تفسير ابن كثير Tafsir Ibn Kathir

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Tafsir ibn Kathir, is a classic 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 Al Jathiyah

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

1.

Ha Mim.

2.

تَنزِيلُ الْكِتَابِمِنَ اللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَكِيمِ

The revelation of the Book is from Allah, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

3.

إِنَّ فِي السَّمَوَتِ وَالأَّمْضِ لاَّيَتٍ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ

Verily, in the heavens and the earth are signs for the believers.

4.

وَفِي خَلْقِكُمْ وَمَا يَبُثُّ مِن دَ آبَّةٍ ءَايَتٌ لِّقَوْمٍ يُوقِنُونَ

And in your creation, and what He spread (through the earth) of moving creatures are signs for people who have faith with certainty.

5

وَاخْتِلَفِ الَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَا بِوَمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِمَّن يِّرْقٍ فَأَخْيَابِهِ الأَّرْضَ بَعْنَ مَوْقِهَا وَتَصْرِيفِ الرِّيَاحِ " ايَتْ لِقَوْمٍ يَعْقِلُونَ

And in the alternation of night and day, and the provision that Allah sends down from the sky, and revives therewith the earth after its death, and in the turning about of the winds, are signs for a people who understand.

A Directive to contemplate over Allah's Ayat

Allah says,

حم (١)

Ha Mim

The revelation of the Book is from Allah, the Almighty, the All-Wise.

Verily, in the heavens and the earth are signs for the believers.

And in your creation, and what He spread (through the earth) of moving creatures are signs for people who have faith with certainty.

Allah directs His servants to contemplate His favors and gifts, as well as His great power that is demonstrated by His creating the heavens and the earth and the various types and categories of creatures in them. There are the angels, Jinns, humans, animals, birds, beasts, carnivores, insects and various kinds of sea creatures.

And in the alternation of night and day, and the provision that Allah sends down from the sky,

The night and day alternate, each follows the other in succession, never ceasing to come, as decreed. One brings darkness and one brings light. Allah the Exalted also sends down the rain from the clouds when it is most needed. He is calling the rain, 'provision', because it is the resource that produces various provisions,

and revives therewith the earth after its death,

after it was dry and had no vegetation or life of any kind.

Allah said next,

and in the turning about of the winds,

sometimes towards the south and sometimes towards the north. Some are easterly winds and some are westerly winds, some bringing sea breezes and some blow from the land, some coming at night and some by day. Some winds bring rain, some cause pollination and some winds just revive the soul, while some others bear no benefit.

are signs for a people who understand.

Allah said first لَّيَاتِ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ (are signs for the believers),

then پُوتِنُون (who have faith with certainty),

then يَعْقِلُونَ (who understand),

thus ascending from one honorable stage to what is more honorable and higher in grade.

These Ayat are similar to an Ayah in Surah Al-Bagarah,

Verily, in the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of night and day, and the ships which sail through the sea with that which is of use to mankind, and the water which Allah sends down from the sky and makes the earth alive therewith after its death, and the moving creatures of all kinds that He has spread therein, and in the veering of winds and clouds which are held between the sky and the earth, are indeed signs for people of understanding. (2:164)

تَلْكَءَايَتُ اللَّهِ نَتُلُوهَا عَلَيْكَ بِالْحَيِّ

These are the Ayat of Allah, which We recite to you with truth.

Then in which speech after Allah and His Ayat will they believe?

وَيُلُّ لِكُلِّ أَفَّاكٍ أَقِيدٍ

Woe to every sinful liar.

يَسْمَعُءَايَتِ اللَّهِ ثُتُلَى عَلَيْهِ ثُمَّ يُصِرُّ مُسْتَكُبِرِ أَكَأُن لَّمْ يَسْمَعُهَا

Who hears the Ayat of Allah Tutla (recited) to him, yet persists with pride as if he heard them not.

So announce to him a painful torment!

وَإِذَا عَلِمَ مِنْ ءَايَتِنَا شَيْئاً ٱتَّخَذَهَا هُوُوآ أَوْلَئِكَ هَنُهُ عَنَابٌ مُّهِينٌ

And when he learns something of Our Ayat, he makes them a jest. For such there will be a humiliating torment.

