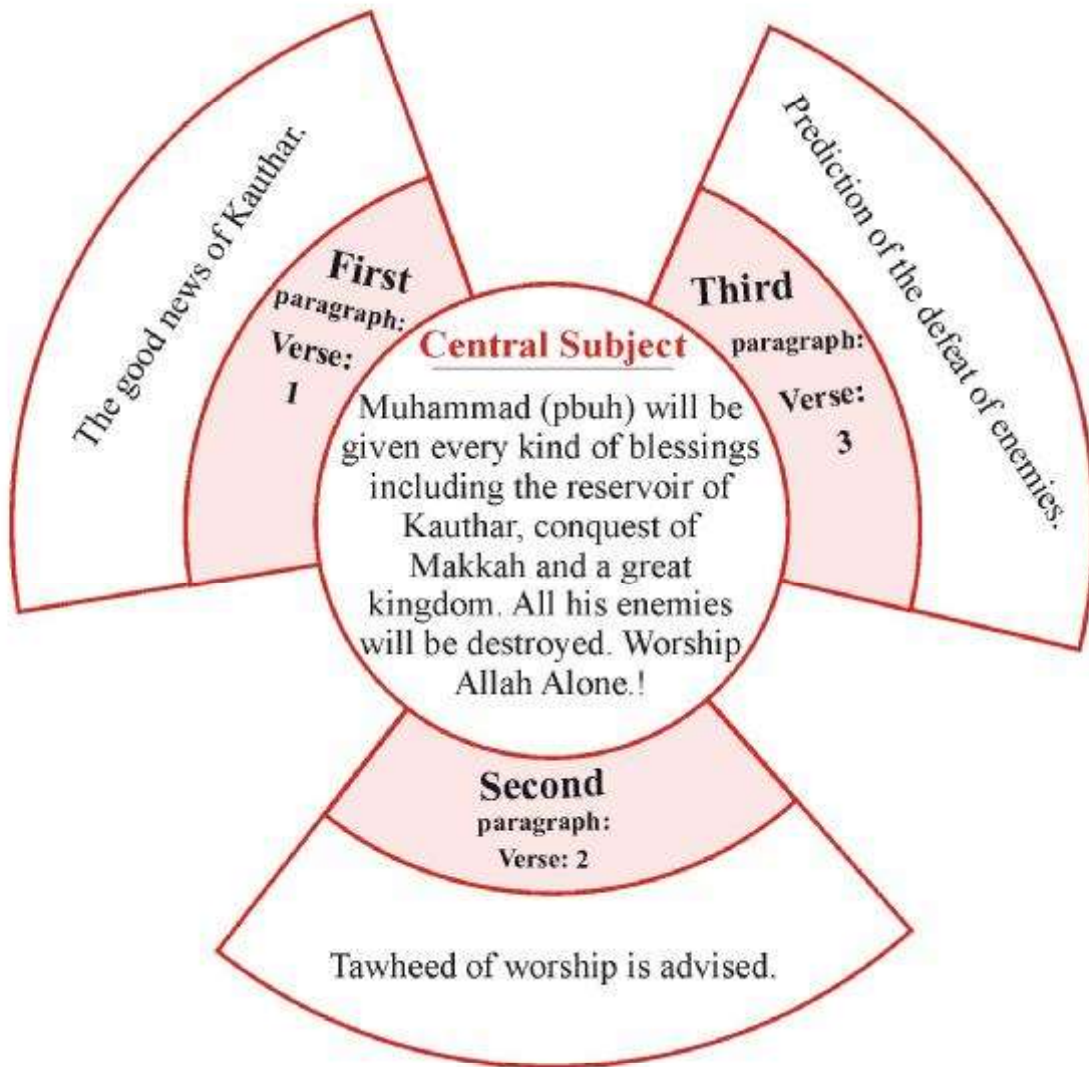


## Flow Chart of Macro-Structure of Soorah Al-Kauthar

# 108 - Soorah Al-Kauthar Makkan

Verses: 3

Paragraphs: 3



### • Period of revelation:

Soorah Al-Kauthar was revealed during the second phase of prophet's stay in Makkah (4 to 5 prophet-hood), after the general proclamation of Islam when 'Aas bin Waa'il Sahmi, one of the leaders of Quraish said that Muhammad's roots have been cut off at the death of his son Qaasim (R.A.)



