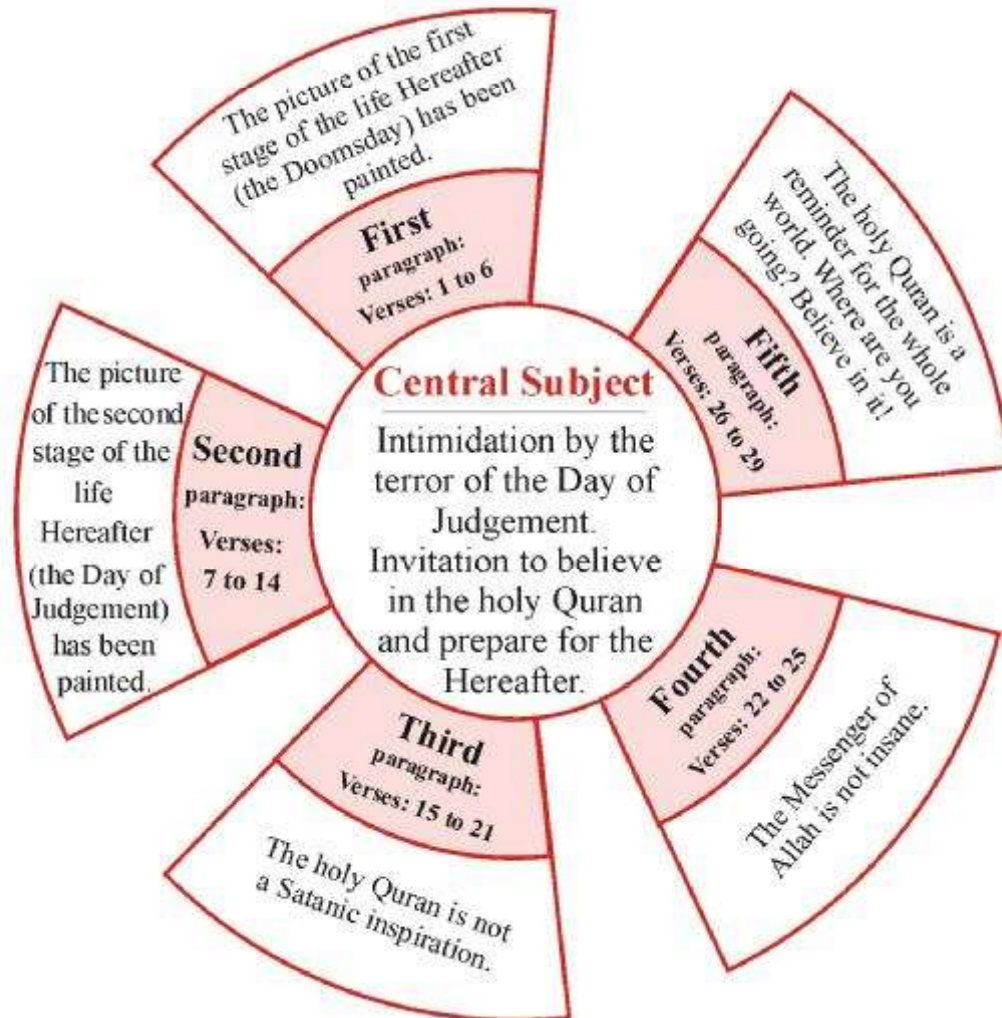


Flow Chart of Macro-Structure of Soorah At-Takweer

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Verses: 29

Paragraphs: 5



• **Period of revelation:**

- 1- The first 14 verses of soorah At-Takweer were revealed during the first phase of prophet's stay in Makkah (0 to 3 prophet-hood) when the invitation of Islam was being given secretly.
- 2- The last 15 verses were revealed after the general proclamation of Islam during the period of allegations when the prophet (pbuh) was alleged to be insane.

The excellences of soorah At-Takweer

1- Soorah At-Takweer is one of the soorahs which made the Messenger (pbuh) of Allah grow old.

The Messenger (pbuh) of Allah said:

شَيْبَتِي هُوَ دُو الْوَاقِعَةِ وَالْهُرْسَلَاتُ وَعَمَّ يَتَسَاءَلُونَ وَإِذَا الشَّمْسُ كُوِّرَتْ “Soorahs Hood, Al-Waaqi'ah, Al-Mursalaat, An-Nabaa' and At-Takweer have made me grow old.”

