



QURA'NIC SCIENCES

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The History of Quran

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THE OCCASIONS/ ASBAAB OR SHAAN E NUZUOL?

Discuss 5 min with the group



SAMPLES OF ASBAAB & SHAN E NUZOOOL

1. Respond to the Questions

- Many historical issues e.g. Ashab e kahf, Zulqarnain etc. were revealed after questions

2. Praise and Condemnation of good and bad practices and people

- Ahlulbayt (AS) and their enemies

3. Current affairs

- The war-related verses of Ch. 8, 9

4. Jurisprudential issues


- E.g. alcohol, gambling, moon sighting etc.

Are these verses time-bound or general?

The lessons are eternal and applicable to all the same or similar circumstances



BENEFITS OF KNOWING THEM

- Better understanding of the contexts
 - Accurate commentary
 - Understanding the logic behind certain rulings
 - Recognition of the virtuous and corrupt people
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RESOURCES OF SHAN/ASBAAB E NUZOOOL

- **General** – most of the commentary and history books
- **Specialist:** Waahidi, Asbaab un Nuzool

- English

<http://altafsir.com/Tafasir.asp?tMadhNo=0&tTafsirNo=86&tSoraNo=3&tAyahNo=61&tDisplay=yes&UserProfile=0&Languageld=2>

- Arabic

http://library.islamweb.net/newlibrary/display_book.php?ID=1&idfrom=1&idto=468&bk_no=63



THE STRUCTURE OF QURAN- SURAH

○ Suras/ Chapters -114

- سُورَةٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهَا وَفَرَضْنَاهَا وَأَنْزَلْنَا فِيهَا آيَاتٍ بَيِّنَاتٍ

○ Meaning of Surah- literally the word Surah means the “boundary of a city because it surrounds the whole city”. (Raghib, Mufradaat)

○ Types of Suras- أُعْطِيَ مَكَانَ التَّوْرَةِ، السَّبْعَ الطُّوْلَ، وَأُعْطِيَ مَكَانَ الزَّبُورِ، الْمَنِينِ

وَأُعْطِيَ مَكَانَ الْإِنْجِيلِ، الْمَثَانِيَّ، وَفُضِّلْتُ بِالْمَفْصَلِ

The Prophet (saww): I have been given for Torah, Zabur, Injeel, 7 largest Surahs, Surahs over 100 and surahs under 100 verses respectively. And I have been favored with smaller Surahs, Surah Rahman or Hujurat onwards. (*al-Itqaan*)

○ Parts- 30 Did Allah reveal in this way?

- ❖ Smaller surahs generally were revealed as a whole, while large suras normally descended in bits.
- ❖ Division of Quran in parts (juz/Parah), or in Manzil, Hizb, Nisf, Ruku etc. was done by the people for the convenience of recitation.

Names of the Qur'anic Surahs

Many Surahs of Quran have more than one names:

○ What is the criterion?

- ❖ The central idea or the extraordinary story of the Surah

○ 20 names of Surah e Fatiha:

الحمد، فاتحة الكتاب، أم الكتاب، فاتحة القرآن، أم القرآن، القرآن العظيم، السبع المثاني، الوافيه، الكنز، الكافية،
الاساس، النور، الشكر، الحمد الأولى، الحمد القصرى، الرّاقيه، الشفاء، الشافيه، الصلوة، الدّعاء، السّؤال، المناجاة و
التفويض

○ Who gave them the names?

- All the Surahs have had their names, at least one, from the period of Prophet Muhammad (saww)



THE STRUCTURE OF QURAN - AAYAT

- **Aayat:** الآية هي العلامة الظاهرة, the manifest sign,
(*Raghib, Mufradaat*)
 - Aayatullah
 - Greatest Aayat of Allah (ST)- Imam Ali AS
- **Number: 6236** (Abuabd al-Rahman Sullami-ImamAli AS, Itqan V.1 P211)



FIRST AND LAST

- First Aayat- the beginning 5 verses of al-Alaq
- First Surah- Surah Hamd
 - لا صلاة إلا بفاتحة الكتاب
- Last Surah- Surah al-Nasr
 - وآخر ما نزل عليه، إذا جاء نصر الله والفتح.
- Last Aayat- Aayat al-Ikmaal (Maida/3)

(al-Itqaan v.1 p.87)



MAKKI AND MADANI SURAHS & VERSES

Benefits of this division

- Understanding the timescale of Prophetic mission and the development of Islamic laws & divine teachings
- Better understanding of Qura'nic text-
Mutlaq, Muqayyad, Naasikh, Mansookh etc.
- A dimension of the Qura'nic miracles



THE CRITERIA OF MAKKI & MADANI SURAHS


- **Time** — before & after migration to Madina
(The best opinion)
- **Place**- where the verse was revealed
Some Surahs or verses were revealed in 3rd place
- **Address**- O people-(Mecca) O believers-
(Madina)



Makki Surahs

- Principles of belief
- Shortness, rhythm of Surahs
- Dialogues with polytheists
- Swear and oaths 30/32
- Stories of prophets and their nations
- High ethics and values

Madani Surahs

- Long Surahs, verses
 - Dialogues with ahl-kitab
 - Hypocrites
 - Jihad and its rulings
 - Judicial, financial and political issue
 - Detailed evidences
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THE ORDER OF THE SURAHS AND VERSES

Tauqifi or Ijtihaadi (Divine or humanly)

- Prophet SAWW, under the command of Allah used to instruct the scribes where to put the new revelation
- Imam Sadiq (as): the end of a Surah was known by the revelation of a new Bismillah...

But After the departure of Prophet SAWW...

Further Discussion- next session inshaallah



Thank You

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جزاكم الله خيرا

