

Splitting of Moon

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu.

Bismillaahir Rahmaanir Raheem.

Today's topic of discussion **"SPLITTING OF MOON- SURAH AL QAMAR 54 VERSE 1 TO 5"**.

Surah 54 Al Qamar, Ayat:1

اِقْتَرَبَتِ السَّاعَةُ وَاَنْشَقَّ الْقَمَرُ ﴿١﴾

The Hour has come near, and the moon has split [in two].

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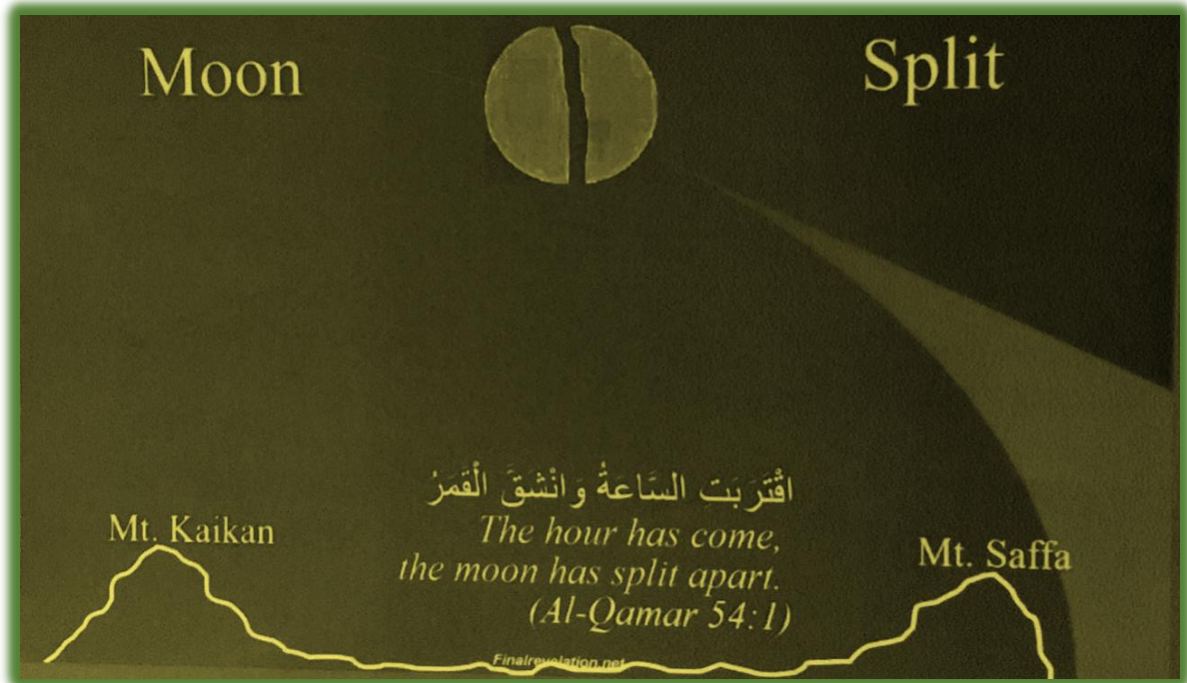


Surah 54 Al Qamar, Ayat:2

وَإِنْ يَرَوْا آيَةً يُعْرِضُوا وَيَقُولُوا سِحْرٌ مُّسْتَبِرٌّ ﴿٢﴾

And if they see a miracle, they turn away and say, "Passing magic."

2.



Surah 54 Al Qamar, Ayat:3

وَكَذَّبُوا وَاتَّبَعُوا أَهْوَاءَهُمْ وَكُلُّ أَمْرٍ مُسْتَقَرٌّ ﴿٣﴾

And they denied and followed their inclinations. But for every matter is a [time of] settlement.