(Tirmizi, Hadeeth: 3,297, sound)

2- The Messenger (pbuh) of Allah said:

﴿مَنْ سَرَّ أَنْ يَنْظُرَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ كَأَنَّهُ رَأَى عَيْنٍ فَلْيَقْرَأْ إِذَا الشَّمْسُ كُوِّرَتْ وَإِذَا السَّمَاءُ انْفَطَرَتْ وَإِذَا السَّمَاءُ انْفَقَتْ﴾

“The one who wants to see the scenes of Hereafter should recite soorahs At-Takweer, Infitaar and Inshiqaaq.” (Tirmizi, Hadeeth: 3,333, Sound)

The relationship of soorah At-Takweer with the Book

In the previous soorah (Abasa), it was told that the holy Quran is an admonition written in honourable scrolls which are in the hands of noble and virtuous writing angels. Here, in soorah At-Takweer, it has been told that it has been brought by Jibreel, a noble messenger who is the head of angels. The Quran is not the word of a mad men; it is the the most exalted Word of the Creator of the universe. It is the reminder for the whole world.

Important Key words and Subjects

1- **The introduction of holy Quran in soorah Takweer:**

﴿ذِكْرٌ لِلْعَالَمِينَ﴾ The holy Quran is the reminder for the whole world. (Verse: 27)

﴿قَوْلٌ رَسُولٍ كَرِيمٍ﴾ It has been delivered by Jibreel. (Verse: 19)

The holy Quran is not the word of the accursed Satan. It is not the word of a mad man.

2- **The invitation to think about the preparation for life hereafter:**

In this soorah, everyone has been invited to think and see what he has sent forward for the Day of Judgement and what will he present to Allah on that Day. Man should be worried about his preparation for the Hereafter. (Verse: 14)

The Macro-Structure of soorah At-Takweer

Soorah At-Takweer consists of five (5) paragraphs.

- 1- Verses: 1 to 6: The picture of the first stage of the hereafter (the Doomsday) has been painted in the first paragraph.**

﴿وَإِذَا الشَّمْسُ كُوِّرَتْ﴾ “When the sun will be folded up.” (Verse: 1)

﴿وَإِذَا النُّجُومُ انْكَدَرَتْ﴾ “When the stars will lose their lustre.” (Verse: 2)

﴿وَإِذَا الْجِبَالُ سُيِّرَتْ﴾ “When the mountains will be blown away.” (Verse: 3)

﴿وَإِذَا الْعِشْرَارُ عَفْلَكَتْ﴾ “When the ten month pregnant she-camels will be left untended.” (Verse: 4)

﴿وَإِذَا الْوُحُوشُ حُجِرَتْ﴾ “When the wild beasts will be brought together.” (Verse: 5)

﴿وَإِذَا الْبِحَارُ سُجِّرَتْ﴾ “When the oceans will be set ablaze.” (Verse: 6)

The sun will be folded up, the stars will lose their light, the stable and big mountains will start moving, pregnant females will become indifferent to their foetus, the wild beasts will be gathered together and the oceans will be set on fire.

- 2- Verses: 7 to 14: The picture of the second stage of the Hereafter (the Day of Judgement) has been painted in the second paragraph.**

﴿وَإِذَا النُّفُوسُ زُوِّجَتْ﴾ “When the souls will be re-united (with the bodies)” (Verse:7)

﴿وَإِذَا الْمَوْتَّةُ سُئِلَتْ﴾ “When the infant girl buried alive will be questioned.” (Verse: 8)

﴿بِأَيِّ ذَنْبٍ قُتِلَتْ﴾ “For what sin she was killed.” (Verse: 9)

﴿وَإِذَا الصُّحُفُ نُفِصَتْ﴾ “When the record will be laid open.” (Verse: 10)

﴿وَإِذَا السَّمَاءُ كُشِطَتْ﴾ “When the heaven will be stripped bare.” (Verse: 11)

﴿وَإِذَا الْجَحِيمُ سُعِّرَتْ﴾ “When the Hell will be kindled to blaze.” (Verse: 12)

﴿وَإِذَا الْجَنَّةُ أُرْفِقَتْ﴾ “And when the Paradise will be brought near.” (Verse: 13)

﴿عَلِمَتْ نَفْسٌ مَّا أَحْضَرَتْ﴾ “Then each soul shall know what it has brought.” (Verse: 14)

The soul will be re-united with the body, the criminals will be questioned about their crimes and the book of deeds will be laid open. Everyone will know his result and the preparations to enter the Paradise or Hell will be

complete after the Court's decision. Man will know what kind of deeds he has presented in the court of Allah.

