**Tafsir Ibn Kathir**

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Tafsir Ibn Kathir, is a classic Sunni Islam Tafsir (commentary of the Qur'an) by Imad ud Din Ibn Kathir. It is considered to be a summary of the earlier Tafsir al-Tabari. It is popular because it uses Hadith to explain each verse and chapter of the Qur'an…

### Surah Haqqah

*(The Sure Reality)*

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In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

1. Al-Haqqah!

2. ما الْحَاقَةُ

3. And what will make you know what Al-Haqqah is?

4. كَذَّبْتُمُ الْمُهْدَىَّ عَالَى الْقَابِضَةِ

5. As for Thamud, they were destroyed by the Taghiyah!
And as for `Ad, they were destroyed by a wind, Sarsar `Atiyah!

Which Allah imposed on them for seven nights and eight days Husum,
so that you could see men lying toppled, as if they were trunks of date palms, Khawiyah!

Do you see any remnants of them?

And Fir`awn, and those before him, and the cities overthrown committed Al-Khati'ah.

And they disobeyed their Lord's Messenger, so He seized them with a punishment that was Rabiyah.

Verily, when the water rose beyond its limits, We carried you in the ship.

That We might make it an admonition for you and that it might be retained by the retaining ears.
Warning concerning the Greatness of the Day of Judgement

Allah says,

Al-Haqqah!

What is Al-Haqqah?

Al-Haqqah is one of the names of the Day of Judgement, because during it the promise and the threat will inevitably occur. Due to this, Allah has declared the greatness of this matter. So He says,

And what will make you know what Al-Haqqah is?

Mention of the Destruction of the Nations

Then Allah mentions the destruction of the nations that denied the Resurrection. He says,

Thamud denied through their transgression.

As for Thamud, they were destroyed by the Taghiyah!

It is the cry which will silence them, and the quake that will silence them.

Qatadah said similar to this when he said, "At-Taghiyah is the shout."

Mujahid said, "At-Taghiyah means the sins."

This was also said by Ar-Rabi` bin Anas and bin Zayd.

They said that it means transgression.

After mentioning this, Ibn Zayd recited the following Ayat as proof for his statement, كُذِّبْتُمْ وَعَمَّلُتمْ بِالْقَابِرَةِ (Thamud denied through their transgression).
Then Allah says,

وَأَمَّا عَادَاءُ النَّاسِ أَهْلَكَهُمْ بِبَرَحٍ ضَرِّصٍ...

And as for `Ad, they were destroyed by a wind Sarsar.

meaning, a cold wind.

Qatadah, As-Suddi, Ar-Rabi` bin Anas and Ath-Thawri all said about,

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`Atiyah.

"This means severe blowing of the wind."

Qatadah said,

"It blew fiercely upon them until it pierced their hearts."

Ad-Dahhak said, (Sarsar),

"This means cold,

and  `Atiyah means,

"it blew fiercely upon them without any mercy or blessing."

Ali and others said,

"It blew fiercely upon their stored harvest until it was brought out worthless."

Which Allah imposed on them,

meaning, He made it overpower them.

... سَخَّرَهَا عَلَيْهِمْ...

for seven nights and eight days Husum,

Husum means, complete, successive and unfortunately evil.

Ibn Mas`ud, Ibn Abbas, Mujahid, Ikrimah, Ath-Thawri and others all said,

"Husum means in succession."

It has been reported that Ikrimah and Ar-Rabi` bin Khuthaym both said,
"It means it was unfortunately evil upon them."

This is similar to Allah's statement,

في أيامٍ من الهمسات

in days of calamity, (41:16)

It has been said that it is that which people now call A`jaz (apparently used to mean evil devastation).

It seems as though the people took this term from Allah's statement,

قُتِّرُوا اللَّهُمَّ فِيهَا صَرَعُوْوَ كَأَهْلِم أَعْجَازَ تَغْلِبُواْ خَوِيَّةَ (۲)

so that you could see the people lying toppled, as if they were A`jaz (trunks) of date palms, Khawiyah!