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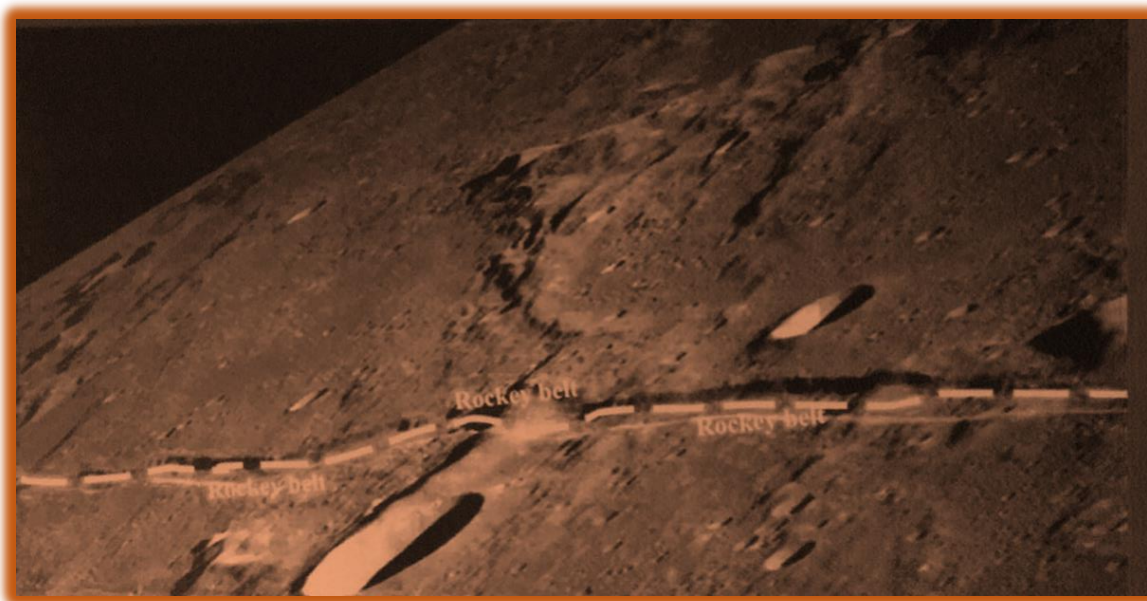
Surah 54 Al Qamar, Ayat:4

وَلَقَدْ جَاءَهُمْ مِنَ الْآنَ بَأْسٌ مُّزْدَجَرٌ ۝

And there has already come to them of information that in which there is deterrence -

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The place, where the moon was split



