

LESSONS FROM THE QURAN

Part 3



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I dedicate this book of mine “The Lessons in the Quran part III” to my parents, may Allah make it a source of ongoing charity for the forgiveness of their sins and elevation of their ranks in the Hereafter. Ameen! I pray to Allah^(SWT) to forgive all their sins and make me a source of ongoing charity for them. Ameen! And at the same time, may Allah^(SWT) make this book a source of reward and guidance for me, my family, relatives, friends, and all who read it. Ameen!

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Preface

O Muslims! Have we ever considered why Muslims are lagging in every field around the world? If we consider the secret of the success of Muhammad^(SAW) and his companions, we will find that they had a strong connection with the Quran. They not only meditated on it but also implemented its teachings in their daily lives, which led to the supremacy of justice in their society and made them compassionate and caring for others. And as a result, they gained prosperity and supremacy in all fields of life including science.

Every person knows his inner self, Quran helps man to understand, examine and refine his character while fearing Allah. Today, millions are embracing Islam not because of us, but by contemplating in the Quran. O Muslims, consider this, if you unknowingly commit an offense that you were unaware of and are brought before a judge, you plead, “My lord, I was unaware that this was an offense.” The judge would reply, “Ignorance of the law is no excuse.” Do you think ignorance of the Quran will be an excuse on the Day of Judgment? No! The Quran makes it clear that mere recitation is not enough; one must reflect on its teachings and act upon them. Allah states in the Quran: **This is the Book of Allah: there is no doubt about it. It is guidance to Godfearing people (2:2).** This is the Blessed Book that We have revealed to you (O Prophet), that people with understanding may reflect over its verses and those with understanding derive a lesson (38:29). Surely, We have made this Quran easy as a reminder. Is there, then, any who will take heed (54:32)? In another place it says: **Do they, then, not reflect on the Quran? Or are there locks on their hearts (47:24)? If we learn Arabic is better, but even if we read it in our native language and apply its teachings in our daily life, it will guide us on the right path.** Quran is a complete code of life. We should apply its teachings in our daily lives. The Quran

has no sects, everyone is a Muslim. Why don't we try to be a Muslim? Muhammad(SAW) had foretold: My Ummah will be divided into seventy-three sects, only one of them will enter Paradise. The Companions asked which sect will it be? He said: Those who will follow the Quran, my tradition and tradition of my companions. They were all only Muslims.

Robert Crane, a counselor to former American President Nixon, held doctorates in public and international law and also served as president of the Harvard Society of International Law. He was appointed as Nixon's adviser on Foreign Affairs and Deputy Director of the US National Security Council, making him one of America's leading political experts. He founded the Center for Civilization and Renewal in America, and he was fluent in six languages. When Nixon sought a summary on Islam, Crane read the CIA's lengthy research and began attending Islamic seminars for deeper understanding. In 1981, Crane converted to Islam, adopting the name Farooq in honor of Umar e Farooq(RA) and became Farooq Abdel Haq. It was not long when news of Robert Crane accepting Islam resounded throughout America. He embraced Islam in 1981 and named himself Farooq after the name of Umar e Farooq(RA). His full name was Farouk Abdel Haq. He attributed his conversion to the comprehensive legal principles he found in Islam, contrasting it with his three years at Harvard, where the term "justice" was never mentioned in their laws.

During a legal dialogue with a Jewish law professor, who began to question Islam. To challenge him, I asked if he knew the extent of inheritance law in the American Constitution. He replied it spanned over eight volumes. I then proposed that if he encountered Islamic inheritance law summarized in under ten lines, would he regard Islam as a true religion? He said that was impossible. I recited the relevant Quranic verses, and days later, he approached me, acknowledging that no human mind could account for all kinship relationships with such comprehensive fairness and justice in distributing inheritance. Eventually, he converted to Islam. Dr. Robert Crane died in 2021 at the age of 92. He posed an intriguing question: when will Muslims convert to Islam? His point was that anyone who reads the Quran with understanding is likely to embrace it.

Remember, O Muslims: Allah never changes the state of a nation that does not change its characteristics. The Quran says: [Verily Allah does not change a people's condition unless they change their inner selves \(13:11\)](#). Allah does not like ostentation, nor hypocrisy, nor cruelty, nor coercion, nor falsehood, nor breach of promise, nor adulterations, nor breaking relationships.

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42. Lessons in Surah Ash-Shura

The surah Ash-Shura (consultation) is the 42nd chapter of the Quran, which has 53 verses. Its name is derived from v 38.

Summary of subjects

Allah: Ha Mim Ain Sin Qaf. It is He, the Mighty and the Wise, Who revealed to you as He revealed to the Messengers who passed before you. Whatever is in the heavens and the earth is His. He is the High, the Great. Near it is that the heavens should break asunder from above. The angels are glorifying their Lord with His praise and begging forgiveness for those on the earth. Allah is indeed All-Forgiving, All-Merciful (1-5). He is the Creator of the heavens and the earth, Who made for you mates from your among yourselves, and pairs of the cattle, by means of which He multiplies you. Nothing in the universe is like Him. He is All-Hearing and All-Seeing. To Him belongs absolute control of the heavens and the earth. He gives abundantly to whomsoever He wills and sparingly to whomsoever He wills. He is aware of all things (11-12). Allah is very Kind to His servants. He provides for whomever He wills. He is the All-Powerful, the All-Mighty (19). He even knows the secrets hidden in the breasts. He accepts repentance of His servants and remits the sins and knows whatever you do. He answers the prayers of those who believe and do good works and gives them even more out of His bounty. But the disbelievers will suffer a terrible scourge (24-26). To Allah belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. He creates whatever He wills. He gives daughters to whom He wills, and sons to whom He wills; or He gives both sons and daughters to whom He wills and makes sterile whom He wills. Indeed, He knows everything and has power over everything (49-50). Allah alone is the Guardian. He gives life to the dead, and He has power over all things. Indeed, Allah is All-Forgiving and Appreciative.

Mohammed(saw): Those who have taken others than Him as their guardians, Allah oversees them; you are not responsible for their conduct (6). Thus, We inspired you with an Arabic Quran so that you may warn those who dwell in the centre of habitations Makkah and around it, and warn them of the Day of Assembly, of which there is no doubt. One group shall go to Paradise and the other to Hell (7). Tell them: The judgment on whatever you differ rests with Allah, in Him I put my trust, and to Him I turn in repentance (10). He prescribed for you the same religion He enjoined upon Noah, and what We inspired to you, and what We enjoined upon Abraham, and Moses, and Jesus, stressing: "You shall uphold the religion, and be not divided therein." The same

thing to which you O Muhammad are calling the polytheists is outrageous to them. Allah chooses to Himself whom He wills, **and He guides to Himself whoever repents** (13). To this go on inviting, and be upright as you were commanded, and do not follow their inclinations, and say, "I believe in whatever Book Allah has sent down, and I am commanded to judge between you equitably. Allah is our Lord and your Lord. **For us are our deeds and for you your deeds.** There is no dispute between us. Allah shall gather us all together one day and to Him we will ultimately return" (15). O Prophet, tell them: "I do not ask of you any wage for this work. However, I do seek the love of the kins." Whoever does a good deed, We will increase its good for him. Indeed, Allah is All-Forgiving and Appreciative (23). Do they say, "He forged a lie about Allah?" If Allah so willed, He could have sealed your heart. But Allah obliterates the falsehood and confirms the truth by His Words. He is even aware of all the secrets hidden in the breasts (24). Accept the command of your Lord before there comes a Day from Allah that cannot be averted. On that Day there shall be no shelter for you, and none may change your predicament. O Prophet, yet if they turn away, We have not send you as a guardian over them. Your only duty is to convey the message. When We let man taste Our mercy, he exults at it; but when evil befalls him in consequence of what his hands has earned, man turns blasphemous (47-48). It is not the status of a human being that Allah should talk to him face to face, except through revelation, from behind a veil, or by sending an angel to reveal whatever He wills. **He is the Exalted, the All-Wise.** And so, O Prophet, We have sent down a spirit to you by Our command. You did not know what the Book is nor what is faith, but We made this Spirit (Gabriel) a light by which We guide whomever We will of Our servants. Indeed, you are guiding people to the straight path, to the path of Allah, Who owns everything in the heavens and the earth. Indeed, all matters return to Allah (51-53).

The believer: On the other hand, those who believe and do righteous deeds will be in the Gardens of Paradise, and whatever they desire they will find with their Lord, that is a great grace. This is the good news God gives to His servants who believe and do good deeds (22-23). Whatever thing you are given is only the provision of this life. But what Allah possesses is better and more lasting for those who believe and rely on their Lord. And those who refrain from gross sins and indecencies; and when they are angry, they forgive. And those Who obey their Lord, pray regularly, and conduct their affairs by mutual **consultation**, and spend in charity out of what We have given them. And those who, when wronged, seek its redress. The recompense of evil action is

one equivalent to it. But whoever pardons and makes reconciliation, his reward lies with the God. He does not love injustice. **And** those who avenge themselves after they have been wronged, blame lies on those who subject people to wrong and commit excesses on earth. A painful chastisement awaits them. But whoever endures patiently and forgives, that is a sign of real resolve (36-43).

The Disbelievers: The one whom Allah lets go astray, has no protector after Him. You will see that when the wrongdoers see the torment, they will say, "Is there any way back?" And you will see that when they are brought before Hell, they shall be downcast with disgrace and will look at it with stealthy glances. At that time the believers will say, "The real losers indeed are those who have lost themselves and their kindred on this Resurrection Day." Indeed, the wrongdoers are in everlasting torment. They will have no protectors and guardians, who could come to their aid against Allah. Whomever God leaves astray has no way out (44-46).

Polytheists: What! Have they taken other guardians besides Him? Allah alone is the Guardian. He gives life to the dead, and He has power over all things (9). Do they have associates of the God, who have laid down for them a way of life, which Allah did not sanction? If the decree had not been issued earlier, their case would have long been settled. Surely a grievous chastisement awaits the wrong doers. You will see the wrongdoers fearful of the consequence of their deeds which will certainly befall them (21-22).

Hypocrites: They became divided after the Knowledge had come to them, because they wished to commit excess against each other. Had your Lord not already issued the Word to defer their punishment till an appointed time, the matter would surely have been settled between them. Indeed, those who were made to inherit the Book after them are in grave doubt about it (14). As for those who dispute about God after having accepted His call, their contention is absolutely void in the sight of their Lord; and upon them shall fall His wrath; and a grievous torment awaits them (16).

Admonishing: If Allah had willed, He would have made them one community, but He admits into His mercy whomever He wills. As for the wrongdoers, they will have no protector and no savior (8). It is Allah Who revealed the Book with the truth, and the Balance. And what will make you realize that perhaps the Hour has drawn near? Those who do not believe in its coming, seek to hasten it, but those who believe are apprehensive of it, and know that it is sure to come. Absolutely, those who question the Hour are in distant error (17-18). Whoever seeks the harvest of the Hereafter, We increase for him his harvest; and whoever seeks the

harvest of this world, We give him thereof, but he has no share in the Hereafter (20). If Allah were to increase the provision to His servants, they would transgress on earth; but He sends down in precise measure whatever He wills. Surely, He is Well-Aware and All-Seeing concerning matters that relate to His servants. It is He Who sends down the rain when the people are despaired, and spreads His mercy, and He alone is the Praiseworthy Guardian. And of His signs are the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the creatures He has spread throughout them; and power to gather them together when He wills. **Whatever misfortune befalls you; it is because of what your hands have earned, although much of it He forgives.** You cannot frustrate your Him in the earth, you have no protector nor helper against Allah. And of His signs are the ships that sail in the sea like mountains. If Allah wills, He could still the wind and leave these ships motionless on the surface of the sea. Surely in that are signs for every disciplined, grateful person. Or He could wreck them, because of what they have earned. And yet He pardons much. Then those who wrangle about Our Signs will come to know that there is no escape for them (27-35).

Lessons: 1) All that is in the heavens and the earth belongs to Him (i.e., whatever is given to us in the world as a trial, on which we boast, is His). 2) Allah is the protector of all. 3) The Quran was revealed in Arabic so that the Arabs would understand its message. 4) All prophets, from Adam(AS) to Mohammed(SAW), preached the same religion, that is, Allah alone is to be trusted and turned to. 5) Whoever repents, Allah guides him to His way, so one should repent frequently. 6) When man experiences Our mercy, he becomes arrogant, and when he faces the consequences of his actions, he begins to disbelieve. 7) Deserving of blame are those who oppress others and spread mischief in the land, for them is a painful punishment. 8) The real losers are those who put themselves and their relatives in a loss on the Day of Resurrection. 9) Whatever trouble befalls you; It is because of the earnings of your hands. Although much of it He forgives. 10) On the Day of judgment, the oppressor will have no supporter. 11) The Hour is bound to come. 12) Those who argue after believing, their argument is completely invalid in the sight of their Lord. 13) Those who doubt the coming of the Hour have strayed too far in error, it is sure to come.

43. Lessons in Surah Az-Zukhruf

The surah Az-Zukhruf is the 43rd chapter of the Quran, which has 89 verses.

Summary of subjects

Allah: Have they decided to contrive a plan? Well, we too, shall contrive. Do they think that We do not hear their secret talk and their whisperings? We hear everything and Our angels at their sides are recording it (79-80). Say to them, “If the Merciful really had a son, **I would be the first to worship him.**” **Exalted is the Lord of the heavens and the earth, the Lord of the Throne, from all that these people attribute to Him.** So, let them remain absorbed in their falsehoods and sport, till they meet their Day which they are promised (81-83). It is He who is God in the heavens and God on earth. He is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing. Highly blessed is He to Whom belongs the Kingdom of the heavens and the earth and all that lies between them. He alone has the knowledge of the Hour, and to Him you shall all be returned (84-85). **Those whom they call upon beside Him have no power of intercession except that one may testify to the Truth by virtue of knowledge** (86). And if you ask them who created them, they will surely say, “Allah.” Whence then are they being deluded? We will call to witness the cry of the Prophet: “O Lord, these are a people who refuse to believe” (87-88).

Quran: Ha-Mim. By this lucid Book, We have made it an Arabic Quran so that you (Arabs) may understand it. And, in fact, it is inscribed in Umm al-Kitab, a Book truly sublime and full of wisdom with Us (1-4).

Mohammed(saw): Now, O Prophet, will you make the deaf to hear you, or show the way to the blind and those who are involved in manifest deviation? Now We have to punish them, whether We take you away from the world, or let you see their end, which We have promised them. We have full power over them. So, hold fast to the Book that has been revealed to you, you are surely on the Straight Way. **The fact is that this Book is a great honor for you and your people, and soon you shall be called to account for it.** You may ask all other Messengers whom We sent before you **if We ever had appointed any other gods to be worshiped besides the Merciful God** (40-45). Well, O Prophet, bear with them and say, “Peace to you!” Soon they shall know (89).

Prophets(as): Recall the time when Abraham(as) had said to his father and his people, **“I have nothing to do with those whom you worship. I worship only Him Who created me, He will guide**

me.” And Abraham^(AS) left behind this Word among his descendants so that they would turn to it (26-28). We sent Moses^(AS) with Our Signs to Pharaoh and his chiefs, and he said to them, “I am a Messenger of the Lord of the worlds.” Then, when he showed Our Signs to them, they laughed at him. We showed them Sign after Sign, each greater than the one preceding it, and We seized them with the torment that they might give up their attitude. Whenever a torment visited them, they said, “**O sorcerer**, pray to your Lord for us by virtue of the appointment you hold from Him, we shall surely take the right way.” But whenever We removed the torment from them, they would go back on their word. One day Pharaoh proclaimed among his people, “O people, isn’t the kingdom of Egypt mine? And are not these canals flowing beneath me? Can you not see who is better, I or this contemptible, wretched person, who can hardly express himself clearly? Why were not bracelets of gold sent down on him, or a company of angels as attendants (46-53)?” He took his people to be light, and they obeyed him, for they were indeed a sinful people. At last, when they had annoyed Us, We took vengeance on them and drowned them all together, and made them a precedent and an object lesson for the later generations (54-56).

And when the **son of Mary^(AS)** was cited as an example, your people raised a clamour at it, saying, “Who is better, our gods or he?” They have cited this example to you only in the spirit of dispute. The fact is that they are a quarrelsome people. **The son of Mary^(AS) was no more than a servant whom We favoured and made an example of Our power for the children of Israel.** If We please, We can create angels from you to succeed you in the earth. And son of Mary^(AS) is, in fact, a Sign of the Hour; therefore, do not doubt it, and follow Me, this is the Straight Way. Let not Satan hinder you from this. He is your open enemy. And when **Jesus^(AS)** had come with clear Signs, he had said, “I have brought wisdom to you, and have come to make plain to you the reality of those things in which you differ, so fear Allah and follow me. The fact is that Allah is my Lord and your Lord, too. Worship Him alone, this is the Straight Way.” But despite his clear teachings the sects disagreed among themselves. So, woe to those who committed evil from the punishment of a painful Day (57-65).

The Disbelievers & Polytheists: Now, should We despair and stop sending this Admonition to you only because you are a people who have transgressed (all limits)? Many a Prophet have We sent among the ancient peoples, too. Never did it so happen that a Prophet came to his people, and they did not mock him. So, We destroyed them though they were much stronger than these in might; there have gone before the examples of the ancient

peoples (5-8). If you ask them, “Who has created the heavens and the earth?” they will surely say, “The Almighty, the All-Knowing One has created them.” He it is Who made this earth a cradle for you and made in it paths for you so that you may be guided to your destinations. Who sent down water from heaven in due measure and revived thereby the dead earth, even so shall you be brought out from the earth. Who created all these pairs and Who made ships and animals as conveyance for you to ride on their back, so that when you sit on them, you may remember your Lord’s favour, and say, “Glorified is He Who has subjected them to us, otherwise we could not have brought them under control, and one day we have to return to our Lord (9-14).” **Despite knowing and recognizing all this these people have made some of His servants to be part of Him. The fact is that man is manifestly ungrateful (15).** Did Allah choose from His creation daughters for Himself and blessed you with sons? whereas when the birth of the offspring whom they ascribe to the Merciful God, is announced to any of them, his face grows black, and he is filled with grief. Would they assign to Allah the offspring who is brought up among ornaments and is even unable to make itself clear in disputation (16-18)? They have regarded the angels, who are themselves servants of the Merciful God, as females. Have they seen them in person? Their evidence will be recorded, and they will be called to account for it (19). They say, **“Had the Merciful God willed that we should not worship them, We would never have worshiped them.”** They have no knowledge of the matter; they are just conjecturing. Or did We give them a Book before, based on which they are holding on to angel-worship? Nay! Rather they say that we found our forefathers on this way, and we are walking in their footsteps. Even so, whenever before you We sent a Warner to a habitation, its people of means said, “We have found our forefathers on a way, and we are only following in their footsteps.” In the same way, in whatever town We sent a warner before you, the people of means said that we found our forefathers in the same way, and we are only following in their footsteps. Every Prophet asked them, “Will you still follow the same path even if I guide you to a more correct way than the path on which you found your ancestors?” They all replied, “We disbelieve in the religion with which you have been sent.” So, We took vengeance on them, and see what was the end of those who denied the Truth (20-25). (In spite of that when the people started worshiping others, I did not annihilate them), Rather, I continued providing them and their forefathers sustenance until the Truth came to them and a Messenger who expounded everything clearly. But when the Truth came to them, they said, “This is a sorcery, and we refuse to believe in it (29-30).” They say, “Why was

this Quran not sent upon one of the great men from the two cities?" Is it they who distribute the mercy of your Lord? It is We Who have distributed the means of their sustenance in the life of this world and raised some of them above others in ranks so that they may take one another in service. And your Lord's Mercy is far greater in worth than the wealth which (their chiefs) are amassing (31-32).

Admonishing: Were it not that all mankind would turn to the way of disbelief, We would have made for those who disbelieve in the Merciful God, houses with roofs of silver and gold, and stairways by which they go to upper chambers, and their doors and their couches on which they recline (all of silver and gold). But all this is merely a provision of this worldly life; and the Hereafter with your Lord is only for the righteous. He who does not heed the admonition of the Merciful, We set a satanic devil upon him, and he becomes his companion. These devils hinder such people from the right way while they think that they are guided aright. Ultimately, when he comes to Us, he will say to his devil companion, "would that between me and you there were the distance of the East and the West, you turned out to be a most evil companion." Then it will be said to them, "When you have done wrong, it will avail you nothing today as you and your satanic partners are in the same torment (33-39)." Do these people now only await the Hour (Doomsday) that it should come upon them suddenly while they are unaware? When the Day comes all friends shall become enemies of one another except the righteous. On that Day it will be said to those who had believed in Our Revelations and surrendered themselves, "O My servants! Today you have nothing to fear, nor will there be any cause for you to grieve. Enter Paradise, you, and your wives. You will be made happy!" There platters and cups of gold would be passed round to them and there they shall have everything that the souls can desire, and the eyes can delight in. It will be said to them, "You shall live here forever. You have inherited this Paradise by virtue of the deeds you did in the world. You have abundance of fruit here, which you will eat." As for the criminals, they shall endure forever the torment of Hell; their punishment will never be lightened for them, and there they shall remain, despairing. We did not wrong them, but they themselves were the wrongdoers. They will call out, "O Malik (head of the Hell), let your Lord put an end to us." He will answer, "Here you will remain. We brought the Truth to you, but most of you abhorred the Truth" (66-78).

