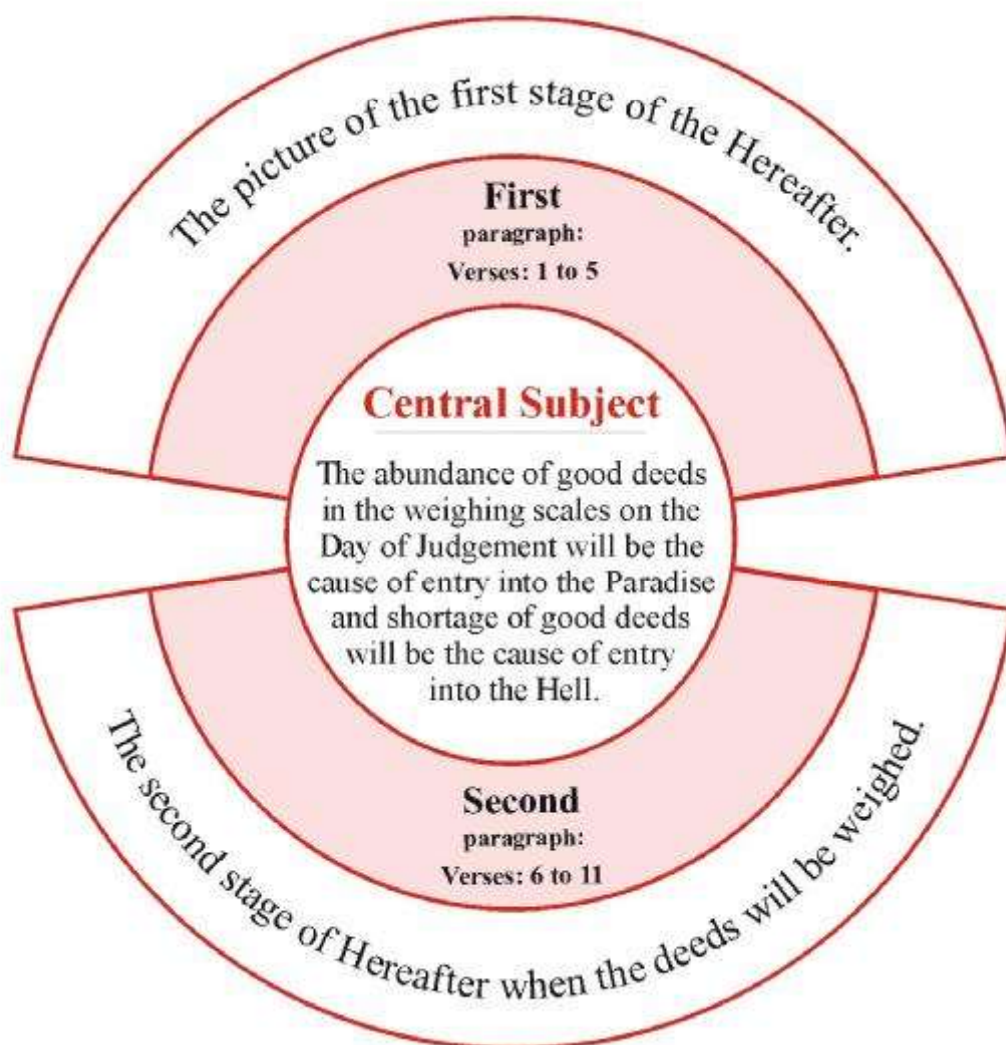


Flow Chart of Macro-Structure of Soorah Al-Qaari'ah

101 - Soorah Al-Qaari'ah Makkan

Verses: 11

Paragraphs: 2



• **Period of revelation:**

Soorah Al-Qaari'ah was 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 and when the short, strong and comprehensive soorahs were being revealed in an excellent literary style.

