

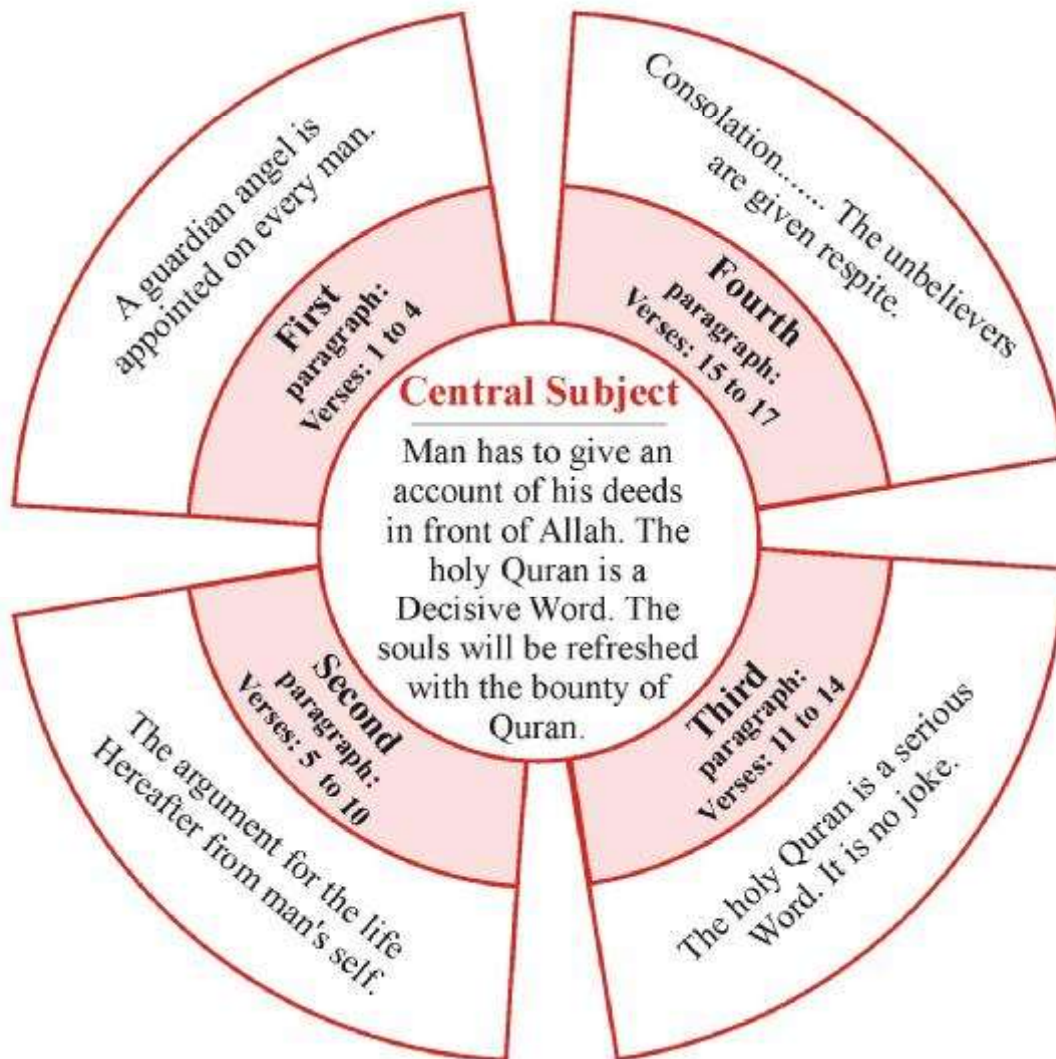
## Flow Chart of Macro-Structure of Soorah At-Taariq

# 86 - Soorah At-Taariq

Makkan

Verses: 17

Paragraphs: 4



### • Period of revelation:

Soorah At-Taariq was revealed during the third phase of prophet's stay in Makkah (6 to 10 prophet-hood) when the Quraish were making dangerous plans against the Messenger (pbuh) of Allah.



### The relationship of soorah At-Taariq with the Book

In the previous soorah (Al-Burooj), the denial of the Quraish of Makkah was mentioned. ﴿بَلِّغِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فِي تَكْذِيبٍ﴾ “Yet, the unbelievers persist in denying (the truth).” (Verse: 19) They were advised not to deny the Quran. Here. In this soorah (At-Taariq), it has been told that Quran is a serious Word. It is no joke. ﴿إِنَّهُ لَقَوْلُ فَضْلٍ ۖ وَمَا هُوَ بِأَهْزَلٍ﴾ “Surely, this Quran is a decisive word, and it is no joke. (Verses: 13, 14) Besides the denial by the unbelievers, their conspiracies against the Muslims are mentioned as well in this soorah.

### Important Key words and Subjects

#### 1- Invitation to believe in the life hereafter in the light of universal and personal arguments:

In this soorah (At-Taariq), the invitation to think about the arguments provided from man's person and from the universe and accept the life Hereafter has been given. Allah Almighty has got the power to create again. The deniers of the life Hereafter have been invited to ponder over the serious message of Quran and accept the life Hereafter instead of conspiring against the Muslims.