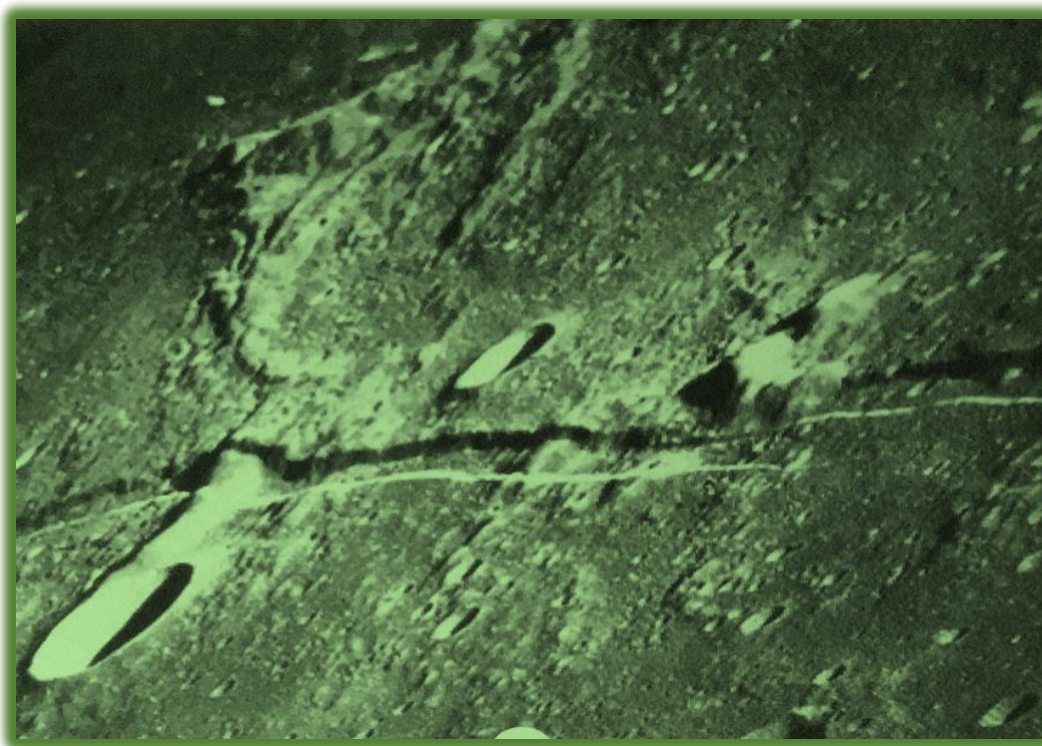
Surah Al Qamar, Ayat : 5

حِكْمَةٌ بَالِغَةٌ فَمَا تُغْنِ النُّذُرُ ﴿٥﴾

Extensive wisdom - but warning does not avail [them].

5.

Rima Ariadaeus as photographed (Moon) from Apollo 10 (4)



TAFSIR IBN KATHIR

SURAH AL-QAMAR 54: 1-5

The Hadith of Abu Waqid preceded, in which it is mentioned that the messenger (Pbuh) of Allah (SWT) would recite surah Quf (chapter 53) and Iqtarabat As-Sa'at (Al Qamar, chapter 54), during (the EID prayers of) Al-Adha and Al-Fitr. The Prophet (SM) used to recite these two Surahs during major gatherings and occasions because they contain Allah's promises and warnings, and information about the origin of Creation, Resurrection, Tawhid, the Prophethood and so forth among the great objectives.

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

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

اِقْتَرَبَتِ السَّاعَةُ وَاَنْشَقَّ الْقَمَرُ ﴿١﴾

وَإِنْ يَرَوْا آيَةً يُعْرِضُوا وَيَقُولُوا سِحْرٌ مُّسْتَعِرٌّ ﴿٢﴾

وَكَذَّبُوا وَاتَّبَعُوا أَهْوَاءَهُمْ وَكُلُّ أَمْرٍ مُّسْتَقَرٌّ ﴿٣﴾

وَلَقَدْ جَاءَهُمْ مِنَ الْآنَ بَأْسٌ مُّزْدَجَرٌ ﴿٤﴾

حِكْمَةٌ بَالِغَةٌ فَمَا تُغْنِ النُّذُرُ ﴿٥٥﴾

- 1) The Hour has come near, and the moon has split [in two]
- 2) And if they see a miracle, they turn away and say, "Passing magic."
- 3) And they denied and followed their inclinations. But for every matter is a [time of] settlement.
- 4) And there has already come to them of information that in which there is deterrence
- 5) Extensive wisdom - but warning does not avail [them].

The Hour draws near; the cleaving of the Moon.

Allah informs about the approach of the Last Hour and the imminent end and demise of the world.

آتَىٰ أَمْرًا لِّلَّهِ فَلَا تَسْتَعْجِلُوهُ ۗ

(The event ordained by Allah will come to pass, so seek not to hasten it.) (16:1)

إِقْتَرَبَ لِلنَّاسِ حِسَابُهُمْ وَهُمْ فِي غَفْلَةٍ مُّعْرِضُونَ ﴿٢١﴾

(Draws near for mankind their reckoning, while they turn away in headlessness) (21:1)

Hadith about the Last Hour

There are several Hadiths with this meaning . Al -Hafiz Abu Bakr Al Bazzar recorded that Anas said that one day , when the sun was about to set, The Messenger of Allah (SM) gave a speech to his companions, saying,

وَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ! مَا بَقِيَ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا فِيمَا مَضَى مِنْهَا إِلَّا كَمَا بَقِيَ
مِنْ يَوْمِكُمْ هَذَا فِيمَا مَضَى مِنْهُ

(By He in whose Hand is my soul! Not much this world is left compared to what has already passed of it, except as much as what is left in this day of yours compared to what has already passed of it.) Anas said “ We could only see a small part of the setting sun at the time.”

Another Hadith that supports and explains the above Hadith is recorded by Imam Ahmad that ‘Abdullah bin ‘Umar said , We were sitting with the Prophet(SM) while the sun was rising above Qu’ayqa.an after ‘Asr.

He said,

مَا أَعْمَارُكُمْ فِي أَعْمَارِ مَنْ مَضَى إِلَّا كَمَا بَقِيَ مِنَ النَّهَارِ فِيمَا مَضَى

(What remains of your time, compared to what has passed, is as long what remains of this day compared to what has passed of it.)”

