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# COMPOSITION

**Compilation**

**101**

**Revelation**

**30**

**Ayah**

**11**

**Words /Letters**

**36 / 160**

**Juz**

**30**

**Rev. Period**

**Early Makkan**

**Classification**

**Mufassalat**

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# VIRTUES

The following narrations have been quoted by the Holy Prophet (S)

“If someone recites Surah al-Qari’ah, Allah (SwT) Himself will make the weight of his good deeds heavier on the Day of Resurrection.”

“Those who recite Surah al-Qari’ah will be safe from Dajjal and Hell on the Day of Qiyamah.”

*It is obvious that these total rewards are for the one who recites it, practices it in his daily life and harmonizes his mind and soul with it.*

الْقَارِعَةُ

The Calamity!

Ayaah

01-03

مَا الْقَارِعَةُ

What is the Calamity?

وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا الْقَارِعَةُ

And what do you know what the Calamity is?



# القَارِعَةُ The Rattler

**Qara'a - when two things hit each other violently and make a disturbing noise. If it does not make you scared or startled, it is not a Qari'ah.**

**It is also used for a tough situation when a loud noise has taken your peace away, especially a knock at the door in the middle of the night, that is totally unexpected.**

**But here the word al-Qari'ah has been used for the Resurrection and in Surah Al-Haqqah (ayah 4). One should remember that here the whole Hereafter, from the first stage of Resurrection to the last stage of judgment (rewards and punishments) is being depicted together. The 3<sup>rd</sup> ayah clarifies the fact that this event is so great that no imagination can comprehend it.**

# A unique parallel

A unique parallel between this surah (Qari'ah) and surah al Haqqah is that each surahs' first 3 ayaah are extremely similar in style.

Al Haaqah, Mal Haaqah, wa ma adraaka mal Haaqah?

Al Qari'ah, Mal Qari'ah, wa ma adraaka mal Qari'ah?

*The term, Qari'ah, is mentioned in the Holy Qur'an a total of 5 times. 3 of those in this surah, once in Surah Haqqah and the 5<sup>th</sup> in Surah Ra'ad.*

Ayaah  
04

يَوْمَ يَكُونُ النَّاسُ كَالْفَرَاشِ الْمَبْثُوثِ

**On that Day human beings  
shall be like scattered moths**

**Farash (moths)**

**Mabthooth (dispersed)**

Allah is telling us that people will be like moths on this Day going around in different directions. Like the moths, they will run into different directions, bumping into each other when they hear the loud and startling Qari'ah calamity.

It is said that people are compared to these moths because when they fly, they do not move in the same direction. And when the people will come out of their graves, they will disperse like moths and go in every direction – **BUT EVENTUALLY WILL END UP IN EITHER THE DIRECTION OF HAPPINESS OR DESTRUCTION.**

Ayaah  
05

وَتَكُونُ الْجِبَالُ كَالْعِهْنِ الْمَنْفُوشِ

**And the mountains shall be like fluffs  
of carded wool in varying textures**

## 'ihn (wool of different textures)

*In Arab society, Wool was used more often than Cotton*

## **Manfoosh** (card and scrape fiber into fine lines)

*The mountains [from different locations] of different colors will be slammed together, and scrape against each other - causing different pieces like weightless wool to float in the air.*

*In the old times - people would beat/strike wool aggressively (like a Qari'ah) to flatten it out for clothing.*

**Just observe, how beautifully the words are woven and connected together AND how perfectly they fit into the theme of Al Qari'ah - when things strike/slam against each other.**

Ayaah  
06

فَأَمَّا مَنْ ثَقُلَتْ مَوَازِينُهُ

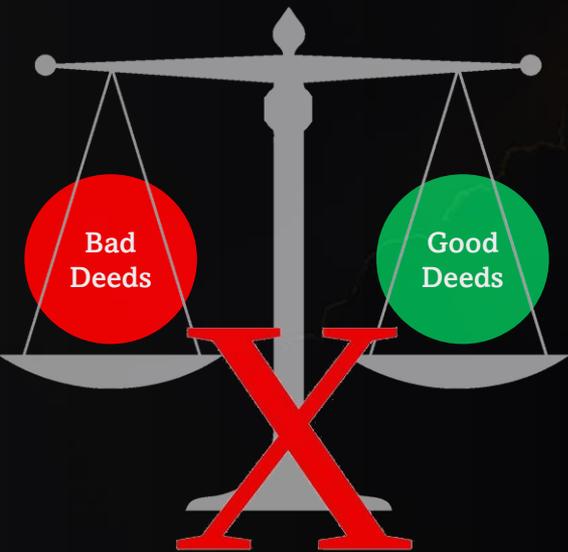
Then he whose scales weigh heavier

## Thaqlat (heavy)

*Observe the beautiful contrast here: In the previous ayah, mountains that are used as pegs to hold the earth together became light, and now deeds become heavy.*