### The Macro-Structure of soorah At-Taariq

Soorah At-Taariq consists of four (4) paragraphs.

#### 1- Verses: 1 to 4: It has been told in the first paragraph that a guardian angel is appointed on every person.

There is the universal evidence of the sky and the stars that man should not consider himself to be free. There is a guardian on every person. ﴿إِنَّ كُلَّ نَفْسٍ لَنَا عَلَيْهَا حَافِظٌ﴾ “For each soul, there is an appointed guardian (angel).” (Verse: 4) Both the systems of the sky and the stars give evidence that there is nothing in the universe which can remain in its place without a Guardian Being. This guardianship demands that a day should come when everyone is asked about what he has done.



﴿وَالسَّمَاءِ وَالطَّارِقِ﴾ “By the heaven and by the visitant by night.” (Verse: 1)

﴿وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا الطَّارِقُ﴾ “And what will explain to you what the visitant by night is?”  
(Verse: 2)

﴿النَّجْمِ الثَّاقِبِ﴾ “It is the star of piercing brightness.” (Verse: 3)

﴿إِنَّ كُلَّ نَفْسٍ لَّمَّا عَلَيْهَا حَافِظٌ﴾ “For each soul, there is an appointed guardian (angel).”  
(Verse: 4)

**2- Verses: 5 to 10: The argument of possibility of life Hereafter has been presented from man's self in the second paragraph. This is the subject of Tawheed of Power.**

﴿فَلْيَنْظُرِ الْإِنْسَانُ مِمَّ خُلِقَ﴾ “Let man consider from what he is created.” (Verse: 5)

﴿خُلِقَ مِنْ مَّاءٍ دَافِقٍ﴾ “He is created from an emitted fluid.” (Verse: 6)

﴿يَخْرُجُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الصُّلْبِ وَالتَّرَائِبِ﴾ “That is produced from between the lions and the ribs.”  
(Verse: 7)

﴿إِنَّهُ عَلَى رَجْعِهِ لَقَادِرٌ﴾ “Surely, He has the power to bring him back to life.” (Verse: 8)

﴿يَوْمَ تُبْلَى السَّرَائِرُ﴾ “On the Day when the hidden secrets will be brought to scrutiny.” (Verse: 9)

﴿فَمَا لَهُ مِنْ قُوَّةٍ وَلَا نَاصِرٍ﴾ “Then he will have neither power of his own nor any helper (to save him from the punishment of Allah).” (Verse: 10)

Man has been asked to think about himself that how he has been created from a drop of semen. Allah Who has created him from sperm can surely create him again. The purpose of second creation is to examine the secrets of man which remained hidden in this world. Then neither he himself will be able to escape the results of his deeds nor anyone else will come to help him. The false creed of intercession has been refuted.

**3- Verses: 11 to 14: The forecast of expansion of Quranic teachings from two universal arguments in the third paragraph: The arguments from the sky that sends down rain and the earth which bursts open with new growth are given.**

﴿وَالسَّمَاءِ ذَاتِ الرَّجْعِ﴾ “By the sky which sends down rain.” (Verse: 11)

﴿وَالْأَرْضِ ذَاتِ الصُّدْعِ﴾ “And by the earth which is ever bursting (with new growth).”  
(Verse: 12)



﴿إِنَّهٗ لَقَوْلٌ فَصْلٌ﴾ “Surely, this (Quran) is a decisive word.” (Verse: 13)

﴿وَمَا هُوَ بِالْهَزْلِ﴾ “And it is no joke” (Verse: 14)

The holy Quran is a decisive and serious word. It is the embodiment of goodness. It is not amusement. The sky has been called the one that sends back. This verse supports the scientific theory called H2O Cycle. The earth bursts with growth by the blessing of rain; likewise the human souls will be saturated with the bounties of Quran.

**4- Verses: 15 to 17: In the fourth and last paragraph, the Messenger of Allah has been consoled and the Quraish of Makkah have been threatened that their conspiracies cannot disturb the invitation of holy Quran.**

﴿اِنَّهُمْ يَكِيدُوْنَ كَيْدًا﴾ “These (unbelievers) are plotting a scheme.” (Verse: 15)

﴿وَ اَكِيدُ كَيْدًا﴾ “And I, too, am plotting a scheme.” (Verse: 16)

﴿فَمَهِّلِ الْكٰفِرِيْنَ اَمْهَلُهُمْ رُوْبًا﴾ “Therefore, leave the unbelievers alone, leave them alone for a while.” (Verse: 17)

The Messenger (pbuh) of Allah has been advised to be patient for a while and let the unbelievers do what they want. It will not take them long to know whether their plots defeat the Quran or the holy Quran becomes dominant at the place where they are trying to defeat it. The unbelievers have their own plots and Allah has His Own Plans. The unbelievers are given relaxation and respite.

### Central Subject

Allah has got the power to create again. Man will have to stand before Allah on the Day of Judgement and give an account of all his deeds. The intentions will also be examined that Day. The Quran is a decisive word. The souls will be saturated with the bounties of Quran and the plots of the unbelievers will fail.