قِن وَ ﴾ آيْهِ مُ جَهَنَّمُ

In front of them there is Hell.

وَلاَيْفَنِي عَنْهُم مَّا كَسَبُو أَشَيْئاً وَلاَمَا اتَّغَنُّو أَمِن دُونِ اللَّهِ أَوْلِيَآ ءَوَ لَمُ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ

And that which they have earned will be of no profit to them, nor those whom they have taken as protective friends besides Allah. And theirs will be a great torment.

هَذَاهُدًى وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُو أَمِايَتِ رَبِّهِمْ لَهُمْ عَذَاكِقِن رِّجْزِ أَلِيمٌ

This is guidance. And those who disbelieve in the Ayat of their Lord, for them there is a painful torment of Rijz.

The Description of the Sinful Liar and His Requital

Allah the Exalted says,

These are the Ayat of Allah --

in reference to the Qur'an with the proofs and evidences that it contains,

which We recite to you with truth.

for they contain the truth from the Truth (i.e., Allah).

Then in which speech after Allah and His Ayat will they believe?

Therefore, if they do not believe in Allah's Ayat nor abide by them, what speech after Allah and His Ayat will they then believe in?

Allah said next,

Woe to every sinful liar.

who lies in his speech, often swears, who is worthless, commits and utters sinful acts and statements, and disbelieves in Allah's Ayat,

Who hears the Ayat of Allah Tutla (recited) to him,

meaning, being recited to him,

yet persists with pride,

i.e. in his disbelief, denial, pride and rebellion,

as if he heard them not.

i.e. as if he did not hear them being recited to him,

So announce to him a painful torment!

i.e. convey the news to him that on the Day of Resurrection, he will have a painful, severe torment from Allah.

Allah said,

And when he learns something of Our Ayat, he makes them a jest.

i.e. if he learns anything from the Qur'an, he disbelieves in it and takes it as the subject of jest and ridicule,

For such there will be a humiliating torment.

i.e. as recompense for ridiculing the Qur'an and jesting about it.

In the Sahih, Muslim recorded from Abdullah bin Umar that:

the Messenger of Allah prohibited traveling with the Qur'an to enemy lands for fear that the Qur'an might be desecrated by the enemy.

Allah explained the type of torment that these people earn on the Day of Return;

In front of them there is Hell.

meaning, all those who have these evil characteristics will end up in Hellfire on the Day of Resurrection,

And that which they have earned will be of no profit to them,

i.e. their wealth and children will not avail them,

nor those whom they have taken as protecting friends besides Allah.

i.e. nor will the false gods that they worshipped besides Allah benefit them in the least,

And theirs will be a great torment.

Allah the Exalted said.

This is Huda (guidance).

in reference to the Qur'an,

And those who disbelieve in the Ayat of their Lord, for them there is a painful torment of Rijz. that is agonizing and severe. Allah knows best.

اللّهُ الَّذِي سَخَّرَ لَكُمُ الْبَحْرَ لِتَجُرِيَ الْقُلْكُ فِيهِ بِأَمّْرِ هِ وَلِتَبْتَغُو أَمِن فَصْلِهِ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشُكُرُ ونَ

45:12 Allah, it is He Who has subjected to you the sea, that ships may sail through it by His command, and that you may seek of His bounty, and that you may be thankful.

45:13 And has subjected to you all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth; it is all (as a favor and kindness) from Him.

Verily, in it are signs for a people who think deeply.

قُل لِلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُو ٱيغۡفِرُو ٱلِلَّذِينَ لِاَيۡرُجُونَ أَيَّامَ اللَّهِ لِيَجۡزِى قَوۡماً بِمَا كَانُو ٱيكۡسِبُونَ

Say to the believers to forgive those who hope not for the Days of Allah, that He may recompense people, according to what they have earned.

مَنْ عَمِلَ صَلِحاً فَلِنَفُسِهِ وَمَنْ أَسَاءَ فَعَلَيْهَا

Whosoever does a good deed, it is for himself, and whosoever does evil, it is against (himself).

Then to your Lord you will be made to return.

