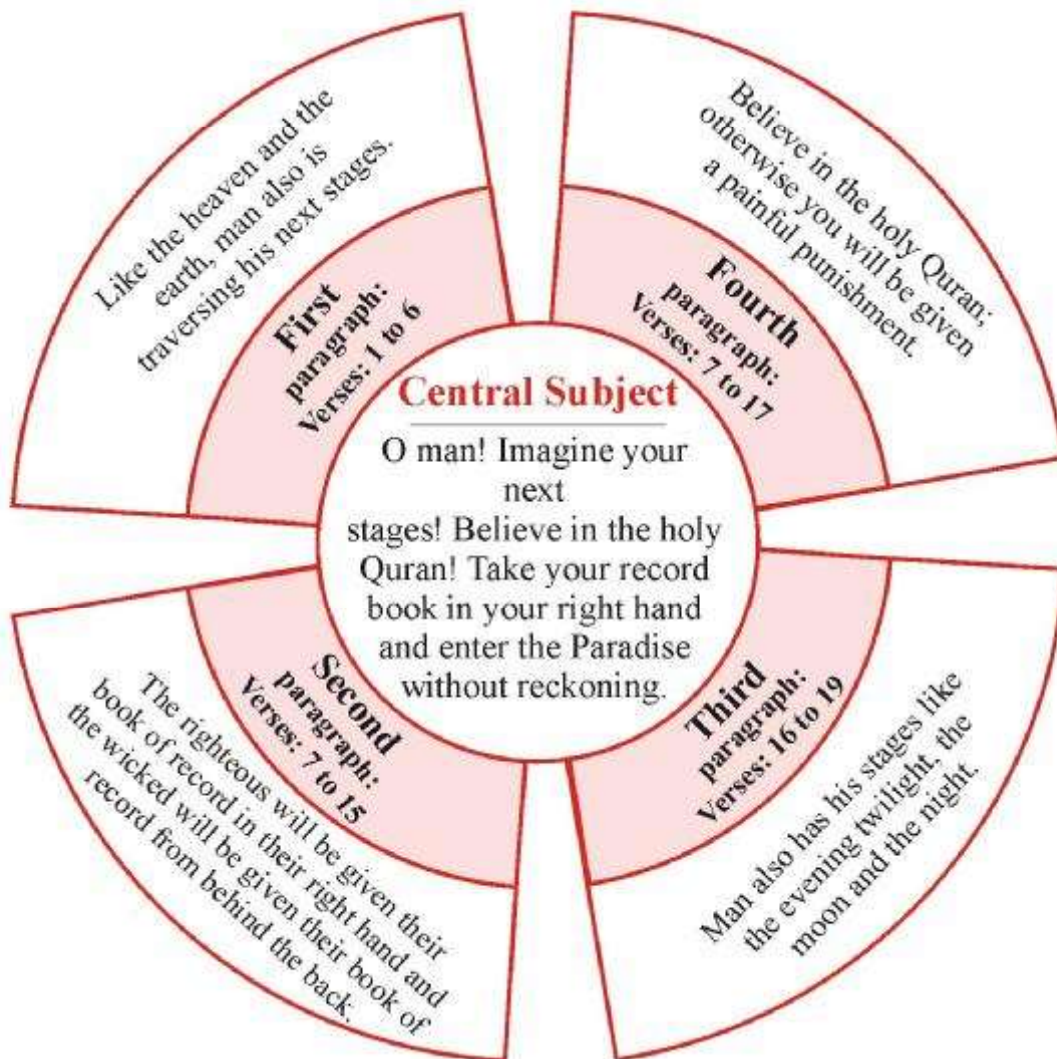


Flow Chart of Macro-Structure of Soorah Al-Inshiqaaq

84- Soorah Al-Inshiqaaq Makkan

Verses: 25

Paragraphs: 4



• Period of revelation:

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

The excellences of soorah Al-Inshiqaaq

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 انشَقَّتْ﴾

“Whoever wants to see the scenes of Hereafter, should study soorah At-Takweer, soorah Al-Infitaar and soorah Al-Inshiqaaq.