Ibn `Abbas said about, خَوِيَّةَ (Khawiyah),

"It means ruined."

Others besides him said,

"It means dilapidated."

This means that the wind would cause one of them (palm tree) to hit the ground, and it will fall down dead on his head. Then his head would shatter and it would remain a lifeless corpse as if it were without branches, motionless.

It has been confirmed in the Two Sahihs that the Messenger of Allah said,

لُسْرِ فِي الْشَّيْاَ أَهْلِكْ مَعَايِدَ الْذَّهَبَ (١)

I was helped by an easterly wind and the people of `Ad were destroyed by a westerly wind.

Do you see any remnants of them?

meaning, `do you find any one of them left or anyone who even attributes himself to being from them?' Rather they are all gone, right down to the last of them, and Allah did not make for them any successors.

Then Allah says,
And Fir`awon and those before him committed (sin).

This has been recited with a Kasrah under the letter Qaf (in the word Qabalahu, as Qiblahu, which changes the meaning to those who were with him in his time, and they were his followers who were disbelieving Coptic people.

Others recited it with a Fathah over the letter Qaf (as the word Qablahu), which means those nations before him who were similar to him.

Concerning Allah’s statement,

![Kasrah](image)

the overthrown cities,

those nations that rejected their Messengers.

![Fathah](image)

committed Al-Khati`ah.

Al-Khati`ah means their rejection of what Allah revealed.

Ar-Rabi` said, (committed Al-Khati`ah).

"This means disobedience."

Mujahid said, "They committed errors."

Thus, Allah says,

![Kasrah](image)

And they disobeyed their Lord’s Messenger,

meaning they were all of the same type, they all denied the Messenger of Allah who was sent to them.

As Allah says, (38:14)

Everyone of them denied the Messengers, so My threat took effect.
So whoever denies a Messenger, then verily, he denies all of the Messengers.

This is as Allah says,

\[
\text{كَذَّبَتْ قَوْمَهُ فِي نُوحَ}
\]

The people of Nuh belied the Messengers,

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\text{كَذَّبَتْ عَالَمَ أَلْوَاهُ}
\]

`Ad belied the Messengers.

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\text{كَذَّبَتْ عَالَمًَ uniq2006}
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Thamud belied the Messengers.

However, only one Messenger came to every nation. Thus, Allah says here,

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\text{فَعَصُوا مِنْ شَرِّهِمْ فَأَحْذَهُمْ أُحْدُهُمْ خَارِجَةً (10)}
\]

And they disobeyed their Lord's Messenger, so He seized them with a punishment that was **Rabiyah**.

**Rabiyah** means, great, severe and painful.

Mujahid said, "**Rabiyah** means severe."

As-Suddi said, "It means destructive."

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**A Reminder about the Blessing of the Ship**

Then, Allah says,

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\text{إِنَّمَا أَطْلَعُيْ النَّاسَ...}
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Verily, when the water rose beyond its limits,

meaning, it rose up over its shores by the leave of Allah and it overcame all that existed.

Ibn `Abbas and others said,

"The water rising beyond its boundary means it increased abundantly."

This happened due to the supplication of Nuh against his people when they denied him, opposed him and worshipped other than Allah. Therefore, Allah answered his supplication and the people of the earth were covered with the flood except for those who were with Nuh in the ship. Thus, are humans all from the loins of Nuh and his progeny.
For this reason Allah reminds humanity of His blessing,

إِنَّا نَتَّجِلْنَا لَكُمْ تَذَّكَّرَةً...

Verily, when the water rose beyond its limits, We carried you in the ship.

meaning, a ship running along upon the surface of the water.

That We might make it an admonition for you,

The pronoun "it" here refers to the species of the object (ships) due to the general meaning alluding to this. Thus, the meaning is, 'We caused its type of creation (ships) to remain (in the earth) for you, so that you ride upon the currents of the water in the seas.'

