

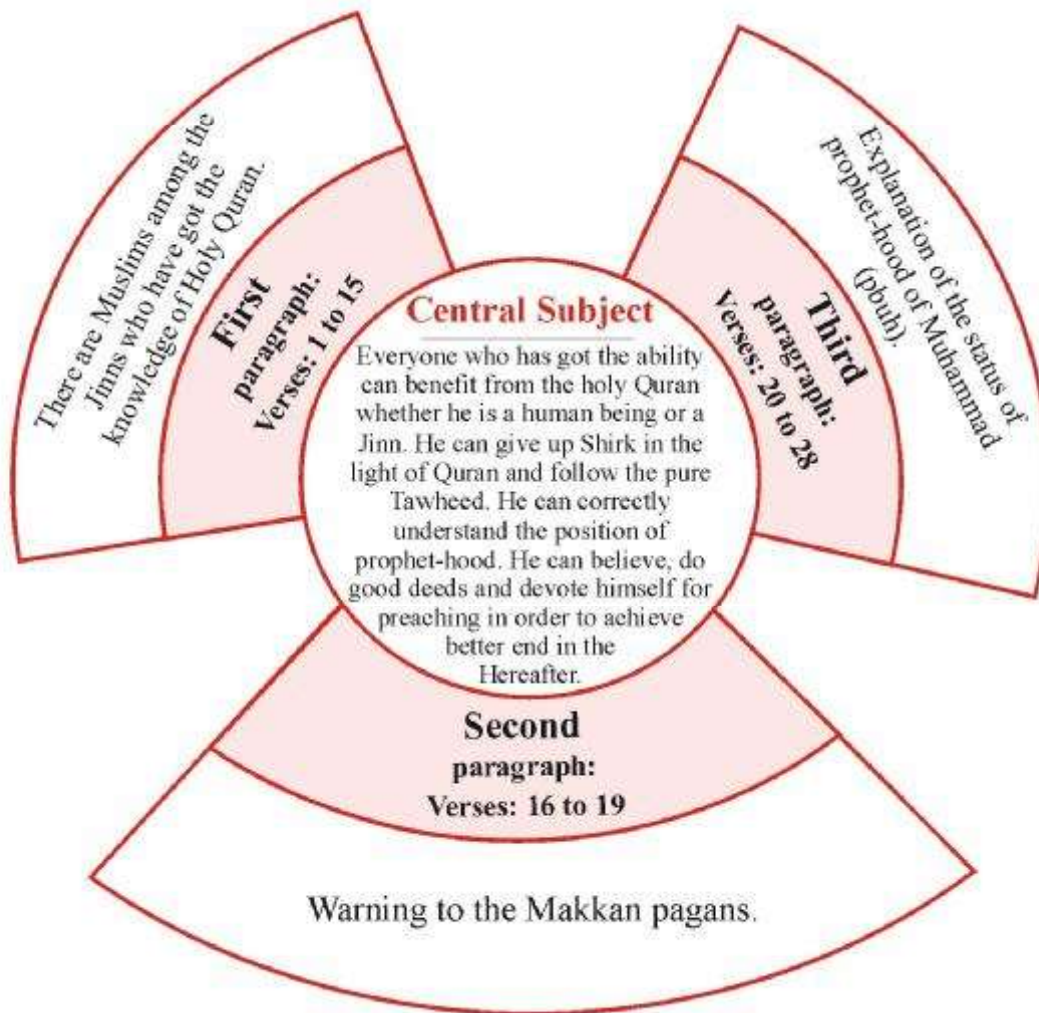
## Flow Chart of Macro-Structure of Soorah Al-Jinn

# 72- Soorah Al-Jinn

Makkan

Verses: 28

Paragraphs: 3



### • Period of revelation:

Probably, soorah Al-Jinn was revealed along with soorah Al-Ahqaaf, on return from the journey of Taa'if, at the place called Nakhlah, in Shawwaal, 10 prophet-hood. This was the period when the prophet (pbuh) had to face the blow of death of Khadeejah (R.A.) and Abu Taalib soon after the end of siege of mountain trail of Abu Taalib and when the attitude of the polytheists

was very hostile and prejudiced towards the Quran. The news of acceptance of Islam by the Jinns in these circumstances was a welcome news. It was appropriate at this occasion to rouse the envy of Quraish and present the invitation of Tawheed again in the most effective manner, explain the status of prophet-hood and remind them of the benefits of belief in this life as well as the life Hereafter.

### Special features

- 1- This soorah has a very impressive melody.
- 2- The invitation of Tawheed, prophet-hood and life Hereafter has been repeated in this soorah from a new angle.
- 3- In this soorah, it has been ordered that the freedom of choice which has been given to only two species of creation - the mankind and the Jinns - should be used correctly.

