

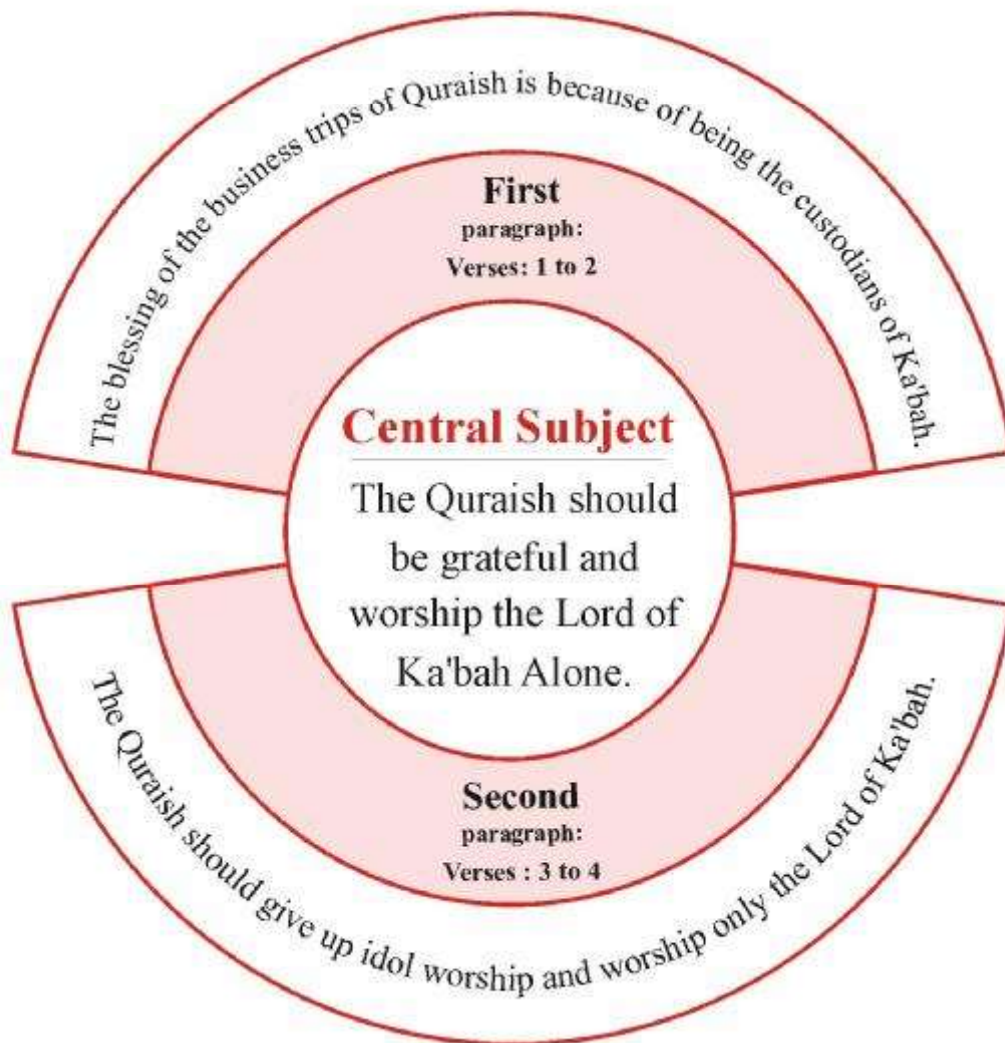
## Flow Chart of Macro-Structure of Soorah Quraish

# 106 - Soorah Quraish

Makkan

Verses: 4

Paragraphs: 2



### • **Period of revelation:**

Soorah Quraish, probably, was revealed after soorah Al-Feel during the second phase of prophet's stay in Makkah, in the initial stage of the open invitation of Islam, when the Quraish were being taught to give up their ingratitude and be grateful to Allah.