This is as Allah says,

وَجَعَلْنَا لَكُمْ تَذَّكِرَةً ... 

and has appointed for you ships and cattle on which you ride; In order that you may mount on their backs, and then may remember the favor of your Lord when you mount thereon. (43:12,13)

And Allah said,

وَأَيَّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَأَحْضَرُوا لَهُمْ ...

And an Ayah for them is that We bore their offspring in the laden ship. And We have created for them of the like thereunto, on which they ride. (36:41,42)

Qatadah said,

"Allah caused this ship to remain until the first people of this Ummah saw it."

However, the first view (that it refers to all ships in general) is the most apparent.

Allah continues saying,

وَتَتَرَيَّعُونَ وَأَعْيَاهُ (۱۲)

and that it might be retained by the retaining ears.
meaning, that a receptive ear may understand and reflect upon this bounty.

Ibn `Abbas said,

"This means an ear that is retentive and hearing."

Qatadah said, (by the retaining ears), means:

"An ear that Allah gives intelligence, so it benefits by what it hears from Allah's Book."

Ad-Dahhak said, (and that it might be retained by the retaining ears). means,

"An ear that hears it and retains it, meaning the person who has sound hearing, and correct intellect."

And this is general concerning everyone who understands and retains.

13. فَإِذَا نُفِقَتْ فِي الصُّوَرِ نُفَقَتْ وَأَحَدَةً

Then when the Trumpet will be blown with one blowing,

14. وَمُحِيلُتِ الْأَرْضِ وَالْجِبَالِ قَنْدَ كَانَا دَكَّةً وَأَحَدَةً

And the earth and the mountains shall be removed from their places, and crushed with a single crushing,

15. فَمَتَىْمِنْهَا وَقَتَعْتِ الْوَادِيَةُ

Then on that Day shall the Event occur.

16. وَانْفَقَتْ السَّمَاءُ قَنْدَ يَوْمَيْنِ وَإِهِيَةً

And the heaven will be rent asunder, for that Day it will be frail and torn up.

17. وَالْمَلَآِئَةُ عَلَىٰ أَرْجَاهُمَا

And the angels will be on its sides,
A Mention of the Horrors of the Day of Judgement

Allah informs,

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فَأَذَّارَ الْعُفُقِ فَبِئْسَمُ يَوْمَ وَقَتَّلَ (۱۳)
\]

Then when the Trumpet will be blown with one blowing,

Allah informs of the horrors that will take place on the Day of Judgement. The first of these events is the blowing of fright (into the Trumpet), which will be followed by the blowing of destruction when everyone in the heavens and the earth will be struck down except whoever Allah wills. Then, after this will be the blowing of standing before the Lord of all that exists, and the resurrection, and the gathering. And this is that blowing. It is emphasized here that it is one blowing, because the command of Allah cannot be opposed or prevented, and it does not need to be repeated or stressed.

Thus, Allah goes on to say,

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وَحَمِيدَ الْمَلَائِكَةَ وَالْجَاهِلِينَ فَقَالَتْ عِبَادَهَا (۱۴)
\]

And the earth and the mountains shall be removed from their places, and crushed with a single crushing.

meaning, they will be stretched out to the extent of the surface (of the earth) and the earth will change into something else other than the earth.

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فَيَوْمَيْنِي وَقَعَتْ الْوَاقِعَةُ (۱۵)
\]

Then on that Day shall the Event occur.

meaning, the Day of Judgement.

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وَانْفَقَّتْ السَّمَاءُ فَيَوْمَيْنِي وَاهْيَةُ (۱۶)
\]

And the heaven will be rent asunder, for that Day it will be frail and torn up.
Ibn Jurayj said, "This is like Allah's statement,

وَفِيهِ الْسَّمَاوَاتُ فَكَانَتْ أَبْوَا

And the heaven shall be opened, it will become as gates. (78:19)

Ibn `Abbas said,

"It (the sky) will be torn apart and the Throne will be near it."

