

SU-RA-TU-‘ABA-SA

Chapter 80
Revealed at Mak-ka, 1 section, 42 verses

In the Name of Allaah, the All-Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

Section 1:

1. *‘A-ba-sa wa ta-wal-laa.* – He frowned and (later) turned his face,
2. *Anjaa-‘a-hul a’-maa* – as the blind man came to him.

This relates, with reference to the context, to the warning to the Messenger, when a blind companion of the Prophet, Hazrat Ibni Umme-Maktoom (*razhi-yal-la-hu ‘an-hu*), called on him. In the above two verses the address to the Prophet in a third person, is indicative of the Divine Regard for the Kind Prophet.

At that time many top leaders of Quraish were present and the Prophet was preaching Islam to them. The afore-said companion repeatedly and intermittently requested the Kind Prophet to teach him some Qur’aanic Verses. The Prophet was busy in explaining Islam to the most influential leaders of Arabia and obviously if these leaders had been lucky enough to embrace the Faith, the bloody warfare which they launched against Islam and the terrorising and cruelty which they inflicted on the Muslims would have come to an end; and above all it would have fulfilled the Prophet’s mission for which he dedicated his life. As Hazrat Ibni Umme Maktoom (*Ra-zhiyal-la-hu ‘an-hu*) was blind, he could not see the importance of the occasion. The Kind Prophet therefore, did not reply to his query and continued his discourse with Quraish leaders. After the companion retired, these Verses were revealed in their presence. It shows the sincerity of purpose and height of truth that whatever was revealed by Allaah, the Kind Prophet always exposed it in public in the same words.

3. *Wa maa yud-ri-ka la-‘al-la-hoo yaz-zak-kaa.* – And what made you understand perhaps he mighty have purified (further);

4. *Aw yaz-zak-ka-ru fatan-fa-‘a-huz-zik-raa.* – or might have taken lesson and that lesson benefitted him.
5. *Am-maa ma-nis-tagh-naa.* – As to him, who does not heed,
6. *Fa-an-ta la-hoo ta-sad-daa.* – to him you are all attention.
7. *Wa-maa ‘a-lai-ka al-la yaz-zak-kaa.* – And no blame on you if he did not purify.

(This refers to the non-believers).

8. *Wa am-maa-man jaa-‘a-ka yas-‘aa*– But for him who came to you striving hard,
9. *Wa hu-wa yakh-shaa.* – and he was fearing Allaah,
10. *Fa-an-ta ‘an-hu ta-lah-haa.*–(with all this) you neglected him.

After these revelations, the Kind Prophet went to the house of his follower named above and brought him back.

Even later, whenever Hazrat Ibni Umri Maktoom (*ra-zhi-yal-la-hu ‘an-hu*) called on the Kind Prophet, he used to respect him and say “Most Welcome, he for whose sake my Almighty-Lord warned me.”

11. *Kal-laa in-na-haa taz-ki-rah.* – Indeed not so! It (Qur’aan) is a sure Advice.
12. *Fa-man shaa-‘a za-ka-rah.* – So, let him who wills, take lesson thereby.
13. *Fee su-hu-fim mu-kar-ra-mah.*– It is (set down) in Scrolls greatly honoured -
14. *Mar-foo-‘a-tim mu-tah-ha-rah.* – (which are) Exalted, Pure.
15. *Bi-ai-di sa-fa-rah.* – (entrusted) to the hands of scribes -
16. *Ki-raa-mim ba-ra-rah.* – the honoured, the righteous.

17. *Qu-ti-lal in-saa-nu- maa ak-fa-rah.* – Perish, the man (denier) how ungrateful he is!
18. *Min ay-yi shai-in kha-la-qah* – Of what substance did He create him?
19. *Min nut-fah, kha-la-ga-hoo fa-qad-da-rah.* – Out of sperm, He created him and destined him (to proportioned growth and development),
20. *Sum-mas sa-bi-la yas-sa-rah.* – then made the passage easy (for the issue, etc.),
21. *Sum-ma a-maa-ta-hoo fa-aq-ba-rah.* – then He caused him to die and be buried.
22. *Sum-ma iza shaa-‘a an-sha-rah.* – And then, when He will please, raise him back to life.
23. *Kal-laa lam-maa yaq-zi maa a-ma-rah.* – No never, did he accomplish what He bade him (do).
24. *Fal-yan-zu-ril in-saa-nu i-laa ta-‘aa-mi-hee* – Let man look at his food i.e., reflect deeply how it is produced by the Creator.
25. *An-naa sa-bab-nal maa-‘a sab-baa.* – that We poured down recurring showers (from the high);
26. *Sum-ma sha-gaq-nal ar-zha shaq-qaa.* – then We cleft (cracked) the soil; (for example, the germinating seeds forcefully crack open the soil in wonderful scientific manner by His calculated Divine Will.)
27. *Fa-am-bat-naa fi-haa hab-baa.* – so as to grow from its grains,
28. *Wa ‘i-na-banw waqazh-baa.* – grapes and vegetables,
29. *Wa zai’-tu nanw wa nakh-laa.* – olives and dates,
30. *Wa ha-daa-iga ghul-baa.* – and orchards luxuriant,
31. *Wa faa-ki-ha-tanw wa ab-baa.* – and fruits and grasses,

32. *Ma-taa-‘al-la-kum wa li-an-‘aa-mi-kum.* – to provide (subsistence etc.) for you and your livestock.
33. *Fa-iza jaa-‘a-tis-saakh-khah.* – So when the deafening Cry shall come i.e., from the blow of the second Trumpet.

The above Verses indicate that it is the Creator-Almighty who has prescribed the laws of Nature and ordained the growth and propagation of all what comes out of the earth-crust by way of produce to form the food of the living beings. Man only helps to put in the seed and provide other essentials conducive to germination and growth, but growth and reproduction themselves remain to be natural phenomena and take place in the manner already prescribed by the Almighty. It should therefore be not difficult to understand that He will take away all life and re-create it as and when He may so ordain. Undoubtedly, we all shall die and rise again to His presence for the Recompense. But then, the human mentality will entirely change on that Day, as depicted below:-

34. *You-ma ya-fir-rul-mar-‘u min a-khi-hi.* – On that day when the man shall flee from his brother,
35. *Wa um-mi-hi wa-a-bih.* – and his mother and father,
36. *Was a-hi-ba-ti-hee wa ba-nih* – and his wife and children. (In spite of all natural love, affection and dependence in this world for them).
37. *Li-kul-lim ri-‘im min-hum yau-ma-‘i-zin sha-nuyn yugh-nih* – For every one of them on that day, is a concern (immensely serious) to pre-occupy him.
38. *Wu ju-huyn yau-ma-‘izin mus-fi-rah.* – On that day some faces shall be bright (due to the light of their faith, good-deeds, and hopes),
39. *Zhaa-hi-ka-tum mus-tab-shi-rah..*– laughing, rejoicing.

These will be the believers – the pious and righteous, who will be happy in anticipation of divine Rewards.

40. *Wa wu-ju-huyn yau-ma-‘i-zin ‘a-lai-haa gha-ba-rah.*– While other faces that day shall be dust-laden,



41. *Tar-ha-qu-haa qa-ta-rah.* – with darkness (gloom) prevailing upon them;

42. *Oo-laa-ika hu-mul ka-fa-ra-tul fa-ja-rah.*– those are the unbelievers (deniers), the wicked.