Glorious Qur'an

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

Surah Naziat

(Those Who Tear Out)



| 1 | والنَّازِعَاتِ غَرُقًا |
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| | By the (angels) who tear out (the souls of the wicked) with violence; |
| 2 | وَالنَّاشِطَاتِ نَشُطًا |
| | By those who gently draw out (the souls of the blessed); |
| 3 | وَالسَّابِحَاتِ سَبْحًا |
| | And by those who glide along (on errands of mercy), |
| 4 | فَالسَّابِقَاتِسَبُقًا |
| | Then press forward as in a race, |
| 5 | فَالْمُنَ بِرَاتِ أَمْرًا |
| | Then arrange to do (the commands of their Lord) |

| 6 | يَوْمَ تَرْجُفُ الرَّاجِفَةُ |
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| | One Day everything that can be in commotion will be in violent commotion, |
| 7 | تَتْبَعُهَا الرَّ ادِفَةُ |
| | Followed by oft-repeated (commotions): |
| 8 | قُلُوبٌ يَوْمَئِذِ وَاجِفَةٌ |
| | Hearts that Day will be in agitation; |
| 9 | ٱبُصَامُهَا خَاشِعَةٌ |
| | Cast down will be (their owners') eyes. |
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| 10 | يَقُولُونَ أَإِنَّا لَمَرُ دُودُونَ فِي الْحَافِرَةِ |
| | They say (now): |
| | "What! shall we indeed be returned to (our) former state?" |
| 11 | أَإِذَا كُنَّا عِظَامًا نَغِرَةً |
| | "What! when we shall have become rotten bones?" |
| 12 | قَالُو اتِلْكَ إِذًّا كَرَّةٌ خَاسِرَةٌ |
| | They say: "It would, in that case, be a return with loss!" |
| 13 | فَإِضَّمَا هِي زَجْرَةٌ وَاحِدَةٌ |
| | But verily, it will be but a single (compelling) Cry. |
| 14 | فَإِذَاهُمُ بِالسَّاهِرَةِ |
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| | the (full) awakening (to Judgment). |
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| 15 | هَلُ أَتَاكَ حَديثُ مُوسَى |
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| | Has the story of Moses reached thee? |
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| 16 | إِذْنَادَاهُ مَبُّهُ بِالْوَادِ الْمُقَدَّسِ طُوسى |
| | Behold, thy Lord did call to him in the sacred valley to Tuwa |
| 17 | اذُهَبْ إِلَى فِرْ عَوْنَ إِنَّهُ طُغَى |
| | "Go thou to Pharaoh, for he has indeed transgressed all bounds. |
| 18 | فَقُلُ هَلُ لِكَ إِلَى أَنْ تَزَكَّى |
| | "And say to him, 'Wouldst thou that thou shouldst be purified (from sin)? |
| 19 | وَأَهُٰ لِيَكَ إِلَى مَ إِلَّا كَا فَتَخْتُ شَى |
| | "And that I guide thee to thy Lord, so thou shouldst fear Him?' " |
| 20 | فَأَمَاهُ الَّايَةَ الْكُبْرِي |
| | Then did (Moses) show him the Great Sign. |
| 21 | فَكَنَّبَوَعَصَى |
| | But (Pharaoh) rejected it and disobeyed (guidance); |
| 22 | ثُمَّ أَدْبَرَ يَسْعَى |
| | Further, he turned his back, striving hard (against Allah). |
| 23 | فَحَشَرَ فَنَادَى |
| | Then he collected (his men) and made a proclamation, |
| 24 | فَقَالَ أَنَا رَبُّكُمُ الْأَعْلَى |
| | Saying, "I am your Lord, Most High." |
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| 25 | فَأَ خَنَهُ اللَّهُ نَكَالَ الَّاخِرَةِ وَالْأُولَى |
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| | But Allah did punish him, (and made an) example of him in the Hereafter, as in this life. |
| 26 | إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَعِبْرَةً لِمِنَ يَغُشَى |
| | Verily in this is an instructive warning for whosoever feareth (Allah): |
| 27 | أَأَنْتُمُ أَشَكُّ خَلْقًا أَمِ السَّمَاءُ |
| | What! are ye the more difficult to create of the heaven (above)? |
| | بَنَاهَا |
| | (Allah) hath constructed it: |
| 28 | ى قَعَ سَمُ كَهَا فَسَوَّاهَا |
| | On high hath He raised its canopy, and He hath given it order and perfection. |
| 29 | وَأَغُطَشَ لَيَلَهَا وَأَنْحُرَجَ ضُحَاهَا |
| | Its night doth He endow with darkness, and its splendor doth He bring out (with light). |
| 30 | وَ الْأَرْضَ بَعُلَ ذَلِكَ رَحَاهَا |
| | And the earth, moreover; hath He extended (to a wide expanse): |
| 31 | أَخُرَجَ مِنْهَا مَاءَهَا وَمَرْعَاهَا |
| | He draweth out therefrom its moisture and its pasture; |
| 32 | وَالْجِبَالَ أَنْهَاهَا |
| | And the mountains hath He firmly fixed |
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| 33 | مَتَاعًا لَكُمْ وَلِأَنْعَامِكُمْ |
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| | For use and convenience to you and your cattle. |
| 34 | فَإِذَا جَاءَتِ الطَّامَّةُ الْكُبْرِي |
| | Therefore, when there comes the great, overwhelming (Event) |
| 35 | يَوْمَ يَتَنَكَّرُ الْإِنْسَانُ مَاسَعَى |
| | The Day when Man shall remember (all) that he strove for, |
| 36 | وَبُرِّ رَتِ الْجِيمُ لِمِّنْ يَرَى |
| | And Hell-Fire shall be placed in full view for (all) to see |
| 37 | فَأَمَّا مَنْ طَغَيَ |
| | Then, for such as had transgressed all bounds, |
| 38 | وَ آثَرَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا |
| | And had preferred the life of this world, |
| 39 | فَإِنَّ الْجَحِيمَ هِي الْمَأْوَى |
| | The Abode will be Hell-Fire; |
| 40 | وَأَمَّا مَنْ خَانَ مَقَامَ رَبِّهِ وَهَى النَّفُسَ عَنِ الْهُوى |
| | And for such as had entertained the fear of standing before their Lord's |
| | (tribunal) and had restrained (their) soul from lower Desires, |
| 41 | فَإِنَّ الْجَنَّةَ هِي الْمَأْوَى |
| | Their abode will be the Garden. |
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| .42 | يَسُأَلُونَكَ عَنِ السَّاعَةِ أَيَّانَ مُرُسَاهَا |
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| | They ask thee about the Hour 'When will be its appointed time?' |
| 43 | فِيمَ أَنْتَمِنُ ذِكْرَاهَا |
| | Wherein art thou (concerned) with the declaration thereof? |
| 44 | إِلَى رَبِّكُ مُنْتَهَاهَا |
| | With thy Lord is the Limit fixed therefor. |
| 45 | إِنَّمَا أَنْتَ مُنْنِمٌ مَنْ يَغْشَاهَا |
| | Thou art but a Warner for such as fear it. |
| 46 | كَأُهُّمْ يَوْمَ يَرَوْهَا لَمْ يَلْبَثُوا إِلَّا عَشِيَّةً أَوْضُحَاهَا |
| | The Day they see it, (it will be) as if they had tarried but a single evening, or (at most till) the following morn! |
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