The Subjugation of the Sea, etc., is among Allah's Signs

Allah the Exalted says,

Allah, it is He Who has subjected to you the sea,

Allah the Exalted mentions some of the favors He gave to His servants, such as subjecting the sea for their service.

that ships may sail through the sea by His command,

i.e., of Allah the Exalted, Who ordered the sea to carry ships,

and that you may seek of His bounty.

i.e. in commercial and business transactions.

and that you may be thankful.

i.e. for earning various provisions brought to you from far away provinces and distant areas through the sea.

Allah the Exalted said,

And has subjected to you all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth;

i.e. the stars, the mountains, the seas, the rivers and all that you use for your benefit; these are all from His favor, kindness and bounty.

Allah's statement next,

... جَمِيعًا مِّنْهُ...

it is all from Him.

i.e. Alone without partners in giving any of it.

Allah the Exalted said in another Ayah,

And whatever of blessings you have, it is from Allah. Then, when harm touches you unto Him you cry aloud for help. (16:53)

"Everything is from Allah, and that is a Name from His Names. So it all comes from Him without rivals to dispute His authority; surely, this fact is completely certain."

Allah said.

Verily, in it are signs for a people who think deeply.

The Command to be Patient with the Harm of Idolators

Allah's saying;

Say to the believers to forgive those who hope not for the Days of Allah,

means, let the believers forgive the disbelievers and endure the harm that they direct against them.

In the beginning of Islam, Muslims were ordered to observe patience in the face of the oppression of the idolators and the People of the Scriptures so that their hearts may incline towards Islam. However, when the disbelievers persisted in stubbornness, Allah legislated for the believers to fight in Jihad.

Statements of this meaning were collected from Abdullah bin Abbas and Qatadah.

Mujahid said about Allah's statement, لايترجُون أَيَّامَ اللهِ (those who hope not for the Days of Allah),

"They do not appreciate Allah's favors."

Allah said.

that He may recompense people, according to what they have earned.

meaning, if the believers forgive the disbelievers in this life, Allah will still punish the disbelievers for their evil in the Hereafter.

Allah's statement next,

Whosoever does a good deed, it is for himself, and whosoever does evil, it is against (himself). Then to your Lord you will be made to return.

meaning, you will all return to Allah on the Day of Resurrection, when you and your actions will be displayed before Him. Then, He will recompense you for your deeds, good for good and evil for evil.

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وَلْقَكَءَ اتَّيْنَا بَيْ إِسْرَءِيلَ الْكِتَبَ وَالْخُكُمَ وَالنُّبُوَّ قَوَى زَقْنَهُمْ مِّنَ الطَّيِّبَتِ وَفَضَّلْنَهُمْ عَلَى الْعَلَمِينَ

And indeed We gave the Children of Israel the Scripture, and the understanding of the Scripture and its laws, and the Prophethood; and provided them with good things, and preferred them above the nations.

17

And gave them clear proofs in matters

And they differed not until after the knowledge came to them, through envy among themselves.

Verily, your Lord will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection about that wherein they used to differ.

18.

Then We have put you on a (legal) way of commandment. So follow you that, and follow not the desires of those who know not.

19

Verily, they can avail you nothing against Allah.

Verily, the wrongdoers are protecting friends of one another, but Allah is the Protector of those who have Taqwa.

20.

This is a clear insight and evidence for mankind, and a guidance and a mercy for people who have faith with certainty.

Preference of Allah to the Children of Israel and their dispute thereafter

Allah the Exalted mentions the favors He granted the Children of Israel, such as revealing the Divine Books to them, sending the Messengers to them and granting them kingship.

Allah said,

And indeed We gave the Children of Israel the Scripture, and the understanding of the Scripture and its laws, and the Prophethood; and provided them with good things,

such as foods and drinks.

and preferred them above the nations. (of their time),

And gave them clear proofs in matters.

i.e. 'We gave them evidences, proofs and unequivocal signs.'

And they differed not until after the knowledge came to them, through envy among themselves.

Therefore, the proof has been established against them, yet they differed among themselves after the proof came to them, out of transgression against each other,

Verily, your Lord (`O Muhammad'), will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection about that wherein they used to differ.

He will judge between them by His just judgement.

Warning to this Ummah against following the Ways of the Children of Israel

This Ayah contains a warning to the Muslim Ummah as well. It warns them not to take the path the Jews took nor adopt their ways. This is why Allah said,

Then We have put you on a (legal) way of commandment. So follow you that.

