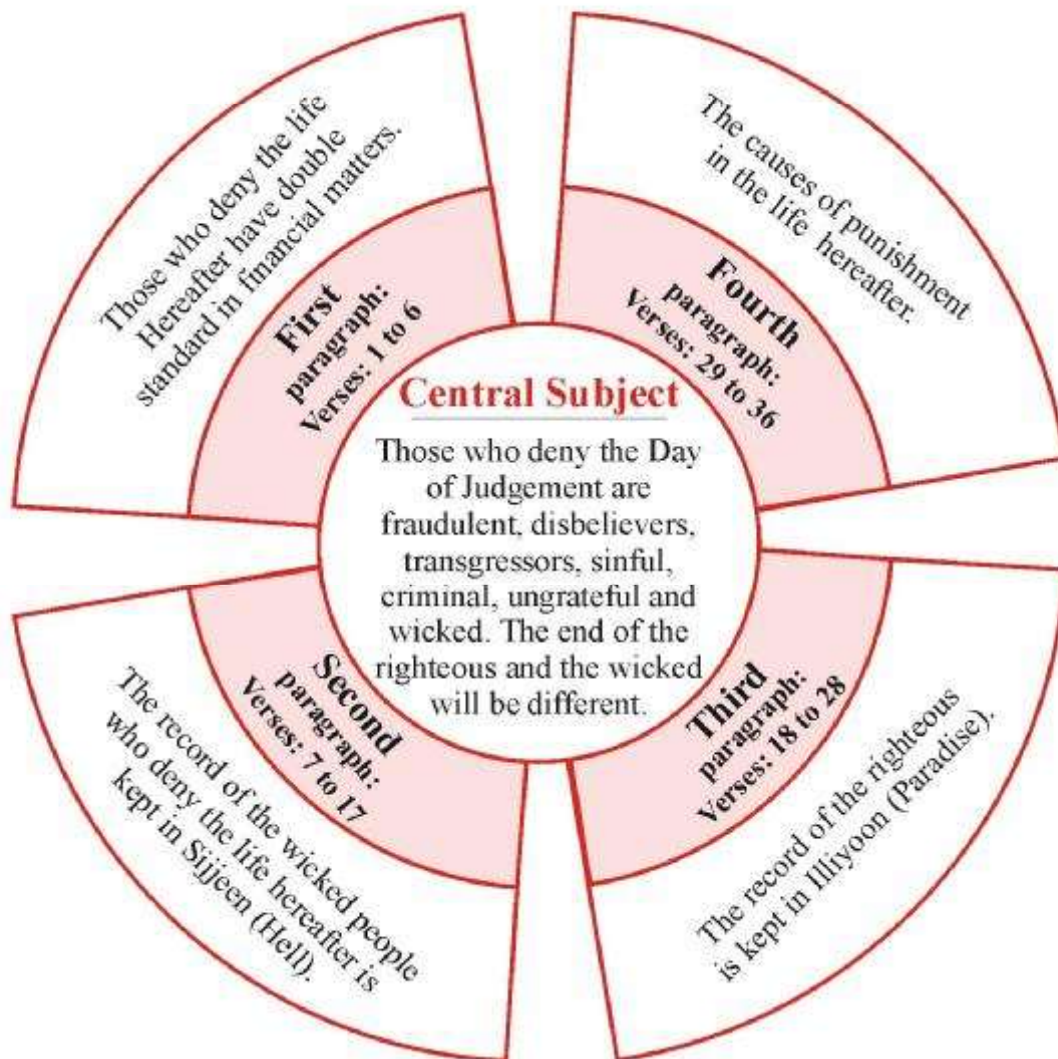


Flow Chart of Macro-Structure of Soorah Al-Mutaffifeen

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Verses: 36

Paragraphs: 4



• Period of revelation:

Soorah Al-Mutaffifeen was revealed after the general proclamation of Islam during the second phase of prophet's stay in Makkah (4 to 5 prophet-hood) when the opponents of Islam were insulting, humiliating and making fun of the Messenger (pbuh) of Allah and the Muslims.