Lessons: 1) The Prophet(SAW) said that if the Most Merciful had indeed begotten a son, I would have been the first to worship him (i.e. he would have prostrated to Jesus(AS)). 2) **Apart from Him,**

these people whom they call upon do not have the power of intercession, except that someone gives witness to the truth based on knowledge. 3) Sectarianism is a sign of blind imitation. 4) Allah has given some people precedence over others so that they may serve one another (so that the worldly system works). 5) Had it not been for the fear that all would become disbelievers, Allah would have made the houses of the disbelievers of gold and silver in view of the greatness of the house of the Hereafter. 6) The person who remains oblivious to the remembrance of the Most Merciful, Allah will make a devil rule over him, and he will become his friend. These devils prevent such people from following the right path, and they think in their place that we are going right. 7) Except for the believers, on the Day of Judgement, all friends will become enemies of each other.

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44. Lessons in Surah Dukhan

The surah ad-Dukhan is the 44th chapter of the Quran, which has 59 verses. Its name is derived from verse 10.

Summary of subjects

Allah: Indeed, He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, Lord of the heavens and the earth, and Lord of all that lies between them, if you would really believe. There is no god but He. It is He Who gives life and death. He is your Lord and Lord of your ancestors who have gone before (6-8).

The Quran: By this lucid Book. We have sent it down in a highly blessed night, for We intended to warn the people. This was a night in which every matter is decided wisely by Our Command (1-4).

Mohammed(saw): Verily, We were set to send a Messenger as a Mercy from your Lord. Surely, He is All-Hearing, All-Seeing (5-6). O Prophet. We have made this Book easy in your own tongue so that they may take counsel. Wait then, as they too are waiting (58-59).

Prophets(as): Before them We put the people of Pharaoh to the same test. A noble Messenger (**Moses(as)**) came to them, and said, "Deliver to me the servants of Allah. I am a trustworthy Messenger to you. Do not rebel against Allah: I present before you a clear authority (of my appointment), and I have taken refuge in my Lord and your Lord lest you should assault me. If you do not believe in me, do not harm me." At last, he called to his Lord, saying, "These are criminals." (The reply came:) "Set forth with

My servants by night for you will be pursued. Leave the sea as it is. The whole host shall be drowned.” How many were the gardens and fountains and cornfields and grand palaces that they left behind, and how many means of luxury and comfort, which they used to enjoy! This was their end, and We made others to inherit those things. Then neither did the heaven weep on them nor the earth, and they were not given the least respite. Even so We delivered the children of Israel from an abasing scourge, from Pharaoh, who was indeed a most prominent man among the transgressors, and We exalted them, knowing them to be so, above the other nations of the world, and showed them such Signs as were clearly a trial (for them) (17:33).

The Disbelievers: (But, in fact, they have no faith) Nay, they play about in doubt. Well, wait for the Day when the sky shall appear with a visible smoke, which shall envelope mankind, this is a painful punishment. Now they say: “Our Lord, remove this torment from us: we do now believe.” How can they rid themselves of their heedlessness? Even when a manifest Messenger came to them, they paid no heed to him, and said, “He is a madman taught by others.” Were We to remove the torment a little, you would revert to the same that you were doing before. The Day We inflict the severest stroke shall be the Day when We shall take Our vengeance (9-16). These people say, “There is nothing beyond our first death, and we are not going to be raised back to life. Bring back our forefathers if you are truthful.” Are they better or the people of Tubba and those before them? We destroyed them only because they had become wicked. We have not created the heavens and the earth and whatever lies between them merely in sport: We have created them with the truth, but most of them do not know. For the resurrection of them all, the appointed time is the Day of Judgment, the Day when a kinsman shall not avail his kinsman anything at all, nor shall they receive any help from anywhere except that Allah Himself may show His mercy to some one: He is the All-Mighty, the All-Merciful (34-42).

Paradise: The God-fearing shall be in a secure place, in the gardens and springs, dressed in silk and brocade, sitting face to face. Such will be their station! And We shall wed to them fair-complexioned, gazelle-eyed women. There, in full peace, they shall ask for all kinds of tasty things. There they shall never taste death, after their fast death in the world, and Allah by His grace will protect them from the torment of Hell. This is the supreme success (51-57)!

Hell: The zaqqum-tree shall be the sinner's food, like the dregs of oil. It will boil in the belly like the boiling of hot water. “Seize

him and drag him into the midst of Hell and pour over his head the chastisement of boiling water. Taste this: a mighty and honourable man that you are! This is the same thing about which you entertained doubts (43-50).”

Lessons: 1) Allah is the Lord of the universe and whatever is in it, i.e., everything we claim is ours, is in fact is His. 2) The Quran is the lucid book sent by Allah to warn people. It was made easy so that they may take counsel. 3) Wealth and power are tests of this worldly life. 4) Allah destroys nations only when they become wicked.

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45. Lessons in Surah Al-Jathiya

The surah al-Al-Jathiya is the 45th chapter of the Quran, which has 37 verses. It derives its name from verse 28.

Summary of subjects

Allah: Ha-Mim. The revelation of this Book is from Allah, the All-Mighty, the All-Wise (1-2). So, all praise be to Allah, the Lord of the heavens, the Lord of the earth, the Lord of the whole Universe. His is the glory in the heavens and the earth. He is the Most Mighty, the Wisest (36-37).

The Quran: This Quran is true Guidance, and for those who have refused to believe in the Revelations of their Lord, there is the torment of a terrible scourge (11). These are the lights of discernment for all mankind and guidance and mercy for those who affirm the faith (20).

Mohammed(saw): O Prophet, tell the believers to pardon the errors of those who do not fear the coming of the evil days from Allah, so that Allah may Himself recompense a group for what they have earned (14). And then We set you, (O Prophet), on a clear high road in religious matters. So, follow that and do not follow the desires of those who do not know. Surely, they will be of no avail to you against Allah. Indeed, the wrong doers are friends of each other, whereas Allah is the friend of the God-fearing (18-19).

Believers: Indeed, We endowed the Children of Israel with the Book and Wisdom and Prophethood, and provided them with good things as sustenance, and exalted them above the peoples of the whole world. We gave them clear directions in matters pertaining to religion. Yet they differed among themselves (not out of ignorance but) after knowledge had come to them; and they did so out of the desire to commit excesses against one another.

On the Day of Resurrection Allah will judge among them regarding what they had differed (16-17).

Disbelievers: Woe to every lying, sinful person before whom the Revelations of Allah are recited and he hears them, yet he persists in his disbelief arrogantly as if he never heard them. Give such a one the good news of a painful torment. When something of Our Revelations comes to his knowledge, he takes it in jest. For all such people there is an abasing torment. They have Hell in front of them. Nothing of what they have earned in the world will avail them anything, nor those whom they have taken for guardians instead of Allah. There is a great punishment for them (7-10). They say: "There is no life other than our present worldly life: herein we live, and we die, and it is only (the passage of) time that destroys us. Yet the fact is that they know nothing about this and are only conjecturing. And when Our Clear Signs are rehearsed to them, their only contention is: "Bring back to us our fathers if you are truthful" (24-25).

Admonishing: Whoever does good will do so for himself, and whoever does evil will himself bear its burden. To your Lord you have all to return (15). The wrongdoers are companions of one another and the Companion of the righteous is Allah (19). Do those who have committed evil, think that We shall hold them and those who have believed and done right as equal, so that their life and their death should be alike? Evil indeed are the judgments they pass! Allah has created the heavens and the earth with the truth in order that each living being will be rewarded for what it has earned. The people shall not be wronged at all. Did you ever consider the case of him who took his desire as his god, and then Allah caused him to go astray despite knowledge, and sealed his hearing and his heart, and cast a veil over his sight? Who, after Allah, can direct him to the Right Way? Will you not take heed (21-23)? Tell them, (O Prophet): "It is Allah Who gives you life and then causes you to die, and He it is Who will then bring all of you together on the Day of Resurrection, a Day regarding which there can be no doubt. Yet most people do not know. To Allah belongs the Sovereignty of the heavens and the earth, and the Day the Hour of Resurrection arrives, the worshipers of falsehood on that Day shall be doomed to loss (26-27)."

Ponder: The fact is that there are countless Signs in the heavens and the earth for those who believe. And in your own creation and in the animals, whom Allah is scattering all over the earth, there are signs for those who affirm faith. And in the difference of the night and day, and in the provisions that Allah sends down from the heaven, whereby He revives the earth after its death, and in the

circulation of the winds, there are many signs for those who use their common sense. These are the Revelations of Allah, which We are rehearsing to you accurately. Then, what is there after Allah and His Revelations in which they will believe (3-6). Allah it is Who subjected to you the ocean so that ships may sail in it by His Command, and you may seek His bounty and be grateful to Him. He subjected to you everything that the heavens and the earth contain, all from Himself. There are many signs in this for those who think (12-13).

End Times: On that Day you shall see every people fallen on their knees. Every people will be summoned to come forth and see its Record and will be told: "Today you shall be requited for your deeds. This is Our Record which bears witness against you with truth; We used to record all what you did." As for those who believe and act righteously, their Lord shall admit them to His Mercy. That indeed is the manifest triumph. But those who denied the Truth, they shall be told: "Were My Signs not rehearsed to you? But you waxed proud and became a guilty people." And when it was said to them: "Surely Allah's promise is true, and there is no doubt regarding the Hour of Resurrection," you were wont to say: "We do not know what the Hour (of Resurrection) is. We are simply making conjectures and are not at all certain." (On that Day) the evil of their deeds will become apparent to them and what they had mocked at will encompass them, and it will be said: "We will forget you today as you forgot the meeting of this Day of yours. The Fire shall now be your abode, and you shall have none to come to your aid. You reached this end because you made Allah's Signs an object of jest and the life of the world deluded you." So, they shall not be taken out of the Fire nor shall they be asked to make amends (and thus please their Lord) (28-35).

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46. Lessons in Surah Al-Ahqaf

The surah al-Al-Ahqaf is the 46th chapter of the Quran, which has 35 verses. It derives its name from verse 21.

Summary of subjects

Quran: Ha, Meem. The revelation of this Book is from Allah, the Most Mighty, the Most Wise (1-2). Yet before this the Book was revealed to Moses as a guide and a mercy. This Book, which confirms it, is in the Arabic tongue to warn the wrong-doers and to give good tidings to those who do good (12).

Muhammed(saw): (And recall the event) when We brought to you a group of jinns so that they might listen to the Qur'an. When

they reached the place (where you were reciting it), they said to one another, "Be silent." When the recitation was over, they returned to their people as warners. They said to them, "O our people! We have just listened to a Book that has been sent down after Moses. It contains the Books that came before it and it guides to the Truth and to a Straight Way. O our people! Accept the invitation of the one calling to Allah and believe in him. Allah will forgive you your sins and will save you from a painful torment." And he who does not answer the one calling to Allah neither possesses any power in the earth to make Allah helpless nor has any protector and guardian to save him from Allah. Such people are involved in manifest error (29-32). Therefore, endure with patience, O Prophet, as did the Messengers endowed with the firmness of purpose, and do not be in haste concerning them. The day these people see that with which they are being threatened, it will so appear to them that they did not stay in the world for more than an hour of a day. The Message has been conveyed. Now, shall any other than the disobedient people be destroyed (35)?

Prophets: Recount to them the story of (Hud), the brother of (the tribe of) 'Ad. Hud warned his people beside the sand-dunes, and there have been other warners before him and since his time, saying: "Serve none but Allah. Verily I fear that the chastisement of an awesome day shall come upon you. " They said, "Have you come to seduce us away from our own gods? Well, bring down your torment with which you threaten us, if you are really truthful." He said, "The knowledge of this is with Allah. I am only conveying to you the message with which I have been sent. But I see that you are a people Sunk in ignorance." Then, when they saw the torment coming towards their valleys, they said, "This is a cloud that will give us much rain." Nay, but this is the same thing which you asked to be hastened. This is a storm of wind bringing a painful torment. It will destroy everything by the Command of its Lord. Consequently, there remained nothing to be seen except their (empty) dwelling places. Thus, do We recompense the culprits. We had given them that which We have not given you. We had given them ears and eyes and hearts, but nothing did their ears and their eyes, and their hearts avail them, because they denied the Revelations of Allah, and they were encompassed by the same thing that they mocked (21-26).

The believer: Indeed, those who said, "Allah alone is our Lord," then remained steadfast, they shall neither have anything to fear nor shall they grieve. They all shall go to Paradise wherein they shall live for ever, a reward for the deeds they did in the world. We have enjoined man to treat his parents with kindness. His mother bore him with hardship and she gave him birth with

hardship, and his bearing and his weaning took thirty months, until when he attained to his full strength and became forty years old, he said, "O my Lord, grant me the grace that I may thank You for the favours You have bestowed on me and on my parents, and that I should do such good works as may please You, and make my children also good to comfort me. I turn to You in penitence, and I am of those who have surrendered to You (as Muslims)." From such people We accept the best of their deeds and overlook their evils. They will be among the dwellers of Paradise according to the true promise that has been made to them (13-16).

The Disbelievers: Whenever Our clear Revelations are recited to them and the Truth comes before them, the disbelievers say, "This is plain magic." Do they mean to say that the Messenger himself has fabricated it? Say to them, "If I have fabricated it myself, you will not be able to do anything to save me from Allah's punishment. Allah knows full well whatever you utter. He is enough as a witness between me and you, and He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful." Say to them, "I am not a novel Messenger, I do not know what shall befall you tomorrow nor what shall befall me. I only follow that which is revealed to me, and I am no more than a warner." O Prophet, say to them, "Have you ever considered that if this (Quran) were really from Allah, and yet you denied it, (what would be your end)? And a witness from among the children of Israel has already borne witness to the like of it; he believed while you showed arrogance. Allah does not show guidance to such wrongdoers". Those who have refused to believe say about those who have believed, "If it had been any good to believe in this Book, they would not have believed in it before us." As they have not received any guidance from it, they will surely say, "This is an ancient falsehood" (7-11).

Polytheism: O Prophet, say to them, "Have you ever seen with open eyes those whom you invoke instead of Allah? Show me what they have created in the world, or, have they any share in the creation and control of the heavens? Bring me a Book revealed before this or produce some remnant of knowledge (in support of your beliefs) if you are truthful." And who could be further astray than the one who invokes, instead of Allah, those who cannot answer him till the Day of Resurrection? Nay, they are even unaware that they are being invoked. And when all mankind shall be gathered, they will become enemies of those who invoked them and will disown their worship (4-6).

Ponder: But the one who said to his parents, "Fie upon you! what, do you frighten me with this that I shall be taken out of the grave after death? whereas many a generation has passed away

before me (and none has risen from among them). The parents beseech Allah (and say to their child): "Woe to you, have faith. Surely Allah's promise is true." But he says: "All this is nothing but fables of olden times." Such are the people against whom the decision of torment has already been decreed. They will also join those hosts of the jinns and men (of their own kind) who have passed away before them. Indeed, they are the losers. Each one of the two groups will have their ranks according to their deeds so that Allah may reward them fully for what they have done, and they shall not be wronged at all. When the disbelievers are mustered at the Fire, it will be said to them, "You have exhausted your share of the good things in your life of the world, and you enjoyed them fully. Today you shall be punished with a torment of disgrace in consequence of the arrogance that you showed on the earth, without any right, and the transgressions that you committed" (17-20).

Admonishing: We have created the heavens and the earth and all that is between them in Truth and for an appointed term. But those who disbelieve have turned away from what they were warned against (3). Do they not see that God Who created the heavens and the earth and was not wearied by their creation, has surely the power to raise the dead to life! Why not! Surely, He has power over everything. The Day the disbelievers are mustered at the Fire, they will be asked, "Is not this the Truth?" They will say, "Yes, by our Lord (this is the very Truth!)." Allah will say, "Well, then taste the torment in consequence of your denying the Truth (in the world)" (33-34).

Warning: We have destroyed many habitations around you. We sent Our Revelations to them repeatedly in various ways that they might desist (from wrongdoing). Then, why did not those beings help them whom they had made their gods instead of Allah, and regarded them as a means of attaining nearness to Him? Nay, they were lost from them: and this was the end of their lies and their false beliefs that they had invented (27-28).

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47. Lessons in Surah Muhammad

The surah Mohammed is the 47th chapter of the Quran, which has 38 verses. It derives its name from verse 2.

Summary of subjects

Muhammad(saw): Know, therefore, (O Prophet), that there is no god but Allah, and ask forgiveness for your shortcomings and for (the shortcomings of) believing men and believing women.

Allah knows the places where you move about and where you dwell (19).

Commandment of Battle: When you meet the unbelievers (in battle), smite their necks until you have crushed them, then bind your captives firmly; thereafter (you have right to) set them free, either by an act of grace, or against ransom, after the war ends. That is for you to do. If Allah had so willed, He would have Himself exacted retribution from them. (But He did not do so) that He may test some of you by means of others. As for those who are slain in the way of Allah, He shall never let their works go to waste. He will guide them and set their condition right and will admit them to Paradise with which He has acquainted them (4-6).

The believer: As for those who attained to faith and did righteous works and believed in what was revealed to Muhammad, which indeed is the Truth from their Lord. Allah has remitted their evil deeds and has set their condition right (2). Believers, if you aid Allah, He will come to your aid and will make your foothold firm (7). Allah shall admit those who believe and do righteous works to the Gardens beneath which rivers flow. As for the unbelievers, they enjoy the pleasures of this transient life and eat as cattle eat. The Fire shall be their resort (12). We shall certainly test you until We know those of you who truly strive and remain steadfast and will ascertain about you. Believers, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and do not cause your works to be nullified. So, be not faint-hearted and do not cry for peace. You shall prevail. Allah is with you and will not bring your works to nought. The life of this world is but sport and amusement. If you believe and are God-fearing, He will grant you your reward, and will not ask you for your possessions. If He were to ask you for your possessions and press you (in that regard), you would have grown niggardly, and Allah would have brought your failings to light. Behold, you are those who are called upon to spend in Allah's Way, but some of you are niggardly. Whoever is niggardly is in fact niggardly to himself. For Allah is All-Sufficient, whereas it is you who need Him. If you turn away, He will replace you by a people other than you, and they will not be like you (31,33,35-38).

The Disbelievers: Allah has caused the works of those who disbelieve and hinder people from the way of Allah to go to waste (1). As to those who disbelieve, perdition lies in store for them, and Allah has reduced their works to nought. That was because they were averse to what Allah had revealed; so, He let their works go to waste. Have they not journeyed through the land to see the end of those who went before them? Allah destroyed them. These unbelievers are doomed to the same end. That is because Allah is

the Protector of the believers whereas the unbelievers have none to protect them (8-11). Verily, those who disbelieved and barred others from Allah's Way and opposed the Messenger after the True Guidance had become manifest to them, they shall not be able to cause Allah the least harm; rather, Allah will reduce all their works to nought. Verily Allah shall not forgive those who disbelieved and barred others from Allah's Way and clung to their unbelief until their death (32,34).

Hypocrites: They used to say: “Why is a surah (that would ordain fighting) not revealed?” But when a definitive surah was revealed wherein fighting was mentioned, you saw that those in whose hearts there was a sickness looked at you as though they were about to faint at the approach of death. Pity on them! (They keep affirming their) obedience and saying good words. But when a course of action was clearly determined, it would have been better for them if they had proved true to Allah. Now, if you were to turn away, what else can be expected but that you will work corruption in the land, and sever your ties of kinship? It is these upon whom Allah has laid His curse: so, He made them deaf and deprived them of their sight. Do they, then, not reflect on the Qur'an? Or are there locks on their hearts? Verily, those who have turned their backs on the True Guidance after it became manifest to them, Satan has embellished their ways for them and has buoyed them up with false hopes. This, because they said to those who are averse to the faith that Allah has revealed: “In some matters we shall obey you.” Allah has full knowledge of their secret parleys. But how will they fare when angels will take their souls at death and will carry them, striking their faces and backs? That is because they have followed a way that angered Allah and have been averse to His good pleasure. So, He reduced all their works to nought. Or do they, in whose hearts there is a sickness, believe that Allah will not bring their failings to light? Had We willed, We could have shown them to you so that you would recognise them by their faces, and you would certainly know them by the manner of their speech. Allah knows all your deeds (20-30).

Ponder: That is because those who disbelieved followed falsehood whereas those who believed followed the Truth that came to them from their Lord. Thus does Allah set forth to people parables showing their true state (3). Then, can he, who is on a Clear Guidance from His Lord, be like him whose evil deeds have been embellished to him, and who pursued their lusts? Here is the parable of Paradise which the God-fearing have been promised: in it shall be rivers of incorruptible water, rivers of milk unchanging in taste, and rivers of wine, a delight to those that drink; and rivers of pure honey. In it they will have every kind of fruit as well as

forgiveness from their Lord. Can such be like those who will abide in the Fire and will be given a boiling water to drink that will tear their bowels apart? Among them some give ear to you. But no sooner do they leave your presence than they ask those endowed with knowledge: "What is it that he said just now?" Such are those whose hearts Allah has sealed and who pursue their lusts. As for those who were led to the Guidance, Allah increases them in their guidance and causes them to grow in God-fearing. Are they waiting, then, for anything else than the Last Hour to suddenly come upon them? Already some of its tokens have come. But when it does come upon them, where will any time be left for them to take heed (14-18)?

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48. Lessons in Surah Al-Fath

The surah al-Al-Fath is the 48th chapter of the Quran, which has 29 verses. It derives its name from verse 28.

