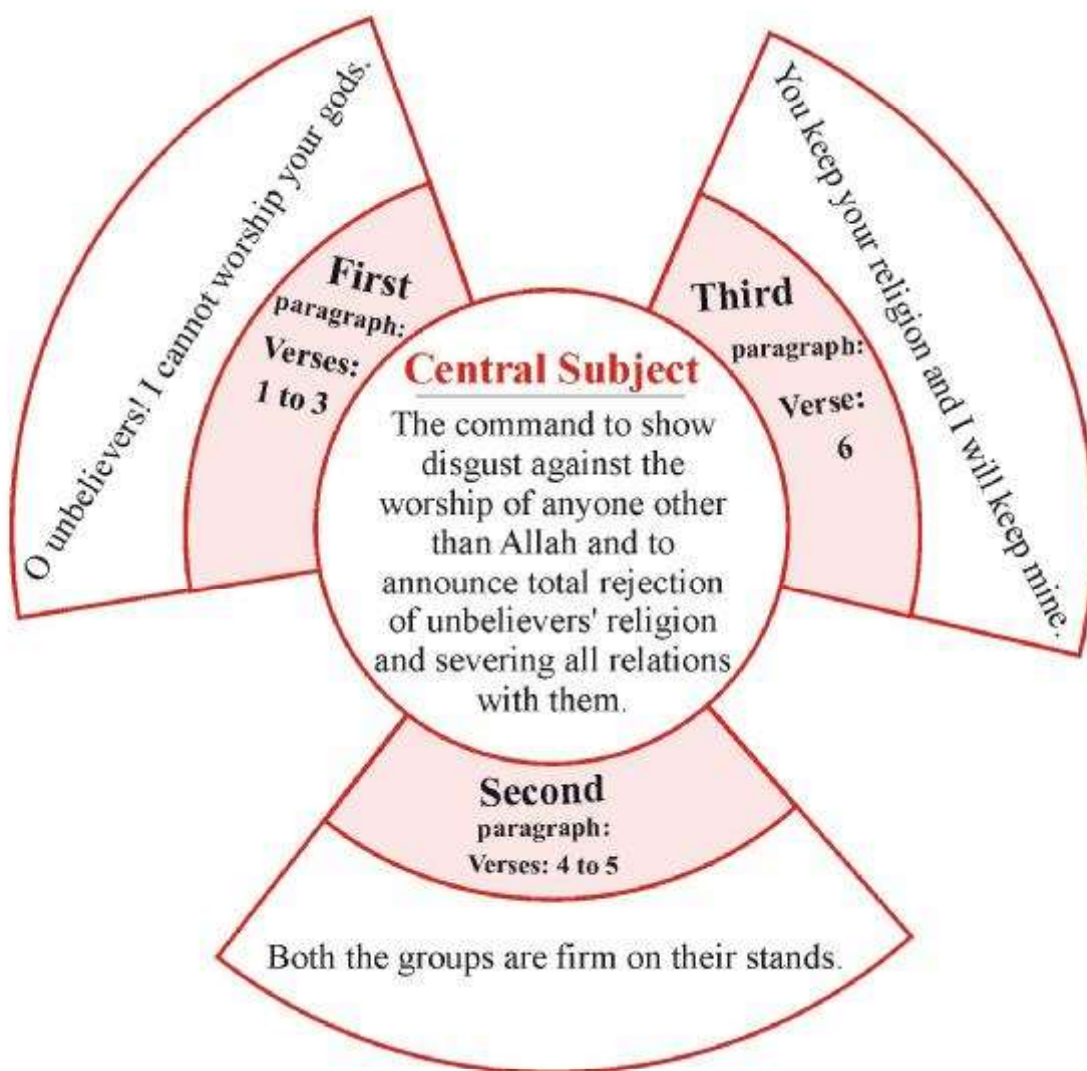


Flow Chart of Macro-Structure of Soorah Al-Kaafiroon

109 - Soorah Al-Kaafiroon Makkan

Verses: 6

Paragraphs: 3



• **Period of revelation:**

Soorah Al-Kaafiroon was revealed after the general proclamation of Islam, during the second phase of prophet's (pbuh) stay in Makkah (4 to 5 prophethood), when a delegation of the Quraish came to the Messenger of Allah and made a conciliatory offer that they will worship Allah for one year and Muhammad (pbuh) and his followers should worship their gods for the other

year. They were told clearly: ﴿لَكُمْ دِينُكُمْ وَلِيَ دِينِ﴾ “To you be your religion and to me mine.” (Verse: 6) Thus the separation from unbelief and unbelievers was pronounced clearly.