And the angels will be on its sides,

The word Malak here is referring to the species of angels (all of them); meaning the angels collectively will be standing on the sides of the heavens.

Ar-Rabi` bin Anas said concerning Allah's statement, وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ عَلَىٰ أَرْجَافِهَا (And the angels will be on its sides),

"This means that they will be standing on what has been ground to powder of the heavens looking at the people of the earth.'

... وَيَجِبُ مِنْ عَرْشِ رَبِّكَ فُوْقَاهُمْ مَتَّىٰ مَتَّىٰ (١٧)

... and eight angels will, that Day, bear the Throne of your Lord above them.

The Children of Adam being presented before Allah

Concerning the statement of Allah,

ٰيَوْمَ الْيَوْمِ لَا تَفْخَمُونَ لَاءِلَّٰلِيٰ مَكْرُكُمْ خَافِيَةٌ (١٨)

That Day shall you be brought to Judgement, not a secret of you will be hidden.

meaning, `you will all be presented to the Knower of the secrets and private counsels. He is the One from Whom none of your affairs are hidden. He is the Knower of all things apparent, secret and hidden.'

This is the reason that Allah says, لَا تَفْخَمُونَ مَكْرُكُمْ خَافِيَةٌ (not a secret of you will be hidden).

Imam Ahmad recorded from Abu Musa that the Messenger of Allah said,
The people will be exhibited three times on the Day of Judgement. The first two presentations will be (their) arguing and offering excuses. During the third presentation the pages (records) will fly into their hands. Some of them will receive the records in their right hands and some will receive them in their left hands.

Ibn Majah and At-Tirmidhi both recorded this Hadith.

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Then as for him who will be given his Record in his right hand will say: "Here! read my Record!"

Allah informs of the happiness of those who receive their Book in the right hand on the Day of Judgement and being pleased with this. Out of his extreme pleasure is his saying to everyone that he meets,

هَلْ أَقْرَرْتُكُمُ كِتَابَيْنِ؟ (Here! read my Record!) meaning,

`take my Book and read it.'

He will say this because he knows that what is in it is good and purely virtuous deeds. He will be of those whom Allah replaced their bad deeds (evils) with good deeds.

Abdur-Rahman bin Zayd said, "The meaning of هَلْ أَقْرَرْتُكُمُ كِتَابَيْنِ (Here! read my Record!) is

`Here, read my Book.'... The suffix `Um' is a grammatical addition."

This is what he (`Abdur-Rahman) said. It seems apparent that the suffix `Um' means here `you all.'

Ibn Abi Hatim recorded that Abdullah bin Abdullah bin Hanzalah - and he (Hanzalah) was the Companion who was washed by the angels for his funeral - said,

"Verily, Allah will stop His servant on the Day of Judgement and He will make his sins appear on the outside of his Book of Records. Then He will say to him,

`Did you do this'

The servant will respond, `Yes my Lord.'

Then Allah will say to him, `I will not expose you (or dishonor you) for it, for verily, I have forgiven you. '

The person will then say, `Here (you all) read my Book!'"

"إِنِّيْ أَتَّلَمَتْ أَيُّهَا الْمَلَائِيْنِ حَسَنَاءٌ (20)

Surely, I did believe that I shall meet my account!
This will be when he (the servant of Allah) will be saved from being disgraced and exposed on the Day of Judgement.

In the Sahih, it is recorded from Ibn `Umar that he was asked about the private counsel. He responded by saying that he heard the Messenger of Allah saying,

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ليداني الله العبدين يوم القيامة يقيرون وكادّ يصير بأيامه
إلى إذا رآى أهل قد هلك قال الله تعالى:
الله على الظالمين
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Allah will bring the servant close (to Him) on the Day of Judgement and make him confess all of his sins. This will continue until the servant thinks that he is about to be destroyed. Then Allah will say,

"Verily, I have concealed these sins for you in the worldly life and I have forgiven you for them today."

Then he will be given his Book of good deeds in his right hand.