### The relationship of soorah Quraish with the Book

- 1- In the previous soorah (Al-Feel), the protection of Ka'bah and the purposes of its construction were mentioned. Here, in this soorah (Quraish), the ingratitude of the Makkan leaders of Quraish is mentioned that in spite of being the custodians of Ka'bah and descendants of prophets Ibraaheem and Ismaa'eel and in spite of enjoying the peace and security established because of the city of peace (Makkah) and in spite of accruing the economic and trade benefits because of being the custodians of Ka'bah, they have turned away from Tawheed and are involved in Shirk.
- 2- In the next soorah (Al-Maa'oon), some crimes of Quraish are mentioned. These so called custodians of the House of Allah neither fulfil the rights of Allah nor the rights of people.

### Important Key words and Subjects

- 1- ﴿إِيْلَافٍ﴾ "Eelaaf" means familiarity, intimacy.
- 2- ﴿رِحْلَةَ الْيَمْنَاءِ وَالضَّيْفِ﴾ The trade journey during the winter and summer. Southern journey towards Yemen during the Winter and northern journey towards Syria during the Summer.
- 3- Makkah was a barren valley. It had no agricultural or industrial produce. The economy of Makkans entirely depended on the trade. Prophet Ibraaheem had prayed for their sustenance. Allah had protected them from hunger and starvation and granted them peace and security in the unsafe environment of Arabian desert.
- 4- The superiority of the Quraish, their business good-will and their prosperity was because of being the custodians of Ka'bah. It was Allah's favour to Quraish that He familiarised them with the journey of Yemen during the Winter and the journey of Syria during the Summer. People conducted their dealings with them because of the superiority that they were the custodians of House of Allah. The Quraish were protected from hunger and famine because of Ka'bah. Their trade routes were safe. The Quraish should give up the ingratitude and idol worship and worship the Lord of Ka'bah Alone.

## The Macro-structure of soorah Quraish

Soorah Quraish consists of two paragraphs.

- 1- Verses: 1 to 2:** It has been told in the first paragraph that the blessing of the business trips of Quraish is because of being the custodians of the House of Allah.

(It is great blessing and protection from Allah that) ﴿لَا يَلْفُ قُرَيْشٌ﴾ “For the familiarity of Quraish” (as the caretakers of the House of Allah). (Verse: 1)

﴿الْفُجُورُ رِحْلَةَ الشِّتَاءِ وَالصَّيْفِ﴾ “(They enjoy) safe passage for their trade caravans in the winter and the summer.” (Verse: 2)

Allah made the Quraish caretakers of Ka'bah and made the barren valley of Makkah an important trade centre by making it a peaceful city. Now they can easily take the journey of the cold northern region of Syria during the summer and hot southern region of Yemen during the winter. The economic stability of Quraish entirely depended on the Ka'bah. The people of Yemen and Syria gave them respect while dealing with them because of being the caretakers of Ka'bah. But these ungrateful people gave up the worship of Allah and started the worship of idols.

- 2- Verses: 3 to 4:** It has been told in the second paragraph that Quraish should give up the worship of idols and worship the Lord of Ka'bah Alone.

﴿فَلْيَعْبُدُوا رَبَّ هَذَا الْبَيْتِ﴾ “So they should worship the Lord of this House.” (Verse: 3)

﴿الَّذِي أَطْعَمَهُمْ مِنْ جُوعٍ وَآمَنَهُمْ مِنْ خَوْفٍ﴾ “Who provided them food against hunger and made them secure against fear.” (Verse: 4)

It is the demand of the sense of gratitude that the Quraish should give up the Shirk and follow the Tawheed and worship sincerely the Lord of this House Who has provided them with sustenance and has granted them peace and security.

## Central Subject

The Quraish should be grateful to Allah, avoid the Shirk and worship the Lord of Ka'bah Alone Who has provided them with sustenance through the business trips and gave them the life of peace and security.