

The Day of Judgement — the sequence

The Qur'an describes the Day as a sequence, not a mood. This is the order it gives.



1 The Horn, twice

وَنُفِخَ فِي الصُّورِ فَصَعِقَ مَنْ فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ

At the first blast all in the heavens and the earth fall dead, except whom Allah wills. At the second they are standing, looking on.

Qur'an 39:68

2 The earth gives up what it holds

"When the earth is shaken with its final earthquake, and the earth discharges its burdens." Mountains removed, the ground laid bare.

Qur'an 99:1-2 · 18:47

3 Bones reassembled

"Does man think that We will not assemble his bones? Yes — able even to proportion his fingertips."

Qur'an 75:3-4

4 Gathered, nobody left out

"We will gather them and not leave behind from them anyone." On an earth replaced by another earth.

Qur'an 18:47 · 14:48

5 The record, spread open

Each person meets his record: "Read your record. Sufficient is yourself against you this Day as accountant."

Qur'an 17:13-14

6 In the right hand, or behind

Whoever is given his record in his right hand is judged with an easy account and returns to his people in happiness.

Qur'an 84:7-10 · 69:19

7 Your own limbs testify

"That Day, We will seal over their mouths, and their hands will speak to Us, and their feet will testify about what they used to earn."

Qur'an 36:65

8 The scales

وَنَضَعُ الْمَوَازِينَ الْقِسْطَ لِيَوْمِ الْقِيَمَةِ فَلَا تُظْلَمُ نَفْسٌ شَيْئًا

Scales of justice are set and no soul is wronged — not by a mustard seed's weight. An atom's weight of good is seen, and of evil too.

Qur'an 21:47 · 99:7-8 · 7:8-9

9 Two roads out

No intercession benefits except from one the Most Merciful permits. Those who feared their Lord are led to Paradise, its gates opened.

Qur'an 20:109 · 39:73