However, about the disbeliever and the hypocrite, the witnesses will say,

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هؤلاء الذين كذبوا على ربهم أهل الكفارة عليهم

"These are those who lied on their Lord, and verily, the curse of Allah is on the wrongdoers."
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Allah's statement, Surely, I did believe that I shall meet my account!

means, `I used to be certain in the worldly life that this day would definitely come.'

This is as Allah says,

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(They are those) who are certain that they are going to meet their Lord. (2:46)
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Allah then says,

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فَقَدْنَّا مِنْ عِيسَىَّ مَعْضُوقًا (121)
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So he shall be in a life, well-pleasing. (69:21)

meaning, pleasant.
In a lofty Paradise,
meaning, having elevated castles, beautiful wide-eyed maidens, pleasant stations and eternal joy.

It has been confirmed in the Sahih that the Prophet said,

إِنَّ الْجَنَّةَ مَيْلًا لَا يَأْخُرُانَ مَيْلَاهَا مِنْ مَيْلِ السَّمَاءِ وَلَا الْآرَضِ

Verily, Paradise has one hundred levels and between each level is a distance like the distance between the earth and the sky.

Then Allah says,

فَطُوْفَهَا دَائِيَةً (٢٣)

The fruits in bunches whereof will be low and near at hand.

Al-Bara' bin `Azib said,

"This means close enough for one of them (the people of Paradise) to reach them while he is lying on his bed."

More than one person has said this.

Then Allah says,

كُلُوا وَأُشرِبُوا هُنَا كَأَنَّا أُسْلَفَنَّ فِي الْأَيَاَمِ الْخَالِيَةِ (٢٤)

Eat and drink at ease for that which you have sent on before you in days past!

meaning, this will be said to them as an invitation to them of blessing, favor and goodness.

For verily, it has been confirmed in the Sahih that the Messenger of Allah said,

اَعْمَلُوا وَتَوَارَّدُوا وَقَلِبُوا وَأَكْلُوا أَنَّ أَحَدًا مِّنْكُمْ لَا يَدْخَلُ عَلَيْهِ عُمُّ لِقَةٌ

Work deeds, strive, seek to draw near (to Allah) and know that none of you will be admitted into Paradise because of his deeds.

They (the Companions) said, "Not even you O Messenger of Allah"

He replied,

وَلَأَنَا إِلَّا أَنْ يَغْفِرْنِي اللَّهُ بِحَمْضٍ مَّثِقَةٍ وَقَضِيلٍ

Not even me, except if Allah covers me with mercy from Himself and grace.
| 25. | نَّآمَانَ أُوْلَٰئِكَ كُتَابُهُ يِبَشَّرُونَ. |
| But as for him who will be given his Record in his left hand, will say: |
| يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِي لَمْ تَرَ كِتَابًا. |
| "I wish that I had not been given my Record!" |
| 26. | وَلَمْ أَدْرَءُ مَا حَسَبْتِه. |
| "And that I had never known how my account is!" |
| 27. | يَأَيُّهَا الَّذِي كَانَتُ الْقَاصِيَةُ. |
| "Would that it had been my end!" |
| 28. | مَا أَغْنَى عَنِّي مَالِيَةٌ. |
| "My wealth has not availed me;" |
| 29. | هَلَكَ عَنِّي سَلَطَانَيْه. |
| "My power has gone from me!" |
| 30. | (IIt will be said): "Seize him and fetter him;" |
| 31. | ثُمَّ نَفْسُ الْجَهَمِّ صَلُوْرَةٌ. |
| "Then throw him in the blazing Fire." |
| 32. | ثُمَّ نَفْسُ فِي سُلْسَالِ دَوَّارَةٍ سَبْعُونَ دَارًا طَائِشَكَوْنَ. |
| "Then fasten him on a chain whereof the length is seventy cubits!" |
| 33. | إِنَّهُ كَانَ لَا يَنَبُوْنُ مِنْ يَأَلِهِ الْعَظِيمٍ. |
| Verily, he used not to believe in Allah, the Most Great,
And urged not the feeding of the poor.