Summary of subjects

Allah: He it is Who bestowed inner peace on the hearts of the believers so that they may grow yet more firm in their faith. To Allah belong the legions of the heavens and the earth; Allah is All-Knowing, Most Wise (4). To Allah belong the hosts of the heavens and the earth, and He is All-Mighty, All-Wise (7).

Mohammed(saw): O Prophet, We have indeed granted you a clear victory so that Allah may pardon you your former and latter faults, and may perfect His blessing upon you and show you the right way, and bestow on you a mighty help (1-3). O Prophet. We have sent you as a witness, as a bearer of good news and as a warner, so that you, O people, may believe in Allah and His Messenger, and may help the Messenger and honour him and glorify Allah morning and evening (8-9). O Prophet, those who were swearing allegiance to you, were indeed swearing allegiance to Allah. Allah's hand was over their hands. Now whosoever breaks this pledge breaks it at his own peril, and whosoever keeps his pledge that he has made with Allah, Allah will soon grant him a great reward (10). It is Allah Who has sent His Messenger with the Guidance and the religion of Truth that He may make it prevail over all religion, and Allah is sufficient as a Witness in this regard. Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, and those who are with him are hard on the disbelievers and merciful among themselves. When you see them, you will find them bowing down and falling prostrate and craving for Allah's bounty and His good-

will. They have the marks of prostrations on their faces by which they are distinguished from others. This is their description in the Torah, and in the Gospel, they have been likened to a crop which put out its shoot, then strengthened it, then swelled and then stood on its own stem, filling the Sowers with delight and the disbelievers with jealousy of them. Allah has promised those of them, who have believed and done good works, forgiveness, and a great reward (28-29).

The believer: He it is Who sent down tranquillity into the hearts of the believers so that they may grow yet more firm in their faith. He did this so that He may admit the believing men and the believing women into the Gardens underneath which canals flow, there to live for ever, and may remove their evils from them. This is indeed the greatest success in the sight of Allah (4-5). Allah was well pleased with the believers when they were swearing allegiance to you under the tree. He knew what was in their hearts; therefore, He sent down tranquillity upon them and rewarded them with a victory near at hand, and many spoils which they will (soon) take. Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise. Allah promises you rich spoils which you will acquire. Presently He has granted you this victory. And has restrained the hands of the people from you so that it they be a sign to the believers, and Allah may guide you to the right way. Besides, He promises you other spoils as well, which you are not yet able to take, and Allah has encompassed them. Allah has power over everything (18-21).

The Disbelievers: He also did this to punish the hypocritical men and women and the polytheist men and women, who entertain evil thoughts about Allah. They themselves have been encircled by the evil. They came under the wrath of Allah and He cursed them and prepared for them Hell, which is a most evil abode (6). Whoever does not believe in Allah and His Messenger, for such disbelievers We have prepared a blazing Fire. To Allah belongs the Kingdom of the heavens and the earth. He may pardon whomever He wills and punish whomever He wills, and He is All-Forgiving, All -Merciful (13-14). They are the ones who disbelieved and debarred you from the Masjid al-Haram and hindered the sacrificial animals from reaching their place of sacrifice. men and women (in Makkah) whom you do not know and the fear that you would trample them under foot without knowing it and incur blame on that account, (the fighting would not have been allowed to stop. It was stopped), so that Allah may admit into His mercy whom He will. Had the believers stood apart (from the people of Makkah), We would have severely punished the disbelievers among them. (That is why) when the disbelievers set in their hearts the arrogance of paganism, is peace upon His Messenger

and the believers, and obliged the believers to adhere to the word of piety, for they were most worthy and deserving of it. Allah has knowledge of everything (25-26).

Hypocrites: O Prophet, those of the bedouins who stayed behind will say to you, "Our properties and our households kept us occupied; so ask forgiveness for us." They say with their tongues that which is not in their hearts. Say to them: "If it is so, who that can have any power to withhold Allah's decree in your behalf if He intends to do some harm to you or bring some good to you? Allah is aware of all your actions. (But the real thing is not what you say) Nay, you rather thought that the Messenger and the believers would never return to their families and this fancy delighted your hearts and you harboured evil thoughts, and you are a people, most wicked" (11-12). When you set out to take the spoils, those who were left behind, will surely say to you, "Allow us accompany you." They wish to change Allah's decree. Tell them plainly, "You shall not accompany us. Allah has already said this before." They will then say, "In fact, you are driven by jealousy against us!" The truth is: they can hardly comprehend (15).

Admonishing: Tell the bedouins who were left behind, "You shall soon be called upon to fight a mighty people. You shall have to fight them, or they will submit. Then if you carried out the Command of Jihad, Allah would give you a good reward, and if you turned your backs as you did before, Allah will punish you with a painful torment. However, there is no harm if the blind and the lame and the sick person does not come forth for Jihad. Whosoever obeys Allah and His Messenger, Allah will admit him into Gardens underneath which canals flow; and the one who turns away, him He will punish with a painful torment (16-17). If the disbelievers had fought you then, they would certainly have turned their backs and would have found no protector or helper. This is the Way of Allah that has been followed in the past, and you will find no change in the Way of Allah. It is He Who restrained their hands from you and your hands from them in the valley of Makkah, whereas He had granted you victory over them, and Allah saw what you were doing (22-24). Indeed, Allah had shown His Messenger a true vision, which was precisely according to the truth, "You shall surely enter the Masjid al-Haram, if Allah so wills, in full security. you will have your heads shaved, your hair cut, and you will have nothing to fear. He knew what you did not know. Therefore, He granted you this near victory before the fulfilment of the vision" (27).

49. Lessons in Surah Al-Hujurat

Summary of subjects

Commandments: 1) Believers, do not advance before Allah and His Messenger, and fear Allah. Verily Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 2) Believers do not raise your voices above the voice of the Prophet and when speaking to him do not speak aloud as you speak aloud to one another, lest all your deeds are reduced to nothing without your even realizing it. 3) The ones who lower their voices in the presence of the Messenger of Allah are those whose hearts Allah has tested for God-fearing. Theirs shall be forgiveness and a great reward. 4) Surely most of those who call out to you, (O Prophet), from behind the apartments, are devoid of understanding. 5) O you who have believed, if a wicked person brings you some news, inquire into it carefully lest you should harm others unwittingly and then regret what you have done. Knew it well that the Messenger of Allah is among you. If he were to obey you in most affairs, you would certainly be in trouble. But Allah has endeared the Faith to you and made it seem fair in your hearts and made disbelief, wrongdoing, and disobedience abhorrent to you. Such are those who are rightly guided through Allah's grace and Allah is All-Knowing, All-Wise. 6) If two parties of the believers happen to fight, make peace between them. But then, if one of them transgresses against the other, fight the one that transgresses until it reverts to Allah's command. And if it does revert, make peace between them with justice. 7) be equitable for Allah loves the equitable. 8) The believers are brothers to one another; so, set the relations right between your brothers, and fear Allah; it is expected that you will be shown mercy. 9) O you who have believed, neither should men mock other men, it may be that these are better than they; nor should women mock other women, it may be that these are better than they. 10) Do not taunt one another among yourselves, nor call one another by nicknames. It is an evil thing to be called by a bad name after faith. Those who fail to avoid this are wrongdoers. 11) O you who have believed, avoid much suspicion, for some suspicions are sins. 12) Do not spy, 13) nor should anyone backbite the other. Is there any among you who would like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? Nay, you yourselves abhor it. Fear Allah, for Allah is Acceptor of repentance and All-Merciful (1-12).

The believer: The true believers are those who believed in Allah and His Messenger; then they entertained no doubt and

exerted their utmost in the Way of Allah with their selves and their wealth. They indeed are the truthful ones (15).

Admonishing: O you who have believed, do not go in advance of Allah and His Messenger, and fear Allah: Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. O you who have believed, do not raise your voices above the Prophet's voice, nor speak to him loud as you speak loud to one another lest all your works be rendered void, while you do not know. Those who lower their voices in the presence of the Messenger of God, are, in fact, those whose hearts Allah has disposed to piety. For them is forgiveness and a great reward! O Prophet, those who call out to you from outside the apartments, most of them have no sense. If only they had had patience until you came out to them, it would be better for them. Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful (1-5). O mankind, We created you from one man and one woman, and then divided you into nations and tribes so that you may recognize one another. Indeed, the most honourable among you in the sight of Allah is he who is the most pious of you. Surely, Allah is All-knowing, All-Wise. The desert Arabs say, "We have believed." Say to them, "You have not believed: rather say, "We have submitted." Faith has not yet entered your hearts. If you adopt obedience to Allah and His Messenger, He will not diminish anything from the reward of your works." Surely, Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful (13-14).

Warning: O Prophet, say to those (who claim to have believed), "Are you apprising Allah of your Faith? whereas Allah knows all that there is in the heavens and the earth and has knowledge of everything." They deem it as a favour to you that they have accepted Islam. Say to them, "Do not deem your Islam as a favour to me, but rather Allah has done you a favour that He has guided you to the Faith, if you are really truthful (in your claim to have believed). Allah has the knowledge of every hidden thing in the heavens and the earth, and He sees whatever you do" (16-18).

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50. Lessons in Surah Qaf

The surah Qaf is the 50th chapter of the Quran, which has 45 verses. It derives its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): We created the heavens and the earth and all that lies between them in six days, and no fatigue overcame Us. Therefore, O Prophet, bear with patience whatever they say, and keep up glorifying your Lord with His

praise, before sunrise and before sunset. And glorify Him again in the night and also when you are free from prostrations (38-40). O Prophet, We know very well what they say, and you are not there to compel them into believing. Therefore, admonish with this Qur'an every such person who fears My warning (45).

The Disbelievers: Qaf. By the glorious Qur'an! Nay, but they wondered that a Warner from among themselves had come to them. So, the disbelievers said, "This is indeed a strange thing: when we are dead and have become dust, (shall we be raised up again)? Such a return is far removed from reason." (Whereas) We know very well whatever the earth consumes of their bodies, and We have a Book which preserves everything (1-4). Nay, but these people plainly denied the Truth when it came to them. That is why they are confused now (5).

Ponder: What! Have they never looked up to the sky above them, (and observed) how we made it and adorned it, and how there is no flaw in it? And We spread out the earth and set mountains in it and caused to grow in it every kind of beautiful vegetation. All these things are eye-openers and object lessons for every servant who turns (to the Truth) (6-8). And from the sky We sent down blessed water where-by We produced gardens and harvest grain and tall palm-trees laden with clusters of fruit, piled one over another. This is the arrangement to provide food for the servants. With this water We revive a dead land. Such also will be the resurrection (of the dead from the earth)" (9-11). We have destroyed many nations before them, who were much stronger than they in power, and they ransacked all the lands. Then, could they find a place of refuge? Indeed, in this there is a lesson for every such person who has a heart, or who gives ear and listens with attention (36-37).

Warning: Before them the people of Noah and the people of the Rass and Thamud also denied, and so did "Ad and Pharaoh and the brethren of Lot and the dwellers of Aiykah and the people of Tubba". Everyone denied the Messengers, and consequently My scourge proved true against them. Did We, then, become worn out by the first creation? Not at all, but they are in doubt about a fresh creation. We have created man and know every evil

suggestion that arises in his heart: We are even closer to him than his jugular vein. Moreover, there are two scribes, one each sitting on the right and the left, recording everything. He utters not a word, but there is a vigilant watcher at hand. Lo, the agony of death has come with the truth. That is what you had sought to avoid (12-19).

Resurrection Day: And listen! The Day when the caller shall call out froth near (every person), the Day when all the people shall be hearing the Cry rightly, shall be the Day of the coming out of the dead from the earth. It is We Who bestow life and give death and to Us shall all return on that Day, when the earth shall split asunder, and the people shall be rushing out of it in all haste. This gathering together is very easy for Us (41-44).

Judgment Day: And then the Trumpet was blown. This is the day of the promised chastisement. Every person has come in a state that there is a driver with him and a witness. You were heedless of this. We have removed your curtain from you, so your sight is very sharp today. His companion submitted, "Here is the one who was given in my charge." It was commanded, "Cast into Hell every stubborn disbeliever, who was hostile to the Truth, who was a forbidden of the good, a transgressor, a doubter and who had set up another god with Allah. Cast him into severe torment." His companion submitted, "Our Lord, I did not cause him to rebel, but he himself had gone far astray." In reply it was said, "Do not dispute in My Presence: I had already warned you of the evil end. My sentence cannot be changed nor am I unjust to My servants". The Day when We shall ask Hell, "Are you full?" it will say, "Is there anymore?" And Paradise shall be brought close to the righteous, no longer distant. It will be said, "This is that which was promised to you, to every such person who turned (to God) again and again, who Was watchful, who feared the Merciful, unseen. Who has come with a devoted heart. Enter Paradise in peace." That Day will be the Day of eternal life. There they shall have all that they will desire, and We have with us yet more for them (20-35).

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51. Lessons in Surah Dhariyat

The surah Al-Dhariyat is the 51st chapter of the Quran, which has 60 verses. It derives its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Allah: We have built the heaven with Our own might, and We have the power to do so. We have spread out the earth and (behold) how excellent Spreaders We are! And We have created everything in pairs, perhaps you will take heed (47-49).

Prophets(AS): O Prophet, has the story of Abraham's honoured guests reached you? When they came to him, they said, "Peace to you." He said, "Peace to you too, unfamiliar folks they are!" Then he went quietly to his family and brought out a fatted (roasted) calf and laid it before the guests. He said, "Will you not eat?" Then he became afraid of them. They said, "Be not afraid!" And they gave him the good news of the birth of a son, possessing knowledge. Hearing this his wife came forward, crying, and she smote her face, and said, "An old woman, barren!" "Thus, has said your Lord," they replied, "He is the All-Wise, the All-Knowing." Abraham said, "O Divine Messengers, what is your special task?" They said, "We have been sent to a guilty people, to rain upon them stones of baked clay, which are marked with your Lord for the transgressors." Then We evacuated all those who were believers in that settlement, and We did not find in it any house of the Muslims except one. Then We left there only one sign for those who fear the painful torment (24-37).

The believer: The righteous, however, shall be among gardens and water springs that Day, and shall be joyfully receiving what their Lord shall give them. They were doers of good even before the coming of this Day: they slept but little in the night, prayed for forgiveness in the early hours of dawn, and in their possessions was a due share of him who asked and of him who was needy (15-19).

The Disbelievers: Doomed are they who judge by conjecture, who are deeply engrossed in ignorance and heedlessness. They ask, "When will be the Day of Retribution?" It will be when they are punished at the Fire. (It will, be said to them:) "Now taste your mischief. This is the same which you were seeking to be hastened (10-14).

Warning: By the winds which scatter dust, which carry clouds laden with water, which then smoothly speed along, then distribute a big affair (rain). The truth is that with which

you are being warned is true, and the Judgement shall doubtlessly take place. By the sky of various appearances, you are at variance with one another (concerning the Hereafter). Only such a one is perverted from it who has turned away from the Truth (1-9). So, flee unto Allah: I am a clear warner to you from Him. And do not set up any deity with Allah. Surely, I am a clear warner to you from Him (50-51).

Admonishing: There are many Signs on earth for those of sure faith, and in your own selves. Do you not perceive? In the heaven is your provision and that which is being promised to you. So, by the Lord of the heaven and the earth! It is true, as true as you are speaking now (20-23). This has always been so. Whenever a Messenger came to the peoples before them, they said, "He is a sorcerer or a madman." Have they reached a mutual understanding concerning this? Nay, but they are all a rebellious people. So, O Prophet, turn away from them: you are not at all to blame. But go on admonishing them, for the admonition is beneficial for the believers (52-55).

Ponder: (And there is a sign for you) in the story of Moses. When We sent him to Pharaoh with a clear authority, he showed arrogance on account of his might, and said, "He is a sorcerer or a madman." Consequently, We seized him and his hosts and cast them into the sea, he became blameworthy. And (for you is a sign) in 'Ad when We sent upon them a blighting wind which made rotten everything that it blew on. And (for you is a sign) in Thamud when it was said to them, "Enjoy yourselves for a while." But despite the warning, they defied the Command of their Lord. Consequently, they were overtaken by a thunderbolt even while they looked on. Then they could neither stand up nor were able to save themselves. And before them We destroyed the people of Noah because they were a sinful people (38-46). I have not created the jinn and the men except for this that they should worship Me. I do not ask any sustenance of them, nor do I ask them to feed Me. Allah Himself is the Sustainer, Possessor of power and might. Therefore, those who have done wrong, have also their portion of a similar torment ready as the people like them have been meted out their portions before. So let them not ask Me to hasten. Ultimately, there will be destruction for those who have disbelieved, on the Day with which they are being threatened (56-60).

52. Lessons in Surah At-tur

The surah Al-Tur is the 52nd chapter of the Quran, which has 49 verses. It derives its name from the first word.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): So, O Prophet, go on admonishing (them). By the grace of your Lord, you are neither a soothsayer nor mad (29). Endure patiently, O Prophet, until your Lord's judgment comes to pass sight. Glorify your Lord with His praise when you rise, and glorify Him in the night too, and at the retreat of the stars (48-49).

The believer: The righteous shall be in Gardens and Bliss, rejoicing in what their Lord shall give them; and their Lord shall save them from the torment of Hell. (It will be said to them:) "Eat and drink with relish as a reward for what you have been doing." They will be reclining on couches, facing each other, and We shall wed them to maidens with large, beautiful eyes. Those who have believed, and their offspring also have followed in their footsteps in degrees of faith, We shall join to them those of their offspring also (in Paradise) and shall not deprive them of anything of their deeds. Every person is a pledge for what he has earned. We shall go on providing them well with fruits and meat, such as they may desire. They shall zealously be passing from hand to hand a cup of wine which shall neither contain idle talk nor immorality. And there will go round to them young boys, exclusively appointed for their service, who will be as lovely as- well-guarded pearls. They will turn to one another and ask (about their worldly lives). They will say, "Before this we lived among our kinsfolk, in fear and dread. Consequently, Allah has been bounteous to us and has saved us from the torment of the scorching wind. Indeed, we prayed only to Him in our previous life. Most surely He is the Beneficent, the Merciful" (17-28).

The Disbelievers: They say: "He is a poet for whom we await an adverse turn of fortune." Tell them, "Yes, wait; I too shall wait with you." Do their minds command them to do so, or are they a people who have transgressed all limits (30-32)? Do they say, "This man himself has forged this Qur'an" The fact is that they do not want to believe. Let them then produce a discourse of similar splendour, if they are true in what they

say (30-34). Even if they saw fragments of the sky falling, they would say, "this is a mass of clouds advancing." Therefore, O Prophet, leave them to themselves till they meet that Day of theirs wherein they shall be struck down, the Day when neither shall their own plotting avail them anything nor shall anyone else come to their rescue. And even before that there await the wrongdoers another torment, but most of them do not know (44-47).

Ponder: Have they been created without a Creator? Or are they their own creators? Or have they created the heavens and the earth? The fact is that they lack faith. Do they possess the treasures of your Lord? Or is it they who control them (37)? Do they have a ladder by climbing which they overhear what goes on in heavens? Then let any of them who has overheard bring a clear proof. Is Allah to have daughters and you sons? Do you ask them for any rewards that they are weighed down under a load of debt? Or is it that they have access to the Truths in the realm beyond sense-perception which they are writing down? Do they intend to devise a plot? (If so,) the plot shall recoil upon the disbelievers themselves. Do they have a god other than Allah? Exalted is Allah above what they associate with Him (35-43).

Warning: By the (mount) Tur, and an open Book written on a fine scroll, and the inhabited House, and the elevated roof, and the surging ocean, the torment of your Lord shall surely come to pass, which none can avert. It will be on a Day when the heaven shall reel and shake violently, and the mountains shall fly about. Woe on that Day to the deniers who are today engaged in their (useless) arguments for sport. The Day when they are driven and pushed to Hellfire, it will be said to them, "This is the same Fire that you were wont to deny. Now tell: Is this magic? Or, do you not perceive it? Now burn! Whether you bear it patiently or not, it is all the same for you. You are being recompensed only according to your deeds (1-16)."

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53. Lessons in Surah Al-Najam

The surah Al-Najam is the 53rd chapter of the Quran, which has 62 verses. It derives its name from the first word.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): By the Star when it set, your companion has neither strayed nor is he deluded; Nor does he not speak out of his own desire. It is but a Revelation which is sent down to him. something that a very powerful one has imparted to him, one endowed with immense wisdom. He came forth and stood poised, being on the higher horizon. Then he drew near and hung suspended above, until he was two bows' length away, or nearer. Then he revealed to the servant of Allah whatever he had to reveal. The heart belied not what he saw. Do you then dispute with him concerning what he sees with the eyes? Indeed, he saw him a second time, by the lote-tree at the farthest boundary, near which is the Garden of Abode. (This was) when the lote-tree was covered with that which covered it. The sight was neither dazzled nor it exceeded the limit, and he certainly saw some of the greatest Signs of His Lord (1-18). So, leave alone those who turn away from the remembrance of Us and who seek nothing but the life of the world, that being the utmost of their knowledge. Surely your Lord fully knows those who have strayed away from His Path and He also fully knows those who are rightly guided, on those who avoid grave sins and shameful deeds, even if they may sometimes stumble into lesser offences. Surely your Lord is abounding in His Forgiveness. Very well is He aware of you since He produced you from the earth, and while you were still in your mothers' wombs and not yet born. So do not boastfully claim yourselves to be purified. He fully knows those that are truly Godfearing (29-32).