`follow what was revealed to you from your Lord, O Muhammad, there is no true deity except Him, and turn away from the idolators.'

Allah said,

and follow not the desires of those who know not

Verily, they can avail you nothing against Allah. Verily, the wrongdoers are protecting friends of one another.

Allah says, `what will the loyalty that the idolators give each other avail them?' Indeed, all they will earn from their protecting friends is more loss, destruction and demise,

but Allah is the Protector of those who have Taqwa.

and He will deliver them from the darkness to the light. In contrast, all the false deities are the protecting friends of those who disbelieve, taking them out of the light to the darkness.

Allah said.

هَنَ ابَصَائِرُ لِلنَّاسِ...

This is a clear insight and evidence for mankind,

in reference to the Qur'an,

and a guidance and a mercy for people who have faith with certainty.

أَهْ حَسِبَ النَّذِينَ اجْتَرَعُو ٱلسَّيِّئَتِ أَن تَجْعَلَهُمْ كَالَّذِينَ ءَامَنُو ٱوعَمِلُو ٱالصَّلِحَتِ سَوَ آءَّغْيَهُمْ

Or do those who earn evil deeds think that We shall hold them equal with those who believe and do righteous good deeds, in their present life and after their death?

وَهُمَتُهُمْ سَآءَمَا يَخَكُمُونَ

Worst is the judgement that they make.

وَخَلَقَ اللَّهُ السَّمَوتِ وَالدُّّرُضَ بِالْحَقِّ وَلِتُجْزَى كُلُّ نَفْسٍ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ

And Allah has created the heavens and the earth with truth, in order that each person may be recompensed what he has earned,

وَهُمُ لِاَيُظُلَمُونَ

and they will not be wronged.

أَفَرَأَيْتَمَنِ اتَّخَنَ إِلَهَهُ هَوَاهُ

45:23 Have you seen him who takes his own lust as his god?

وَأَضَلَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَى عِلْمِ وَخَتَمَ عَلَى سَمْعِهِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَجَعَلَ عَلَى بَصَرِ فِغِشَوةً

And Allah, left him astray with knowledge, and sealed his hearing and his heart, and put a cover on his sight.

فَمَن يَهُٰ إِيهِ مِن بَعْدِ اللَّهِ

Who then will guide him after Allah?

أَفَلاَتَنَكَّرُونَ

Will you not then remember?

The Life and the Death of the Believers and the Disbelievers are not Equal

Allah the Exalted states here that the believers and the disbelievers are never equal. Allah said in another Ayah,

لاَيَسْتَوِى أَصْحَبُ النَّارِ وَأَصْحَبُ الْجُنَّةِ أَصْحَبُ الْجُنَّةِ هُمُ الْقَاَّئِدُونَ

Not equal are the dwellers of the Fire and the dwellers of the Paradise. It is the dwellers of Paradise that will be successful. (59:20)

Allah said here.

Or do those who earn evil deeds think,

those who commit and practice evil,

that We shall hold them equal with those who believe and do righteous good deeds, in their life and their death.

i.e. treat them equally in the present life of the world and in the Hereafter

Worst is the judgement that they make.

i.e. `worst is the thought that they have about Us and about Our justice, thinking that We will ever make the pious and the wicked equal in the Hereafter or this life.'

At-Tabarani recorded that Shubah said that Amr bin Murrah narrated that Abu Ad-Duha said that Masruq said that;

Tamim Ad-Dari once stood in voluntary prayer through the night until the morning only reciting this Ayah,

Or do those who earn evil deeds think that We shall hold them equal with those who believe and do righteous good deeds...

Allah said in reply: سَاءِمَا يَخَكُمُون (Worst is the judgement that they make.)

Allah said.

And Allah has created the heavens and the earth with truth,

meaning, in justice,

in order that each person may be recompensed what he has earned, and they will not be wronged. Allah the Exalted said.

Have you seen him who takes his own lust as his god,

i.e. who abides by his lust, and whatever his lust portrays as good he implements it, and whatever his lust portrays as evil, he abandons it!

Allah's statement.

And Allah left him astray with knowledge,

It has two meanings.