Excellences of soorah Al-Kaafiroon

- 1- The prophet (pbuh) recited soorah Al-Kaafiroon and soorah Al-Ikhlaas in the Sunnahs of Fajr prayer and in the Sunnahs after the “Tawaaf” (circumambulation) of Ka'bah. (Saheeh Muslim: 726)
- 2- After soorah Al-Faatihah, the prophet (pbuh) recited soorah Al-A'laa in the first, soorah Al-Kaafiroon in the second and soorah Al-Ikhlaas in the third Rak'a of Witr prayer. (Ibn Maajah: 1,171, Nisaa'ee, Hadeeth: 1,684)

The relationship of Soorah Al-Maa'oan with the Book

- 1- In the previous soorah (Al-Kauthar), the destruction of the enemies of the Messenger (pbuh) of Allah was prophesied. Here, in soorah Al-Kaafiroon, the prophet (pbuh) has been ordered to reject the political conciliatory offer of the unbelieving enemies and to sever all relations with them. No compromise can be made on the belief of Tawheed.
- 2- In the next soorah (An-Nasr), the prophecy that was made in soorah Al-Kauthar has been verified. The enemy was cut off from the root. The help of Allah came and the Muslims achieved the victory.

Important Key words and Subjects

- 1- There is demand and pronouncement of practical disgust and separation from the polytheistic religion.
 - This soorah indicates that no compromise is possible in belief and worship. (Even no exercise of judgement is possible.) No flexibility can be exercised regarding the Tawheed.
 - There is the good news hidden in this soorah that the Muslims can achieve victory as a result of following the Tawheed strictly.

The Macro-structure of soorah Al-Kaafiroon

Soorah Al-Kaafiroon consists of three paragraphs.

- 1- Verses: 1 to 3: In the first paragraph, the Messenger (pbuh) of Allah has been ordered to reject the offer of the polytheists.**

﴿قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا الْكَافِرُونَ﴾ “Say: O unbelievers.” (Verse: 1)

﴿لَا أَعْبُدُ مَا تَعْبُدُونَ﴾ “I worship not that whom you worship.” (Verse: 2)

﴿وَلَا أَنْتُمْ عِبُدُونَ مَا أَعْبُدُ﴾ “Nor will you worship that whom I worship.” (Verse: 3)

Neither the Messenger (pbuh) of Allah is going to worship anyone except Allah nor the Makkan pagans are going to worship Allah Alone.

- 2- Verses: 4 to 5: The rigid stand of both the parties has been mentioned in the second paragraph.**

The pagans are stubborn. They do not want to give up idol-worship in spite of clear arguments against it. On the contrary, the Muslims have accepted the invitation of Tawheed in the light of strong arguments. The Muslims will remain firm on their belief without showing any regard or inclination towards a compromise.

﴿وَلَا أَكُفِّرُ بَدْعَكُمْ﴾ “I shall never worship those (deities) whom you worship.” (Verse: 4)

﴿وَلَا أَنْتُمْ عِبُدُونَ مَا أَعْبُدُ﴾ “Nor will you ever worship (Allah), whom I worship.” (Verse: 5)

- 3- Verse: 6: In the third paragraph, the polytheists have been told clearly that you hold to your religion and I will hold to mine.**

﴿لَكُمْ دِينُكُمْ وَلِيَ دِينِ﴾ “To you be your religion, and to me mine.” (Verse: 6)

Tawheed is the basis of Islam. There can be no compromise in it. We will continue the obedience and worship of Allah without any adulteration irrespective of the results and consequences.

Central Subject

In the matter of Tawheed, every Muslim should announce his disgust with the worship of anyone other than Allah and he should express his practical separation with the religion of the unbelievers.