(Tirmizi, Hadeeth: 3,333, Sound)

The relationship of soorah Al-Inshiqaaq with the Book

In the previous soorah (Al-Mutaffifeen), the record books were mentioned. The record of the wicked is being maintained in Sijjeen and the record of the righteous is being maintained in Illiyeen.

Here, in soorah Al-Inshiqaaq, it is told that the fortunate people will get their books of record in their right hand and the unfortunate will get their books behind the back.

Important Key words and Subjects

1- Explanation of the reality of life in soorah Al-Inshiqaaq:

It has been explained to man in this soorah that he is moving forward with hard struggle, but he does not realise that he has to meet his Lord after death.

﴿إِنَّكَ كَادِحٌ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ كَدْحًا فَمُلَاقِيهِ﴾ “Surely, you must strive towards your Lord, a hard striving, then you shall meet Him.” (Verse: 6)

The same thing has been said in verse 19 in a different way.

﴿لَتَرْكَبُنَّ طَبَقًا عَن طَبَقٍ﴾ “That you shall gradually pass from one stage to another.

2- Description of the easy reckoning of the fortunate people in soorah Al-Inshiqaaq:

The fortunate person who will get his record book in the right hand will have an easy reckoning on the Day of Judgement.

﴿فَسَوْفَ يُحَاسِبُ حِسَابًا يَسِيرًا﴾ “Shall have a quick and easy reckoning.” (Verse: 8)

The Messenger (pbuh) of Allah has explained that easy reckoning means going to Paradise without reckoning.

3- Reference of the stages of created beings in soorah Al-Inshiqaaq:

The earth and the heaven also traverse their next stages.

Like the evening twilight, the night and the moon, man also has got his stages. (Birth, childhood, youth, old age, death, grave, reckoning of the Day of Judgement and then finally Paradise or Hell.)

The Macro-Structure of soorah Al-Inshiqaaq

Soorah Al-Inshiqaaq consists of four (4) paragraphs.

1- Verses: 1 to 6: In the first paragraph, the universal arguments from heavens and earth have been given in the light of the scenes of the Hereafter and it has been told that man is traversing his next stages to meet his Lord, like the sky, the earth, the moon etc.

﴿إِذَا السَّمَاءُ انشَقَّتْ﴾ “When heaven will split asunder.” (Verse: 1)

﴿وَأَذِنَتْ لِرَبِّهَا وَحُقَّتْ﴾ “Obeying its Lord's command as it ought to.” (Verse: 2)

﴿وَإِذَا الْأَرْضُ مُدَّتْ﴾ “When the earth will spread out.” (Verse: 3)

﴿وَأَلْقَتْ مَا فِيهَا وَتَخَلَّتْ﴾ “And cast all that is within it and becomes empty.” (Verse: 4)

﴿وَأَذِنَتْ لِرَبِّهَا وَحُقَّتْ﴾ “Obeying its Lord's command as it ought to.” (Verse: 5)

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الْإِنْسَانُ إِنَّكَ كَادِحٌ إِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ كَدًّا فَلْيَعْبُدْهُ﴾ “O mankind! Surely, you must strive towards your Lord, a hard striving, then you shall meet Him.” (Verse: 6)

2- Verses: 7 to 15: In the second paragraph, the record books of the fortunate have been mentioned:

The fortunate people will be given their books of deeds in their right hands. They will have easy reckoning which has been explained in the Hadeeth of the prophet (pbuh) that they will enter Paradise without reckoning.