- One of them is that Allah knew that this person deserves to be misguided, so He left him astray.
- The second meaning is that Allah led this person astray after knowledge reached him and the proof was established before him.

The second meaning includes the first meaning, but not the opposite.

Allah said.

and sealed his hearing and his heart, and put a cover on his sight.

so he does not hear what benefits him, understands not what would lead him to the guidance and sees not the evidence with which he can be enlightened.

This is why Allah said,

Who then will guide him after Allah? Will you not then remember?

Allah said in a similar Ayah,

Whomsoever Allah sends astray, none can guide him; and He lets them wander blindly in their transgressions. (7:186).

وَقَالُو أَمَا هِيَ إِلاَّ حَيَاتُنَا الدُّنْيَا مَهُوتُ وَنَحْيَا وَمَا يُهْلِكُنَاۚ إِلاَّ الدَّهُو

And they say: "There is nothing but our life of this world, we die and we live and nothing destroys us except Ad-Dahr (time).

And they have no knowledge of it, they only presume.

وَإِذَاتُتُلَى عَلَيْهِمْ ءَايَتْنَابَيِّنَتِ مَّا كَانَ حُجَّتَهُمْ إِلاَّ أَن قَالُواْ ائْتُو أَجابَا ئِنَا إِن كُنتُمْ صَدِقِينَ

And when Our Clear Ayat are recited to them, their argument is no other than that they say: "Bring back our (dead) fathers, if you are truthful!"

قُلِ اللَّهُ يُحْيِيكُمْ ثُمَّ يُمِيتُكُمْ ثُمَّ يَجْمَعُكُمْ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَمَةِلاَ مَيْبَ فِيهِ

Say (to them): "Allah gives you life, then causes you to die, then He will assemble you on the Day of Resurrection about which there is no doubt.

وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لاَ يَعْلَمُونَ

But most of mankind know not."

The Conviction of the Disbelievers, Their Argument and the Refutation of it

Allah mentions here the creed of Ad-Dahriyyah and the Arab idolators who embraced their creed, denying Resurrection.

And they say: "There is nothing but our life of this world, we die and we live...."

They say that there is only this life, some people die while others are born to life, without Resurrection or Judgement.

This was the creed of Arab idolators who used to deny Resurrection, in addition to, the creed of the atheist philosophers among them who denied the creation and Resurrection.

This was also the statement of atheist philosophers who deny the Creator and think that the world will return to its original form once every thirty--six thousand years, when everything will restart its life-cycle again! They claim that this cycle was repeated for infinity, thus contradicting the sound reason and the divine revelation.

They said,

and nothing destroys us except Ad-Dahr (time).

Allah the Exalted said in reply,

And they have no knowledge of it, they only presume.

i.e. they speculate and guess!

As for the Hadith recorded by the two collectors of the Sahih, and Abu Dawud and An-Nasa'i, from Abu Hurayrah that the Messenger of Allah said,

Allah the Exalted says,

"The Son of `Adam annoys Me when he curses Ad-Dahr (time), while I am Ad-Dahr. In My Hand are all matters; I cause the alternation of his days and nights."

In another narration;

لَاتَسُبُّوا اللَّهُرَفَإِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى هُوَ اللَّهُر

Do not curse Ad-Dahr (time), for Allah is Ad-Dahr.

Ash-Shafi`i, Abu Ubaydah and several other Imams of Tafsir explained the meaning of the Prophet's statement, كَتُسُبُّوا الدَّمُونَ فَإِنَّ اللهُ مَن فَإِنَّ اللهُ مُونَالِيَّا هُو الدَّمْ (Do not abuse Ad-Dahr (time), for Allah is Ad-Dahr.)

They said.

"During the time of Jahiliyyah, when an affliction, a calamity or a disaster struck them, the Arabs used to say, `Woe to Ad-Dahr (time)!'

So they used to blame such incidents on Ad-Dahr, cursing Ad-Dahr in the process. Surely, it is Allah the Exalted and Most Honored Who causes these (and all) things to happen. This is why when they

cursed Ad-Dahr, it was as if they were cursing Allah Himself, since truthfully, He causes all incidents to happen. Therefore, abusing Ad-Dahr was prohibited due to this consideration, for it was Allah Whom they meant by abusing Ad-Dahr, which -- as we said-- they accused of causing (distressful) incidents."

