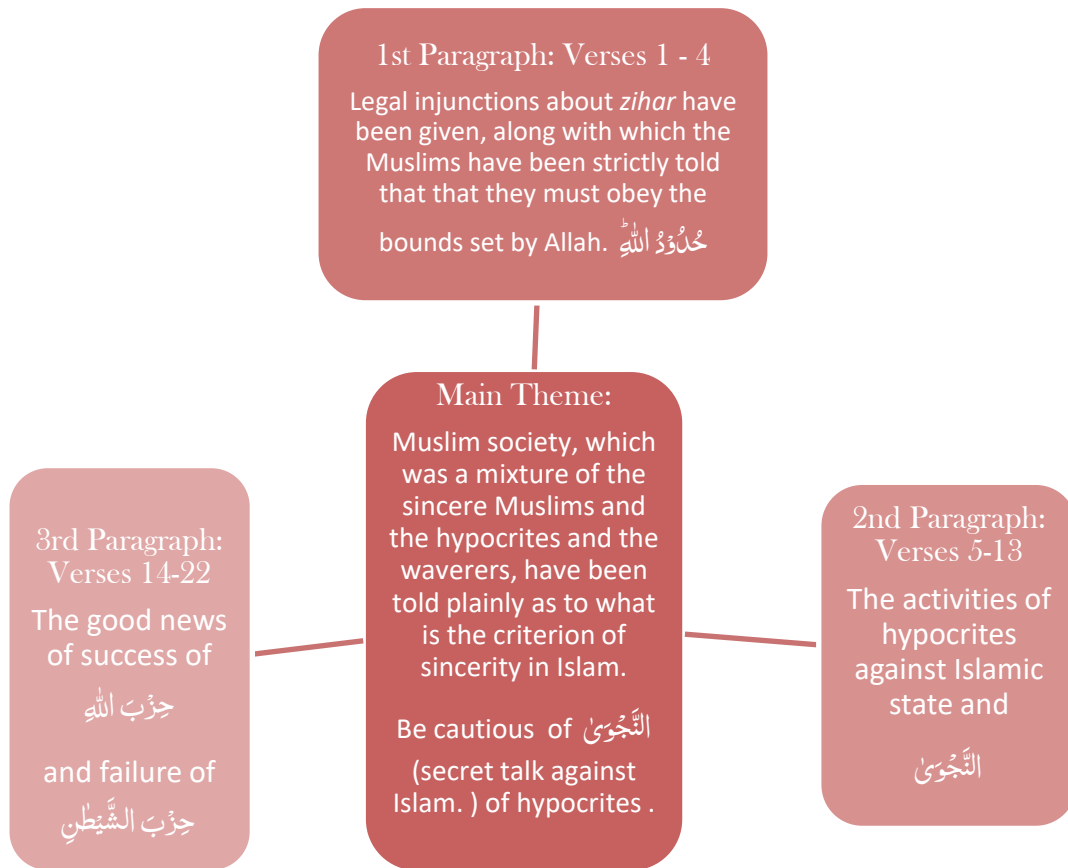


Flow Chart

Macro Structure

58. Surah Al Mujadilah (The Pleading Woman) Verses: 22; Madni;
Paragraphs:3



Period of Revelation. There is no tradition to tell as to when this incident of pleading and arguing took place, but there is a hint in the subject matter of the Surah on the basis of which it can be said with certainty that it happened sometime after the battle of the Trench (Shawwal, 5 A. H.). In Surah Al-Ahzab, Allah while negating that an adopted son could be one's real son, had just said this and no more; "And Allah has not made those of your wives whom you divorce by *zihar* your mothers." But in that Surah there was nothing to the effect that to divorce a wife by *zihar* was a sin or a crime, nor anything about the legal injunction concerning it. Contrary to it, in this Surah the whole law relating to *zihar* has been laid down, which shows that these detailed injunctions were sent down some time after the brief reference to it in Surah Al- Ahzab.