Polytheism: Now tell: Have you ever pondered over the reality of this Lat, and this 'Uzza, and another, the third goddess, Manat? Are the sons for you and the daughters for Allah? This would indeed be an unfair division! These are nothing but mere names which you and your forefathers have invented. Allah has sent down no authority for them. The fact is that the people are following mere conjecture and the lusts of their souls, even though right guidance has come to them from their Lord. Is it that whatever man desires should become the truth for him? To Allah belongs the present and the Hereafter. Numerous are the angels in the heavens; yet their intercession shall be of no avail, except regarding those whom He grants the leave of intercession and whose plea He is pleased to accept. Those who do not believe in the

Hereafter give angels the names of females, although they have no knowledge regarding that. They only follow their conjecture, and conjecture can never take the place of the Truth (19-28).

Warning: “That no bearer of burdens shall bear the burden of another. And that there is nothing for man but what he has striven for. And that his striving shall soon be seen, and then he will be fully rewarded for it; and that to your Lord is the final goal; and that it is He Who made (men) to laugh and to weep. And that it is He Who gave death and granted life; and that it is He Who created the pair of male and female from a sperm-drop when it is emitted. And that it rests upon Him to grant the second life and that it is He Who made rich and bestowed property. And that He is the Lord of Sirius. And that it is He Who destroyed the former 'Ad, and annihilated Thamud to spare none of them. And before them He destroyed the people of Noah because they were a most wicked and rebellious people. And He overthrew the subverted settlements, then there covered them that which (you know well) covered them. Then, O man, which of your Lord's bounties will you doubt?” This is a warning among the warnings of yore. The imminent Hour has drawn near, and none but Allah can avert it. Is it at these things that you marvel? And you laugh and weep not? And you ward them off by merry making? Bow down before Allah and worship Him (38-62).

Admonishing: Then, O Prophet, have you seen him who turned away from God's Way, who gave a little and stopped? Does he possess the knowledge of the unseen that he sees the reality? Has he not heard of those things that have been mentioned in the Books of Moses and in the Books of that Abraham who proved true to his pledge (33-37)?

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54. Lessons in Surah Al-Qamar

The surah Al-Qamar is the 54th chapter of the Quran, which has 55 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

The believer: Those who have avoided disobedience shall be among gardens and canals, in a place of true honour, in the Presence of a most Powerful King (54-55).

The Disbelievers & Polytheists: Before them the people of Noah also denied. They called Our servant a liar, and said, "He is a madman," and he was rebuked harshly. At last, he called out to his Lord, saying, "I am overcome, take now Thy vengeance." Then We opened the gates of heaven with torrential rain, and We caused the earth to burst forth into springs, and the waters met to fulfil the decreed end. And We bore Noah upon a thing made of planks and nails, which floated under Our care. This was a vengeance for the sake of him who had been slighted. And We left that Ark as a Sign. Then, is there any who would take admonition? Just see how dreadful My scourge was and how true My warnings! We have made this Qur'an an easy means of admonition. Then, is there any who would take admonition? 'Ad also denied. Then behold, how severe was My punishment and how true My warnings! We sent on them a raging wind on a day of continuous ill-luck, which swept them off as though they were trunks of uprooted palm-trees. Then see how severe My punishment was and how true My warnings! We have made this Qur'an an easy means of admonition. Then, is there any who would take admonition? Thamud rejected the warnings, and said, "A solitary man he is from among ourselves. Shall we now follow him? If we did so, we should indeed be gone astray and have committed folly. Was he the only person among us to have God's Reminder sent down to him? Nay, but he is an utter liar and a conceited person." (We said to Our Messenger) Tomorrow they shall know who an utter liar and a conceited person is. We are sending the she-camel as a trial for them. Now watch with patience what end they meet. Tell them that the water will be divided between them and the she-camel, and each will have water on his own Turn." At last, they called out to their companion, who took up the responsibility and killed her. Then see how severe My punishment was and how true My warnings! We let loose on them a single blast and they became as the trampled twigs of the fence of a fold builder. We have made this Qur'an an easy means of admonition. Then, is there any who would take admonition? Lot's people denied the warnings. We sent on them a wind charged with stones, which spared none but Lot's household, whom we saved in the last hours of the night through Our grace. Thus, do We reward him who is grateful. Lot did warn

his people of Our scourge, but they doubted all the warnings and paid no heed. Then they sought to prevent him from guarding his guests. Consequently, We blinded their eyes (and said), "Taste now My torment and My warnings!" Early in the morning they were overtaken by a lasting torment. Taste now My torment and My warnings. We have made this Qur'an an easy means of admonition. Then, is there any who would take admonition (9-40)? Are your disbelievers any better? Or is there any exemption for you in the Divine Books? Or, do they say, "We are a strong host: We shall defend ourselves?" Soon shall this host be put to rout, and they will all show their backs. But the promised time to deal with them is the Hour of Resurrection, a most grievous and bitter Hour! These wicked people are in fact involved in misunderstanding and folly. The Day they are dragged into the Fire, on their faces, it will be said to them, "Taste now the flame of Hell (41-48)."

Warning: We have created everything with a destiny, and Our Command is but one Command, which takes effect in the twinkling of an eye. We have destroyed many like you. Then, is there any who would take admonition? Whatever they have done is recorded in registers and everything, small or great, is written therein (49-53).

End Times: The Doomsday has drawn near, and the Moon split asunder. Yet whatever Sign these people may see they turn away and say, "This is an ongoing sorcery." They have denied (this too) and followed only their own lusts. Ultimately, every matter must reach an appointed end (1-3).

Resurrection Day: Surely there came to them narratives (of the ancient nations) that should suffice to deter (them from transgression), narratives that are full of consummate wisdom. But warnings are of little avail with these people. So, O Prophet, turn away from them. The Day the Caller shall call them to a most terrifying event, the people shall rise out of their graves with awestruck looks as though they were scattered locusts. They will be rushing towards the Caller and the same disbelievers (who denied it in the world) shall say, "This indeed is a hard day (4-8)!"

The surah Ar-Rehman is the 55th chapter of the Quran, which has 78 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Allah: The most Merciful (God) has taught this Qur'an. He it is Who created man and taught him speech. The sun and the moon adhere to a schedule, and the stars and the trees, all bow down in worship. He raised the heaven high and set its balance. Therefore, do not upset the balance. Weigh with equity and do not give short weight. He set the earth for all creatures, with all kinds of tasty fruits in abundance and palm-trees with sheathed fruit, and a variety of corn with husk as well as grain. So, O jinn and men, which of your Lord's blessings will you deny? He created man from dry, rotten clay like the potters, and the jinn from the flame of fire. So, O jinn and men; which wonders of your Lord's power will you deny? Both the Easts and both the Wests. He is the Lord and Sustainer of all. So, O jinn and men, which of your Lord's powers will you deny? He let loose the two seas that they may meet. Yet there stands between them a barrier which they do not transgress. So, O jinn and men, which manifestations of your Lord's power will you deny? From these seas come out pearls and corals. So, O jinn and men, which excellences of your Lord's power will you deny? His are the ships, towering on the sea like mountains. So, O jinn and men, which of your Lord's bounties will you deny (1-25)?

Warning: O you twain, burden of the earth, We shall soon be free to call you to account. (Then We shall see) which of your Lord's favours you deny. O company of jinn and men! If you have the power to escape across the bounds of the earth and the heavens, then escape! You shall not escape, for it requires great power. So, O jinn and men, which of your Lord's powers will you deny? (If you try to escape) a flame of fire and smoke shall be let loose upon you, which you will not be able to withstand. O jinn and men, which of your Lord's powers will you deny? Then (how will it be) when the heaven will burst and redden like red leather? O jinn and men, which of your Lord's powers will you (then) deny (31-38)?

Admonishing: All that exists on the earth shall perish. Only your Lord, possessed of majesty and honour, shall endure for ever. So, O jinn and men, which of your Lord's excellences will you deny. Whosoever is there in the earth

and the heavens, implores Him for its needs. Every moment He is in a new (state of) glory. So, O jinn and men, which of your Lord's glories will you deny (26-30)?

Judgment Day: On that Day no man and no jinn will need be asked concerning his sin. Then (it will be seen) which of your Lord's favours you deny. The culprits there shall be recognized by their faces, and they shall be seized by their forelock and by their feet and dragged. (Then) which of your Lord's powers will you deny? (At that time, it will be said:) "This is the same Hell which the culprits were wont to deny." They will wander to and from between the same Hell and the hot boiling water. Then, which of your Lord's powers will you deny (39-45)?

Paradise: And for everyone who dreads to stand before his Lord there are two gardens. O which of your Lord's blessings will you deny? Full of lush green branches. O which of your Lord's mercies will you deny? In both two springs of running water. O which of your Lord's blessings will you deny? In both, there will be two kinds of every fruit. O which of your Lord's blessings will you deny (39-45)? The dwellers of Paradise shall be reclining on carpets lined with thick silk, and the branches of the gardens will be hanging down (on them) with fruit. O which of your Lord's blessings will you deny? Amidst these blessings will be those of bashful looks, whom neither man nor jinn will have touched before them. O which of your Lord's bounties will you deny? As beautiful as rubies and pearls. O which of your Lord's bounties will you deny? Could the reward of goodness be anything but goodness? Then, O jinn and men, which of your Lord's praiseworthy attributes will you deny? And besides those two, there will be two other gardens. O which of your Lord's bounties will you deny? Dark-green and well-watered. O which of your Lord's blessings will you deny? In both two gushing springs. O which of your Lord's favours will you Deny? In them plenty of fruit, and dates and pomegranates. O which of your Lord's blessings will you deny? Amidst these blessings chaste and beautiful wives. O which of your Lord's bounties will you deny? Houris kept in their tents. O which of your Lord's blessings will you deny? No man or jinn will have touched them before them. O which of your Lord's blessings will you deny? They will be reclining on green cushions and fine, rich carpets. O which of your Lord's bounties will you deny? Full

of blessings is the name of your Lord, Owner of Glory, and Honour (54-78)!

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56. Lessons in Surah Al-waqiah

The surah Al-Waqiah is the 56th chapter of the Quran, which has 96 verses. The Surah takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): So, O Prophet, glorify the name of your Lord, the Supreme (74)! All this is absolute truth. So, O Prophet, glorify the name of your Lord, the Supreme (95-96)!

The Quran: But nay! I swear by the positions of the stars- and it is a great oath, only if you knew it, that this is the glorious Qur'an, inscribed in a well-guarded Book, which none can touch but the purified. This has been sent down by the Lord of the worlds. Then, do you regard this discourse as unworthy of serious attention? And do you have in this blessing only this share that you deny it (75-82)?

Ponder: We have created you. Then why don't you confirm? Have you ever considered the sperm drop that you emit? Is it you who create the child from it, or are We the Creators? We have distributed death among you, and We are not helpless that We may change your forms and create you in another form that you do not know. You already know well your first creation. Why then you do not take heed (57-62)? Have you ever considered the seeds that you sow? Is it you who cause them to grow into crops, or do We? If We so pleased, We could turn these crops into chaff, and you would then be left lamenting, "We have incurred penalties! Ah, we are undone!" Have you ever seen (with open eyes) the water that you drink? Is it you who cause it to rain from the clouds, or do We? If We so pleased, We could make it salt. Then why don't you be grateful? Have you ever considered the fire that you kindle? Is it you who have created its tree or are We its Creator "We have made it a means of remembrance and a provision of life for the needy (63-73).

Admonishing: If you think you are subject to nobody, and you deem you are right in thinking so, then why don't you restore to the dying person his soul when it has come up to

the throat and you are helplessly watching that he is at the point of death? At that time, We are closer to him than you, but you do not see Us. Then, if the dying person be of those nearest to Us, for him there is comfort and good provision and the blissful Garden. And if he be of the people of the right hand, he is greeted with "Peace be to you: You are of the people of the right!" And if he be of the deniers, gone astray, his entertainment is of boiling water and burning in Hell (83-94).

End Times: When the Event will come to pass, there shall be none to belie it's happening, (a calamitous Event) that shall turn things upside down: The earth shall be shaken suddenly, and the mountains shall crumble and become as scattered dust. You, them, shall be divided into three classes (1-7).

Paradise: People of the right hand. Oh, how (fortunate) shall be the people of the right hand! And the people of the left hand. Oh, how (unfortunate) shall be the people of the left hand! And the foremost shall still be the foremost. They will be those nearest (to God). They shall abide in the Gardens of bliss. Most of them will be froth among the former people and a few from among those of latter day. They will be reclining on jewelled couches facing each other (8-16). Eternal youths shall go round them briskly with brim-full goblets and beakers and cups of wine from a flowing spring, which will neither cause them giddiness nor affect their sense. And they shall present before them every kind of tasty fruit, whichever they may choose; and the flesh of fowls, whichever they may desire. And for them there shall be beautiful-eyed houris, as lovely as well-guarded pearls. All this they will receive in reward for what they had done in the world. There they shall neither hear vain talk nor sinful speech. Whatever they hear shall be right and pure (17-26). And the people of the right hand. Oh, how fortunate will be the people of the right hand! They shall be among thornless lote trees, and piled up bananas, one upon the other, and outspread shade and ever flowing waters and abundant fruits neither failing in supply nor forbidden, and in upraised couches. We shall create their wives anew and make them virgins, lovers of their husbands and of equal age. All this is for the people of the right hand. A good number of them will be from among the former people and a good number also from among those of latter day (27-40).

Hellfire: And the people of the left hand. Oh, how unfortunate will be the people of the left hand! They will be in the scorching wind and the boiling waters and the shadow of black smoke, which will be neither cool nor soothing. These will be the people who had lived in ease and comfort before meeting this fate. They persisted in heinous sin and used to say, "What, when we are dead and become dust and bones, shall we be raised up again? And our forefathers too, who have gone before?" Say to them, "Surely, the former and the latter, all shall be gathered together one day, the hour of which has already been appointed. Then, O deviators and deniers, you shall eat of the zaqqum-tree and fill your bellies with it, and drink on top of that boiling water like the thirsty camel. This shall be the entertainment of the people of the left hand on the Day of Recompense (41-56).

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57. Lessons in Surah Al-Hadeed

The surah Al-Hadeed is the 57th chapter of the Quran, which has 29 verses. It derives its name from the 25th verse.

Summary of subjects

Allah: All that there is in the heavens and the earth has glorified Allah and He alone is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise. To Him belongs the Kingdom of the heavens and the earth: He alone grants life and causes death and has power over everything. He is the First as well as the Last, the Manifest as well as the Hidden, and He has knowledge of everything. It is He Who created the heavens and the earth in six days and then ascended the Throne. He knows whatever ever goes into the earth and whatever comes out of it, and whatever comes down from heaven and whatever goes up into it. He is with you wherever you may be and sees whatever you do. To Him belongs the Kingdom of the heavens and the earth, and all matters are referred to Him for decision. It is He who causes the night to enter the day and the day to enter into the night and He knows the hidden-most secrets of the hearts (1-6). Now whosoever turns away (should know that) Allah is All-Sufficient and All-Praiseworthy.

Mohammed(saw): O you who have believed, fear Allah and believe in His Messenger(saw). Allah will grant you a double portion of His mercy and will give you a light in which you

will walk and will forgive your errors. Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful. (You should adopt this way) so that the people of the Book may know that they do not have the sole right to Allah's bounty, and that Allah's bounty is in His own hand, which He bestows on whomsoever He wills, and Allah's bounty is infinite (28-29).

Prophets(AS): We sent Our Messengers with clear signs and instructions and sent down with them the Book and the Balance so that the people may stand by justice. And We sent down iron which has great strength and other benefits for men. This has been done so that Allah may know who helps Him and His Messengers, unseen. Surely, Allah is All-Strong, All-Mighty. We sent Noah and Abraham and placed in the progeny of them both the Prophethood and the Book. Then some of their descendants adopted guidance but many became transgressors. After them We sent Our Messengers, one after the other and followed them with Jesus son of Mary and gave him the Gospel, and We put in the hearts of those who followed him, compassion and mercy, but monasticism they themselves invented. We did not prescribe it for them. They invented it themselves to seek Allah's good will. But then they did not observe it as it should have been observed. We gave those of them who had believed their rewards, but most of them are transgressors (25-27).

The believer: Has not the time yet arrived for the believers that their hearts should melt with the remembrance of Allah and should submit to the Truth sent down by Him, and they should not be like those who were given the Book before them, and long ages passed over them and their hearts became hardened and today most of them are sinners? Know it well that Allah gives life to the earth after its death. We have shown you the signs clearly: may .be that you use your common sense. Surely those from among men and women who practice charity and who have lent to Allah a good loan, shall be repaid manifold, and for them there is a generous reward. And those who have believed in Allah and His Messengers, are indeed the most truthful and the true witnesses in the sight of their Lord. For them is their reward and their light. As for those who have disbelieved and denied Our Revelations, they are the dwellers of Hell (16-19).

Hypocrites: On that Day the hypocrites, men and women, will say to the believers, "Look towards us awhile so that we may benefit by your light." But it will be said to them, "Go away, seek your light elsewhere." Then a well shall be set up between them with a gate in it. Within the gate shall be mercy and outside of it torment. They will cry out to the believers and say, "Were we not with you?" The believers will reply, "Yes, but you led yourselves into temptation, served the time, entertained doubts, and false hopes deluded you until Allah's Judgment came, and the great deceiver deceived you concerning Allah till the last moment. Therefore, no ransom shall be accepted from you today nor from those who disbelieved openly Your abode is Hell: that will be your patron. and this is an evil end" (13-15).

Admonishing: Believe in Allah and His Messenger and spend out of what He has made you successor. For those of you who will believe and expend of their wealth there is a great reward. What is the matter with you that you do not believe in Allah, whereas the Messenger is inviting you to believe in your Lord and has taken a pact from you, if you are true believers? Allah it is Who is sending down clear Revelations to His servants that he may bring you out of the darkness's into the light. And the fact is that Allah is most Kind and Most Merciful to you. What is the matter with you that you do not spend in the Way of Allah, whereas Allah's is the inheritance of the heavens and the earth? Those of you who will spend and fight after the victory can never be equal to those who have spent and fought before the victory. They are higher in rank than those who spent and fought afterwards, though Allah has made good promises to both. Allah is aware of whatever you do. Who is he who will give to Allah a loan? A good loan, so that Allah may return it manifold, and he shall have the best reward. That Day when you see the believing men and women, with their light running on before them and on their right hand, (it will be said to them:) "There is good news for you today!" There will be Gardens underneath which rivers will be flowing, in which they shall live forever, this is the supreme success (7-12). Know it well that the life of this world is nothing but a sport and pastime, and a show and boasting among yourselves and a rivalry in wealth and children. Its example is of vegetation after a shower of rain, which delighted the tillers, then the

same ripens and you see it turn yellow, then it becomes straw. Contrary to this, in the life to come there is severe torment and forgiveness from Allah and His good pleasure. The life of this world is nothing but illusion. Therefore, strive in rivalry with one another in hastening towards the Paradise the vastness of which is like the vastness of the heavens and earth, prepared for those who have believed in Allah and His Messengers. This is Allah's bounty which He bestows on whomever He wills, and Allah's bounty is immense! No affliction befalls in the earth or in your own selves, which We have not recorded in a Book before bringing it into being. This is an easy thing for Allah, (This' is done so that) you are not disheartened over what you may lose nor feel exultant over what Allah may give you. Allah does not love those who are arrogant and boastful, who are themselves stingy and urge others to be stingy. Now whosoever turns away (should know that) Allah is All-Sufficient and All-Praiseworthy (20-24).

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58. Lessons in Surah Al-Mujadilah

The surah Al-Mujadilah is the 58th chapter of the Quran, which has 22 verses. It derives its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Allah: Are you not aware that Allah has the knowledge of everything in the heavens and the earth? It cannot be that three men whisper together, and Allah is not the fourth of them or five men whisper together, and Allah is not the sixth of them. Whether they are fewer than this or more, Allah is with them wherever they are. Then, on the Day of Resurrection, He will tell them what they have done. Allah has the knowledge of everything (7).

Commandments: Allah has indeed heard the words of the woman who is pleading with you concerning her husband and is making her complaint to Allah. Allah is hearing your mutual conversation. He is All-Hearing, All-Seeing. Those of you who put away their wives by zihar (should know) their wives are not their mothers. Their mothers are only those who gave them birth. They utter a monstrous thing and a lie. And Allah is All-Pardoning, All Forgiving. Those who pronounce zihar regarding their wives, then wish to go back on what

they had said, shall have to free a slave before the two touch each other. This you are advised to do, and Allah is aware of whatever you do. And the one who does not find a slave, should fast two successive months before the two touch each other. And the one who is unable to do even this, should feed sixty needy ones. This is being enjoined so that you may believe in Allah and His Messenger. These are the bounds set by Allah and for the disbelievers there is a painful punishment (1-4).