The relationship of soorah Al-Mutaffifeen with the Book

Like the previous soorah Al-Infitaar, this soorah also contains a comparison between the righteous and the wicked; but some new words have been used for the wicked like transgressor, fraudulent, sinful, deniers, criminals, disbelievers etc. The records of the righteous and the wicked are kept in two different registers.

Important Key words and Subjects

1- The use of many words for the wicked people in soorah Al-Mutaffifeen:

The other words used for (wicked) are as follows:

﴿مُظْهِفِينَ﴾ (fraudulent), (Verse: 1) ﴿مُكْذِبِينَ﴾ (deniers), (Verse: 10)

﴿مُعْتَدٍ﴾ (transgressor), (Verse: 13) ﴿أَثِيمٍ﴾ (sinful), (Verse: 13)

﴿الَّذِينَ آجَرُوا﴾ (Those who commit crimes), (Verse: 29)

﴿كُفَّارٍ﴾ (unbelievers). (Verse: 36)

2- The omitted words in soorah Al-Mutaffifeen:

In this soorah, some words for “Abraar” (the righteous) have been omitted in comparison with the “Fujjaar” (Wicked). The word “Mustawfeen” (giving full measure) has been omitted in comparison with “Mutaffifeen” (giving less). The word “Musaddiqeen” (those who testify) has been omitted in comparison with “Mukazzibeen” (those who deny).

The word “Saaliheen” (the righteous) has been omitted in comparison with (those who commit crimes). The word “Muslimeen” (believers) has been omitted in comparison with the “Kuffaar” (disbelievers).

3- Following the double standards has been prohibited in this soorah.

One should follow the same principles and regulations for others which he follows for himself. The evil people have been advised to make their financial matters transparent.

4- Relation of the rust of heart with evil deeds in soorah Al-Mutaffifeen:

The evil leadership of Quraish have been told clearly that their hearts have become rusty because of their evil deeds, therefore, they are denying the

invitation of Quran. ﴿رَانَ عَلَى قُلُوبِهِمْ مَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ﴾ “Their misdeeds have caused a covering on their hearts.” (Verse: 14)

5- Detail of the book of deeds of the righteous and the wicked people:

- (a) The wicked people have been told in this soorah that their record books are kept safely in “Sijjeen”. They should avoid bad deeds; otherwise, they will have to face the physical punishment in Hell and they will be deprived of the spiritual ecstasy of seeing Allah. ﴿إِنَّهُمْ عَنْ رَبِّهِمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ لَمَّجُورُونَ﴾ “Surely, on that Day, they shall be debarred from the vision of their Lord.” (Verse: 15)
- (b) In this soorah, man has been persuaded to do good deeds and get himself included among the righteous and among those whose book of deeds is kept in “Illiyoon”. ﴿إِنَّ كِتَابَ الْكَرِيمِ عَلَىٰ عِتَابٍ﴾ “Surely, the record of the righteous is in “Illiyeen” (register of exalted ones). (Verse: 18)

6- Persuasion to compete for the wine of paradise:

In this soorah, the righteous who are close to Allah have been given the good news that in Paradise they will be served with the fragrant sealed wine and the seal will be of musk. ﴿يُسْقَوْنَ مِنْ رَحِيقٍ مَخْمُومٍ﴾ “Their thirst will be quenched with the choicest sealed wine.” (Verse: 25)

People should try to excel over others by righteous deeds to get this wine. ﴿فَلْيَتَنافَسِ الْمَتَنَافِسُونَ﴾ “Those who wish to excel above others, let them excel in this.” (Verse: 26)

The Macro-Structure of soorah Al-Mutaffifeen

Soorah Al-Mutaffifeen consists of four paragraphs.

1- Verses: 1 to 6: It has been told in the first paragraph that the deniers of the life Hereafter have double standard in the financial matters.