3- Verses: 15 to 21: It has been told in the third paragraph that the holy Quran is not a Satanic inspiration.

﴿فَلَا أُقْسِمُ بِاللُّغَيْسِ﴾ “But no! I swear by the retreating stars.” (Verse: 15)

﴿الْمُجَوَّارِ الْكُنَّسِ﴾ “That run their course and hide.” (Verse: 16)

﴿وَاللَّيْلِ إِذَا عَمَّسَتْ﴾ “By the night as it dissipates.” (Verse: 17)

﴿وَالصُّبْحِ إِذَا تَنَفَّسَتْ﴾ “By the morning when it breathes again.” (Verse: 18)

﴿إِنَّمَا لَقَوْلُ رَسُولٍ كَرِيمٍ﴾ “Surely, this word (the Quran) is (brought) by a noble Messenger (Jibreel).” (Verse: 19)

﴿ذِي قُوَّةٍ عِنْدَ ذِي الْعَرْشِ مَكِينٍ﴾ “Possessor of mighty power, having very high rank with the Owner of the Throne (Allah). (Verse: 20)

﴿مُطَاعٍ ثَمَّ أَمِينٍ﴾ “Who is obeyed (in heaven) and is trustworthy.” (Verse: 21)

To believe in the holy Quran is essential for preparation of life Hereafter. It is essential to ponder over the subjects of holy Quran and recognise their worth and value. Not only the stars but the day and night also witness that the holy Quran is totally different from the silly talk of the sooth-Sayers and the spiritualists. It has not been brought by the Jinns and the devils. It has been brought by Jibreel who is an honourable Messenger, is powerful and has high rank with Allah the Owner of Throne. He is honest and trustworthy and does not include anything in Quran from himself. He reveals the Word of Allah to Muhammad (pbuh) without the slightest change.

4- Verses: 22 to 25: It has been told in the fourth paragraph that the Messenger (pbuh) of Allah is not mad and insane.

He has seen Jibreel on the horizon during the day light with his own eyes. He is conveying the Quran to the people as he received without the slightest change. He is not stingy in conveying it to the people. People have been invited to think about the person and character of the Messenger (pbuh) of Allah and then think about the Quran that he brought. It is not a Satanic inspiration. The talks of those who are mad or possessed by the Jinn are not like what he has brought.

﴿وَمَا صَاحِبُكُمْ بِمَجْنُونٍ﴾ O people of Makkah! “Your companion has not gone mad.”
(Verse: 22)

﴿وَلَقَدْ رَآهُ بِالْأُفُقِ الْمُبِينِ﴾ “He (Muhammad) indeed saw him (Jibreel) in the clear horizon.” (Verse: 23)

﴿وَمَا هُوَ عَلَى الْعَيْبِ بِضَهِينٍ﴾ “And he is not stingy to withhold the knowledge of the unseen.” (Verse: 24)

﴿وَمَا هُوَ بِقَوْلِ شَيْطَانٍ رَجِيمٍ﴾ “This (Quran) is not the word of an accursed Satan.”
(Verse: 25)

5- Verses: 25 to 29: In the fifth and last paragraph, man has been asked the question: Where is he going?

The holy Quran is a reminder for the whole mankind. So the people should believe in it.

﴿فَأَيْنَ تَذْهَبُونَ﴾ “Where then are you going.” (Verse: 26)

﴿إِنْ هُوَ إِلَّا ذِكْرٌ لِلْعَالَمِينَ﴾ “This is but a reminder to (all) the people of the world.”
(Verse: 27)

﴿لِيُنشِئَ لَكُمْ مِنْكُمْ شَاءَ مَا يَشَاءُ لِيُثَبِّتَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُتَّقُونَ﴾ “To teach one who wishes to follow the Right Way.”
(Verse: 28)

﴿وَمَا تَشَاءُونَ إِلَّا أَنْ يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ﴾ “Yet, your wishes are of no avail unless Allah, the Lord of the worlds, pleases so.” (Verse: 29)

People have been asked to think about their behaviour. What kind of behaviour is this? Where are you going? What is this attitude of avoiding the Quran? Think about it. You will know that it is the Word of the Creator and the Lord of universe. Man has got the freedom of accepting or rejecting the holy Quran. Now, it is to be seen whether he uses this freedom of choice correctly or incorrectly.

Central Subject

Man should ponder over the holy Quran and believe in the Day of Judgement and should do the righteous deeds to be presented to his Lord on the Day of Judgement.

