

## Glorious Qur'an

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The Holy Qur'an: Text, Translation and Commentary,

## Surah Waqi'ah

(The Inevitable)



1	إِذَا وَتَعَتِ الْوَاقِعَةُ
	When the event inevitable cometh to pass.
2	لَيُسَ لُوَقُعَتِهَا كَاذِبَةٌ
	Then will no (soul) entertain falsehood concerning its coming.
3	خَافِضَةٌ رَافِعَةٌ
	(Many) will it bring low, (many) will it exalt;
4	ٳٟڎؘٳؠڿۜؾؚٲڵٛػۧؠڞؠۜڲ۪ٵ
	When the earth shall be shaken to its depths,
5	وَبُسَّتِ الْجِبَالُ بَسَّا
	And the mountains shall be crumbled to atoms,

6	فكانت هَمَاءًمُنْكِتاً
	Becoming dust scattered abroad,
7	وَكُنْتُمْ أَنُواجًا ثَلَاثَةً
	And ye shall be sorted out into three classes.
8	فَأَصْحَابُ الْمَيْمَنَةِ مَا أَصْحَابُ الْمَيْمَنَةِ
	Then (there will be) the Companions of the Right Hand
	what will be the Companions of the Right Hand?
9	وَأَصْحَابُ الْمَشَأَمَةِ مَا أَصْحَابُ الْمَشَأَمَةِ
	And the Companions of the left hand
	What will be the Companions of the Left Hand?
10	وَ السَّابِقُونَ السَّابِقُونَ
	And those Foremost (in Faith) will be Foremost (in the Hereafter).
11	أُولِيكَ الْمُقَرَّبُونَ
	These will be those Nearest to Allah:
12	فِيجَنَّاتِ النَّعِيمِ
	In Gardens of Bliss:
13	ثُلَّةٌ مِنَ الْأَوَّلِينَ
	A number of people from those of old,
14	وقلِيلٌ مِنَ الْآخِرِينَ
	And a few from those of later times.
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15	عَلَى سُرُى مَوْضُونَةٍ
	(They will be) on Thrones encrusted (with gold and precious stones).
16	مُتَّكِئِينَ عَلَيْهَا مُتَقَابِلِينَ
	Reclining on them, facing each other.
17	يَطُوفُ عَلَيْهِمْ وِلْدَانٌ فُخَلَّدُونَ
	Round about them will (serve) youths of perpetual (freshness).
18	بِأَ كُوَابِ وَأَبَارِينَ وَكَأْسٍ مِنْ مَعِينِ
	With goblets, (shining) beakers, and cups (filled) out of clear-flowing fountains:
19	لايُصَكَّعُونَ عَنْهَا وَلَا يُنْزِفُونَ
	No after-ache will they receive therefrom, nor will they suffer intoxication:
20	وَفَا كِهَةٍ فِمَّا يَتَخَبَّرُونَ
	And with fruits, any that they may select;
21	وَ لَحْمِ طَبْرِ مِمَّا يَشْتَهُونَ
	And the flesh of fowls, any that they may desire.
22	ومحورٌ عِينٌ
	And (there will be) Companions with beautiful, big, and lustrous eyes
23	كَأَمْثَالِ اللَّوْلَوْ الْمَكَنُونِ
	Like unto Pearls well-guarded.
24	جَزَاءً عِمَا كَانُوا يَعُمَلُونَ
	A Reward for the Deeds of their past (Life).
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25	لايسمعون فيها لغَوًا ولاتَأْثِيمًا
	No frivolity will they hear therein nor any taint of ill
26	اللَّقِيلَّ سَلَاهًا اللَّهَا اللَّهَا اللَّهَا اللَّهَا اللَّهَا اللَّهَا اللَّهَا اللَّهَا اللَّه
	Only the saying, "Peace! Peace."
27	وَأَصْحَابُ الْيَمِينِ مَا أَصْحَابُ الْيَمِينِ
	The Companions of the Right Hand
	what will be the Companions of the Right Hand?
28	فيسِدُمٍ فَخُصُودٍ
	(They will be) among lote trees without thorns,
29	وَطَلْحِ مَنْضُودٍ
	Among Talh (Banana) trees with flowers (or fruits) piled one above another
30	وَظِلِّ مَنْ دُدِ
	In shade long-extended,
31	وَمَاءٍمَسُكُوبِ
	By water flowing constantly,
32	وَفَاكِهَةٍ كَثِيرةٍ
	And fruit in abundance,
33	لامَقُطُوعَةٍ وَلا لَمُنُوعَةٍ
	Whose season is not limited nor (supply) forbidden,
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34	وَفُرْشِ مَرُفُوعَةٍ
	And on Thrones (of Dignity), raised high.
35	ٳؚؾۜٵؙۘؽؘۿؘؙؾٞٳؚؽؗۺٲ
	We have created (their Companions) of special creation.
36	فَجَعَلْنَاهُنَّ أَبُكَامًا
