questions asked in this soorah. Accept the invitation of Tawheed given by the messenger (pbuh) of Allah! Believe in the Day of Judgement and the life hereafter instead of rejecting it.