The relationship of soorah Al-Qaari'ah with the Book

- 1- It was mentioned in soorah Az-Zilzaal that the deeds will be shown. In the previous soorah (Al-'Aadiyaat), there was advice to avoid the ingratitude because the gratitude causes the good deeds and stinginess and love of world cause the bad deeds. Here, in soorah Al-Qaari'ah, there is persuasion for the abundance of good deeds so that they may become heavier than the bad deeds on the scales.
- 2- In the next soorah (At-Takaathur), man has been ordered to keep away from the race of materialism and prepare for the life Hereafter.
- 3- In soorah Al-'Aadiyaat, man's love of materialism was described in the following words: "And surely, he is violent in his love of this worldly wealth." (Verse: 8) In the next soorah (At-Takaathur), it has been described in these words: "You have been distracted by piling up worldly gains." (102: 1)

Important Key words and Subjects

- 1- ﴿يَوْمَ يَكُونُ النَّاسُ كَالْفَرَاشِ الْمَبْثُوثِ ۝ وَتَكُونُ الْجِبَالُ كَالْعِهْنِ الْمَنْفُوشِ﴾ Men will be like the scattered moths and the mountains like carded wool on the Doomsday. This is the first stage when everything will be destroyed.
- 2- ﴿هَٰوِيَّةٌ﴾ "Haaviyah" (A bottomless pit)
- 3- ﴿مَا هِيَ﴾ "Maahiyah" (what is it?)

The Macro-structure of soorah Al-Qaari'ah

Soorah Al-Qaari'ah consists of two paragraphs.

- 1- **Verses: 1 to 5:** In the first paragraph, the picture of the first stage of Hereafter, when the world will be destroyed, is painted.

﴿الْقَارِعَةُ﴾ "The (Day) of clamour." (Verse: 1)

﴿مَا الْقَارِعَةُ﴾ "What is the (Day) of clamour?" (Verse: 2)

﴿وَمَا أَذْرَكَ مَا الْقَارِعَةُ﴾ "And what will explain to you what the clamour is?" (Verse:3)

﴿يَوْمَ يَكُونُ النَّاسُ كَالْفَرَاشِ الْمَبْثُوثِ﴾ "It is the Day when men shall be like scattered moths." (Verse: 4)

﴿وَتَكُونُ الْجِبَالُ كَالْعِهْنِ الْمَنْفُوشِ﴾ “And the mountains like colourful carded wool.”

(Verse: 5)

The firm and stable mountains will become light like carded wool and start moving. Men will become scattered like moths.

2- Verses 6 to 11: The picture of the second stage of Hereafter, when the deeds will be weighed, is painted in the second paragraph.

﴿فَأَمَّا مَنْ ثَقَلَتْ مَوَازِينُهُ﴾ “(On that Day), he whose scale of good deeds is heavy.”

(Verse: 6)

﴿فَهُوَ فِي عِيشَةٍ رَاضِيَةٍ﴾ “Shall live a pleasant luxurious life.” (Verse: 7)

﴿وَأَمَّا مَنْ خَفَّتْ مَوَازِينُهُ﴾ “But he whose scale of good deeds is light.” (Verse: 8)

﴿فَأُمُّهُ هَاوِيَةٌ﴾ “Shall have his abode in a (bottomless) pit.” (Verse: 9)

﴿وَمَا أَذْرَكَ مَا هِيَ﴾ “And what will explain to you, what it is?” (Verse: 10)

﴿نَارٌ حَامِيَةٌ﴾ “It is a blazing fire.” (Verse: 11)

In the scales of deeds, he whose scale of good deeds is heavier than the bad deeds, will have a pleasant and luxurious life; and he whose scale of good deeds is lighter than the bad deeds, will be thrown in the pit of Hell fire where he will live in blazing fire.

These verses show that man will not be punished for every sin separately, but it will be seen on the whole whether his virtues are heavier or his sins. There are two basic requirements for salvation from the Hell fire and entry into the Paradise that one believes in Tawheed which is free of Shirk and has abundance of good deeds. Then there is Mercy of Allah without which salvation is impossible.

Central Subject

The abundance of good deeds in the weighing scales on the Day of Judgement will be the cause of entry into the Paradise and shortage of good deeds will be the cause of entry into the Hell. Hence, man should try to accumulate as much virtues as possible to make his scale of good deeds heavier.