The believer: Those who oppose Allah and His Messenger shall be abased as were those before them. We have sent down clear Revelations, and for the disbelievers there is a disgraceful torment. (This torment shall be meted out) on the Day when Allah will raise up all of them again and will tell them what they had done. They have forgotten it, but Allah has kept a full record of all their deeds, and Allah is witness over everything (5-6). O you who have believed, when you talk secretly together, then do not talk of sin and transgression and disobedience to the Messenger but talk of virtue and piety, and fear that God, before Whom you shall all be mustered together. Conspiring secretly is the work of Satan. This is done to cause grief to the believers, whereas it cannot harm them at all unless it be by Allah's leave. And let the believers put their trust in Allah alone. O you who have believed, when you are told to make room in your assemblies, you should make room: Allah will make room for you. And when you are told to rise, you should rise. Those of you who have believed and have been granted knowledge, Allah will exalt them in ranks and Allah is aware of whatever you do. O you who have believed, when you consult the Messenger in private, you should give something in charity before your consultation. This is better for you and purer, However, if you do not have the means to give charity, Allah is indeed All-Forgiving, All-Merciful. Are you afraid that before your consultation in private, you will have to give charity? Well, if you do not do so, and Allah has forgiven you this-then establish the Salat and practice the Zakat regularly and obey Allah and His Messenger. Allah is aware of whatever you do (9-13). You will never find any people who believe in Allah and the Last Day loving those who have opposed Allah and His Messenger, even though they be their fathers, or their sons, or their brothers, or their kinsfolk. They are those in whose

hearts Allah has inscribed faith and has strengthened them with a spirit from Himself. He will admit them to such Gardens underneath which rivers will be flowing, to dwell there in for ever. Allah is well pleased with them and they with Allah. They are of Allah's party. Know it well that those of Allah's party alone are truly successful (22)!

Hypocrites: Have you not seen those who were forbidden to hold secret consultations, yet they persist in what they were forbidden? They converse secretly together of sin and transgression and disobedience to the Messenger. And when they come to you, they greet you in a way in which Allah has not greeted you, and say to themselves, "Why does Allah not punish us for what we say?" Hell is enough for them they will become its fuel. What an evil end (8)! Have you not seen those who have taken as friends a people who are under Allah's wrath? They are neither yours nor theirs, and they swear to a falsehood knowingly. Allah has prepared a severe torment for them. Evil are the deeds they are doing! They have made their oaths a covering under which they debar others from the Way of Allah. For this they shall have a disgraceful torment. Neither shall their riches avail them anything to protect them from Allah nor their children. They are the fellows of Hell in which they shall live for ever. The Day Allah raises them up all, they shall swear to Him as they swear to you, thinking that their oaths will avail them something. Know it well that they are utter liars. Satan has overpowered them and has caused them to forget God's remembrance. They are of Satan's party. Know it well that those of Satan's party indeed are the real losers. Surely the most abject of the creatures are those who resist Allah and His Messenger. Allah has written down: "I and My Messengers shall most certainly prevail." Allah is All-Powerful and All-Mighty (14-21).

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59. Lessons in Surah Al-Hashar

The surah Al-Hashar is the 59th chapter of the Quran, which has 24 verses. It takes its name from the second verse.

Summary of subjects

Allah: All that there is in the heavens and the earth has glorified only Allah, for He alone is the All-Mighty, the All-

Wise. He is Allah besides Whom there is no god. He is the Knower of the unseen and the seen. He is the Compassionate and the Merciful. He is Allah, besides Whom there is no god. He is the Sovereign, the Holy, the Source of safety, the Giver of peace, the Guardian, the All-Mighty, the Enforcer of His decrees, and the ever Supreme. Exalted is Allah alone Who is the Planner of Creation, its Enforcer and its Fashioner. His are the excellent names. Whatever is there in the heavens and the earth glorifies Him. and He is the All-Mighty and the All-Wise (22-24).

Jihad: He it is Who drove the disbelievers from among the people of the Book out of their houses at the very first assault. You did not think that they would ever go out, and they too on their part were thinking that their fortresses would protect them from Allah, but Allah came upon them whence they had little expected. He cast terror into their hearts with the result that they were destroying their dwellings by their own hands as well as by the hands of the believers. So, take heed, O you who have eyes to see (1)! Had Allah not decreed banishment for them, He would have chastised them in this world, and in the Hereafter, there certainly awaits them the torment of the Fire. All this happened because they resisted Allah and His Messenger, and whoever resists Allah (should know that) Allah is stern in inflicting punishment. Whatever palm trees you cut down, or whatever you left standing upon their roots, it was only by Allah's leave. And (Allah gave the leave) in order to disgrace the transgressors. And the properties that Allah took out from their possession and restored to His Messenger, are not such that you might have rushed your horses and camels upon them, but Allah gives His Messengers authority over whomever He wills, and Allah has power over everything. Whatever Allah restored to His Messenger from the people of the settlements, **belongs to Allah and the Messenger and the kinsfolk and the orphans and the needy and the wayfarers, so that it does not remain circulating among your rich people only.** Take whatever the Messenger gives you and refrain from whatever he forbids you. Fear Allah, for Allah is stern in inflicting punishment. (Moreover, the properties) are for those poor emigrants who have been expelled from their homes and their possessions. They seek Allah's bounty and His goodwill and are ever ready to succour Allah and His Messenger. They

indeed are the truthful. (And it is also for those) who believed eve before the arrival of the emigrants and were staying in the Abode of Migration. They love those who have migrated to them and entertain no desire in their hearts for what is given to them and prefer others to themselves even though they may be needy. The fact is that those who are saved from the greed of their own hearts, are truly successful. (And it is also for those) who come after them, who say, "Our Lord, forgive us, and forgive all our brothers who embraced the Faith before us, and do not place in our hearts any malice towards the believers. Our Lord, You are very Kind and Compassionate (2-10)."

Hypocrites: Have you not seen those who have adopted the attitude of hypocrisy? They say to their brothers who have disbelieved from among the people of the Book, "If you are driven out, we shall go forth with you, and we shall never listen to anyone in your respect, and if war is waged against you, we shall help you. " But Allah is witness that they are utter liars. If they are driven out, these people will never go forth with them, and if war is waged against them, they will never help them. And even if they help them, they will turn their backs, and then will get no help from anywhere. In their hearts there is greater dread of you than of Allah because they are a people devoid of understanding. They will never fight you in a body (in the open field); if at all they fight, they will fight in fortified strongholds, or from behind walls. They are very intense in mutual enmity. You think that they are united, whereas their hearts are divided. This is because they are a people devoid of sense. They are even like those who have tasted, a short while before them, the evil consequences of their deeds, and there awaits them a painful torment. They are like Satan who orders man to disbelieve, and when man has disbelieved, he says: "I have nothing to do with you; I fear Allah, Lord of the worlds." The end of both will be that they shall go to Hell for ever, and that is the recompense of the wrongdoers (11-17).

Admonishing: O you who have believed, fear Allah, and let everyone consider well what he has forwarded for the morrow. Fear Allah, for Allah. is aware of all that you do. Do not be like those who forgot Allah, and Allah caused them to forget their own selves. They indeed are the transgressors The dwellers of Hell and the dwellers of Paradise cannot be alike.

The dwellers of Paradise alone are truly successful. Had We sent down this Qur'an upon a mountain, you would have seen it humbling itself and splitting asunder from the fear of Allah. We present these parables before the people so that they may reflect (on themselves) (18-21).

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60. Lessons in Surah Al-Muntahina

The surah Al-Muntahina is the 60th chapter of the Quran, which has 13 verses. It takes its name from the verse 10.

Summary of subjects

Commandment: O you who have believed, when the believing women come to you as emigrants, examine and test (their faith), although Allah only knows best the truth of their faith. Then, when you find them to be true believers, do not return them to the disbelievers. Neither are they lawful for the disbelievers nor are the disbelievers lawful for them. Return to their disbelieving husbands the dowers that they had given them; and there is no blame on you if you marry them when you have paid them their dowers. And you also should not hold back unbelieving women in marriage. Ask for the dowers that you had given to your unbelieving wives, and let the disbelievers ask for the dowers that they had given to their Muslim wives. This is Allah's command: He judges between you, and He is All-Knowing, All-Wise. And if you do not get back from the disbelievers a part of the dower of your disbelieving wives, and then your turn comes, pay to the people whose wives have been left on the other side an amount equivalent to the dowers given by them. And fear that Allah in Whom you have believed (10-11).

Mohammed(saw): O Prophet, when the believing women come to you to take the oath of allegiance, and pledge that they would neither associate anything with Allah, nor steal nor commit adultery nor child murder, nor bring a calumny forged between their own hands and feet, nor disobey you in what is good, accept their allegiance and pray for their forgiveness. Surely Allah is All-Forgiving! All Merciful (12).

Admonishing: O you who have believed, if you have come out (from your homes and emigrated) to fight in My way and

to seek My goodwill, then do not make friends with My enemies and your enemies. You show them friendship even though they have refused to believe in the Truth that has come to you, while they drive out the Messenger and you away only because you believe in Allah, your Lord. You send them friendly messages secretly, whereas I know full well whatever you do secretly and whatever you do openly. Whoever from among you does so, has indeed gone astray from the right way. If these people overcome you, they will be enemies to you and will use their hands and their tongues to harm you. They wish that you should turn unbelievers somehow. On the Day of Resurrection neither will your relationships avail you anything nor your children. Allah on that Day shall cause separation between you, and He is Seer of whatever you do (1-3). There is indeed an excellent example for you in Abraham and his Companions when they said to their people plainly: "We have nothing to do with you and your gods whom you worship instead of Allah. We renounce you and there has arisen between us and you, enmity and hatred for ever, until you believe in Allah, the One. But Abraham's saying this to his father (is excepted); "I shall certainly pray for your forgiveness, though I have no power to get anything for you from Allah." (And the prayer of Abraham and his companions was:) "O our Lord, in you alone have we put our trust and to You alone have we turned and to You we shall return finally. O our Lord: make us not a test and trial for those who have disbelieved, and O our Lord, pardon us our errors. You indeed are the All-Mighty, the All-Wise." There is certainly in the conduct of those people an excellent example for you and for every such person who is hopeful of Allah and the last Day. But whoever turns away from this (should know that) Allah is All-Sufficient and Self-Praiseworthy. It may well be that Allah will place love between you and those whose enmity you have now earned. Allah is All-Powerful, and He is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful (4-7). O you who have believed, do not make friends with those whom Allah has condemned, who have despaired of the Hereafter just as the disbelievers, who are lying in the graves, have despaired (13).

Important Verses: He only forbids you to take for friends those who fought you in the matter of religion, and drove you out of your homes, and cooperated with others in your

expulsion. Those who take them for friends are indeed the wrongdoers (8-9).

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61. Lessons in Surah As-Saaf

The surah As-Saaf is the 61st chapter of the Quran, which has 14 verses. It takes its name from the fourth verse.

Summary of subjects

Allah: Whatever is in the heavens and the earth has glorified Allah, and He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise (1).

Mohammed(saw): Yet when he came to them with clear Signs, they said, "This is plain magic." Now, who could be more wicked than he who forges falsehoods against Allah even though he is being invited towards Islam (submission to Allah)? Allah does not guide such wrongdoers. They seek to blow out Allah's Light with their mouths, but Allah has decreed that He shall perfect His Light, much as the disbelievers may dislike it. He it is Who has sent His Messenger with the Guidance and the Religion of truth that He may cause it to prevail over all religions, much as the polytheists may dislike it (7-9).

Prophets(as): And remember what Moses had said to his people: "O my people, why do you hurt me even though you know full well that I am indeed a messenger sent to you by Allah?" So, when they adopted perverseness, Allah caused their hearts to become perverse: Allah does not guide the transgressors. And remember what Jesus, son of Mary, had said: "O children of Israel, I am indeed a Messenger sent to you by Allah, confirming the Torah which has come before me and giving the good news of a Messenger who shall come after me, whose name shall be Ahmad (5-6)."

The believer: O you who have believed, shall I tell you of a bargain that will save you from a painful torment? It is that you should believe in Allah and His Messenger and should exert your utmost in Allah's Way with your wealth and yourselves. This would be best for you if you only knew. Allah will forgive you your sins and admit you into Gardens underneath which canals flow and will give you excellent abodes in Gardens of Eternity. This indeed is the

supreme success. And He will give you the other thing too, that you desire. Allah's succour and victory near at hand! Give to the believers, O Prophet, the good news of this. O you who have believed! Be helpers of Allah even as Jesus, son of Mary, had said to the disciples, "Who will be my helpers (in calling) towards Allah?" and the disciples had answered, "We are helpers of Allah." Then, some of the children of Israel believed and others disbelieved. So, We aided the believers against their enemies, and they alone became triumphant (10-14).

Important Verses: O you who have believed, why do you say that which you do not do? Most hateful it is in the sight of Allah that you should say that which you do not do. Allah indeed loves those who fight in His Way in ranks as though they were a solid wall (2-4).

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62. Lessons in Surah Al-Jumma

The surah Al-Jumma is the 62nd chapter of the Quran, which has 11 verses. It takes its name from the ninth verse.

Summary of subjects

Allah: Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth glorifies Allah-the Sovereign, the Holy, the All-Mighty and the All-Wise (1)! He it is Who has raised a Messenger among the gentiles from among themselves, who recites to them His Revelations, purifies them, and teaches them the Book and the Wisdom, whereas before this they were indeed lost in manifest error. And (the advent or the Messenger) is also for those others who have not yet joined them. Allah is All-Mighty, All-Wise. This is Allah's bounty; He bestows it on whomever He wills, and Allah is the Owner of supreme bounty (2-4).

The believer: O you who have believed, when the call is made to the Prayer on Friday, hasten to the remembrance of Allah and leave off you're trading. This is better for you only if you knew. Then, when the Prayer is over, disperse in the land and seek Allah's bounty, and remember Allah much. Perhaps you may achieve success (9-10).

The Disbelievers: Say to them, "O you who have become Jews. If you claim that you alone are Allah's favourites, apart

from all other people, then you should Song for death if you be truthful. But they will never wish for it because of the misdeeds they have committed, and Allah knows full well these wrongdoers. Say to them, "The death from which you flee will certainly overtake you. Then you will be presented before Him, Who is the Knower of the hidden and the open, and He will tell you what you had been doing (6-8)."

Admonishing: The example of those who were entrusted with the burden of the Torah, and yet they failed to bear its burden, is of a donkey laden with books. Even worse is the example of those who have treated Allah's Revelations as false. Allah does not guide such wrongdoers (5). And when they saw some merchandise and sport, they broke off to it and left you standing. Say to them, "That which is with Allah is far better than sport and business, and Allah is the best of all providers (11)."

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63. Lessons in Surah Al-Munafiqun

The surah Al-Munafiqun is the 63rd chapter of the Quran, which has 11 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): O Prophet, when the hypocrites come to you, they say, "We bear witness that you are indeed Allah's Messenger." Yes, Allah knows that you are indeed His Messenger, but Allah bears witness that these Hypocrites are utter liars. They have made their oaths as a shield and so they hinder themselves and others from the Way of Allah. Evil indeed are the deeds that they do. This is because they believed and then they disbelieved. Therefore, a seal has been set on their hearts, and so they do not understand anything (1-3). And when you see them, their figures would look marvellous; when they speak you would love to listen to what they say. But they are like blocks of timber propped up against a wall. They deem every shout to be directed against them. They are the real enemies, so beware of them. May Allah destroy them! How are they being perverted (4)?

The Disbelievers: And when it is said to them, "Come, the Messenger of Allah will pray for your forgiveness," they shake their heads, and you see them turning away with arrogance. O Prophet, whether you pray for their forgiveness,

or not, it is the same for them. Allah shall never forgive them, for Allah does not guide the transgressors (5-6). They are the same people who say, "Do not spend anything on the Companions of the Prophet so that they disperse," though Allah is the Owner of the treasures of the heavens and the earth, but the hypocrites do not understand. They say, "When we return to Madinah, the honourable ones shall drive out from it the mean ones" although honour belongs to Allah and His Messenger and the believers, but the hypocrites do not know (7-8).

Admonishing: O you who have believed, let not your possessions and your children distract you from the remembrance of Allah. Those who do so shall indeed be the losers. Spend from the provisions that We have given you before death should come to any of you and then he should say, "O my Lord, why did You not relieve me awhile that I should have given in charity and become of the righteous?" But Allah does not at all relieve a person when his term comes to an end, and Allah is aware of what you do (9-11).

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64. Lessons in Surah Al-Taghabun

The surah Al-Taghabun is the 64th chapter of the Quran, which has 18 verses. It derives its name from ninth verse.

Summary of subjects

Allah: Everything in the heavens and the earth praises Allah. To Him belongs the Kingdom, and to Him all praise is due, and He can do all things. It is He who created you. Some of you are unbelievers, and some of you are believers. And Allah perceives what you do. He created the heavens and the earth with truth, and He designed you, and designed you well, and to Him is the final return. He knows everything in the heavens and the earth, and He knows what you conceal and what you reveal. And Allah knows what is within the hearts (1-4). No affliction can ever befall except by Allah's permission. Whoever believes in Allah, Allah guides his heart, and Allah has knowledge of everything. Obey Allah and obey the Messenger, but if you turn away from obedience (you should know that the only responsibility of Our Messenger is to convey the Truth clearly and plainly Allah is

He beside Whom there is no god. Therefore, in Allah alone should the believers place their trust (11-13).

The Disbelievers: Has not the news reached you of those who had disbelieved before this, and then tasted the evil results of their deeds? And in the Hereafter, there awaits them a painful torment. They deserved this fate because their Messengers came to them with clear Signs, but they said, "Shall mere human beings show us guidance?" So, they refused to believe and turned away; then Allah also became indifferent to them, and Allah is indeed Independent and worthy of all praise. The disbelievers assert that they shall never be raised up from death. Say to them, "Nay, by my Lord! You shall certainly be raised up. Then certainly you shall be told what you have done (in the world), and this is an easy thing for Allah to do" (5-7).

Admonishing: Therefore, believe in Allah and His Messenger and in the Light that We have sent down. Allah is aware of whatever you do. (You shall know this) when He will gather you together on the Day of Gathering. That will be a Day of mutual Loss and Gain among the people. Whoever believes in Allah and does good works, Allah shall shake off his sins and will admit him into Gardens, underneath which canals will be flowing, to dwell therein for ever. This is the supreme success! And those who disbelieve and treat Our Revelations as false, shall be the inhabitants of Hell to dwell therein for ever, and that is a most evil abode (8-10)! O you who believe! Among your wives and your children are enemies to you, so beware of them. But if you pardon, and overlook, and forgive, Allah is surely All-Forgiving, All-Merciful. Your worldly possessions and your children are but a trial, and it is Allah with Whom there are rich rewards. Therefore, fear Allah as far as you can, and listen and obey and spend your wealth: this is for your own good. And those who are saved from the greed of their own hearts, are truly successful. If you lend to Allah a goodly loan, He will pay you back manifold and will forgive you your faults. Allah is Appreciative and Forbearing. He knows the open and the hidden. He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise (14-18).

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65. Lessons in Surah At-Talaq

The surah At-Talaq is the 65th chapter of the Quran, which has 12 verses. It derives its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Allah: Allah is He Who created seven heavens and of the earth also their like. His Command descends among them. (This you are being told) so that you may know that Allah has power over everything, and that Allah's knowledge encompasses all (12).

Quran: O you then of understanding, who have believed. Allah has sent down to you an Admonition, a Messenger who recites to you Allah's Revelations containing clear guidance, so that he may bring those who have believed and done good deeds out of darkness's into light. Whoever believes in Allah and does good deeds, Allah shall admit him into Gardens underneath which canals will be flowing. They shall live therein for ever. Allah has prepared for such a one an excellent provision (10-11).

Commandments: O Prophet, when you (and the believers) divorce women, divorce them for their prescribed waiting-periods, and count the waiting-period accurately, and fear Allah, you Lord. And do not turn them out of their houses (during the waiting-period), not should they themselves leave them, except in case they commit an open indecency. These are the bounds prescribed by Allah and whoever transgresses Allah's bounds will wrong his own self. You do not know: Allah may after this bring about a situation (of reconciliation). Then when they have reached the end of their (waiting) periods either retain them (in wedlock) in a fair manner or part with them in a fair manner and call to witness two just men from among yourselves, and (O witnesses) bear witness equitably for the sake of Allah (1-2). And if you are in doubt about those of your women who have despaired of menstruation, (you should know that) their waiting period is three months, and the same applies to those who have not menstruated yet. As far as pregnant women, their period ends when they deliver the burden. Whoever fears Allah, He makes his course easy for him. This is Allah's Command which He has sent down to you. Whoever fears Allah, Allah will remove his evils from him and will enhance his rewards. (During waiting-period) lodge them according to your means wherever you dwell, and do not harass them to

make them miserable. And if they are pregnant, spend on them until they deliver their burden. And if they suckle your offspring whom they bore you, then give them due recompense, and graciously settle the question of compensation between yourselves by mutual understanding. But if you created difficulties for each other (concerning the question of wages), then another woman would suckle the child. Let the rich man spend according to his means and let the one whose means are restricted, spend out of what Allah has given him. Allah does not burden anyone with more than what He has given him. It may well be that Allah brings about ease after hardship (4-7).

Warning: How many towns rebelled against the commandment of their Lord and His Messengers. Then We called them to a stern accounting and subjected them to a harrowing chastisement. So, they tasted the evil fruit of their deeds; and the fruit of their deeds was utter loss. Allah has prepared from them a severe torment (in the Hereafter). So, fear Allah (8-10).

Important Verses: With this you are admonished, (and) whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day. Whosoever fears Allah in whatever he does, Allah will open for him away out of the difficulties and will provide for him from whence he could little imagine. And whoever trusts in Allah, He is enough for him. Allah brings His decrees to fulfilment. Allah has appointed a destiny for everything (3).