This is the best explanation for this subject, and it is the desired meaning. Allah knows best.

We should mention that Ibn Hazm and those of the Zahiriyyah like him made an error when they used this Hadith to include Ad-Dahr among Allah's most beautiful Names.

Allah's statement,

And when Our Clear Ayat are recited to them,

means, when the truth is made plain to them and used as evidence against them, asserting that Allah is able to resurrect the bodies after they have perished and disintegrated,

their argument is no other than that they say: "Bring back our fathers, if you are truthful!"

`bring them back to life, if what you say is true.'

Allah the Exalted said,

Say (to them): "Allah gives you life and then causes you to die..."

`for you are witnesses that He brings you (or new life) to existence after non--existence,'

How can you disbelieve in Allah? Seeing that you were dead and He gave you life. Then He will give you death, then again will bring you to life. (2:28)

Therefore, He Who is able to initiate creation, is able to restart it, as well and more obviously,

And He it is Who originates the creation, then He will repeat it; and this is easier for Him. (30:27) Allah said next,

then He will assemble you on the Day of Resurrection about which there is no doubt.

`when He resurrects you, it will be on and for the Day of Resurrection, not in this life. Therefore, your statement is groundless,'

(Bring back our (dead) fathers, if you are truthful!) Allah said, اتُتُوابِآبَائِتَا إِن كُنتُهُ صَادِقِين

The Day when He will gather you (all) on the Day of Gathering. (64:9),

For what Day are these signs postponed? For the Day of sorting out. (77:12-13),

and,

And We delay it only for a term (already) fixed. (11:104)

Allah said here, ثُوَّ يَجُمُعُكُمُ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِلَا رَبِبَفِيهِ (then He will assemble you on the Day of Resurrection about which there is no doubt.) there is no doubt that it will come.

But most of mankind know not.

and this is why they deny Resurrection and discount the fact that the bodies will be brought back to life.

Allah the Exalted said.

Verily, they see it afar off. But We see it (quite) near. (70:6),

they discount the possibility that Resurrection will ever come, while the believers believe that its occurrence is easy and imminent.

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And to Allah belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth.

And on the Day that the Hour will be established -- on that Day the followers of falsehood shall lose.

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And you will see each nation humbled to their knees (Jathiyah), each nation will be called to its Record (of deeds).

This Day you shall be recompensed for what you used to do.

29.

This Our Record speaks about you with truth.

Verily, We were recording what you used to do.

Some of the Conditions of the Day of Resurrection and its Horrors

Allah says,

And to Allah belongs the kingdom of the heavens and the earth.

Allah mentions that He is the King and Owner of the heavens and earth, and the Only Ruler over them in this life and the Hereafter.

Allah's statement.

And on the Day that the Hour will be established,

i.e. on the Day of Resurrection,

on that day the followers of falsehood shall lose.

those who disbelieve in Allah and reject the clear proofs and unequivocal evidences that He has sent down to His Messengers.

Allah said,

And you will see each nation humbled to their knees (Jathiyah),

kneeling, fearful of the tremendous calamity and events.

It was said that this will occur when Hellfire will be brought forth, for she will exhale once, and everyone will fall to their knees, including Ibrahim, the Khalil. He will proclaim,

"Myself, myself, myself! Today, I will not ask You (O Allah) but about myself."

And even `Isa, will proclaim,

"Today, I will only argue before You on my own behalf, I will not ask You about Maryam, who gave birth to me."

Allah said next.

each nation will be called to its Record.

meaning, Record of deeds.

Allah said in a similar Ayah,

And the Book will be presented; and the Prophets and the witnesses will be brought forward, (39:69)

This is why Allah said here,

This Day you shall be recompensed for what you used to do.

'you will be judged according to your deeds, good and evil.'

Allah said in similar Ayat;

On that Day man will be informed of what he sent forward, and what he left behind. Nay! Man will be a witness against himself, though he may put forth his excuses. (75:13-15)

Allah said.

This, Our Record speaks about you with truth.

It contains the record of all your actions, without addition or deletion.

