

Surah Al-Waqi'ah: Spiritual Compass for Believers



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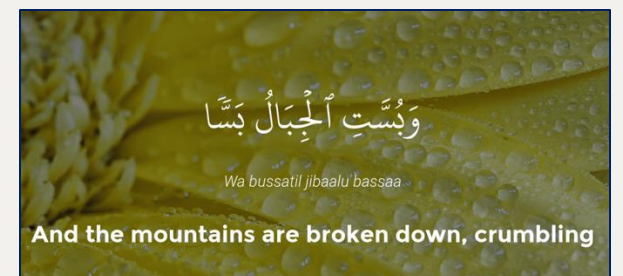
Introduction

- Arabic word Al-Waqi'ah (الواقعة) translates to **The Inevitable**
- 27th Section, 56th Chapter, Meccan, 96 Verses
- Preceding Surahs¹
 - Al-Qamar (القمر) talks about Allah's punishment
 - Ar-Rahman (الرحمن) talks about Allah's mercy
- Demonstrates and affirms the fifth pillar of faith: belief in the Day of Judgment
- Also known as the surah of Wealth (**weak narration**)
- Quran can be read at any time of the day after physical purification
- Suggested¹ recitation times⁴
 - after Isha (5th) prayer
 - between Maghrib (4th) prayer and Isha (5th) prayer



Significance of Surah Al-Waqi'ah

- The Companions noticed that some of his hair started growing gray so they asked him about it. The Prophet (PBUH) explained that it was there was a number of surahs that made his hair grow gray. He (PBUH) said that his hair was made gray by Sura Hud 11, al Waqi'a, al Mursalat, al Naba'a, and al Takwir.⁷
- Thematic Explanation²
 - The events of last day and the afterlife
 - Detailed account of resurrection
 - Gathering of people for judgement
 - Three groups on the day of judgement and respective rewards
 - Divine power and creation
 - The creation of humans
 - The growth of crops
 - The provision of water
 - The phenomenon of fire
 - Status of Quran
 - Divine revelation
 - Sacred and deserving of utmost respect



Virtues of Surah Al-Waqi'ah

- Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (AS) said that the one who recites Surah al-Waqi'ah will have a shining face of the Day of Reckoning.³
- It is narrated from Imam Ja'far as-Sadiq (AS) that whoever recites this Surah on every Friday, will be from those whom Allah (SWT) love and he will be loved by people also. He will be free from troubles and poverty and will be counted from the loyal companions of Imam Ali (AS).³
- Reciting this Surah on a dead person leads to all his sins being forgiven and if the person is on his death bed, then he will die with ease.³
- Keeping this Surah in one's possession is a means of increase in sustenance.³
- Scholars link the Sahih Bukhari hadith "Truly, there is a tree in Paradise under whose shade a rider could travel for a hundred years" to the 30th verse of Surah Al-Waqi'ah "And shade extended."^{4 5}

Deathbed of 'Abdullah ibn Mas'ud

- 'Uthman ؓ What are you suffering from?
- ibn Mas'ud ؓ From my sins.
- 'Uthman ؓ Do you desire anything?
- ibn Mas'ud ؓ Yes, Allah's mercy.
- 'Uthman ؓ May I call a doctor for you?
- ibn Mas'ud ؓ The doctor is the one who caused me to be sick.
- 'Uthman ؓ May I give you wealth from the public treasury?
- ibn Mas'ud ؓ I have no need for it.
- 'Uthman ؓ Accept it, please. You are leaving daughters behind you. It will help them.
- ibn Mas'ud ؓ You are worried that my daughters will suffer poverty. I have no such worry. I have instructed them to recite Surah Al-Waqi'ah every night. I have heard the Messenger of Allah ﷺ say, 'Whoever recites Surah Al-Waqiah every night will never suffer from poverty.'

[ibn Kathir & ibn 'Asakir]



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Reflections on Surah Al-Waqi'ah



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Glossary

- **Ayah** is an Arabic word for Verse
- **Ayat** is an Urdu word for Verse
- **As-Sabiqoon** or **Sabiqoon** is one of the three groups of people on the judgement day. It means the foremost believers.
- **Ashab-ush-Shimal** translates to the companions of the left. It essentially refers to the disbelievers.



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Glossary

- Duniya means world or worldly life
- Rasool Al Allah is Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) of Allah.
- Sabr is Patience
- Shukr is Gratitude
- Tawheed is Oneness of Allah
- Taqwa is Piety
- Tawakkul is unwavering faith
- Ehsaan is doing good
- Haya is modesty
- Ikhlas is sincerity
- Alam-e-Arwah is the realm of Souls
- Rozi is an Urdu word for earning. It is, however, a broad concept.



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Glossary

- **Zahir** means visible. Az-Zahir meaning The Visible is one of Allah's 99 names
- **Batin** means hidden. Al-Batin meaning The Hidden is one of Allah's 99 names
- **Tafsir** means commentary on Quranic verses
- **Gha/ous Pak** is the title of a revered Hanbali (one of Islamic schools of thought) scholar named Abdul Qadir Gilani.
- **Maulvi** means learned teacher of Islamic Knowledge
- **Surah Fatiha** is the first Chapter of Quran.



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Glossary

- **Duniya** means world or worldly life
- **Sabiq** means the one who were foremost in doing good deeds
- **Jannah** means heaven. In Islam Jannah is a single concept. There are 8 levels of Jannah in life.
- **Taufeeq** means capacity to do something
- **Hidaaya** means understanding and enlightenment one gets
- **Nani** is Urdu word for maternal grandmother
- "Beta, log apne doston se pehchane jaate hein!" is an Urdu sentence which can translated as "Son, a person is known by the company he keeps."



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Lessons from Surah Al-Waqi'ah

- One of the great early Muslims, Imam Masruq, said that whoever seeks to have all knowledge possessed by all peoples of the first communities and the last, and the knowledge of this life and the next, should recite Surah Al-Waqi'ah, because it contains all the knowledge that truly matters.⁷
- Preparation for the Hereafter²
 - Balance worldly pursuits with spiritual obligations
 - Ensure that our actions align with Islamic principles
- Gratitude and Recognition of Divine Blessings²
 - Pause, reflect, and be thankful for our sustenance, health, and opportunities
 - Recognize them as gifts from Allah (SWT)
- Empathy and Social Responsibility²
 - Understand the potential consequences of one's actions
 - Promote a more compassionate and equitable society
- Physical Cleanliness and Spiritual Healing⁶
- Strengthening Faith through Regular Reflection²
 - Recite Quran Regularly
 - Reflect. Connect.
- Mindfulness of Death and Legacy²
 - Lead a more intentional and meaningful life

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