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66. Lessons in Surah Al-Tahrim

The surah Al-Tahrim is the 66th chapter of the Quran, which has 12 verses. It derives its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): O Prophet, why do you make unlawful that which Allah has permitted for you? (Is it because) you seek the good-will of your wives? Allah is All-Forgiving All-Merciful. Allah has already appointed a way to absolve you (people) from your oaths. Allah is your Master, and He alone is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. (And this also is noteworthy that) the Prophet had confided a matter to a wife in secret. Then, when she disclosed the secret (to another),

and Allah informed the Prophet (of the disclosure of the secret), the Prophet made known (to the wife) part of it and overlooked part of it. So, when the Prophet told her (of the disclosure), she asked, "Who informed you of this?" The Prophet said, "I was informed by Him Who knows everything and is All-Aware." If you both (women) repent to Allah, (it is better for you), for your hearts have swerved from the right path and if you supported each other against the Prophet, you should know that Allah is his Protector, and after Him Gabriel and the righteous believers and the angels are his companions and helpers. It may well be that if the Prophet divorces all of you, Allah will give him in your place better wives, who are true Muslims, who are believing and obedient, penitent, worshiping, and given to fasting, be they previously married or virgins (1-5). O Prophet, wage Jihad against the disbelievers and the hypocrites, and be stern with them. Their abode is Hell, and an evil abode it is (9)!

Warnings: O you who have believed, save yourselves and your households from a Fire whose fuel shall be the men and the stones, over which shall be appointed fierce and stern angels, who never disobey Allah's Command and do as they are commanded. (At that time, it will be said:) "O disbelievers, do not make excuses today. You are being recompensed only for what you were doing (6-7)."

Admonishing: O you who have believed, turn to Allah in sincere repentance. (It may well be that) Allah will remove your evils from you and admit you into Gardens underneath which rivers will be flowing. It will be a Day when Allah will not humiliate His Prophet and those who have believed with him. Their light shall be running on before them and on their right hands, and they will be saying, "O our Lord, perfect our light for us and forgive us: You have power overall (8)."

Parables: Allah cites for the disbelievers the example of the wives of Noah and Lot. They were married to two of Our righteous servants, but they betrayed their husbands, and they could not avail theta anything against Allah. To both it was said, "Enter the Fire along with those who enter," And for the believers, Allah cites the example of the wife of Pharaoh, when she prayed, "My Lord, build for me, in Your Presence, a house in Paradise, and save me from Pharaoh and his work and deliver me from the wicked." And (Allah) cites the

example of Mary, daughter of Imran, who had guarded her chastity. So, We breathed into her body of Our Spirit, and she testified to the Words of her Lord and His Books, and she was one of the obedient (10-12).

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67. Lessons in Surah Al-Mulk

The surah Al-Mulk is the 67th chapter of the Quran, which has 30 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Allah: Full of blessings is He in Whose hand is the Kingdom of the Universe, and He has power over everything. Who created death and life that He may try you to see which of you is best in deeds, and He is All-Mighty as well as All-Forgiving. Who created seven heavens, one above the other. You will not see any fault in the creation of the Merciful. Turn up your eyes: do you see any flaw anywhere? Look up again and yet again: your look will return to you, disappointed, wearied (1-4). And indeed, We have adorned the nearest heaven with magnificent lamps and made them a means of driving away devils. For these devils We have prepared a blazing Fire (5). He it is Who has subdued the earth to you. So, walk about on its chest and eat of God's provisions. To Him you shall return on Resurrection. Do you feel secure that He Who is in the heaven would not cause you to sink underground, and the earth may start rocking suddenly? Do you feel secure that He Who is in the heaven would not send a whirlwind charged with stones on you? Then you shall know how terrible My warning was! And those who have gone before them also belied. Then see how severe My chastisement was! Do they not see the birds above them, spreading their wings and closing them? None is upholding them but the Merciful. He it is Who watches over everything. Tell, what army is there with you that can help you against the Merciful. The fact is that the disbelievers are lost in utter delusion. Or tell, who is there to provide for you if the Merciful should withhold His provision? In fact, these people persist in rebellion and aversion from the Truth. Just consider. Is he who is walking prone on his face better guided, or he who is walking upright on a smooth road? Say to them, "Allah it is Who created you,

and gave you the faculties of hearing and sight and gave you the hearts to think and understand, but you are seldom grateful." Say to them: Allah it is Who has dispersed you in the earth, and to Him you shall be gathered. They say, "When will this promise be fulfilled if what you say be true?" Say, "The knowledge of it is with Allah, I am only a plain warner." Then, when they see it close at hand, the faces of all those who disbelieve, shall be distorted, and at that time it will be said to them, "This is the same that you were calling for" (15-27).

The believer: Those who fear their Lord unseen, for them is forgiveness and a rich reward. Whether you speak secretly or aloud it is alike for Allah): He even knows the secrets of the hearts. Would He not know, who has created? He is the knower of subtleties and is All-Aware (12-14).

The Disbelievers: For those who disbelieve in their Lord, there is the torment of Hell, and it is an evil abode. When they are flung into it, they will hear its roaring, and it will be boiling up, as though bursting with rage. Every time a crowd is cast into it, its keepers will ask them, "Did not a warner come to you?" They will answer, "Yes, a warner did come to us, but we belied him and said, 'Allah has not sent down anything: you are in grave error'!" And they will add, "Had we only listened or understood, we would not now be among the dwellers of the blazing Fire." Thus, will they confess their own sin. Damned be the dwellers of Hell (6-11)!

Admonishing: Say to them, "Have you ever considered that even if Allah should destroy me and those with me, or should bestow mercy upon us, who will save the disbelievers from the painful torment?" Say to them, "He is the Most Merciful, and it is in Him we believe, and it is in Him we put our trust. Soon you will know who is involved in grave error." Say to them, "Have you ever considered that if the water of your wells should sink down into the earth, who will produce for you clear, flowing water" (28-30)?

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68. Lessons in Surah Al-Qalam

The surah Al-Qalam is the 68th chapter of the Quran, which has 52 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed^(SAW): Noon. By the Pen and by that which the writers are writing, by the grace of your Lord, you are not mad. And surely you have a reward that shall never end, and surely you are exalted to a high and noble character. Soon you shall see as well as they, which of you is afflicted with madness. Your Lord best knows those who have strayed from His Way and He best also knows those who are rightly guided. Therefore, do not at all yield to the beliers of the Truth. They indeed wish that you should compromise a little, then they also would compromise. Do not at all yield to any mean swearer of many oaths, who is a slanderer and a backbiter, a hinderer of good and a transgressor, wicked and oppressive, and above all, ignoble by birth, only because he has abundance of wealth and children. When Our Revelations are recited to him, he says, "These are tales of the ancient times." Soon We shall brand him on the snout (1-16). So, O Prophet, leave to Me the case of those who belie this, Revelation. We shall lead them to ruin by degrees in ways they will not perceive. I am respiting them: My scheme is mighty. Are you asking them for a reward that they are being weighed down under undeserved penalties? Have they the knowledge of the unseen, which they might be writing down? So, wait for the issuance of your Lord's decree, and do not be like the Man of the Fish (the Prophet Jonah), when he cried out, overwhelmed with grief. Had not the grace of his Lord reached him, he would have been cast off on the barren ground, condemned. Consequently, his Lord chose him and included him among the righteous. When the disbelievers hear the Admonition (the Quran), they look at you in a way as though they would trip you up, and say, "He is certainly mad," although it is an Admonition to all the people of the world (44-52).

The believer: Surely for the God fearing there are blissful Gardens with their Lord. Shall We then treat the obedient as We treat the guilty? What has happened to you? How ill you judge (34-36).

Admonishing: We have tried the Makkans, just as we had tried the owners of a certain garden, when they swore that they would surely pluck the fruit of their garden next morning, and they did not make any exception. But while

they lay asleep at night, a calamity from your Lord visited the garden and it became as though it had already been reaped. In the morning, they called out to one another, saying: "Go forth early to your tilth if you would pluck fruit." So, they set out, whispering to one another, "Let no needy man approach you in the garden today." They hurried off early (to their garden) with the resolve not to give away anything as though they had the power (to pluck the fruit). But when they saw the garden, they said, "We have lost our way! Nay, but we have been left destitute!" The best man among them said, "Did I not tell you, 'Why do you not glorify (Allah)'?" They cried out, "Glorified is our Lord: we were indeed sinners!" Then they began to blame one another. At last, they said, "Alas for us! Indeed, we had become rebellious. It may well be that our Lord will give us in exchange a better garden than this. We turn to our Lord." Such is the torment, and the torment of the Hereafter is far greater. Would that they knew this (17-33)! Or do you have a Book wherein you read that (in the Hereafter) you shall have all that you choose for yourselves? Or have We sworn a covenant with you which We are bound to keep till the Day of Resurrection, (a covenant requiring that whatever you ordain for yourselves shall be yours)? Ask them: "Which of them can guarantee that? Or has something been guaranteed by any of those whom they associate with Allah in His Divinity?" If so, let them bring forth their associates, if they are truthful (37-41).

End Times: The Day the affliction befalls, and the people are called upon to prostrate themselves, they will not be able to prostrate themselves. Their eyes downcast, abjectness will be covering them. Yet when they were safe and sound, they used to be called upon to prostrate themselves (but they refused to do so) (42-43).

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69. Lessons in Surah Al-Haqqah

The surah Al-Haqqah is the 69th chapter of the Quran, which has 52 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): Not so! I swear by those things which you see and also by those which you do not see that this is the

Word of an honourable Messenger. It is not the word of a poet: little it is that you believe. Nor is it the word of a soothsayer: little it is that you reflect. It is a Revelation from the Lord of the worlds. And if this (Prophet) had forged something himself and ascribed it to Us, We would indeed have seized him by his right hand, and cut off his neck-vein. Then none of you could have withheld (Us) from this. This indeed is an Admonition for the righteous. And We know that there are some among you who deny it. For such disbelievers it is indeed a cause of despair. And surely this is the absolute truth. So, glorify, O Prophet, the name of your Lord, the Great (38-52).

Prophets_(AS): When the Flood waters rose abnormally high, We boarded you (Noah_(AS)) in the Ark, that We may make the event a warning for you and that the retaining ears may retain its memory (11-12).

The believer: Then whoso is given his record in his right hand, shall say: "Look! Read my record. I knew that! would certainly be getting my account," So he shall be in a state of bliss, in a high Garden, whose clusters of fruit shall be hanging within easy reach. (To such people it will be said) "Eat and drink with relish as a reward for the deeds you did in the days gone by" (19-24).

The Disbelievers: The Inevitable! What is the Inevitable? And what do you know what the Inevitable is? People of Thamud and Aad belied the coming of the sudden calamity. Thamud were destroyed by a violent catastrophe as for Aad, they were destroyed by a furious windstorm; Allah imposed it on them for seven nights and eight days continuously. (Had you been there) you would have seen them lying prostrate as though they were hollow trunks of palm trees. Now do you see any of them still surviving. Pharaoh and those before him and the people of the overturned habitations all engaged in the same great sin. They all disobeyed the Messenger of their Lord and He seized them with a severe grip (1-10). As for him whose record is given in his left hand, he will say: "Would that I had not been given my record nor known what my account was. Would that the death (that I suffered in the world) were final. Today my wealth has availed me nothing, and I am robbed of all my power. (It will be ordered:) "Seize him and chain him by the

neck, then cast him into Hell, then fasten him in a chain seventy cubits long. For he did not believe in Allah, the Most High, nor urged the feeding of the poor. So, he has neither any true friend here today nor any food except the corruption from the washing of wounds, which none but the sinners eat (25-37).

End Times: Then, when the Trumpet is blown once, and the earth and the mountains are razed and crushed into pieces with a single stroke, on that Day shall the Inevitable happen. On that Day the heaven shall split asunder, and its system shall loosen. The angels shall be on its sides and eight of them on that Day shall be upholding the Throne of your Lord, above them. That will be the Day when you will be brought forth: no secret of yours will remain hidden (13-18).

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70. Lessons in Surah Al-Maarij

The surah Al-Maarij is the 70th chapter of the Quran, which has 44 verses. It takes its name from the third verse.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): A beseecher besought the visitation of chastisement, (a chastisement meant) for the unbelievers, one which none can avert, a chastisement from Allah, the Lord of the ascending steps. The angels and the Spirit ascend to His Presence in a day whose measure is fifty thousand years. So, O Prophet, persevere with gracious perseverance. They think it is far off, but We see it as near at hand (1-7).

The believer: But these people (are an exception) who are the performers of salat. Who are steadfast and ever constant regarding their salat. In whose wealth there is a due share of the beggar and the needy. Who believe in the reality of the Day of Recompense. Who dread the torment of their Lord. For from the torment of their Lord none can feel secure, who guard their private parts. Except regarding their wives and those women who are legally in their possession, for in their case they are not blameworthy, but those who go beyond this are indeed transgressors. Who keep their trusts and honour their promises. Who bear true witnesses. And who strictly guard their salat. These are they who shall live with honour in the Gardens of Paradise (22-35).

The Disbelievers: So, O prophet, what is the matter with the disbelievers that they are rushing in towards you, from the right and from the left, in groups? Does every one of them cherish the desire that he will be admitted into the Garden of Bliss? No, never! They themselves know of what We have created them. Not so! I swear by the Owner of the East's and the Wests that We have the power to replace them by better people than they, and there is none to outstrip Us. Hence, leave them engrossed in their vein talk and sport until they encounter that Day of theirs which they are being promised, when they shall be rushing out of their graves as though racing towards the shrines of their deities. Their eyes shall be downcast and abasement shall be covering them. That is the Day which they are being promised (36-44).

End Times: (The torment shall befall on the Day) when the heavens shall be like molten silver, and the mountains like carded wool of different colours. And no close friend shall ask after his close friend, though they will be shown to each other. To save himself from the torment of that Day, the culprit shall wish to give his children, his wife, his brother, his kinsfolk who gave him shelter, and all the people of the earth, in ransom that this device might rescue him. No, never! It will be the flame of the blazing Fire, that will eat up the very flesh. It shall summon to itself every such person who drew away and turned his back and amassed wealth and guarded it jealously (8-18).

Important Verses: Verily man is impatient by nature. When affliction befalls him, he becomes fretful, and when good fortune falls to his lot he becomes stingy (19-21).

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71. Lessons in Surah Noah

The surah Noah is the 71st chapter of the Quran, which has 28 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Prophets(AS): We sent Noah to his people (as a Messenger, with the instruction): "Warn your people before there comes upon them a painful torment" (۱). He said, "O my people, I am a plain warner to you. (I warn you) that you should worship Allah and fear Him and obey me. Allah will forgive you your

sins and will give you respite till an appointed time. The fact is that when the appointed time of Allah comes, it cannot be deferred. Would that you know it". Noah submitted, "O my Lord, I called my people night and day, but my calling has only increased their aversion. And whenever I called them that You might pardon them, they thrust their fingers into their ears and covered their faces with their garments and grew obstinate and showed great arrogance. Then I invited them openly and preached to them in public as well as in private. I said, "Seek forgiveness from your Lord: indeed, He is All-Forgiving. He will send abundant rains for you from heaven, will help you with wealth and children, will create gardens for you, and provide flowing rivers for you. What is the matter with you that you do not expect for Allah any dignity, although He has created you in successive stages (2-14)? Noah said: "My Lord, they did not pay heed to what I said, and followed those (nobles) whose possession of wealth and children has led them to an even greater loss. They contrived a plot of great magnitude". They said, "Do not at all abandon your deities, and do not abandon Wadd nor Suwa, nor Yaghuth and Ya `uq and Nasr." They have led many people astray, and so (O Lord), increase not the wrongdoers in anything but deviation". Only because of their sins they were drowned and were cast into Fire. Then they found no helper to save them from Allah. And Noah prayed: "My Lord, leave not on the earth any dweller from among the disbelievers. If you leave them, they will lead Your servants astray and would beget none but sinners and disbelievers. My Lord, forgive me and my parents and whoever has entered my house as a believer, and all believing men and all believing women, and increase not the wrongdoers in anything but ruin" (21-28).

Ponder: Do you not see how Allah has created seven heavens, one above the other and made the moon a light in them and the sun a lamp? And Allah has caused you to grow out of the earth in a strange way, then He will restore you to the same earth, and will raise you up from it suddenly. And Allah has spread out the earth as a carpet for you that you may walk in its open paths" (15-20).

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72. Lessons in Surah Al-Jinn

The surah Al-Jinn is the 72nd chapter of the Quran, which has 28 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Jinn: Say, (O Prophet), it was revealed to me that a band of jinn attentively listened to (the recitation of the Qur'an) and then (went back to their people) and said: "We have indeed heard a wonderful Quran which guides to the right way, so we have believed in it, **and now we shall never associate anyone with our Lord.**" And that: "Our Lord's majesty is exalted: He has neither taken a wife nor a son." And that: "The foolish among us have been uttering falsehood against Allah." And that: "We thought that the men and the jinn could never utter a lie against God." And that: "Some people from among the men used to seek refuge with some people from among the jinn, so they caused the jinn to become even more arrogant." And that: "Men thought, even as you thought, that Allah would not send anyone as a Messenger." And that: "We searched the heavens and found it filled with guards and shooting-stars." And that: "Before this we used to find a seat in heaven for eavesdropping, but now if someone tries to eavesdrop, he finds a shooting-star lying in ambush for him (1-9)." And that: "We did not know whether some evil was intended for the dwellers of the earth, or their Lord wanted to show them the right way." And that: "Some of us are righteous, while some are otherwise. We follow different ways." And that: "We thought that we could neither frustrate Allah in the earth nor frustrate Him by flight." And that: "As soon as we heard the message of guidance, we believed in it. Now whoever believes in his Lord, will have neither fear of loss nor of injustice." And that: "Some of us are Muslims (submissive to Allah) and some deviators from the Truth. Those who have adopted Islam (the way of submission) have found the way to salvation, and those who have deviated from the Truth, will become fuel for Hell (10-15)."

Polytheists: (These people shall not change their ways) until when they see that what they are being promised, they shall come to know whose helpers are weaker and whose supporters are fewer in number. Say, "I do not know whether that which you are being promised, is near at hand, or whether my Lord appoints a lengthy term for it. He alone is the Knower of the unseen. He does not reveal His secrets to

anyone except to the Messenger whom He may choose (for the purpose). Then He appoints before him and behind him guards that He may know that they have truly delivered the messages of their Lord. And He encompasses all their surroundings and keeps a count of everything (24-28).

Admonishing: And (O Prophet, say: "it has been revealed to me:") If the people had steadfastly pursued the right way, We would have given them abundant waters to drink that We might try them by that blessing. And he who turns away from his Lord's remembrance, his Lord shall punish him with a severe torment. And that the mosques are for Allah; therefore, do not call upon anyone else in them along with Allah. And that when the servant of Allah stood up to invoke Him, the people were ready to assault him. O Prophet, say; "I call upon my Lord alone, and I do not associate anyone with Him." Say, "I have no control over any harm or good for you." Say, "None can protect me from Allah, nor can I find any refuge apart from Him. My mission is only to convey what I receive from Him and His messages. Now whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger for him awaits the fire of Hell: Such people shall dwell in it for ever (16-23).

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73. Lessons in Surah Al-Muzzammil

The surah Al-Muzzammil is the 73rd chapter of the Quran, which has 20 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): O you who sleeps covered up, keep standing in Prayer at night but a little half the night, or lessen it a little, or add to it a little and recite the Quran calmly in a measured tone. Indeed, We are about to send down on you a weighty Word. In fact, the rising by night is most effective for controlling the self and most suitable for reciting the Qur'an well, you are indeed much occupied during the day with the affairs of the world. Remember the name of your Lord and devote yourself to Him exclusively. He is the Owner of the East and the West. **There is no god but He; therefore, take Him alone as your Guardian.** And bear with patience what they utter and depart from them gracefully. Leave it to Me to deal with those prosperous people who deny (the Truth) and leave them as they are for a

while. We have heavy fetters (for them) and a blazing Fire, and a choking food and a painful torment. This will happen on the Day when the earth and the mountains shall become as heaps of scattering sand (1-14). O Prophet, your Lord knows that you sometimes stand in the. Prayer nearly two-thirds of the night and sometimes half the night, and sometimes one-third of the night, and so does a group of your Companions. Allah alone keeps an account of the time of the day and night. He knows that you cannot compute the time precisely; so, He has shown kindness to you. Now you may read as much of the Quran as you easily can. He knows that there will be sick men among you, and some others who travel to seek Allah's bounty and yet others who fight in Allah's Way. Therefore, read as much of the Quran as you may do with ease. Establish the salat and pay the zakat and give to Allah a goodly loan. Whatever good you may send forward for yourselves, you shall find it with Allah. That is best and richest in reward. Seek forgiveness from Allah: indeed, Allah is All-Forgiving, All-Merciful (20).

Admonishing: Surely, We have sent to you a Messenger as a witness over you, just as We had sent a Messenger to Pharaoh. (Then behold when) the Pharaoh disobeyed the Messenger, We seized him with a firm grip. If you too, refuse to believe, then how will you protect yourselves on the Day that will make the children old, and whose severity shall cause the heavens to split? Allah's promise must be fulfilled in any case. This is an Admonition; so, whoever wills, let him take a path to his Lord (15-19).

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74. Lessons in Surah Al-Muddathir

The surah Al-Muddathir is the 74th chapter of the Quran, which has 56 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): O you who lies wrapped up, arise and warn and proclaim the greatness of your Lord. And keep your garments pure, and avoid uncleanness, and do not favour (others) expecting to get more and be patient for the sake of your Lord (1-7).