### Important Key words and Subjects

- 1- The invitation of Tawheed has been given in verses 3, 12, 18 and 20.  
﴿مَا اتَّخَذَ صَاحِبَةً وَلَا وَلَدًا﴾ "He has neither taken a wife nor a son." (Verse: 3)
- 2- The life Hereafter and the prophet-hood have been denied in these words:  
﴿لَنْ يَنْعَمَ اللَّهُ أَحَدًا﴾ "Allah would not appoint anyone (as a Messenger)." (Verse: 7)
- 3- ﴿رِسَالَاتٍ﴾ "Risaalaat" (messages): The mission of the prophet-hood has been highlighted in this soorah. The mission of the Messenger (pbuh) is to convey the instructions given by Allah to the people.  
﴿أَلَّا يَلْغَا مِنَ اللَّهِ مَا رَسَلْتَهُ﴾ "My mission is only to deliver what I receive from Allah and make His messages known." (Verse: 23)  
﴿لِيَعْلَمَ أَنَّ قَدْ آتَيْنَاهُم مَّا وَعَدْنَاهُمْ﴾ "So that He may know that they (the Messengers) have indeed delivered the messages of their Lord. (Verse: 28)
- 4- In this soorah, it has been instilled in the mind that steadfastness on Tawheed can give benefits in this life as well besides the benefits of the life Hereafter. The fields can be irrigated. ﴿لَوْ اسْتَقَامُوا عَلَى الطَّرِيقِ لَأَسْقَيْنَهُمْ مَاءً غَدَقًا﴾ "If they had steadfastly followed the right way, We would have certainly vouchsafed them abundant water." (Verse: 16)

5- The Jinns have also been given the freedom of choice like mankind. There are Muslims and deviators from the truth among them.

﴿مِمَّنَّا الْمُسْلِمُونَ وَمِمَّنَّا الْقَاسِطُونَ﴾ “There are some among us who are Muslims and some who are deviators from the truth.” (Verse: 14) The wrongdoers among the Jinns will be thrown into Hell.

### The relationship of soorah Al-Jinn with the Book

- 1- In the previous soorah (Nooh) the etiquettes of invitation were told and the true story of long invitational struggle of prophet Nooh and the rejection by his nation was described. Here, in soorah Al-Jinn, the acceptance of Islam by Jinns and testifying the truth of Islam has been mentioned. There is suggestion to learn a lesson from the Jinns.
- 2- In the next soorah (Al-Muzzammil), the stages that come after the belief have been mentioned. The ability to be steadfast on Tawheed after the acceptance of Islam can be achieved only as a result of “Tahajjud” (night prayer), charity, invocation of Allah and seeking forgiveness.

### The Macro-structure of soorah Al-Jinn

Soorah Al-Jinn consists of three (3) paragraphs.

- 1- **Verses: 1 to 15: In the first paragraph, the sentiments of the new Muslim Jinns who had become missionaries and propagators of Islam have been portrayed.**

After listening to the invitation of Quran they felt themselves different from Iblees and other wrong-doing and deviating Jinns.

Some believing Jinns gave evidence against their leader Iblees.

There are both the good and the bad Jinns among them. There are Muslims and wrong-doers among the Jinns. They have been given the freedom of choice. They will also go to the Paradise or the Hell.

- 2- **Verses: 16 to 19: In the second paragraph, the polytheists have been told that some of the Jinns are better than human beings like them. They have expressed their disgust against Shirk and have followed Tawheed.**

The Quraish have been warned and admonished here that the result of rejecting the invitation of Tawheed can appear in the form of punishment; while they can have many worldly benefits if they accept it.

﴿لَأَشْفَيْنَهُمْ مَاءً غَدَقًا﴾ “We would have vouchsafed them abundant water.” (Verse: 16)  
They have been ordered not to invoke anyone except Allah.

﴿فَلَا تَدْعُوا مَعَ اللَّهِ أَحَدًا﴾ “Therefore, invoke not anyone along with Allah.” (Verse: 18)  
They should not annoy the Messenger (pbuh) of Allah and should not put hurdles in the way of invitation of Tawheed.

**3- Verses: 20 to 28: In the last paragraph, a few fundamental things have been told and the prophet-hood and its position have been explained.**

Only Allah has got the complete knowledge. The Messenger (pbuh) is given the knowledge of some things through revelation. Only Allah has the complete Power and Authority. The Messenger (pbuh) does not have the authority to give benefit or harm. It is the responsibility of every Messenger to give the invitation of Tawheed and convey the messages of Allah to the people. Those who reject the invitation of prophets will be sent to Hell.

### Central Subject

Every man and every Jinn who has got the fear of Allah and sound mind can benefit from the holy Quran. He can give up Shirk in the light of Quran and follow the pure Tawheed. He can correctly understand the position of prophet-hood. He can believe, do good deeds and devote himself for preaching in order to achieve better end in the Hereafter.