So, no friend has he here this Day,

Nor any food except filth from Ghislin.

None will eat it except the Khati'un.

The Bad Condition of Whoever is given His Record in His Left Hand

These Ayat inform about the condition of the wretched people when one of them is given his Record (of deeds) in his left hand when the people are brought before Allah. At this time he will be very remorseful.

But as for him who will be given his Record in his left hand, (He) will say:

"I wish that I had not been given my Record! And that I had never known how my account is!

Would that it had been my end!..."

Ad-Dahhak said,

"Meaning a death which is not followed by any life."

Likewise said Muhammad bin Ka`b, Ar-Rabi` and As-Suddi.

Qatadah said,
"He will hope for death even though in the worldly life it was the most hated thing to him."

My wealth has not availed me; my power has gone from me.

means, `my wealth and my honor did not protect me from the punishment of Allah and His torment. Now the matter has ended with me alone and I have no helper nor anyone to save me.'

At this Allah says,

Seize him and fetter him; then throw him in the blazing Fire.

meaning, He will command the guardians of Hell to forcibly remove him from the gathering place,

fetter him - meaning put iron collars on his neck -

then carry him off to Hell and cast him into it, meaning they will submerge him in it.

Allah said,

Then fasten him on a chain whereof the length is seventy cubits!

Ka`b Al-Ahbar said,

"Every ring of it will be equal to the entire amount of iron found in this world."

Al-`Awfi reported that Ibn `Abbas and Ibn Jurayj both said,

"Each cubit will be the forearm's length of an angel."

Ibn Jurayj reported that Ibn `Abbas said, (Then fasten him),

"It will be entered into his buttocks and pulled out of his mouth. Then they will be arranged on this (chain) just like locusts are arranged on a stick that is being roasted."
Al-`Awfi reported from Ibn `Abbas that he said,

"It will be ran into his behind until it is brought out of his two nostrils so he will not be able to stand on his two feet."

Imam Ahmad recorded from `Abdullah bin `Amr that the Messenger of Allah said,

لا أن يصفعُهُما أداةً أداةً من السماء إلى الأرض، وهي مسيرة في السماء لثقل الأرض

Qab'il al-nil Qab'il al-nil وَلا أفْقَأ أَدْسِلَتْ مِن رَأسِ السَّلِيلةِ سَارَتْ أَذْوَاجُهَا خَرِيفَا اللَّيْلَ وَالْيَلِدَةَ قَبْلَ أن تُبْلُقَ قُوَّرَهَا أَوْ أَصِلُّهَا

If a drop of lead like this - and he pointed to a skull bone - were sent from the heaven to the earth, and it is a distance of five hundred years travel, it would reach the earth before night. And if it (the same drop of lead) were sent from the head of the chain (of Hell), it would travel forty fall seasons, night and day, before it would reach its (Hell's) cavity or base.

At-Tirmidhi also recorded this Hadith and he said, "This Hadith is Hasan."

Concerning Allah's statement,

إِنَّهُ كَانَ لا تَكُونُ مِنَ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ (33)

وَلَا يُضِخُّ عَلَى طَعَامِ الْمُسْكِكِينِ (34)

Verily, he used not to believe in Allah, the Most Great, and urged not on the feeding of the poor.

meaning, he did not establish the right of Allah upon him, of obedience to Him and performing His worship. He also did not benefit Allah's creation nor did he give them their rights. For verily, Allah has a right upon the servants that they worship Him alone and not associate anything with Him.

The servants of Allah also have a right upon each other to good treatment and assistance in righteousness and piety. For this reason, Allah commanded performance of the prayer and the payment of Zakah.

When the Prophet was (in his last moments) near death he said,

الْسَّلَاحَةَ وَمَا مَلَكْتَ أَبْنَاءَكُم

The prayer (As-Salah) and your right hand possessions (i.e., slaves).

Allah says,
So no friend has he here this Day. Nor any food except filth from the washing of wounds.