﴿وَيْلٌ لِّلْمُظْفِفِينَ﴾ “Woe to those who defraud.” (Verse: 1)

﴿الَّذِينَ إِذَا كُنَالُوا عَلَى النَّاسِ يَسْتَوْفُونَ﴾ “Who when, they take by measure from men, take the full measure.” (Verse: 2)

﴿وَإِذَا كَالُوهُمْ أَوْ وَزَنُوهُمْ يُخْسِرُونَ﴾ “But when they give by measure or by weight to others, they give less than due.” (Verse: 3)

﴿الَا يَظُنُّ أُولَئِكَ أَنَّهُمْ مَبْعُوثُونَ﴾ “Do they not think that they will be raised to life again?”
(Verse: 4)

﴿لِيَوْمٍ عَظِيمٍ﴾ “On a Mighty Day.” (Verse: 5)

﴿يَوْمَ يَقُومُ النَّاسُ لِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ﴾ “A Day when all mankind will stand before the Lord of the worlds.” (Verse: 6)

The basic reason for fraud and dishonesty in business matters is the concept of freedom from accountability in the Hereafter.

Taking full measure and weight from others and defrauding them while giving is the result of double standards and neglecting the Hereafter. Complete honesty and transparency cannot be achieved in the financial matters without a deep belief in the life Hereafter.

2- Verses: 7 to 17: It has been told in the second paragraph that the deeds of the wicked people who deny the life Hereafter are recorded in the record Book in “Sijjeen”.

﴿كَلَّا إِنَّ كِتَابَ الْفُجَّارِ لَفِي سِجِّينٍ﴾ “Indeed not! The record of the wicked is in Sijjeen (prison register)” (Verse: 7)

﴿وَمَا أَخْبَرَكَ مَا سِجِّينٌ﴾ “What will explain to you, what the Sijjeen is?” (Verse: 8)

﴿كِتَابٌ مُرْقُومٌ﴾ “This is a written book of Hell.” (Verse: 9)

﴿وَيْلٌ لِّیَوْمَئِذٍ لِلْمُكَذِّبِينَ﴾ “Woe on that Day to the disbelievers.” (Verse: 10)

﴿الَّذِينَ يَكْفُرُونَ بِبِیَوْمِ الدِّينِ﴾ “Who deny the Day of Judgement.” (Verse: 11)

﴿وَمَا يَكْذِبُ بِهِ إِلَّا كُلُّ مُعْتَدٍ أَثِيمٍ﴾ “None denies it except every sinful transgressor.”
(Verse: 12)

﴿إِذَا تُتْلَىٰ عَلَيْهِ آيَاتُنَا قَالَ أَسَاطِيرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ﴾ “Who, when our revelations are recited to him, says: ‘These are the tales of the prior people.’” (Verse: 13)

﴿كَلَّا بَلْ رَانَ عَلَىٰ قُلُوبِهِمْ مَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ﴾ “Nay! In fact, their misdeeds have caused a covering on their hearts.” (Verse: 14)

﴿كَلَّا إِنَّهُمْ عَنْ رَبِّهِمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ لَمَنْجُوبُونَ﴾ “Nay! Surely, on that Day, they shall be debarred of the vision of their Lord.” (Verse: 15)

﴿ثُمَّ إِنَّهُمْ لَصَالُوا الْجَحِيمِ﴾ “Then they shall be made to enter and taste the burning flames of Hell.” (Verse: 16)

﴿ثُمَّ يُقَالُ هَذَا الَّذِي كُنْتُمْ بِهِ تُكَذِّبُونَ﴾ “And told: 'This is what you used to deny'.”

(Verse: 17)

Those who denied the Day of reward and punishment, lived on ill-gotten wealth and spent their lives in disobedience of Allah, their deeds are recorded in the black register of criminal people and they are kept in a criminal record book called “Sijjeen” which is particularly prepared for the wicked people. The decision will be made on the basis of this Book on the Day of Judgement and their end will be deplorable on that Day. They will be deprived of seeing Allah.

The paragraph has been started with the word “Kallaa” which means that something is omitted before it. In other words it means that the vain hopes of the deniers of life Hereafter are wrong.

3- Verses: 18 to 28: The righteous have been given the good news in the third paragraph.

Their deeds are being recorded in the register of exalted people which is maintained by the high ranking angels. These are the people who are honest and do not have double standards. They do not earn unlawfully and do not defraud others. They are afraid of the accountability of the Hereafter and their financial matters are transparent. They will be given sealed wine. They will be given the mixture of “Tasneem”. People have been persuaded to excel each other in its achievement.

The word “Kallaa” (never) has been used here as well which means that the end of everyone will not be the same.