Imam Ahmad recorded that sahl bin sa’d said that he heard the Messenger of Allah(SM) say,

بُعِثْتُ أَنَا وَالسَّاعَةُ هَكَذَا

(I was sent like this with the Last Hour.) And he pointed with his middle and index finger. The Two Sahihs also recorded this Hadith.

Imam Ahmad recorded Wahb As-Suwa’i said that the Messenger of Allah(SM) said,

بُعِثْتُ أَنَا وَالسَّاعَةَ كَهَذِهِ مِنْ هَذِهِ، إِنَّ كَدَّتْ لَتَسْبِقُنِي

(I was sent just before the Last Hour like the distance between this and this; the latter almost overlook the former.) Al-A'mash joined between his index and middle fingers while narrating this Hadith.

Imam Ahmad recorded that Al-Awaza'i said that Isma'il bin 'Ubaydullah said, "Anas bin Malik went to Al Walid bin 'Abdul- Malik who asked him about what he heard from the Messenger(SM) of Allah(SWT) about the Last Hour . Anas said , I heard the Messenger(SM) of Allah(SWT) say,

أَنْتُمْ وَالسَّاعَةُ كَهَاتَيْنِ

(You and the Last Hour are as close as these two (fingers))" only Imam Ahmad collected these Hadith. There is proof to support these Hadiths in the sahih listing, Al-Hashir (literary the Gatherer), among the names of the Messenger(SM) of Allah (SWT); he is the first to be gathered, and all people to be gathered thereafter (For the day of judgement). Allah's statement,

وَأَنْشَقَّ الْقَمَرُ

(and the moon has been cleft asunder .) It occurred during the time of Allahs Messenger(SM) according to the authentic Mutawatir Hadith the scholars agree that the moon was cleft asunder during the lifetime of the prophet (SM), and it was among the clear miracles that Allah gave him.

Hadith mentioning that the moon was split

The Narration Anas bin Malik

Imam Ahmad recorded that Anas bin Malik said , "The people of Makkah asked the Prophet (SM) for a miracle and the moon was split into two parts in Makkah.

Allah said,

اَقْتَرَبَتِ السَّاعَةُ وَانْشَقَّ الْقَمَرُ

(The Hour has drawn near, and the moon has been cleft asunder)” Muslims also collected this Hadith.

Al- Bukhari recorded that Anas bin Malik said, “ The people of Makkah asked the Messenger (SM) of Allah (SWT) to produce a miracle, and he showed them the splitting of the moon into two parts, until they saw (the mount of Hira)’ between them .” This Hadith is recorded in the Two Sahihs with various chains of narration.

The narration of Jubayr bin Mut’im

Imam Ahmad recorded that Jubayr bin Mut’im said “ The moon was split into two pieces during the time of Allahs Prophet (SM), a part of the moon was over one mountain and another part over another mountain . So they said, ‘Muhammad (SM) has taken us by his Magic.’ They then said , If he was able to take us by magic, he will not be able to do so with all people.” Only Imam Ahmad recorded this Hadith with this chain of narration.

Al-Bayhaqi used another chain of narration in a similar Hadith he collected in Ad-Dala’il

The Narration of ‘Abdullah bin ‘Abbas

Al-Bukhari recorded that Ibn ‘Abbas said , “The moon was split during the time of the Prophet(SM)” Al- Bukhari and Muslim collected this Hadith. Ibn Jarir recorded that Ibn ‘Abbas commented on Allah’s saying:

اَقْتَرَبَتِ السَّاعَةُ وَانْشَقَّ الْقَمَرُ
وَإِنْ يَرَوْا آيَةً يُعْرِضُوا وَيَقُولُوا سِحْرٌ مُّسْتَبِرٌّ

(The Hour has drawn near , and the moon has been cleft asunder. And if they see a sign, they turn away and say: “ This is magic, Mustamir”) “ **This occur before the Hijrah; the moon was split and they saw it in two parts.**”

The narration of ‘Abdullah bin ‘Umar

Al-HAFIZ Abu Bakr Al-Bayhaqi recorded that ‘Abdullah bin ‘Umar commented on Allah’s statement:

اِقْتَرَبَتِ السَّاعَةُ وَاَنْشَقَّ الْقَمَرُ ﴿١﴾

(The Hour has drawn near , and the moon has been cleft asunder)” This occurred during the time of Allah’s Messenger (SM); The moon was split into two parts. A part of it was before the mount and a part on the other side. The Prophet ((SM) said,

اللَّهُمَّ أَشْهَدُ

(O Allah! Be witness.)” This is the narration that Muslim and At-Tirmidhi said, “Hasan Sahih.”