## Mawaazeenu (plural of Meezan)

*So why more than one scale? Actually, Mawazeen is also a plural of Mawzoon (that which is weighed) – meaning our deeds*



Please note that this illustration is purely to explain the value of the deeds in the context of this surah and that there is no weight of bad deeds while the weight of the good deeds is determined by the purity of niyyat rather than the count.

For further understanding, please refer to Surah An'fal ayah 8 and Surah Kahf ayah 105.



Ayaah  
07

فَهُوَ فِي عَيْشَةٍ رَّاضِيَةٍ

Shall have a blissful life

## **'eesha (life in general)**

*Just like the term, Hayat, 'eesha can also be used for life in general – but specifically it means 'a life with no worries – no concern over food, shelter or any necessity. It is also used for the life of animals in jungle, as there is plenty of food, prey and shelter available.*

## **Raaddiyah (the one who is pleased)**

*This is referring to the human life which will always be satisfied, pleased and full of pleasure and joy with biggest joy to be the pleasure of Allah (SwT).*

Ayaah  
08

وَأَمَّا مَنْ خَفَّتْ مَوَازِينُهُ

But he whose scales weigh lighter

## **Khaf-fa (from takhfeef - lightened)**

*In ayah 28 of Surah Nisa', Allah shows His desire to lighten our burden for us.*

*In this ayah - He is telling us He wants to make our lives lighter/easier for us by giving us commands and encouraging us to do good deeds in this life, so our scales become heavy with good deeds only.*

Ayaah  
09

فَأُمُّهُ هَاوِيَةٌ

His shall be the deep pit  
for a dwelling

## **Hawiyah (from huwwa - to fall into a steep Canyon)**

**Just like a predator bird, such as a hawk, that dives at full speed to catch its prey at the bottom of a valley. This canyon is so deep down in hell, only Allah knows its full depth [it is commonly translated as 'bottomless pit'].**



## **Ummuhu (his mother)**

***Arab idiom:** If someone is having a really hard and torrid time, the arabs would say to such a person: **huwat ummuhu** - his mother fell off a cliff and dived into a deep canyon (and died). That's how depressed this person looks.*

*Allah twisted the sequence order of this Arab idiom and made a new and more deeper meaning by saying;*

***Ummuhu hawiyah;** His mother is the deep canyon in hell.*

**Please note that a child runs towards his mother. Who would want to run towards the hellfire? Nobody. But hell is now their mother – and the ones with lighter weight of the deeds will dive toward it with full speed. A mother wraps herself around her child, to protect it, and she doesn't let it go. And when the mother is carrying the baby in pregnancy, the baby is protected inside of her, and it cannot come out of her. The person will be trapped in this mother of a hell, who will hold him tightly and not allow to escape.**

Ayaah  
10

وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا هِيَهُ

And what do you know what that is?

**Hiyya-** (literally means She)

**hiyyaH** (the H at the end is to magnify and to scare the audience)

The H at the end makes you 'breathe' the word heavily from your chest when reciting it. Basically, it is a show of strength. For similar example, please refer to ayah 19 of surah Haqqah. (kitabbiyaH)

Ayaah  
11

نَارٌ حَامِيَةٌ

A Blazing Fire!

## **Hamiyah- (from himma)**

**Means intense, very, very hot and enflamed and it is the explanation of hawiyah. An adjective of fire, coming from himma - intensity of flame and fire.**

**Allah scared us with the Qari'ah at the beginning. He scared us more at the end with Hamiyah.**

**He started the surah with a Question and Answer (ayah 3-4), and He finished the surah with a Question and Answer (ayah 10-11).**

# Supplication

O Lord! Change the scales of our good deeds to heavy from our love for Prophet Muhammad (S) and his Progeny (A).

O Lord! It is impossible for us to approach the state of 'being in a life well-pleasing', but by Your Favor. Help us reach it.

O Lord! The Fire of Hell is a blazing inferno, and we cannot bear it. By Your Grace keep us far from it.