﴿كَلَّا إِنَّ كِتَابَ الْكَبِيرِ رَاقٍ عَلَيْنَ﴾ “Nay! Surely, the record of the righteous is in Illiyeen (register of exalted ones).” (Verse: 18)

﴿وَمَا أَفْرَكُ مَا عَلَيْنَا﴾ “And what will explain to you, what the Illiyeen is ?” (Verse: 19)

﴿كِتَابٌ مَرْقُومٌ﴾ “This is a written book of Paradise”. (Verse: 20)

﴿يَشْهَدُهُ الْمُقَرَّبُونَ﴾ “Attested by those (angels) who are nearest to Allah.” (Verse: 21)

﴿إِنَّ الْكَبِيرَ رَاقٍ نَعِيمٌ﴾ “Surely, the righteous will be in bliss.” (Verse: 22)

﴿عَلَى الْأَرَائِكِ يَنْظُرُونَ﴾ “Reclining on soft couches, looking (all around).” (Verse: 23)

﴿تَعْرِفُ فِي وُجُوهِهِمْ نَضْرَةَ النَّعِيمِ﴾ “And you will recognise in their faces the brightness of bliss.” (Verse: 24)

﴿يُسْقَوْنَ مِنْ رَحِيقٍ مَخْمُومٍ﴾ “Their thirst will be quenched with the choicest sealed wine.” (Verse: 25)

﴿حِثْبُهُ مِسْكٌ وَفِي ذَلِكَ فَلْيَتَنَافَسِ الْمُتَنَافِسُونَ﴾ “And the seal will be of Musk. Those who wish to excel above others, let them excel in this.” (Verse: 26)

﴿وَمِنْ أَجْزَلِهِمْ تَسْنِيمٌ﴾ “That wine shall have a mixture of Tasneem.” (Verse: 27)

﴿عَيْنًا يَشْرَبُ بِهَا الْمُقَرَّبُونَ﴾ “A spring, at which those nearest to Allah will drink.” (Verse: 28)

4- Verses: 29 to 36: In the fourth and last paragraph, the causes of the punishment of Hereafter have been described.

﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ أَجْرَمُوا كَانُوا مِنَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا يَضْحَكُونَ﴾ “Those who are criminals used to mock at the believers.” (Verse: 29)

﴿وَإِذَا مَرُّوا بِهِمْ يَتَغَامَرُونَ﴾ “And wink at one another as they passed them by.” (Verse: 30)

﴿وَإِذَا انْقَلَبُوا إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهِمْ انْقَلَبُوا فَكِهِينَ﴾ “When they returned to their own people, they returned jesting.” (Verse: 31)

﴿وَإِذَا رَأَوْهُمْ قَالُوا إِنَّ هَٰؤُلَاءِ لَضَالُّونَ﴾ “And when they saw (the believers) they used to say: 'These are people who have surely gone astray'.” (Verse: 32)

﴿وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا عَلَيْهِمْ حَفِظِينَ﴾ “Although they had not been sent as guardians over them.” (Verse: 33)

﴿فَالْيَوْمَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنَ الْكُفَّارِ يَضْحَكُونَ﴾ “On that Day, the believers shall be laughing at the unbelievers.” (Verse: 34)

﴿عَلَى الْأَرَآئِكِ يَنْظُرُونَ﴾ “As they recline on couches and look at them.” (Verse: 35)

﴿هَلْ تُؤْتِبُ الْكُفَّارَ مَا كَانُوا يَفْعَلُونَ﴾ “Have not the unbelievers been fully rewarded for what they used to do?” (Verse: 36)

The crimes of the wicked people have been mentioned. They have been called the criminals. Their moral character has been criticised. They make fun of the believers and consider them mean. They consider the rightly guided people that they have gone astray. So the picture of their negligence, carelessness and arrogance has been painted and the detail of their spiritual punishment has been described. The believers have been consoled.

Central Subject

Those who deny the Day of Judgement become fraudulent, disbelievers, transgressors, sinful, criminal, ungrateful and wicked. The end of the righteous and the wicked will be different. The deeds of both of them are being recorded in two different kinds of registers.