The Narration of Abdullah bin Mas’ud

Imam Ahmad recorded that Ibn Mas’ud said, “The moon was split in two parts during the time of Allah’s Messenger , and they saw its two parts. Allah’s Messenger (SM) said

أَشْهَدُوا

(Be witness.) Al-Bukhari and Muslim collected this Hadith.

Ibn Jarir recorded that ‘Abdullah (Ibn Mas’ud) said , I saw the mountain between the two parts of the moon when it was split.” Imam Ahmad recorded that ‘Abdullah said, “ The moon was split during the time of Allah’s Messenger(SM) and I saw the mountain between its (moon’s) two parts.”

The Stubbornness of the idolators

Allah said,

وَإِنْ يَرَوْا آيَةً

(And if they see an Ayah), If they see proof , evidence and a sign ,

يُغْرِضُوا

(they turn away), they do not believe in it. Rather, they turn away from it, abandoning it behind their backs,

وَيَقُولُوا سِحْرٌ مُّسْتَمِرٌّ

(and say: “ This is magic , Mustamir”) They say, ‘the sign that we saw was magic, which was cast on us.’ Mustamir , means, ‘will soon go away’, according to Mujahid, Qatadah and several others. The Quraysh said that the cleaving of the moon was false and will soon diminish and fade away,

وَكَذَّبُوا وَاتَّبَعُوا أَهْوَاءَهُمْ

(They denied and followed their own lusts.), They rejected the truth when it came to them, following the ignorance and foolishness that their lusts and desires called them to . Allah’s statement,

وَ كُلُّ أَمْرٍ مُّسْتَقَرٌّ

(And every matter will be settled.) means, the good deeds will take their doers to all that is good and righteous , and similarly evil deeds will take their doers to all that is evil, according to Qatadah, while Ibn Jurayj said “will settle according to its people .” Mujahid commented on the meaning of ,

وَ كُلُّ أَمْرٍ مُّسْتَقَرٌّ

(And every matter will be settled.) By saying, “On the day of Resurrection.”

Allah’s statement,

وَلَقَدْ جَاءَهُمْ مِنَ الْأَنْبَاءِ

(And indeed there has come to them news); in this Qur’an, there has come to them the news of the earlier nations that disbelieved in their Messengers and the torment, punishment and affliction that befell them,

مَا فِيهِ مُزْدَجَرٌ

(Where in there is Muzdajar), wherein there are warnings and lessons to stop them from Idolatry and persisting in denial,

حِكْمَةٌ بَالِغَةٌ

(Perfect Wisdom.) in that Allah guides whomever He wills and misguides whomever he wills,

فَمَا تُغْنِي النَّذْرُ

(but warners benefit them not.) but the preaching warnings does not benefit those upon whom Allah has written misery and sealed their hearts. Who can guide such people after Allah? This Ayah is similar to Allah’s statements:

قُلْ فَلَإِنَّ اللَّهَ الْخُبْرَةُ الْبَالِغَةُ فَلَوْ شَاءَ لَهَدَاكُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ ﴿١٣٩﴾

(Say: “With Allah is the perfect proof and argument; had He so willed. He would indeed have guided you all.”) (6: 149), and

وَمَا تُغْنِي الْأَيَّاتُ وَالنُّذُرُ عَنْ قَوْمٍ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ

(But neither Ayat nor warners benefit those who believe not.) (10:101)

Therefore, Dear Brothers and Sisters , let us be Allah Conscious, let us fear Allah. Let us do righteous deeds which can save us from the punishment of day of

Resurrection. Day of Judgement is sure to come . Let us do works as per instruction of Quran and authentic Hadith. O Allah! Please guide us and save us from the painful torment of Yaumul Qiyamah.

Ameen.

Assalamualaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu.

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