

## Surah Qariah

**1. What is the word 'Qariah' translated as and what does it refer to?**

It is often translated as 'Calamity' and refers to the Day of Judgement.

**2. If you have an Arabic dictionary, look up the root word from which 'qariah' is derived (عرق). What does it mean?**

'To beat or strike something so that it makes a deafening sound'

**What does the word make you think or feel**

There may be many correct answers to this question! It reminds me of panic, makes me feel scared or alert and kind of worried. It has a very sudden reaction associated with it

**3. The sura begins with an introduction of the sura and then a question; which other sura in the Holy Quran begins in the same manner?**

Sura #69 – Al Haqqah (Ayats #1-2: The reality. What is the reality?)

**4. Why does Allah (swt) not answer the question directly in the next ayat?**

Because we cannot picture it in our heads, nor comprehend what the Day of Judgement will exactly be like, so Allah (swt) goes on to describe different aspects of it to give us a better sense rather than just defining it.

**5. What is a simile? Explain the simile in ayat #4.**

A simile is a figure of speech involving the comparison of one thing with another thing of a different kind, used to make a description more emphatic or vivid. Similes use the word 'like' or 'as'.

This ayat indicates that humans will be confused and bewildered, running to and fro with no direction, and in all directions...almost as if they were 'drunk, but drunk they will not be' (22:2).

**What other insect has Allah (swt) compared mankind to in sura Qamar and in which verse is it found?**

Locusts. Ayt #7 – 'They shall come out of their graves with downcast eyes like locusts scattered abroad.'

6. In ayat #5, it is mentioned that the mountains shall be like 'carded wool'. Mountains are mentioned in a few other suras, can you find which ayats?

Sura Raad, Ayat # 3

Sura Nahl, Ayat # 15

Sura Anbiya, Ayat # 31

**Explain how the description of mountains in the above suras differs from the way mountains are used in sura Qariah?**

In the above verses mountains are seen as firm and strong. Here it is talking about how they will scatter in the air, therefore showing them in a state of weakness. On the Day of Judgement, the earth will be destroyed. Sura Qariah is discussing the last stage of the destruction of the mountains...first the mountains will start to shift, then they will break into pieces and finally they will turn into dust and scatter in the air.

7. What is the English definition of the word: **مَوَازِينُهُ**? Draw a picture of a 'mizaan' (singular). What is the function or purpose of this item?



Scales. It serves to weigh one item in relation to another.

8. What else does Allah (swt) tell us about 'mizaan' in the Holy Quran? Give the translations of the following ayats.

**21:47 (Sura Anbiya)**

"We shall set up the scales of justice on the Day of Judgement so that not a soul shall be dealt with unjustly in the heat; and even if there be the weight of a grain of a mustard seed, we shall bring it (to account) and we are sufficient as reckoners."

**6:160 (Sura An'aam)**

"Whoever comes with a good deed for him shall be ten like there of; and whosoever comes with an evil deed shall not be punished save with the like there of; and they shall not be dealt with unjustly."

**Explain what these verses tell us about how Allah (swt), in His Mercy, sees good and bad deeds? What does it teach us?**

Allah (swt) values our good deeds a lot more than bad deeds. The reward for good deeds are multiplied more than 10 times, whereas 1 bad deed equates to only 1 bad deed. It demonstrates God's leniency in judging human actions and His great bounty toward them. And that every small action will be considered, including a smile which occurs in the matter of seconds. It shows us that is important that we make an effort to do good, and not simply avoid committing sins, because it is our good deeds which will make our scales heavy.

**9. This sura compares the people whose scales are heavy with those whose scales are light. What is making the scales of some heavier than others? Can you give 3 examples of deeds that will make scales heavy?**

Good deeds! There are so many actions which Allah (swt) loves when we do them...here are just three: being kind to your parents, helping someone in need financially, planting a tree.

**We are told in ayat #7 that those whose scales are heavy will have feel how?**

Tranquil; Happy; Pleasant; Without worries; Content; Peaceful

**10. What is a metaphor? Explain the metaphor in ayat #9.**

A metaphor is a figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object or action to which it is not literally applicable; a thing regarded as representative or symbolic of something else.

The abyss won't actually be someone's mother, but rather it is likening the grasp of the fire with the refuge that is often provided by a mother; she is the one who generally puts her arms tightly around her child to give protection and shelter. That is how encased one will become by the fire of Hell.