﴿فَأَمَّا مَنْ أُوْتِيَ كِتَابَهُ بِيَمِينِهِ﴾ “Then he who will be given his Book (of deeds) in his right hand.” (Verse: 7)

﴿فَسَوْفَ يُحَاسِبُهُ حِسَابًا يَسِيرًا﴾ “Shall have a quick and easy reckoning.” (Verse: 8)

﴿وَيَرْجِعُهُ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهِ مُسْرُورًا﴾ “And shall return to his people rejoicing.” (Verse: 9)

﴿وَأَمَّا مَنْ أُوْتِيَ كِتَابَهُ وَرَاءَ ظَهْرِهِ﴾ “But he who will be given his Book (of deeds) from behind his back.” (Verse: 10)

﴿فَسَوْفَ يَدْعُوا ثُبُورًا﴾ “Shall soon be calling for death.” (Verse: 11)

﴿وَيُضَلُّ سَعِيرًا﴾ “And shall be made to enter a blazing fire.” (Verse: 12)

﴿إِنَّهُ كَانَ فِي أَهْلِهِ مَسْرُورًا﴾ “For he used to live happily with his family.” (Verse: 13)

﴿إِنَّهُ ظَنَّ أَنْ لَنْ يَخْتَوِرَ﴾ “And thought that he would never return (to Allah for accountability). (Verse: 14)

﴿بَلِ إِنَّ رَبَّهُ كَانَ بِهِ بَصِيرًا﴾ “O yes! Surely his Lord was ever watching (over his misdeeds). (Verse: 15)

A marked difference between the fortunate and the unfortunates will be that the unfortunate deniers of the Hereafter were absorbed with their families. They earned unlawful earnings for them like taking bribes etc.

On the contrary, the fortunate righteous people lead a life of piety in this world. They feared Allah and lived a careful life. They will return to their families rejoicing in the Hereafter.

3- Verses: 16 to 19: In the third paragraph, the universal arguments of the evening twilight, the moon and the night have been presented.

It has been told that man has got his stages likewise. Man's next stages have been explained in another way that as there are stages of moon, rotation of night, appearance and disappearance of twilight, similarly man has to face the next stages. ﴿لَتَرْكَبُنَّ طَبَقًا عَنْ طَبَقٍ﴾ “That you shall gradually pass from one stage to another.” (Verse: 19) Hence, he should believe in the holy Quran and do good deeds so that he may get the never ending reward; otherwise he will end up in Hell.

﴿فَلَا أَقْسِمُ بِالْشَّفَقِ﴾ “I swear by the glow of sunset.” (Verse: 16)

﴿وَاللَّيْلِ وَمَا وَسَقَ﴾ “By the night and all that it gathers together.” (Verse: 17)

﴿وَالْقَمَرِ إِذَا اتَّسَقَ﴾ “By the moon when it grows full.” (Verse: 18)

﴿لَتَرْكَبُنَّ طَبَقًا عَنْ طَبَقٍ﴾ “That you shall gradually pass from one stage to another.” (Verse: 19)

4- Verses: 20 to 25: In the fourth and last paragraph, the invitation to believe in the holy Quran has been given to avoid the painful punishment.

﴿فَمَا لَهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ﴾ “What is the matter with the people that they do not believe?” (Verse: 20)

﴿وَإِذَا قُرِئَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْقُرْآنُ لَا يَسْجُدُونَ﴾ “And when the Quran is recited to them, they do not prostrate.” (Verse: 21)

﴿بَلِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا يُكذِّبُونَ﴾ “Nay! The unbelievers will deny.” (Verse: 22)

﴿وَاللَّهُ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا يُوعُونَ﴾ “And Allah knows what they are hiding (in their hearts).”
(Verse: 23)

﴿فَبَشِّرْهُمْ بِعَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ﴾ “Therefore, proclaim to them, a painful punishment.”
(Verse: 24)

﴿إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ أَجْرٌ غَيْرُ مَمْنُونٍ﴾ “Except those who embrace the true faith and do good deeds; for them there will be a never ending reward.”
(Verse: 25)

When it has been established that man has got different stages, why does he not believe in the Quran which provides clear information about the next stages. The end of those who deny the holy Quran and those who believe in it will be different on the Day of Judgement. The end of those who do not believe, do not prostrate, reject the holy Quran and hoard the wealth will be different from those who believe and do good deeds.

Central Subject

Man should visualise his next stages and believe in the holy Quran. He should try to get his Book of deeds in his right hand so that he may enter the Paradise without reckoning.