### The relationship of Soorah Al-Kauthar with the Book

- 1- In the previous soorah (Al-Maa'oon), the charge sheet was laid against the leaders of Quraish that they have denied the Hereafter and they are not fulfilling their duties towards Allah and the human beings. Here, in soorah Al-Kauthar, it has been prophesied that all these enemies of the Messenger (pbuh) of Allah will be destroyed and mankind will be able to fulfil the rights of Allah and the rights of human beings because of Muhammad (pbuh) and his teachings.
- 2- In the previous soorah (Al-Maa'oon), there was the charge sheet against the leaders of Quraish that they do not pray for Allah. They, rather pray to impress the people. They, in fact, neglect their prayers. Here, in soorah Al-Kauthar, the leadership of the Messenger (pbuh) of Allah has been presented as the example and the model to teach the people that they should pray only to please Allah and offer sacrifice for His pleasure.
- 3- In the next soorah (Al-Kaafiroon), the Messenger of Allah has been ordered that he should break all relations with the Quraish and their hypocrite and pagan leaders. There is no room for compromise as far as the belief of Tawheed is concerned.

### Important Key words and Subjects

- 1- ﴿الْكَاثِرُ﴾ "Al-Kauthar" is the exaggerated noun from "Katheer". It is a comprehensive word which includes all kinds of blessings and bounties. "Kauthar" is also the name of a stream in Paradise. The Messenger (pbuh) of Allah asked his companions: ﴿أَتَدْرُونَ مَا الْكَاثِرُ؟﴾ "Do you know what is Al-Kauthar?" They answered: ﴿قُلْنَا: اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَغْلَمُ﴾ "Allah and His Messenger know more." The prophet (pbuh) said: ﴿قَالَ: فَإِنَّ نَهْرًا وَعَدَيْتِي وَرَبِّي عَزَّ وَجَلَّ فِيهِ خَيْرٌ كَثِيرٌ﴾ "It is a stream (in Paradise) that my Lord, the Glorified and Exalted has promised to give me in which there are lot of blessings."

(Saheeh Muslim, Hadeeth: 921, reported by Anas R.A.)

- 2- ﴿شَانِيءٌ﴾ It is the subject and means an evil wisher and malicious enemy.  
﴿أَبْتَرٌ﴾ "Abtar" means defective, incomplete, without offspring.



## The Macro-structure of soorah Al-Kauthar

Soorah Al-Kauthar consists of three verses and three paragraphs.

- 1- Verse: 1: In the first verse the Messenger (pbuh) of Allah has been given the good news of “Al-Kauthar”.**

﴿إِنَّا أَنْعَمْنَا عَلَىكَ الْكَوْثَرَ﴾ “O Muhammad, surely, We have granted you the Kauthar.”  
(Verse: 1)

This good news was given in the beginning of the second phase of Makkan period that you will be given all the blessings of this world and the Hereafter and your fame will be exalted. The members of your family will be among the righteous. You will be given the stream named Kauthar in the Paradise. The number of your followers will be more than the followers of any other prophet in spite of the fact that yours is the last Ummah (nation). After the oppressed life of Makkah you will be given power and authority in Madinah. You will be given victories and after migration you will enter the land of Makkah which was made narrow for you, as a conqueror. People will pray for you in every corner of the earth.

- 2- Verse: 2: In the second verse, the Messenger (pbuh) of Allah has been ordered to thank Allah for the blessing of Al-Kauthar.**

﴿فَصَلِّ لِرَبِّكَ وَأَنْحَرْ﴾ “Therefore, offer Salah (prayer) to your Lord and sacrifice.”  
(Verse: 2)

Offer prayers to please Allah and sacrifice only for the sake of your Lord. It was prophesied during the Makkan life that the centre of the prayers and the sacrifice and the focal point of Muslims will be Ka'bah, the house of Allah. The sacrifice will be offered near this Ka'bah only to please Allah.

- 3- Verse: 3: It has been prophesied in the third verse that all the enemies of the Messenger (pbuh) of Allah will be destroyed.**

﴿إِنَّ شَانِئَكَ هُوَ الْأَبْتَرُ﴾ “Surely, your enemy is the one who will be cut off from the root.” (Verse: 3)

This prophesy was fulfilled in Ramadhaan, 2 A.H. when the big leaders of Quraish were killed at Badr and it was also manifested six years later in Ramadhaan, 8 A.H. in the form of conquest of Makkah.

### Central Subject

The Messenger of Allah will not only be given Al-Kauthar, (a stream in Paradise), he will also be given the conquest of Makkah, a great kingdom and all the blessings of this world and the Hereafter. All his enemies will be destroyed. Hence, all the financial and physical acts of worship should be only to achieve the pleasure of Allah.