Allah also said:

And the Book will be presented, and you will see the criminals, fearful of that which is therein. They will say: "Woe to us! What sort of Book is this that leaves neither a small thing nor a big thing, but has recorded it with numbers!" And they will find all that they did, placed before them, and your Lord treats no one with injustice. (18:49)

Allah's statement.

Verily, We were recording what you used to do.

means, 'We ordered Our scribe angels to record your deeds.'

Ibn Abbas and others commented.

"The angels record the deeds of the servants and then ascend to heaven with them. There, they meet the angels entrusted with the Records of deeds sent down from Al-Lawh Al-Mahfuz on each Night of Al-Qadr, containing what Allah has written will occur from the servants, long before He created them. They will compare their records and find out that not a single letter was added or deleted."

He then recited this Ayah, إِنَّا كُتُنَّا نَسْتَنسِخُمَا كُنتُمْ تَعْمَلُون (Verily, We were recording what you used to do.

فَأُمَّا الَّذِينَ امَّنُواْ وَعَمِلُواْ الصَّلِحَتِ فَيُلُخِلُهُمْ مَرَّبُّهُمْ فِي مَحْمَتِهِ

Then, as for those who believed and did good deeds, their Lord will admit them to His mercy.

ذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْرُ الْمُبِينُ

That will be the evident success.

	وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ كَفَرُو أَأَفَلَمُ تَكُنَّءَ ايَتِي تُتُلَّى عَلَيْكُمْ فَاسْتَكْبَرْتُمْ وَكُنتُمْ قَوْماً تُجْرِمِين
	But as for those who disbelieved (it will be said to them): "Were not Our Ayat recited to you? But you were proud, and you were a people who were criminals."
	وَإِذَاقِيلَ إِنَّ وَعُمَا اللَّهِ حَقٌّ وَالسَّاعَةُ لاَ مَيْبَ فِيهَا
	And when it was said: "Verily, Allah's promise is the truth, and there is no doubt about the coming of the Hour,"
	قُلْتُم مَّا نَكُ مِي مَا السَّاعَةُ إِن نَّطُنُّ إِلاَّ ظَنَّاً وَمَا نَحُنُ مِهُ سَتَيْقِنِينَ
	you said: "We know not what is the Hour: we do not think it but conjecture, and we have no firm convincing belief (therein)."
	وَبَنَ الْخَمْ سَيِّنَتُ مَا عَمِلُو أَوَحَاقَ بِهِم مَّا كَانُو أَبِدِيَسْتَهُزِءُونَ
	And the evil of what they did will appear to them, and that which they used to mock at will completely encircle them.
	وتِيلَ الْيَوْمَ نَنسَاكُمْ كَمَانَسِيتُمْ لِقَاءَ يَوْمِكُمْ هَذَا
	And it will be said: "This Day We will forget you as you forgot the meeting of this Day of yours.
	وَمَأُوا كُورُ النَّامُ وَمَا لَكُمْ قِن نَّصِرِينَ وَمَأُوا كُمُ النَّامُ وَمَا لَكُمْ قِن نَّصِرِينَ
	And your abode is the Fire, and there is none to help you."
	ذَلِكُم بِأَنَّكُمُ اتَّغَنْتُمْ عَايَتِ اللَّهِ هُزُواً وَغَرَّتُكُمُ الْحَيَوةُ الدُّنْيَا
	This, because you took the revelations of Allah in mockery, and the life of the world deceived you.
	فَالْيَوْمَ لِالْيُغْرَجُونَ مِنْهَا وَلِاهْمُ فِي ثُمِنَتِعَتَّبُونَ
	So this Day, they shall not be taken out from there (Hell), nor shall they be returned to the worldly life.
	فَلِلَّهِ الْحُمُدُىٰ مَتِ السَّمَوَتِ وَمَتِ الشُّمْ وَتِ وَمَتِ الْأَمْضِ مَتِ الْعَلَمِينَ
	So all praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the heavens and the Lord of the earth, and the Lord of all that exists.
	وَلَهُ الْكِبْرِيَا ۚ فِي السَّمَوتِ وَالاَّبْ ضِ وَهُوَ الْعِزِيرُ الْحُكِيمُ
	And His is the majesty in the heavens and the earth, and He is Al-`Aziz, Al-Hakim.
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Allah states to us His judgement in His creation on the Day of Resurrection,

Allah says,

Then, as for those who believed and did good deeds,

Those whose hearts believed and their limbs performed good deeds, in sincerity to Allah and conforming with Islamic legislation;

their Lord will admit them to His mercy.

and that is Paradise.