The Disbelievers: Leave Me and the person whom I created alone. I gave him ample wealth and sons to be present

by his side and smoothed for him the way to his leadership (and prosperity). Yet he desires that I should give him more. No, never! He is hostile to Our Revelations. I shall soon make him ascend a hard ascent. He pondered and tried to devise a plan. May God destroy him: what he tried to devise! Yes, may God destroy him, what he tried to devise! Then he looked around, then he frowned and scowled, then he turned his back and showed arrogance. At last, he said, "This is nothing but magic, handed down from the past; nothing but the word of a mere mortal (11-25).

Warning: What then is the matter with these people that they are turning away from this Admonition as though they were wild asses fleeing away from a lion? Nay, each one of them desires that he should be sent open letters. No, never! The fact is that they do not fear the Hereafter. No, never! This indeed is an Admonition. So, let him who wills, take heed. But they will never take heed unless Allah so wills. He alone is worthy that he should be feared, and He alone is worthy to forgive (those who fear Him) (49-56).

Admonishing: Every person is a pledge for his own deeds, except the people of the right hand, who shall be in Gardens. There they will ask the culprits, "what has brought you into Hell?" They will reply, "We were not of those who offered the salat, and we did not feed the poor, and we used to join with those who indulged in idle talk against the Truth, and we used to belie the Day of Recompense, till the inevitable overtook us." At that time, no intercession of the intercessors shall avail them anything (38-48).

End Times: When the Trumpet is blown, it shall be a very hard Day, not easy for the disbelievers (8-10). Very soon I shall cast him into Hell. And what do you know what Hell is? It leaves nothing and it spares none. It scorches the skin. Nineteen keepers are appointed over it. We have appointed only angels as the keepers of Hell, and have made their number a trial for the disbelievers, so that the people of the Book are convinced and the believers are increased in their faith, and the people of the Book and the believers may have no doubts, and the sick of the heart and the disbelievers may say, "What could Allah mean by this strange parable?" In this way Allah leads astray whom He wills and gives guidance to whom He wills, and none knows the hosts

of your Lord but He Himself. And Hell has been mentioned so that the people may take heed. No, never! By the moon and by the night when it withdraws, and by the morning when it dawns, this Hell too, is one of the mighty things, a warning to mankind, a warning to every one of you, who desires to go forward, or to lag behind (26-37).

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75. Lessons in Surah Al-Qiyamah

The surah Al-Qiyamah is the 75th chapter of the Quran, which has 40 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): O Prophet do not move your tongue to remember this Revelation hastily. It is for Us to have it remembered and read. Therefore, when We are reciting it, listen to its recital carefully. Again, it is for Us to explain its meaning (16-19).

The Disbelievers: But he neither affirmed (the Truth) nor prayed, but he belied turned away. Then he went to his kinsfolk, arrogantly. This sort of conduct behoves you and you alone. Yes, this sort of conduct behoves you and, you alone (31-35)!

Warning: No, by no means! The fact is that you (people) love that which is hastily attainable (i.e., the world) and neglect the Hereafter. On that Day some faces shall be fresh, looking towards their Lord, and some faces shall be gloomy, thinking that a back breaking calamity is about to befall them. No, by no means! When the soul reaches the throat, and it is said, "Is there an enchanter to help?" and man thinks that it is the time of his departure from the world, and the leg is joined to the leg, that will be the Day of driving towards your Lord (20-30).

Ponder: Does man think that he will be left to himself to wander at will? Was he not a mere sperm-drop, which is emitted (in the mother's womb)? Then he became a blood-clot then Allah formed him and fashioned his limbs in proportion; then from it He made two kinds, male and female. Has He not then the power to give life to the dead (36-40)?

End Times: Nay, I swear by the Day of Resurrection and nay, I swear by the reproaching self. Does man think that We shall not be able to put his bones together? Why not? We have even the power to shape and restore his very fingertips. But man, desires that he may go on doing evil in future as well. He asks, "When is the Day of Resurrection to be?" When the eyes are dazzled and the moon is darkened and the sun and the moon are brought together, then the same man will say, "Whither to escape?" No, by no means! There will be no refuge whatsoever. Only before your Lord that Day shall be the place of rest. That Day man shall be told all his former and latter deeds. **Nay, man knows his own self best, even though he may offer many excuses** (1-15).

Important Verses: Nay, man knows his own self best, even though he may offer many excuses.

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76. Lessons in Surah Ad-Dahr

The surah Ad-Dahr is the 76th chapter of the Quran, which has 31 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): O Prophet, it is We Ourselves Who have sent down this Quran piecemeal to you. So be patient regarding the command of your Lord, and do not obey any wicked or disbelieving person from among them. Remember the name of your Lord morning and evening, prostrate yourself before Him in the night, and glorify Him during the long hours of night (23-26).

The believer: The righteous shall drink (in Paradise) cups of wine flavoured with camphor-water. It will be a running fountain with the waters of which the servants of Allah shall drink wine and shall take out its channels from place to place at will. These will be the people who fulfilled their vows (in the world) and feared the Day whose evil shall be widespread, and who fed, out of love for Allah, the poor and the orphan and the captive, (saying), "We are feeding you only for the sake of Allah, we neither seek any reward from you nor thanks. We dread from our Lord the torment of the Day, which will be a long, dismal Day of affliction." So, Allah shall save them from the evil of that Day and shall bestow on them freshness and joy and shall grant them Paradise and

robes of silk as a reward for their patience. There they shall be reclining upon high couches, neither troubled by the heat of the sun nor by severe cold. The shades of Paradise shall cover them all round, and its fruits shall be within their easy reach (so that they may pluck them at will). Vessels of silver and goblets of glass shall be passed round to them, goblets made of crystal-clear silver, which will have been filled (by the attendants of Paradise) in due measure. There they shall be served with cups of wine flavoured with ginger, drawn from a spring (in Paradise) called Salsabil. They will be attended by brisk-moving boys who will for ever remain boys. When you see them, you would think they were scattered pearls. In whatever direction you may look there, you would see only bliss and the splendour of a great kingdom. Upon them shall be the garments of fine green silk and rich brocade. They shall be adorned with bracelets of silver, and their Lord shall give them a pure wine to drink. This is your reward, and your endeavours have been appreciated (5-22).

The Disbelievers: For the disbelievers We have prepared chains and collars and a raging Fire (4). These people only love the quickly attainable (world) and neglect a heavy Day that is coming ahead. It is We Who have created them and strengthened their joints, and whenever it be Our will, We can change their forms (27-28).

Admonishing: This is indeed an admonition. Now whoever wills, let him adopt the way to his Lord, but you cannot, unless Allah wills. Indeed, Allah is All-knowing, All-Wise. He admits into His mercy whomever He wills, and for the wrongdoers He has prepared a painful torment (29-31).

Ponder: Has there also passed on man a period of the endless time when he was not yet a thing worthy of mention? Indeed, We created man from a mixed sperm drop, to try him, and therefore We made him capable of hearing and seeing. We showed him the way, whether to be grateful or disbelieving (1-3).

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77. Lessons in Surah Al-Mursalat

The surah Al-Mursalat is the 77th chapter of the Quran, which has 50 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Allah: Did We not destroy the former peoples? Then We shall follow them up with those of latter day. Thus, do We deal with the culprits. Woe on that Day to the deniers (of Truth)! Did We not create you out of a mean fluid, and kept it lodged in a secure place for an appointed term? Behold! We had power to do this, as We are excellent Possessors of power! Woe on that Day to the deniers (of Truth)! Have We not made the earth a receptacle, both for the living and for the dead, and set in its high mountains, and given you sweet water to drink? Woe on that Day to the deniers (of Truth) (16-28)!

The Disbelievers: "Eat and enjoy yourselves for a while. Indeed, you are culprits." Woe on that Day to the deniers (of Truth)! When it is said to them: "Bow down (before Allah) they do not bow down." Woe on that Day to the deniers (of Truth)! Now, what message can there be after this (Qur'an) in which they will believe (46-50)?

Admonishing: By the winds which are sent in succession, which then blow tempestuously, and lift up the clouds and scatter them, then split them asunder, then infuse the hearts with the remembrance of God, as an excuse or as a warning. That which you are being promised, shall come to pass (1-7).

End Times: So, when the stars are extinguished, and the sky is rent asunder, and when the mountains are blown away, and the appointed time to bring the Messengers together arrives, (then shall the promised event come to pass). For what day has all this been deferred? For the Day of Judgment. And what do you know what the Day of Judgment is? Woe, that Day to the deniers (8-15)! Go to what you used to deny. proceed towards the three-pronged shadow, which neither provides (cooling) shade nor protection against the flames; it indeed throws up sparks like castles, as though they were yellow camels. Woe on that Day to the deniers (of Truth)! That is the Day when they shall neither speak nor be given leave to offer excuses. Woe on that Day to the deniers (of Truth!). This is the Day of Decision. We have gathered both you and those who had gone before you together. Now, if you

have a trick, use it against Me. Woe on that Day to the deniers (of Truth) (29-40)!

Paradise: The righteous are today amidst shades and springs, and whatever fruits they desire (they shall have). "Eat and drink with relish as a reward for the deeds you have been doing." Thus, do We recompense the doers of good. Woe on that Day to the deniers (of Truth) (41-45)!

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78. Lessons in Surah An-Naba

The surah An-Naba is the 78th chapter of the Quran, which has 40 verses. It takes its name from the second verse.

Summary of subjects

The Disbelievers: About what are they inquiring? Is it about the Great News concerning which they are at variance? By no means! They shall soon know. Yes, by no means! They shall soon know (1-5)!

Warning:

Hell: Hell, in fact, is an ambush, the abode for the rebellious in which they shall remain lodged for ages. In it they shall not taste any coolness nor any drink, except boiling water and the washing from wounds, a full recompense (for their misdeeds). They did not expect any reckoning and had treated Our Revelations as utterly false, whereas We had counted and preserved everything in writing. Now taste it, for We shall never increase anything for you except the torment (21-30).

Paradise: Surely for the righteous there is an abode of success. Gardens and vineyards and maidens of equal age and brim-full cups. There they shall neither hear idle talk nor any falsehood, a reward and sufficient gift from your Lord, from the All-Merciful God, Who is the Owner of the heavens and the earth and of everything lying between them, before Whom none can have the power to speak (31-37).

Ponder: Is it not a fact that We have made the earth a bed and set the mountains as pegs and created you as pairs (of men and women), and made your sleep for rest and the night a covering and the day for seeking livelihood, and established above you seven strong heavens, and set a bright, blazing lamp, and rained water from the clouds in abundance that We

may produce thereby corn and vegetables and lush gardens (6-16)?

End Times: Surely the Day of Judgment is an appointed time. The day the Trumpet is blown, you shall come out in multitudes, and the heaven shall be opened to become all doors, and the mountains shall be set in motion till they become as a mirage (17-20). The Day when the Spirit and the angels shall be standing up in ranks, none shall speak except the one whom the Merciful may permit, and who speaks what is right. That Day is sure to come. Now whoever wills, let him take the path back to his Lord (38-39).

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79. Lessons in Surah An-Naziat

The surah An-Naziat is the 79th chapter of the Quran, which has 46 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Prophets(AS): Has the story of Moses reached you? Recall when his Lord called out to him in the sacred valley of Tuwa, (saying), "Go to Pharaoh: he has become rebellious, and say to him: Will you mind adopting purity that I may guide you to your Lord, so that you may have fear (of Him)?" Then Moses (went to Pharaoh and) showed him the great Sign, but he belied it and disobeyed. Then, he turned back to devise plots, and gathering the people together, proclaimed, "I am your Lord, the highest." Consequently, Allah seized him for punishment both in the Hereafter and in the world. Indeed, there is a lesson in this for him who fears (15-26).

Angels: By those (angels) who tear out from the depths, and draw out gently, and by those (angels) who glide about swiftly (through space), then hasten out (to carry out Commands), then conduct the affairs (in accordance with Divine Commands). The Day when the quake shall cause a violent jolt, which is followed by another jolt, some hearts on that Day shall be trembling with fear, their looks struck with awe (1-9).

The Disbelievers: They say, "Shall we really be restored to our former state? What, when we shall have become hollow, rotten bones?" They said, "It would then be a return

with sheer loss!" Whereas it will only need a single shout, and they will forthwith appear in an open plain (10-14). They ask you, "When will the Hour come to stay?" (But) it is not for you to tell its time. Its knowledge rests only with your Lord. You are only a warner to him who fears it. The day these people see it, they will feel as though they had stayed (in the world or in the state of death) only for the afternoon of a day or its forenoon (42-46).

Ponder: Are you harder to create, or is the heaven? Allah built it: He raised its vault high and gave it balance and covered its night and brought forth its day. After that He spread out the earth from within it. He brought out its water and its pasture, and set the mountains in it, all this as provision for you and your cattle (27-33).

End Times: Then, when the great Disaster befalls the Day when man shall remember whatever he had striven for and Hell shall be laid open for everyone to see, then the one who had rebelled and preferred the life of the world, Hell shall be his home. As for him who had feared to stand before his Lord and restrained himself from evil desires, Paradise shall be his home (34-41).

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80. Lessons in Surah Al-Abasa

The surah Al-Abasa is the 80th chapter of the Quran, which has 42 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): He frowned and turned away his face because there came up to him the blind man. And what would make you know that he might reform, or heed the admonition, and admonishing might profit him? As for him who is indifferent, to him you attend, though you would not be responsible if he did not reform. And the one 'who comes to you running, of his own will, and fears, from him you turn away. By no means! This is but an admonition. Let him who wills accept it. It is written in scrolls, which are honoured, exalted, purified, (and which) remain in the hands of noble and virtuous scribes (1-16).

Ponder: Cursed be man! What a perverse disbeliever he is! Out of what has Allah created him. Out of a sperm drop. Allah created him, then set him his destiny, then made

the way of life easy for him then caused him to die and brought him to the grave. Then whenever He wills, He will raise him up again to life. Nay, but he has not fulfilled the duty that Allah-had assigned to him. Then let man look at his food. We poured down water in abundance, then cleft the earth asunder, then caused to grow in it corns and grapes and Vegetables and olives and dates and lush gardens and fruits of every kind and fodder as a means of sustenance for you and your cattle (17-32).

End Times: At last, when the deafening blast is sounded, that Day shall man flee from his brother and his mother and his father and his wife and his children. Each one of them, on that Day, shall have enough to occupy him to make him heedless of others. Some faces on that Day shall be shining, rejoicing and joyful. And some faces on that Day shall be dusty, and darkness shall be covering them. These will be the disbelievers and the sinners (33-42).

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81. Lessons in Surah Al-Takwir

The surah Al-Takwir is the 81st chapter of the Quran, which has 29 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): But not so! I swear by the retreating and hiding stars, and the night when it departed, and the dawn when it breathed up, that this indeed is the Word of a noble Messenger, who has great power, and has high ranks with the Owner of the Throne: there he is obeyed and held as trustworthy. And (O people of Makkah), your Companion is not mad. He has seen that Messenger on the clear horizon. And he is not stingy in the matter of conveying the (knowledge of the) unseen (to the people). And this is not the word of an accursed Satan. Whither then are you going? This is an Admonition to all the people of the world, to each one of you, who wishes to follow the Straight Path. But your willing is of no avail unless Allah, Lord of the worlds, wills so (15-29).

End Times: When the sun is folded up, and when the stars scatter, and when the mountains are set in motion, and when the ten month pregnant she-camels are left untended, and when the beasts are gathered together, and when the oceans are set ablaze, and when the souls are reunited (with their

bodies), and when the infant girl, buried alive, is asked for what crime she was slain, and when the records are unfolded, and when the veil of heaven is removed, and when Hell is set blazing, and when Paradise is brought near, then each person shall know what he has brought with him (1-14).

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82. Lessons in Surah Al-Infitar

The surah Al-Infitar is the 82nd chapter of the Quran, which has 19 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Ponder: O man, what has beguiled you concerning your Lord, the gracious, Who created you, fashioned you, proportioned you, and put you together in whatever form He pleased? Indeed not! But (the fact is that) you (O men) deny (the meting out of) rewards and punishments, although watchers have been appointed over you, honourable scribes, who know whatever you do (6-12).

End Times: When the heaven is cleft asunder, and when the stars scatter, and when the seas are torn apart, and when the graves are laid open. Then every person shall know all his works, the former and the latter (1-5). Surely the righteous shall be in bliss, and the wicked shall indeed go to Hell. They shall enter it on the Day of Recompense and shall never be able to be absent from it. And what do you know what the Day of Recompense is? Yes, what do you know what the Day of Recompense is? It is a Day when no one shall have the power to do anything for another. Judgment on that Day shall wholly rest with Allah (13-19).

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83. Lessons in Surah Al-Mutaffifin

The surah Al-Mutaffifin is the 83rd chapter of the Quran, which has 36 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

The believer: Indeed not! Surely the record of the righteous is in the Register of the exalted ones. And do you know what is the Register of the exalted ones? It is a written book, guarded by the angels nearest to Allah. Surely the righteous shall be in bliss; seated on high couches they shall

be looking around. In their faces you shall mark the glow of bliss. They shall be given to drink the choicest, sealed wine whose seal shall be musk. Those who wish to excel others, let them endeavour to excel in this. That wine shall have the mixture of Tasnim. This is a fountain with the waters of which those nearest to Allah shall drink wine (18-28).

The Disbelievers: Indeed not! Surely the records of the wicked are in the Prison Register and what do you know what the Prison Register is? It is a written book. Woe on that Day to the beliers who belie the Day of Recompense, and none belies it but every sinful transgressor. When Our Revelations are recited to him, he says: "These are tales of the ancient times." By no means! But the fact is that their evil deeds have stained their hearts. By no means! Surely on that Day they shall be debarred from their Lord's vision. Then they shall enter Hell. Then it will be said to them, "This is the very thing you used to belie" (7-17).

Warning: Woe to those who give short weight, who, when they take by measure from others, take it fully, and when they measure or weigh for them, they give them less than what is due. Do they not think that they will be raised up again on a Great Day? The Day when all mankind shall stand before the Lord of the worlds (1-6).

Admonishing: The culprits used to laugh at the believers in the world. They would wink at one another when they passed by them. When they returned to their kinsfolk they returned jesting. And when they saw them, they would say, "These are the people gone astray," although they had not been sent to be guardians over them. Today the believers are laughing at the disbelievers, as they recline on couches and gaze at them. Have not the disbelievers been duly rewarded for what they used to do (29-36)?

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84. Lessons in Surah Al-Inshiqaq

The surah Al-Inshiqaq is the 84th chapter of the Quran, which has 25 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Warning: So, no! I swear by the twilight and the night and what it gathers, and the moon when it grows full, that you have surely to pass from one state to another gradually. Then,

what is the matter with these people that they do not believe, and when the Qur'an is recited before them, they do not fall prostrate? But, on the contrary, the disbelievers deny, although Allah knows best what they are collecting (in their record). Therefore, give them the good news of a painful torment. However, those who have believed and done righteous deeds, shall have a reward that will never fail (6-25).

End Times: When the heaven splits asunder, and obeys its Lord's Command, as in truth it must (obey its Lord's Command). And when the earth is spread out, and throws out whatever is within it, and becomes empty, and obeys its Lord's Command, as in truth it must (obey the Command). O man, you are striving unto your Lord, and you will meet Him. Then he whose record is given in his right hand, shall have an easy reckoning, and he shall return to his kinsfolk rejoicing. As for him whose record is given him behind his back, he shall call for death and shall enter a blazing Fire. For he lived among his kinsfolk, completely absorbed, and deemed he would never return. Why not! His Lord was ever watching his misdeeds (1-15).

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85. Lessons in Surah Al-Buruj

The surah Al-Buruj is the 85th chapter of the Quran, which has 22 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Allah: Indeed, the grip of your Lord is very severe. It is He Who creates in the first instance, and He it is Who will create again. And He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Loving, Owner of the Throne, the Exalted and Doer of whatever He wills (12-16). Who is the All-Mighty the Self-Praiseworthy, Who is the Owner of the Kingdom of the heavens and the earth: and Allah is watching over everything.

The Disbelievers: Has the story of the hosts reached you, (of the hosts of) Pharaoh and Thamud? But those who disbelieve, persist in denying, although Allah has encircled them. (Their denial does not affect the Quran at all), for this Qur'an is sublime: it is (inscribed) in the Tablet that is preserved (17-22).

Warning: By the heaven with its strong forts, and the promised Day, and the seer and that which is seen. Doomed

were the people of the ditch, which had the fire fed by the intensely blazing fuel, when they were sitting by the ditch and witnessing what they were doing with the believers. And their enmity against the believers was for no other reason than that they had believed in that Allah (1-9).

Admonishing: For those who persecuted the believing men and women and did not repent of it, there is the torment of Hell and the punishment of burning. As for those who believed and did good deeds, there are Gardens for them beneath which canals will be flowing. This is the supreme success (10-11)!

