

Suratul Takweer

Introduction:

The surah talks about the end of times. Themes of Makkan surahs: end of times - Day of Judgement and the fact that the Last Day will only come when all of these signs have taken place.

Issues:

1. reality of end of times.
2. Reality of prophet hood/ revelation

Ayah (1):

"Kuwirat": to wrap like a turban - the sun wont be destroyed but people wont benefit from it anymore. Allah says the day wraps the night and vice versa.

Ayah (2):

"wa idha" : If - so now there ahs to be a reply and the reply is Ayah (14).

Ayah (3):

They won't crumble - actually they will be blown/crushed to dust. If that happens to a mountain then what of us?

Ayah (4):

"ishar": 9 months pregnant camel was wealthy and valuable to the Arabs - whatever you care about in your life will be something we will run away from.

Ayah (7):

"zuwwijat": pair - people will be gathered together in the groups so all the munafiq will be together.

Ayah (8):

"mawudathu": buried alive. Allah here is talking about the horrors of Jahiliya before Islam came along. Allah protects those that had none to protect them - Little girls - Allah revealed something just for them. What were the reasons for killing the girls: Poverty / Dishonour to family - they may commit zina - take slaves. They would murder them in their infancy or when they were 5/5 yrs old.

Ayah (9):

She will be asked for which sin she was killed.

Allah has put the killing of girls on the same level as the horror of the Day of Judgement.

Ayah (12):

"Su'irat": shadda to show ignited continuously

Ayah (13):

"uzlifat": brought nearer. When a mother/ child get separated in a shopping centre and when they reunite they will run to each other. If the child doesn't run or be happy to see his mother we will say he is a bad child. Similarly, Jannah loves the person so much that it will run towards these people like they will run to it when they see it. Love comes from both sides. "Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Allah".

Ayah (14):

Everyone will know for sure - there will be no talks/ no debates. No Islam awareness weeks. No doubts - it will be over. Reply to the previous 13 ayahs.

Ayah (15):

In surah Nas Allah describes the shaitan as "khannas" receding when a person says "Auzubillah" - same thing about the planets.

Ayah (17 +18):

When Allah testifies by the things which we see and can't deny then we should have the same conviction on what Allah is testifying to - The day of judgement and being taken into account.

Ayah (19) :

They knew the prophet as Ameen - so they knew he wouldn't lie. Yet they still disbelieved.

Ayah (20):

We learn 5 characteristics of Jibrael:

1. Powerful
2. High status
3. Noble status
4. Trustworthy
5. Obeyed - by the other angels

Ayah (22):

No detailed argument about how the prophet WAS telling the truth because they knew that he was truthful + not mad.

Ayah (24): The prophet is giving this knowledge away for free - not holding anything back. Allah here is rejecting all these claims made by the people.

Ayah (26):

So where is your belief in Islam taking you?

Ayah (27):

"dhikr": name for the Qur'an - when they enter into Islam- Allah uses the word Dhikr because they got reminded of the truth.

Ayah (28):

The choice is given here. When a person truly realises that there is a Hellfire. You realise that there really is no option. Abu Jahl would say that if we wished we would be guided - it's up to us and not Allah. So Allah revealed the next ayah.

Ayah (29):

The ayah shows this guidance/hidayah isn't a person's choice (only until a certain extent) - so makes a person closer to Allah (du'a) to ask for this hidayah.