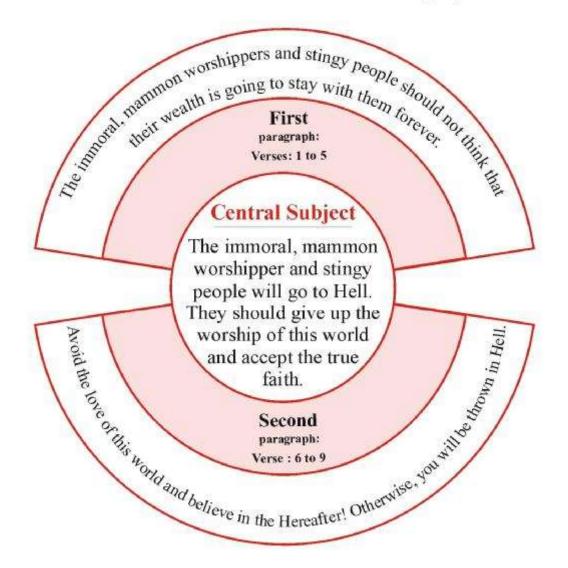


104-Soorah Al-Humazah Makkan

Verses: 9 Paragraphs: 2



Period of revelation:

Soorah Al-Humazah was revealed after the general proclamation of Islam, during the second phase of prophet's (pbuh) stay in Makkah (4 to 5 prophet-hood), when the moral and financial attitude of leadership of Quraish like Umayyah bin Khalf were under discussion.

The relationship of soorah Al-Humazah with the Book

In the previous soorah (Al-'Asr), those who neither believed nor did righteous deeds were threatened with loss in the Hereafter. Here, in soorah Al-Humazah, the end of one immoral and stingy leader of those who are going to suffer the loss, is mentioned.

Important Key words and Subjects

- 1- ﴿مَامِرُ "Haamezun" critical, fault finder, slanderer.
- 2- (Fixed) "Humazatun" is exaggerated noun which means severely critical, great fault finder, slanderer and backbiter and the one who makes fun of other people with gestures.
- 3- "Lumazah" This is also an exaggerated noun which means the person who abuses people on their face, finds faults with them, satirizes them and passes derogatory remarks about them.
- 4- ("Amad" is the plural of "Amood" which means columns.

The Macro-structure of soorah Al-Humazah

Soorah Al-Humazah consists of two paragraphs.

1- Verses: 1 to 5: In the first paragraph, the characteristics of the immoral and mammon worshipping leadership who denies the life hereafter have been described.

It has been told that the immoral, stingy and mammon worshipping leaders should not have the misunderstanding that their wealth will give them everlasting life.

"Woe to every slanderer and backbiter." (Verse: 1) ﴿ وَيُلُّ لِّكُلِّ هُمَرَةٍ لُّمَرَةٍ لُمُرَوِّهُ

(Verse: 2) "Who amasses wealth and keeps on counting it." (Verse: 2)

"He thinks that his wealth will stay with him forever." (Verse:3) ﴿ يَعْسَبُ أَنَّ مَالُهُ ٱخُلَرُهُ

(کَالَاَلَیْنَہَنَیْ فِی اَعْطَیّۃُ) "By no means! He shall be thrown into that which breaks to pieces." (Verse: 4)

"What will make you understand that which breaks to pieces?" ﴿ وَمَا آَفُرُكَ مَا الْحُطَيَّةُ ﴾ (Verse: 5)

When man forgets the life Hereafter, two kinds of evils are generated in him.

- (1) He considers himself to be something great and considers others to be contemptible. So not only with his tongue, he derides and criticises others with his gestures as well. ﴿وَيُلُّ لِكُنِّ مُبَرَّةٍ لِنَّالِكُ إِلَى الْمُعَالِقِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهُ ا
- (2) He loves his wealth intensely. He becomes stingy, piles up his wealth and keeps counting it. ﴿ ﴿ اللَّهِ مُعَمَّا لَا وَعَمَّاكُ وَعَلَّاكُ اللَّهُ اللّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّا اللَّهُ اللَّهُ
- 2- Verses: 6 to 9: In the second paragraph, people have been threatened with the end of the immoral, stingy, mammon worshipping and slandering leader.

"It is the fire kindled to a blaze by Allah Himself." (Verse: 6) "The one which shall rise right to the hearts." (Verse: 7) ﴿ اللَّيْ تَطَلِعُ عَلَى الْأَفْيِدَةِ ﴾ "Closing upon them from every side." (Verse: 8) ﴿ إِنَّهَا عَلَيْهِمْ مُؤْصَدَةً ﴾ "In outstretched columns." (Verse: 9)

He will be thrown into the fire that breaks into pieces. He will burn in Hellfire. Hell is the place from where no one can come out. Its columns are very high. Contrary to the Jails of this world, no one can escape it. Very furious angels are appointed on it. Its ceiling will be completely sealed.

Central Subject

Man should avoid the bad qualities like arrogance, criticising others, materialism and love of this world. These things make him stingy and lead towards Hell.