	And made them virgin-pure (and undefiled)
37	عُرُبًا أَتُرابًا
	Beloved (by nature), equal in age
38	لِأَصْحَابِ الْيَمِين
	For the companions of the Right Hand.
39	ثُلَّةٌ مِنَ الْأَوَّلِينَ
	A (goodly) number from those of old,
40	وَثُلَّةٌ مِنَ الْآخِرِينَ
	And a (goodly) number from those of later times.
41	وَأَصْحَابُ الشِّمَالِ مَا أَصْحَابُ الشِّمَالِ
	The Companions of the Left Hand
	what will be the Companions of the Left Hand?
42	في سَمُومٍ وَحَمِيمٍ
	(They will be) in the midst of a fierce Blast of Fire and in Boiling Water,
43	وَظِلِّ مِنْ يَعُمُومٍ
	And in the shades of Black Smoke:
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44	لابًا ي دِ وَلا كَرِيمِ
	Nothing (will there be) to refresh, nor to please:
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43	إِنَّهُمْ كَانُواقَبُلَ ذَلِكَ مُثَرُفِينَ
	For that they were wont to be indulged, before that, in wealth (and luxury).
46	وَ كَانُوا يُصِرُّ ونَ عَلَى الْحِنْثِ الْعَظِيمِ
	And persisted obstinately in wickedness supreme!
47	وكَانُوايَقُولُونَ أَئِنَا مِثْنَا وَكُنَّا تُرَابًا وَعِظَامًا أَإِنَّا لَمَبُعُونُونَ
	And they used to say,
	"what! when we die and become dust and bones, shall we then indeed be
	raised up again?
48	أَوَ آبَاؤُنَا الْأَوَّلُونَ
	"(We) and our fathers of old?"
49	قُلْ إِنَّ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ
	Say:
	"Yea, those of old and those of later times,
50	لَمَجُمُوعُونَ إِلَى مِيقَاتِ يَوْمِ مَعْلُومِ
	"All will certainly be gathered together for the meeting appointed for a Day
	Well-known.
51	ثُمَّ إِنَّكُمْ أَيُّهَا الضَّالُّونَ الْمُكَذِّبُونَ
	"Then will ye truly, o ye that go wrong, and treat (Truth) as Falsehood!
52	لَّاكِلُونَ مِنْ شَجَرٍ مِنْ زَقُّومٍ الَّاكِلُونَ مِنْ شَجَرٍ مِنْ زَقُّومٍ
	"Ye will surely taste of the Tree of Zaqqum.
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53	فَمَالِنُّونَ مِنْهَا الْبُطُونِ
	"Then will ye fill your insides therewith,
54	فَشَامِبُونَ عَلَيْهِ مِنَ الْحَمِيمِ
	"And drink Boiling Water on top of it:
55	فَشَايِبُونَ شُرُبِ الْهِيهِ
	"Indeed ye shall drink like diseased camels raging with thirst!
56	هَذَانُوْهُمْ يَوْمَ الرِّينِ
	Such will be their entertainment on the Day of Requital!
57	نَحُنُ حَلَقُنَا كُمْ فَلَوْ لا تُصَدِّقُونَ
	It is We Who have created you: why will ye not witness the Truth?
58	أَفَرَأَيُتُمْ مَا ثُمُنُونَ
	Do ye then see?
	the (human seed) that ye throw out,
59	أَأَنتُهُ مِ تَخُلُقُونَهُ أَمْ نَحُنُ الْحَالِقُونَ
	Is it ye who create it, or are We the Creators?
60	نَحُن قَلَّ مُنَا يَنْنَكُمُ الْمُوْتَ وَمَا نَحُن عِمَسُبُوقِين
	We have decreed Death to be your common lot, and We are not to be
	frustrated
61	عَلَى أَن نُبَدِّلَ أَمُثَالَكُمْ وَنُنْشِئَكُمْ فِي مَالاَتَعُلَمُونَ
	From changing your Forms and creating you (again) in (Forms) that ye know not.
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62	وَلَقَدُ عَلِمُتُمُ النَّشَأَةُ الْأُولَى فَلَوْلاتَنَ كَّرُونَ
	And ye certainly know already the first form of creation: why then do ye not celebrate His praises?
63	أَفَرَأَيْتُمْ مَاتَحُوثُونَ
	See ye the seed that ye sow in the ground?
64	أَأَنتُمْ تَزُى عُونَهُ أَمْ نَحْنُ الزَّامِ عُونَ
	Is it ye that cause it to grow, or are We the Cause?
65	لَوْنَشَاءُ لِحَكَامًا فَظَلْتُمْ تَفَكَّهُونَ
	Were it Our Will, we could crumble it to dry powder, and ye would be left in wonderment,
66	ٳؚڬۜٲۿؙۼۘ۫ۯۿۅڹ
	(Saying), "We are indeed left with debts (for nothing):
