

Surah Al-Waqi'ah (Chapter 56) - English Translation

The Inevitable Event

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

1. When the Inevitable Event occurs,
2. There is no denying its occurrence.
3. It will bring down [some] and raise up [others].
4. When the earth is shaken with a [violent] shaking,
5. And the mountains are crushed, crumbling,
6. And become scattered dust.
7. And you become [divided into] three kinds:
8. Then the companions of the right – what are the companions of the right?
9. And the companions of the left – what are the companions of the left?
10. And the forerunners, the forerunners –
11. Those are the ones brought near [to Allah].
12. In Gardens of Pleasure.
13. A [large] company of the former peoples,
14. And a few of the later peoples.
15. On thrones woven [with gold and precious stones],
16. Reclining on them, facing each other.
17. There will circulate among them young boys made eternal
18. With vessels, pitchers, and a cup [of wine] from a flowing spring –
19. No headache will they have therefrom, nor will they be intoxicated –
20. And fruit of what they select
21. And the meat of fowl, from whatever they desire.
22. And [for them are] fair women with large, [beautiful] eyes,
23. The likenesses of pearls well-protected,
24. As reward for what they used to do.
25. They will not hear therein ill speech or commission of sin.
26. Only a saying: "Peace, peace."
27. And the companions of the right – what are the companions of the right?
28. [They will be] among lote-trees with thorns removed,
29. And [banana] trees layered [with fruit],
30. And shade extended,

31. And water poured out,
32. And fruit, abundant [and varied],
33. Neither limited [to season] nor forbidden,
34. And [upon] beds raised high.
35. Indeed, We have produced them [i.e., the women of Paradise] by a [special] creation,
36. And made them virgins,
37. Loving [their husbands] and of equal age,
38. For the companions of the right.
39. A company of the former peoples,
40. And a company of the later peoples.
41. And the companions of the left – what are the companions of the left?
42. [They will be] in scorching fire and scalding water,
43. And a shade of black smoke,
44. Neither cool nor beneficial.
45. Indeed, they were before that engrossed in luxury,
46. And they used to persist in the great sin.
47. And they used to say, "When we die and become dust and bones, are we indeed to be resurrected?"
48. And our forefathers [as well]?"
49. Say, [O Muhammad], "Indeed, the former and the later peoples
50. Are to be gathered together for the appointment of a known Day."
51. Then indeed you, O those astray [who are] deniers,
52. Will be eating from trees of Zaqqum
53. And filling your bellies with it.
54. And drinking on top of it from scalding water,
55. And will drink as the drinking of thirsty camels.
56. This is their accommodation on the Day of Recompense.
57. We have created you, so why do you not believe?
58. Have you seen that which you emit?
59. Is it you who creates it, or are We the Creator?
60. We have decreed death among you, and We are not to be outdone
61. In that We will change your likenesses and produce you in that [form] which you do not know.
62. And you have already known the first creation, so will you not remember?
63. And have you seen that [seed] which you sow?

64. Is it you who makes it grow, or are We the Grower?
65. If We willed, We could make it [dry] debris, and you would remain in wonder,
66. [Saying], "Indeed, we are [now] in debt;
67. Rather, we have been deprived."
68. And have you seen the water that you drink?
69. Is it you who brought it down from the clouds, or is it We who bring it down?
70. If We willed, We could make it bitter, so why are you not grateful?
71. And have you seen the fire which you ignite?
72. Is it you who produced its tree, or are We the Producer?
73. We have made it a reminder and provision for the travelers,
74. So exalt the name of your Lord, the Most Great.
75. Then I swear by the setting of the stars,
76. And indeed, it is an oath – if you could know – [most] great.
77. Indeed, it is a noble Qur'an.
78. In a Register well-protected;
79. None touch it except the purified.
80. A revelation from the Lord of the worlds.
81. Then is it to this statement that you are indifferent?
82. And make [the thanks for] your provision that you deny [the Provider]?
83. Then why, when the soul at death reaches the throat
84. And you are at that moment looking on –
85. And We are nearer to him than you, but you do not see –
86. Then why not, if you are not to be recompensed,
87. Bring it back, if you should be truthful?
88. And if he [the dying person] is of those brought near [to Allah],
89. Then [for him is] rest and bounty and a garden of pleasure.
90. And if he is of the companions of the right,
91. Then [the angels will say], "Peace for you; [you are] from the companions of the right."
92. But if he is of the deniers [who were] astray,
93. Then [for him is] accommodation of scalding water,
94. And burning in Hellfire.
95. Indeed, this is the certain truth.
96. So exalt the name of your Lord, the Most Great.