

18. From what thing [i.e., substance] did He create him?
19. From a sperm-drop He created him and destined for him;¹⁷³¹
20. Then He eased the way for him;¹⁷³²
21. Then He causes his death and provides a grave for him.¹⁷³³
22. Then when He wills, He will resurrect him.
23. No! He [i.e., man] has not yet accomplished what He commanded him.
24. Then let mankind look at his food –
25. How We poured down water in torrents,
26. Then We broke open the earth, splitting [it with sprouts],
27. And caused to grow within it grain
28. And grapes and herbage
29. And olive and palm trees
30. And gardens of dense shrubbery
31. And fruit and grass –
32. [As] enjoyment [i.e., provision] for you and your grazing livestock.
33. But when there comes the Deafening Blast¹⁷³⁴
34. On the Day a man will flee from his brother
35. And his mother and his father
36. And his wife and his children,
37. For every man, that Day, will be a matter adequate for him.¹⁷³⁵

¹⁷³¹His proportions, provisions, life span, etc.

¹⁷³²Into this world (i.e., his birth). It may also refer to life itself, which has been made easier by Allāh's guidance.

¹⁷³³To conceal his decaying body.

¹⁷³⁴The piercing blast of the Horn which signals resurrection. *Aṣ-Ṣākhkhah* is also a name for the Day of Resurrection.

¹⁷³⁵i.e., to occupy him. He will be concerned only with himself, thus forgetting all others.

38. [Some] faces, that Day, will be bright –
39. Laughing, rejoicing at good news.
40. And [other] faces, that Day, will have upon them dust.
41. Blackness will cover them.
42. Those are the disbelievers, the wicked ones.