67	بَلْ نَحْنُ مَحْرُومُونَ
	"Indeed are we shut out (of the fruits of our labor)."
68	أَفَرَ أَيْتُمُ الْمَاءَ الَّذِي تَشُرَبُونَ
	See ye the water which ye drink?
69	أَأَنْتُمْ أَنْزَلْتُمُوهُ مِنَ الْمُزُنِ أَمْ نَعُنُ الْمُنْزِلُونَ
	Do ye bring it Down (in rain) from the Cloud, or do We?
70	لَوْنَشَاءُ جَعَلْنَاهُ أُجَاجًا فَلَوْ لِاتَشُكُرُونَ
	Were it Our Will, We could make it salt (and unpalatable): then why do ye not give thanks?
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71	أَفَرَأَيْتُمُ النَّامَ الَّنِي تُومُونَ
	See ye the Fire which ye kindle?
72	أَأَنتُم أَنشأتُم شَجَرَهَا أَم نَعُن الْمُنْشِئُون
	Is it ye who grow the tree which feeds the fire, or do We grow it?
73	نَحُنُ جَعَلْنَاهَا تَنُ كِرَةً وَمَتَاعًا لِلْمُقُويِنَ
	We have made it a memorial (of our handiwork), and an article of comfort and convenience for the denizens of deserts.
74	فَسَبِّحُ بِالشَمِرِ مَ بِلِكَ الْعَظِيمِ
	Then celebrate with praises the name of the Lord, the Supreme:
75	فَلا أُقْسِمُ بِمَوَاقِعِ النُّجُومِ
	Furthermore I call to witness the setting of the Stars
76	وَإِنَّهُ لَقَسَمٌ لَوۡ تَعۡلَمُونَ عَظِيمٌ
	And that is indeed a mighty adjuration if ye but knew
77	إِنَّهُ لَقُرْ آنٌ كَرِيمٌ
	That this is indeed a Qur'án most honorable,
78	فِي كِتَابِ مَكْنُونِ
	In a Book well-guarded,
79	لا يَمَسُّهُ إِلَّا الْمُطَهَّرُونَ
	Which none shall touch but those who are clean:
80	تَنْزِيلٌ مِنْ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِين
	A Revelation from the Lord of the Worlds.
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81	أَفَبِهَنَا الْحَكِيثِ أَنْتُمُ مُلْهِنُونَ
	Is it such a Message that ye would hold in light esteem?
82	وَتَجْعَلُونَ بِإِنْ قَكُمْ أَنَّكُمْ ثُكَانِّ بُونَ
	And have ye made it your livelihood that ye should declare it false?
83	فَلُولًا إِذَا بَلَغَتِ الْحُلُقُومَ
	Then why do ye not (intervene) when (the soul of the dying man) reaches the throat
84	وَأَنْتُمْ حِينَئِنٍ تَنْظُرُونَ
	And ye the while (sit) looking on
85	ونَعُنُ أَقُرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْكُمْ وَلَكِنُ لِاتُبْصِرُونَ
	But We are nearer to him than ye, and yet see not
86	فَلُوْلًا إِنْ كُنْتُمْ غَيْرَ مَدِينِينَ
	Then why do you not if you are exempt from (future) account
87	تَرْجِعُوهَا إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ
	Call back the soul, if ye are true (in your claim of Independence)?
88	فَأَمَّا إِن كَانَ مِنَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ
	Thus, then, if he be of those Nearest to Allah,
89	فَرَوْحٌ وَىَ يُحَانُ وَجَنَّكُ نَعِيمِ
	(There is for him) Rest and Satisfaction, and a Garden of Delights.
90	وَأَمَّا إِنْ كَانَ مِنْ أَصْحَابِ الْيَمِينِ
	And if he be of the Companions of the Right Hand,
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91	فَسَلَامٌ للكَ مِنْ أَصْحَابِ الْيَمِين
	(For him is the salutation),
	"Peace be unto thee," from the Companions of the Right Hand.
92	وَأَمَّا إِنْ كَانَ مِنَ الْهُكَدِّبِينَ الضَّالِّينَ
	And if he be of those who treat (truth) as Falsehood, who go wrong,
93	<u>فَانْزُلٌ مِنْ حَمِيمٍ</u>
	For him is Entertainment with Boiling Water.
94	وَتَصْلِيَةُجَحِيمٍ
	And burning in Hell-fire.
95	إِنَّهَذَاهَ وَحَقُّ الْيَقِينِ
	Verily, this is the Very Truth and Certainty.
96	فَسَبِّحُ بِالسَّمِ رَبِّكَ الْعَظِيمِ
	So celebrate with praises the name of thy Lord, the Supreme.
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