None will eat it except the Khati’un. meaning, there is no one today who can save him from the punishment of Allah, nor any close friend or intercessor whose request would be honored. He will have no food here except for the filthy washing of wounds.

Qatadah said,
"It will be the worst food of the people of the Hellfire."

Ar-Rabi` and Ad-Dahhak both said,
"It (Ghislin) is a tree in Hell."

Shabib bin Bishr reported from Ikrimah that Ibn Abbas said,
`Ghislin will be the blood and fluid that will flow from their flesh."

Ali bin Abi Talhah reported from Ibn Abbas that he said,
"Ghislin is the pus of the people of the Hellfire."

So, I swear by whatsoever you see,

And by whatsoever you see not,

That this is verily the word of an honored Messenger.

It is not the word of a poet,
little is that you believe!

Nor is it the word of a soothsayer,

little is that you remember!

This is the revelation sent down from the Lord of all that exists.

The Qur'an is the Speech of Allah

Allah swears by His creation, in which some of His signs can be seen in His creatures. These also indicate the perfection of His Names and Attributes. He then swears by the hidden things that they cannot see. This is an oath swearing that the Qur'an is His Speech, His inspiration and His revelation to His servant and Messenger, whom He chose to convey His Message, and the Messenger carried out this trust faithfully.

So Allah says,

Verily, this is the Word of (this Qur'an brought by) a most honorable messenger. Owner of power (and high rank) with Allah, the Lord of the Throne. Obeyed and trustworthy. (81:19-21)
And here, it refers to Jibril.

Then Allah says,

وَمَا ضَحَبَّكَ وَمُنِّيٓ(٢٢)

and your companion is not a madman. (81:22)
meaning, Muhammad.

وَلَقَدْ رَأَيْتَ الْأَلْمَٰلِمَ الْأَلْهَٰمِينَ

And indeed he saw him in the clear horizon. (81:23)
meaning, Muhammad saw Jibril in his true form in which Allah created him.

وَمَا هُوَ عَلَى الْقَبِيلَيْنِ يِقِيمِينِ

And he is not Danin with the Unseen. (81:24)
meaning, suspicious.

وَمَا هُوَ يَقُولُ الْيَهُودُ يَقِيمُينَ

And it (the Qur'an) is not he word of the outcast Shaytan. (81:25)
This is similar to what is being said here.

وَمَا هُوَ يَقُولُ شَاهِرٌ قَلِيلُ مَآمَاتَهُمْ(٤١)
وَلَا يَقُولُ كَاهِنٌ قَلِيلُ مَآمَاتَهُمْ(٢٦)

It is not the word of a poet, little is that you believe!

Nor is it the word of soothsayer, little is that you remember!

So in one instance Allah applies the term messenger to the angelic Messenger and in another instance He applies it to the human Messenger (Muhammad). This is because both of them are conveying from Allah that which has been entrusted to them of Allah’s revelation and Speech.

Thus, Allah says,

تَنزِيلٌ مِّن رَّبِّ الْعَالَٰمِينَ(٤٣)

This is the revelation sent down from the Lord of all that exists.
| 44. | And if he had forged a false saying concerning Us, |
| 45. | We surely would have seized him by his right hand, |
| 46. | And then We certainly would have cut off Al-Watin from him, |
| 47. | And none of you could have prevented it from him. |
| 48. | And verily, this is a Reminder for those who have Taqwa. |
| 49. | And verily, We know that there are some among you that deny. |
| 50. | And indeed it will be an anguish for the disbelievers. |
| 51. | And verily, it (this Qur’an) is an absolute truth with certainty. |
| 52. | So, glorify the Name of your Lord, the Most Great. |
If the Prophet forged anything against Allah, then Allah would punish Him

Allah says,

وَلَوْ تَقَوَّلُوا عَلَيْنَا بَعْضُ الْكَاوِيْلِي (۴۴)

And if he had forged a false saying concerning Us,

meaning, `if Muhammad forged something against Us, as they claim, and added or removed anything from the Message, or said anything from himself while attributing it to Us, then We would surely be swift in punishing him.

