Flow Chart

Macro Structure

57. Surah Al Hadid (The Iron) Verses: 29; Madni; Paragraphs: 5

Period of Revelation. This is unanimously a Madani Surah, it was probably sent down some time during the interval between the Battle of Uhud and the Truce of Hudaibiyah. This was the time when the tiny Islamic State of Madinah had been hemmed in by the disbelievers and the handful of the ill equipped Muslims were entrenched against the combined power of entire Arabia. In this state Islam not only stood in need of the sacrifice of Life from its followers, but it also needed monetary help and assistance. Reckoned thus the period of the revelation of this Surah falls between the 4th and the 5th year after the *hijrah*.

Main Themes: The theme of this Surah is to encourage the Muslims to spend in the cause of Allah. At the most critical juncture of the history of Islam when it was engaged in a life and death struggle against Arab paganism, this Surah was revealed to persuade the Muslim's to make financial sacrifices in particular, and to make them realize that Islam did not merely consist in verbal declaration and some obvious practices but its essence and spirit is sincerity towards Allah and His Religion.

Paragraph 2: 16-17

The Muslims should not behave like those followers of the earlier Books, He cannot be a believer whose heart does not melt at the remembrance of Allah and does not bow to the Truth sent down by Him.

Paragraph 1: V 1-15

The attributes of Allah Almighty have been mentioned, The inevitable demand of the Faith is that one should not shirk spending one's wealth for the sake of Allah.

Paragraph 5: V25-29

Allah sent His Messengers with clear signs and the Book and the Law of Justice so that the people may follow to justice; Prophets came from Allah in the past, and by their preaching some people adopted the Right Path, Allah likes to see as to who from among the people would rise to support and succor His true Religion .

Paragraph 4: V21-24

The everlasting life is the life hereafter when results of great consequence will be announced.People will lose because of their stinginess and blessed because of their spending in the way of Allah.

Paragraph 3: V18-20

The sincere upholders of the Truth and the true witnesses of the Faith in the sight of Allah are only those believers who spend their wealth in His way sincerely, without any desire of show.