



The Prophet & The Qur'an #20:

THE DAY THE SHIN IS UNVEILED

Surah al-Qalam (The Pen, 68:34-end)

إِنَّ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ جَنَّاتٍ النَّعِيمِ ٣٤ أَفَنَجْعَلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ كَالْمُجْرِمِينَ ٣٥
مَا لَكُمْ كَيْفَ تَحْكُمُونَ ٣٦ أَمْ لَكُمْ كِتَابٌ فِيهِ تَدْرُسُونَ ٣٧ إِنَّ لَكُمْ فِيهِ لَمَا
تَخَيَّرُونَ ٣٨ أَمْ لَكُمْ أَيْمُنٌ عَلَيْنَا بَلِغَةٌ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ إِنَّ لَكُمْ لَمَا تَحْكُمُونَ ٣٩
سَلِّمُوا لَهُمْ أَيُّهُمْ بِذَلِكَ زَعِيمٌ ٤٠ أَمْ لَهُمْ شُرَكَاءُ فَلَْيَأْتُوا بِشُرَكَائِهِمْ إِنْ كَانُوا
صَادِقِينَ ٤١ يَوْمَ يُكْشَفُ عَن سَاقٍ وَيُدْعَوْنَ إِلَى السُّجُودِ فَلَا
يَسْتَطِيعُونَ ٤٢ خُشِعَةً أَبْصُرُهُمْ تَرْهَقُهُمْ ذِلَّةٌ وَقَدْ كَانُوا يُدْعَوْنَ إِلَى
السُّجُودِ وَهُمْ سَلِيمُونَ ٤٣ فَذَرْنِي وَمَنْ يُكَذِّبُ بِهَذَا الْحَدِيثِ سَنَسْتَدْرِجُهُمْ مِّنْ
حَيْثُ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ ٤٤ وَأُمْلِي لَهُمْ إِنَّ كَيْدِي مَتِينٌ ٤٥ أَمْ تَسْأَلُهُمْ أَجْرًا فَهُمْ
مِّن مَّغْرَمٍ مُّثْقَلُونَ ٤٦ أَمْ عِنْدَهُمُ الْغَيْبُ فَهُمْ يَكْتُمُونَ ٤٧ فَاصْبِرْ لِحُكْمِ رَبِّكَ
وَلَا تَكُن كَصَاحِبِ الْأُخْتِ إِذْ نَادَىٰ وَهُوَ مَكْظُومٌ ٤٨ لَوْلَا أَن تَدْرَكَهُ نِعْمَةٌ
مِّن رَّبِّهِ لَنُبِذَ بِالْعَرَاءِ وَهُوَ مَذْمُومٌ ٤٩ فَاجْتَبِهْ رَبُّهُ فَجَعَلَهُ مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ٥٠
وَإِن يَكَادُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لَيُزْلِقُونَكَ بِأَبْصَرِهِمْ لَمَّا سَمِعُوا الذِّكْرَ وَيَقُولُونَ إِنَّهُ

لَمَجْنُونٌ ٥١ وَمَا هُوَ إِلَّا ذِكْرٌ لِلْعَالَمِينَ ٥٢

Surah al-Qalam (The Pen, 68)

34. Truly, for the pious: with their Lord, are Gardens of Delight.
 35. So, should We treat the submitters (*muslimūn*) like the criminals (*mujrimūn*) ?
 36. What is with you all? How do you all judge?
 37. Or do you have a book in which you study ...
 38. ... That truly, you will have therein whatever you choose?
 39. Or do you have oaths due upon Us, reaching the Day of Resurrection, that truly, you will have whatever you judge?
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Surah al-Qalam (The Pen, 68)

40. Ask them:
Which of them is a guarantor for that?
 41. Or do they have partners [for God]? Then let them bring their partners, if they are truthful.
 42. The Day the Shin is Unveiled: they will be invited to prostrate, but will not be able.
 43. Their perceptions downcast, humiliation covering them closely: they had been invited to prostrate when they were safely able.
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Surah al-Qalam (The Pen, 68)

- 44. So, leave Me and those who belie this Message: We shall deal with them gradually, from whence they know not.
 - 45. And I grant them respite: Truly, My plan is firm.
 - 46. Or do you [O Muhammad] ask them for a reward, so they are burdened by debt?
 - 47. Or do they have the Unseen, so they write?
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Surah al-Qalam (The Pen, 68)

48. So, have patience for the Command of your Lord, and be not like the Companion of the Fish: when he called out in distress.
49. Had Grace from his Lord not overtaken him, he would have been flung onto open land, whilst censured.
50. Then, his Lord chose him, so made him amongst the righteous.
51. And if the disbelievers could, they would trip you up or eliminate you with their eyes when they hear the Reminder, and they say: *truly, he is surely mad.*
52. But he is nothing but a Reminder for the Worlds!

Surah al-Qalam (The Pen, 68)

- 40. The Day the Shin is Unveiled: they will be invited to prostrate, but will not be able.**

The Day the Shin is Unveiled means:

A Great Light is Unveiled, for which they will fall down in prostration. (The Prophet, pbuh)

The Veil (*al-Ghitā'*) is lifted. (al-Rabee')

Surah al-Qalam (The Pen, 68)

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The Day the Shin is Unveiled means:

A day of war and severity; a great matter; when The Command/Matter is Unveiled, and deeds are laid bare. Its unveiling is the entrance into the Hereafter and the Unveiling of the Command for it. It is the severe, terrifying matter due to the horrors of the Day of Resurrection. It is the most severe, and the first, hour of the Day of Resurrection.

(Ibn 'Abbas)

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The Day the Shin is Unveiled means:

The People of Ignorantism (*Jahiliyyah*) used to say: War has laid the shin bare. It means: The Approach of the Hereafter & The Passing of the World. (Ibn 'Abbas)

The severity and seriousness of the matter.
(Mujahid)

The severity of the matter.

(Sa'eed bin Jubayr, Qatadah)

A terrifying, majestic matter. (Qatadah)

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Invited to prostration means the obligatory prayers.

(Ibrahim al-Taymi, Sa'eed bin Jubayr)

Surah al-Qalam (The Pen, 68)

48. So, have patience for the Command of your Lord, and be not like the Companion of the Fish: when he called out in distress.

Do not be like the Companion of the Fish:

Do not be like him in haste and anger.

Do not be in a hurry like him; do not get angry as he did.

(Qatadah)

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49. But he [or the Qur'an] is nothing but a Reminder for the Worlds!

لَيُزِلْنَهُنَّ بِأَبْصَارِهِمْ

They would trip you up, make you slip, pierce/stab you, eliminate you, with their eyes: a reference to the Evil Eye. (Ibn 'Abbas, Mujahid, Qatadah, Kalbi, Dahhak.)