In the Sahih, Allah said to Paradise;



"You are My mercy, with which I grant mercy to whom I will,"

Allah said;

That will be the evident success.

i.e. clear and apparent.

Allah said,

But as for those who disbelieved (it will be said to them): "Were not Our Ayat recited to you? But you were proud..."

They will be admonished and criticized with this statement, that means, `have not the Ayat of Ar-Rahman been recited to you? But you did not follow them out of pride and turned away upon hearing them.'

and you were a people who were criminals.

'by your actions, as well as, the denial that your hearts contained.'

And when it was said:"Verily, Allah's promise is the truth, and there is no doubt about the coming of the Hour."

`when the believers said these words to you;'

you said: "We know not what is the Hour..."

'we do not recognize what you are talking about,'

we do not think it but conjecture,

'we only remotely think that it might come,'

and we have no firm convincing belief (therein).

'we are not sure of it.'

Allah said,

And the evil of what they did will appear to them,

the repercussion of their evil deeds will become apparent to them,

and will completely encircle them. (from all directions),

that which they used to mock at,

i.e. of the coming torment and punishment,

And it will be said: "This Day We will forget you..."

'We will treat you as if We have forgotten you, casting you in the fire of Jahannam,'

as you forgot the meeting of this Day of yours.

`and did not work for it because you did not believe in its coming,'

And your abode is the Fire, and there is none to help you.

In the Sahih, it is reported that Allah the Exalted will ask some of His servants on the Day of Resurrection,

أَلَمْ أُرْوَجُكَ؟ أَلَمْ أُكْرِمُكَ؟ أَلَمْ أُسَحِّرُ لَكَ الْحَيْلَ وَالْإِيلَ، وَأَذَهُ كَتَرَأَسُ وَتَرْبَعُ؟ فَيَقُولُ: بَلَيَامَتِ. فَيَقُولُ: أَفَظَنْتَ أَنَّكُ مُلاق؟

فَيَقُولُ: لَا

فَيَقُولُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: فَالْيَوْمَ أَنْسَاكَ كَمَا نَسِيتَنِي

"Have I not given you a spouse, honored you and subjected the camels and horses to you?

Have I not allowed you to be a chief and a master?"

The servant will say in answer, "Yes, O Lord!"

Allah will say, "Did you think that you would ever meet Me?"

He will say, "No."

Allah the Exalted will say, "then this Day, I will forget you as you forgot Me."

Allah the Exalted said,

This, because you took the revelations of Allah in mockery.

'We gave you this punishment as retribution because you mocked Allah's proofs that He sent to you, and made them the subject of jokes and jest,'

and the life of the world deceived you.

`this life fooled you and you were seduced by to it, thus becoming among the ultimate losers,'

So this Day, they shall not be taken out from there, (i.e. from Hellfire),

nor shall they be returned to the worldly life.

no apologies shall be sought from them, but they will be punished without limit or delay, just as a group of the believers will enter Paradise without limit or delay.

After Allah mentioned His judgement for the believers and the disbelievers, He said,

So all praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the heavens and the Lord of the earth,

He is their Owner and the Owner of all that is in and on them, and surely,

and the Lord of all that exists.

Allah said next.

And His is the majesty in the heavens and the earth,

meaning, the kingship, according to Mujahid.

This Ayah means, Allah is the Almighty, Worthy of all praise; everything and everyone is subservient and in complete need of and dependent upon Him.

In an authentic Hadith, the Prophet said,

Allah the Exalted said.

"Glory is My robe and pride is My garment; whoever rivals Me for either of them, I will make him reside in My Fire!"

Muslim collected a similar Hadith.

Allah said,

and He is the Al-`Aziz, (Who is never resisted or rivaled),

Al-Hakim

(all wise in His statements, actions, legislation and the decree that He appoints);

all glory and praise are due to Him, none has the right to be worshipped but He, Alone.

This is the end of the Tafsir of Surah Al-Jathiyah. All praise and thanks are due to Allah alone.

