

Surat

28/2/2009 AL-Qariah (The striking hour) (101) سورة القارئة

The meaning

1- AL-Qaaria, "the striking" is the resurrection.

2- AL-Qaaria is an arabic word means the hitting and the striking<sup>ev</sup>, the knocking.

3- The scene portrayed is one of the horror directly affecting man and mountains. As looks like dwarfish inspite of their great number. For they are "like scattered moths" they fly here and there, having no power or weight, having no aim or purpose.

Also the mountains which used to be firm and solidly based seem to be like carded wool carried away by winds and even by a light breeze.

this is happening on the Day of Resurrection as it is striking and knocking out.

The Tafseer:

V<sub>1</sub>: This sura starts with a single word

AlQarriah which stands for the Striker."

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It is the question of: What is the Striker?

A question suggesting something alarming.

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Then comes the answer in the form of cryptic exclamation, giving no clear indication:

"Would that you know what the Striker is?"

This question means that: the Striker is so great to be imagined.

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This ayat (versus) have the clear and detailed answer of the above questions. As Allah clarified that

"The day when men shall be like scattered moths and the mountains like caudal wool"

This is the first scene of the Striker

A scene that leaves the hearts in panic

and makes the limbs tremble with fear. The listener feels that everything he attaches to in this world, is flying all around him like dust.

Then in  $V_6$  and  $V_8$ , Allah is mentioning the word "scales", and their being heavy or light.

The scales are the standards which Only Allah knows, and are used for evaluating the deeds and the sayings.

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$V_6$

According to Allah's scales, those whose scales are heavy, they shall enjoy a life of satisfaction.

Allah makes this statement general without any detailed information, but the life of satisfaction is

the life of content and pure happiness which is only in the Paradise.

$V_7 \rightarrow V_{11}$

As for those whose scales are light, it is only the raging fire, which is the final destination. It is the great, ever lasting punishment.

Allah the Exalted is saying in the  $V_9$  that, the home of those whose scales are low, is the Hell and then in  $V_{10}$ , Allah said: Would that you knew what this is like? it is again the cryptic exclamation often in the Quran, which emphasises that is beyond comprehension and vision. Then comes the answer in the closing note "It is a raging fire".

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Allah the Most Merciful in most of the Surat of "chapter 30" of the Quran, is reminding the Muslims regarding "the Day of Resurrection", regarding the Paradise and its Blessings, also regarding the Hell fire, and its severe torment.

It is a message for every believer who has a spirit and a mind. A message to guide to a reality and fact of the "Muslim belief", which we always forget as we are mostly busy with the worldly enjoyment. Let's try to reflect and believe in this precious message, before it is too late. H.S. Feb. 2009