And of course, Muhammad did not do any of this (as the disbelievers claimed).'

Thus, Allah says,

لاَخَذَّنَّ أَيْمَثَرُ بِلَا يَعْمِيْنِ (۴۵)

We surely would have seized him by his right hand,

It has been said that this means,

`We would seize him by the right hand because it is more stronger in grabbing.'

نُعَمُّ أَقْطُطَتْنَا مَايْمَثِرُ (۴۶)

And then We certainly would have cut off Al-Watin from him,

Ibn `Abbas said,

"It (Al-Watin) refers to the artery of the heart, and it is the vein that is attached to the heart."

This has also been said by `Ikrimah, Sa`id bin Jubayr, Al-Hakim, Qatadah, Ad-Dahhak, Muslim Al-Batin and Abu Sakhr Humayd bin Ziyad.

Muhammad bin Ka`b said,

"It (Al-Watin) is the heart, its blood, and whatever is near it."

Concerning Allah's statement,

قَمَا يَنَكُرُونَ أَخْيَرَ عَنْهَا خَاجِرِينَ (۷۴)

And none of you could have prevented it from him.
means, 'none of you would be able to come between Us and him if We wanted to do any of this to him.'

The meaning behind all of this is to say that he (Muhammad) is truthful, righteous and guided because Allah determined what he is to convey from Him, and Allah helps him with fantastic miracles and definite proofs.

Then Allah says,

وَإِنَّا لَذُكْرُ كُرْشِكَ اللَّهُمَّ (٨٤)

And verily, this (Qur'an) is a Reminder for those who have Taqwa.

meaning, the Qur'an.

This is just as Allah says,

فَلَوْلَاذُكْرُ اللَّهُمَّ اذْهَبْ أَهْلَى وَشَيْتَانَ اللَّهُمَّ لَأَكْفَرُوا فِيّ وَقُرْءَ وَهُوَ عَلَيْهِ عَلَىٰ (٩٤)

Say:

"It is for those who believe, a guide and a healing. And as for those who disbelieve, there is heaviness (deafness) in their ears, and it (the Qur'an) is blindness for them."

Then Allah says,

وَإِنَّا لَذُكْرُ يَا مَنْ نَعْلَمِ أَنَّ مِنْكُمْ مُكَافِرُونَ (٩٥)

And verily, We know that there are some among you that deny (this Qur'an).

meaning, with this explanation and clarification, there will still be among you those who reject the Qur'an.

Then Allah says,

وَإِنَّا لَذُكْرُ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ (٥٠)

And indeed it (this Qur'an) will be an anguish for the disbelievers (on the Day of Resurrection).

Ibn Jarir said,

"And verily this rejection will be anguish for the disbelievers on the Day of Judgement."

He (Ibn Jarir) also mentioned a similar statement from Qatadah.

It is possible that the meaning of the pronoun (it) may also refer to the Qur'an, in which case the verse would mean that the Qur'an and belief in it are a cause of anguish for the disbelievers.

This is as Allah says,
Thus have We caused it (the denial of the Qur'an) to enter the hearts of the criminals. They will not believe in it. (26:200,201)

And Allah said,

ودِيمًا وَهُمُ الدَّعْوَةِ لِلْكَافِرِينَ (١١)

And a barrier will be set between them and that which they desire. (34:54)

Therefore, Allah says here,

وَإِنَّهُمْ لَفِي الْقُلُوبِ (٥٥)

And verily, it (this Qur'an) is an absolute truth with certainty.

meaning, the right and truthful news in which there is no doubt, suspicion or confusion.

Then Allah says,

فَقِمْ بِصِبَاتِكَ وَقُبِّلْ الذُّلُّ (٥٦)

So glorify the Name of your Lord, the Most Great.

meaning, He Who sent down this magnificent Qur'an.

This is the end of the Tafsir of Surah Al-Haqqah. And to Allah belong all praise and blessings.