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

86. Lessons in Surah At-Tariq

The surah At-Tariq is the 86th chapter of the Quran, which has 44 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Ponder: By the heaven and the visitant by night, and what do you know what the visitant by night is? It's the piercing star! There is no soul without a Guardian over it. Then let man at least consider from what he is created. He is created from a spurting fluid that issues forth from between the backbone and the breastbones. Surely, He (the Creator) has the power to create him again. The Day the hidden secrets are held to scrutiny, then man will neither have any power of his own nor any helper. By the heaven with its recurring cycle of rain, and by the earth ever bursting with verdure, this (Qur'an) is surely a decisive Word, not a flippant jest. These people (i.e., the disbelievers of Makkah) are devising some plans, and I, too, am devising a plan. So, leave the disbelievers, O Prophet; leave them to themselves for a while (1-17).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

87. Lessons in Surah Al-Ala

The surah Al-Ala is the 87th chapter of the Quran, which has 19 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): (O Prophet,) glorify the name of your Lord, the Highest. Who created and proportioned. Who set a

destiny and showed the way. Who caused vegetation to grow, then reduced it to black rubbish. We shall enable you to recite; then you shall not forget except what Allah wills. He knows what is open and what is hidden. And We give you the facility of the easy way; therefore, admonish them if admonition be profitable. He who fears will accept the admonition, and it will be shunned by the most wretched one, who shall enter the Great Fire, wherein he shall neither die nor live (1-13).

Admonishing: Truly successful was he who purified himself, and remembered the name of his Lord, then prayed. But you (O men,) prefer the life of this world, although the Hereafter is better and more lasting. The same had been said in the former Books, the Books of Abraham and Moses (14-19).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

88. Lessons in Surah Al-Ghashiyah

The surah Al-Ghashiyah is the 88th chapter of the Quran, which has 26 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): O Prophet, go on admonishing them, for you are only an admonisher. You are not there to coerce them (21-22).

The Disbelievers: But on him who turns away and disbelievers, Allah will inflict a heavy punishment. To Us they must return; then it is for Us to call them to account (23-26).

Ponder: (They do not believe:) but, do they not look at the camels, how they were created? And at the heaven, how it was raised high? And at the mountains, how they were firmly set? And at the earth, how it was spread out (17-20)?

Hellfire: Has the news of the over-shadowing calamity (of Resurrection) reached you? Some faces on that Day shall be downcast fear, toiling and worn out, scorching in the blazing fire. They will be given to drink from a boiling fountain, and their only food will be thorny, dry grass, which will neither fatten nor satisfy their hunger (1-7).

Paradise: Some faces on that Day shall be joyful, well-pleased with their endeavours, in a lofty Garden; there they shall hear no idle talk. In it there will be running springs, in it

there will be raised couches, goblets set forth, cushions ranged in rows and fine carpets spread out (8-16).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

89. Lessons in Surah Al-Fajar

The surah Al-Fajar is the 89th chapter of the Quran, which has 30 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Ponder: By the dawn, and the ten nights, and the even and the odd, and the night when it departs! Is there in it an oath for a man of sense? Have you not seen how your Lord dealt with 'Ad Iram of lofty pillars, the like of whom no nation was created in the lands of the world? And with Thamud who had hewed out the rocks in the valley? And with Pharaoh of the stakes. These were those who had committed great excesses in the lands of the world and spread great mischief in them. Consequently, your Lord let loose on them a scourge of the torment. Indeed, your Lord is ever lying in ambush. As for man, when his Lord tests him by exalting him and bestowing His bounties upon him, he says: "My Lord has exalted me." But when He tests him by straitening his sustenance, he says: "My Lord has humiliated me." Indeed not! But you do not treat the orphan with respect, and you do not urge one another to feed the poor, and you devour the whole inheritance greedily, and you love the wealth with all your hearts (1-20).

End Times: Indeed not! When the earth is incessantly pounded to become a sand-desert. and your Lord comes while the angels shall be standing in ranks, and Hell on that Day is brought within sight, on that Day shall man understand, but what will understanding avail him then? He will say, "Would that I had provided in advance for this life of mine!" Then none can punish as Allah shall punish on that Day, and none can bind as Allah shall bind. (To the righteous it will be said:) "O serene soul, return to your Lord. You are well-pleased (with your good end) and well-pleasing to your Lord. Join My (righteous) servants and enter My Paradise" (21-30).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

90. Lessons in Surah Al-Balad

The surah Al-Balad is the 90th chapter of the Quran, which has 20 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): Nay! I swear by this City (Makkah), while you (O Prophet), reside in this city wherein you have been rendered violable (1-2).

Admonishing: And I swear by the parent (Adam) and his offspring. We have indeed created man in toil. Does he think that no one will have power over him? He says, "I have squandered heaps of wealth." Does he think that no one has seen him? Have We not given him two eyes, and a tongue and two lips, and shown him both the highways (of good and evil) (2-10)? **Yet he has not attempted the steep pass. And what do you know what the steep pass is? It is the freeing of a neck from bondage, or the feeding in a day of hunger of a nearly related orphan, or a poor man lying in the dust** (11-16). Then (besides) one should be of those who have believed and exhorted one another to patience and exhorted one another to mercy (for God's creatures). These are the people of the right hand. **As for those who refuse to believe in Our Revelations, they are the people of the left hand. They shall have a Fire enveloping them** (17-20).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

91. Lessons in Surah As-Shams

The surah As-Shams is the 91st chapter of the Quran, which has 15 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Allah: By the sun and its heat and brightness, and by the moon as it follows it;, and by the day as it displays the sun's glory, and by the night as it envelopes the sun; and by the sky and by Him Who made it; and by the earth and by Him Who stretched it out; and by the soul and by Him Who perfectly proportioned it, and imbued it with (the consciousness of) its evil and its piety. He who purifies it will prosper, and he who suppresses it will be ruined (1-10).

The Disbelievers: Thamud belied (the Truth) because of their transgression. When the most wretched of them rose in rage. The Messenger of Allah warned them, saying, "(Do not molest) the she-camel of Allah, and (do not hinder her from) drinking water." But they belied what he said and killed the she-camel. Consequently, their Lord let loose on them a scourge in consequence of their sin and levelled them down all together, and he has no fear of any evil result (of this action) (11-15).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

92. Lessons in Surah Al-Lail

The surah Al-Lail is the 92nd chapter of the Quran, which has 21 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Allah: Indeed, it is for Us to show the Right Way, and, indeed, Ours are both the Hereafter and this present life. So, I have warned you of the blazing Fire (12-14).

The believer: And away from it shall be kept the most pious one, who gives away his wealth to purify himself. He has received no favour from anyone for which he may have to return a reward. He only seeks the goodwill of his Lord, the Exalted, and He will certainly be well-pleased (with him) (17-21).

The Disbelievers: None shall burn in Hell but the most wretched one, who belied and turned away (15-16).

Admonishing: By the night when it spreads, and the day when it shines forth, and Him Who created the male and the female: In fact, your endeavours (O men) are for different ends. So, he who gave wealth (in God's Way) and avoided (God's disobedience), and believed in goodness, for him We shall facilitate the easy way. As for him who was niggardly and lived as though he was independent (of God) and belied goodness, for him We shall facilitate the hard way. And what will his wealth avail him when he perishes (1-11)?

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

93. Lessons in Surah Al-Zuha

The surah Al-Zuha is the 93rd chapter of the Quran, which has 11 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): By the day, full of light, and the night when it falls peacefully, your Lord has not forsaken you (O Prophet), nor is He displeased. And surely the later period is better for you than the earlier period, and soon your Lord shall give you so much that you shall be well pleased. Did He not find you an orphan and then he sheltered you? And He found you unaware of the Way, then He guided you, and He found you poor, then He enriched you. Therefore, do. not be harsh to the orphan, and do not scold the beggar, and do proclaim the bounty of your lord (1-11).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

94. Lessons in Surah Al-Inshirah

The surah Al-Inshirah is the 94th chapter of the Quran, which has 8 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): (O Prophet!) have We not opened up your breast for you? And removed from you the heavy burden that was weighing down your back and exalted your renown for you. So, the fact is that along with every hardship there is also ease. Indeed, with every hardship there is also ease! Hence, when you are free, devote yourself to the labor of worship, and turn all your attention to your Lord (1-8).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

95. Lessons in Surah At-Tin

The surah At-Tin is the 95th chapter of the Quran, which has 8 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Admonishing: By the fig and the olive, and the Mount Sina, and this City of peace (Makkah), We have indeed created man in the finest of molds, then We reversed him to the lowest of the low, except those who believed and did good works. For them there is a reward unending. Therefore, (O Prophet,) who can after this belie you concerning the rewards and punishments? Is not Allah the best of all judges (1-8)?

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

96. Lessons in Surah Al-Alaq

The surah Al-Alaq is the 96th chapter of the Quran, which has 19 verses. It takes its name from the second verse.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): Read in the name of your Lord Who created. Created man from a clot of congealed blood. Read, and your Lord is Most Generous. **Who taught knowledge by the pen, taught man what he did not know** (1-5).

Warning: Indeed not! Man behaves rebelliously for he deems himself to be self-sufficient, (although) towards your Lord indeed is the return. Have you seen the one who forbids a servant when he prays (6-10)?

Admonishing: What do you think: if (the Servant) be on the right path, or be exhorting to piety? What do you think, if the one forbidding be belying (the Truth) and turning away? Does he not know that Allah sees? By no means! If he does not desist, We shall drag him by his forelock, the forelock that is lying and utterly sinful. So let him call his band of supporters. We, too, shall call

the angels of torment. Nay, never! Do not obey him and prostrate yourself and draw closer (to your Lord) (11-19).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

97. Lessons in Surah Al-Qadr

The surah Al-Qadr is the 97th chapter of the Quran, which has 5 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Admonishing: We have sent down this (Qur'an) in the Night of Glory. And what do you know what the Night of Glory is? The Night of Glory is better than a thousand months. The angels and the Spirit descend in it with every decree, by the permission of their Lord. That Night is peace, until the rising of the dawn (1-5).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

98. Lessons in Surah Al-Bayyinah

The surah Al-Bayyinah is the 98th chapter of the Quran, which has 8 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

The believer: As for those who believed and did righteous works, they are indeed the best of all creatures. Their reward with their Lord shall be Gardens of Eternity beneath which rivers will be flowing; they shall live in them for ever and ever. Allah became well pleased with them and they with Allah. All this is for him who feared his Lord (7-8).

The Disbelievers: Those who have disbelieved from among the people of the Book and the polytheists, shall certainly enter Hell, and remain therein for ever. They are the worst of all creatures (6).

Admonishing: The disbelievers from among the people of the Book and the polytheists would not desist (from their unbelief) until the clear evidence should come to them, a Messenger from Allah, who should recite to them holy scriptures containing sound and correct writings. The people who were given the Book before this did not divide into sects until after the clear statement (of the Right Way) had come to them and the only Command they were given was to worship Allah, making their religion sincerely His, turning all their attention towards Him, and to establish the salat and to pay the zakat. for this alone is the most true and right religion (1-5).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

99. Lessons in Surah Az-Zalzalah

The surah Az-Zalzalah is the 99th chapter of the Quran, which has 8 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

End Times: When the earth is shaken with her utmost shaking, and the earth casts out all the burdens from within her, and man says, "What has befallen her?" On that Day shall she relate whatever had happened (on her), for your Lord shall have commanded her (to do so). On that day, men shall turn up in sundry groups to be shown their deeds. Then, whoever has done an atom's weight of good, shall see it; and whoever has done an atom's weight of evil, shall see it (1-8).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

100. Lessons in Surah Al-Adiyat

The surah Al-Adiyat is the 100th chapter of the Quran, which has 11 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Admonishing: By the (horses) who run with panting breath, then dash off sparks (with their hoofs), then they raid early in the morning, then raise up dust in doing so; then penetrate deep into a host. Verily man is most ungrateful to his Lord; and he himself is a witness to it. He loves the worldly wealth with all his heart. But does he not know the time when all that lies (buried) in the graves shall be brought out, and all that lies (hidden) in the breasts shall be divulged and examined? Surely, their Lord on that Day shall be well informed of them (1-11).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

101. Lessons in Surah Al-Qaria

The surah Al-Qaria is the 101st chapter of the Quran, which has 11 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

End Times: The Great Disaster! What is the Great Disaster? And what will explain to you what the Great Disaster is? The Day when men shall be like scattered moths and the mountains like carded wool of different colours. Then he whose scales are heavy, shall be in a state of bliss, and he whose scales are light, shall have the deep pit for his dwelling. And do you know what it is? A raging Fire (1-11)!

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

102. Lessons in Surah Al-Takathur

The surah Al-Takathur is the 102nd chapter of the Quran, which has 8 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

End Times: Your craze for more and more and mutual rivalry for worldly gains has made you heedless, until you reach the graves. By no means! Soon you shall know! Again (note it well) by no means! Soon you shall know. Nay! Had you known with certainty the knowledge (the end of this way of life you would never have acted thus). You shall certainly see Hell. Again (note it well that) you shall most certainly see it. Then, on that Day, you shall certainly be called to account for the blessings and comforts of life (1-8).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

103. Lessons in Surah Al-Asr

The surah Al-Asr is the 103rd chapter of the Quran, which has 3 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Warning: By the Time! Man is surely in loss, except those who believed and did good works, and exhort one another to Truth, and exhort one another to patience (1-3).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

104. Lessons in Surah Al-Humaza

The surah Al-Humaza is the 104th chapter of the Quran, which has 9 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Warning: Doomed (to ruin) is every such person who slanders others (in their face) and backbites them habitually, who gathers wealth and counts it repeatedly. He thinks that his wealth will remain with him forever. Nay, never! He will be cast into the crushing place. And what do you know what the crushing place is? It is the Fire of Allah, kindled brightly, which shall rise to the hearts. It will be covered down on them (in a way that) they shall be (enclosed) by tall columns (1-9).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

105. Lessons in Surah Al-Fil

The surah Al-Fil is the 105th chapter of the Quran, which has 5 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Ponder: Have you not seen how your Lord dealt with the people of the elephant? Did He not cause their plan to end in vain? And sent down on them swarms of birds, which pelted them with stones of baked clay. Then He rendered them like straw eaten up by cattle (1-5).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

106. Lessons in Surah Al-Quraish

The surah Al-Quraish is the 106th chapter of the Quran, which has 4 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

The Disbelievers: As the Quraish become accustomed to the journey of winter and summer. So, they should worship the Lord of this House. Who fed them against hunger and secured them against fear (1-4).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

107. Lessons in Surah Al-Maun

The surah Al-Maun is the 107th chapter of the Quran, which has 7 verses. It takes its name from the seventh verse.

Summary of subjects

Warning: Have you seen him who belies the rewards and punishments of the Hereafter? He it is who drives away the orphan and does not urge giving away the food of the poor. Then woe to the praying ones, who are careless of their Prayer, who do good to be seen, and withhold small kindnesses (from the people) (1-7).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

108. Lessons in Surah Al-Kawthar

The surah Al-Kawthar is the 108th chapter of the Quran, which has 3 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Mohammed(saw): (O Prophet,) We have granted you the Kawthar (Abundance). So, pray only for your Lord and sacrifice. Indeed, your enemy alone is cut off from the root (1-3).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

109. Lessons in Surah Al-Kafirun

The surah Al-Kafirun is the 109th chapter of the Quran, which has 6 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

The Disbelievers: Say: "O disbelievers! I do not worship those whom you worship. Nor are you worshipers of Him Whom I worship. Nor am I a worshiper of those whom you have worshiped. Nor are you worshipers of Him Whom I worship. For you is your religion and for me is mine" (1-6).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

110. Lessons in Surah Al-Nasr

The surah Al-Nasr is the 110th chapter of the Quran, which has 3 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Admonishing: When Allah's help comes, and victory is attained. And (O Prophet,) you see that the people are entering into Allah's Religion in crowds. Then glorify your Lord with His praise and pray for His forgiveness. Indeed, He is ever inclined to accept repentance (1-3).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

111. Lessons in Surah Al-Lahab

The surah Al-Lahab is the 111th chapter of the Quran, which has 5 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

The Disbelievers: Broken were the hands of Abu Lahab and he was doomed to utter failure. His wealth and whatever he earned did not avail him anything. Certainly, he shall be cast into a blazing Fire. And his wife, too, the bearer of slander. Round her neck will be a rope of palm-fiber (1-5).

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

112. Lessons in Surah Al-Ikhlās

The surah Al-Ikhlās is the 112th chapter of the Quran, which has 4 verses. It takes its name from concept of sincerity.

Summary of subjects

Allah: Say: "He is Allah, the One and Only. Allah is Independent of all, and all are dependent on Him. Neither has He an offspring nor is He the offspring of anyone. And none is equal with Him in rank (1-4)."

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

113. Lessons in Surah Al-Falaq

The surah Al-Falaq is the 113th chapter of the Quran, which has 5 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Supplication: Say: I seek refuge with the Lord of the dawn, from the evil of everything He has created. And from the evil of the darkness of night when it overspreads. and from the evil of the blowers (men or women) into knots. And from the evil of an envious one when he envies (1-5)."

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

114. Lessons in Surah An-Naas

The surah An-Naas is the 114th chapter of the Quran, which has 6 verses. It takes its name from the first verse.

Summary of subjects

Supplication: Say: "I seek refuge with the Lord of mankind, the King of mankind, the real God of mankind, from the evil of the whisperer, who returns over and over again, who whispers (evil) into the hearts of men, whether he be from among the jinn or mankind" (1-6).

Quran ki faryaad

The cry of the Quran

taqon mein sajaya jata hon

I am decorated in niches

taveez banaya jata hon

I am worn as an amulet

jazdan Hareer wa resham ke

Placed in silk covers and purses

phir itar ki barish hoti hai

Then perfume is rained on me

jis terhan se totay myna ko

Just like the parrots and myna

is terhan parhaya jata hon

That's how I am taught to read

jab qoul wa qasam lainay ke liye

It comes to taking oath or promise

phir meri zaroorat partee hai

then my need arrives

aankhon se lagaya jata hon

I am rubbed with the eyes

dhoh dhoh ke pilaya jata hon

I am washed in water to drink

aur phool setaaray chandi ke

with silver flowers and stars

khusbu mein basaayaa jata hon

and immersed in fragrances

kuch bol sikhayiye jatay hain

are taught some words

is terhan sikhaya jata hon

and taught to understand me

takraar ki nobat aati hai

when disagreements occur

hathon pay uthaya jata hon

then I am lifted in the hand

dil soaz se khaali rehtay hain
hearts are free of heartaches

kehnay ko mein har jalsa mein
Verily in every gathering

neki pay badi ka ghalba hai
Evil prevails over good

ik baar hansaya jata hon
I am made to laugh once

yeh mujh se aqeedat ke daaway
Their claim of adore me

yun bhi mujhe ruswa karte hain
This how they humiliate me

kis bazm mein mujh ko baar nahi
No festival where I'm a burden

phir bhi mein akela rehta hon
Still I live alone

ankhen hain ke num hoti hi nahi
eyes that they don't get moist

parh parh ke sunaya jata hon
I am recited to be heard

sachaa se barh kar dhoka hai
it is more of deception than truth

so baar rulla ya jata hon
while mostly I am made to cry

qanoon pay raazi gheiron ke
yet pleased with manmade laws

aisay bhi sataya jata hon
this is how they prosecute me

kis uras mein meri dhoom nahi
in every festival I am pronounced

mujh sa bhi koi mazloom nahi
and none is as oppressed as me

Concluding comments

We humans were not created to live by animal instincts alone. As God's vicegerents on earth, our purpose of existence is to use our intellect constructively to create harmony with each other and with all creatures and the environment. Our superiority as creatures is due to our intellect and consciousness. We can critically analyze, solve complex problems, invent, and contemplate the universe. **Compassion, mercy, and other such qualities in man distinguishes him from other creatures.** In line with the teachings of the Quran, these attributes allow him to foster strong relationships, encourage collaboration, and create a community built on fairness and mutual regard.

Our potential for growth in science and other fields knows no bounds. This is why we persist in expanding the frontiers of knowledge and inventions. Yet, there are times in our lives when we feel emptiness inside us, beset by confusion and sadness, we start questioning the purpose of our existence, and yearn to understand it. Since the first man (Adam) on earth, the Creator has sent around one hundred and twenty-four thousand Prophets and Messengers with Books for man's guidance. The Quran is the final Book that was revealed to Mohammed(saw). Quran elucidates the purpose of our worldly existence. In it, the Creator says: **He created death and life to test you as to which of you is best in deeds (67:2).** I have created the jinn and humankind only for My worship (51:56). And the word of your Lord has

been fulfilled in truth and in justice. None can alter His words, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing (6:115).

The Quran is the last immutable message from the Creator, guiding humanity in all fields for success of this world and the Hereafter. It stresses on the use of reasoning and calls those who do not use their reasoning, a donkey, cattle, or worse. The Quran emphasize its significance: This is the Book in which there is no doubt (2:2). Ramadan is the month in which the Quran was sent down, this Book is a perfect guidance for mankind and consists of clear teachings which show the right way and are a criterion of Truth and falsehood (2:185). It brings forth mankind from every kind of darkness into light (14:1). It guides them to the ways of peace (5:16). It guides to that which is most suitable and gives good tidings to the believers (17:9).

The Quran guides us in our daily life, showing us how to fulfil our responsibilities towards the Creator and His creations. It encourages us to value His blessings and remain steadfast during difficulties. Reflecting on the Quran deepens our understanding of the Creator and His attributes, thus strengthening our connection with Him. The Quran instils peace in our hearts by portraying His mercy, love, and benevolence towards mankind, fostering a true affection for Him. As we delve deeper into the Quran, Allah's greatness becomes apparent to us, inspiring us with its grandeur.

Quran is not a book of science but a book of signs. However, various scientific facts discovered recently confirm the accuracy of the verses within it. These facts include the universe's creation with a Big Bang, honey's medicinal properties, miracles of embryology, mysteries of the ocean, mountains stabilizing the earth as pegs, and planets orbiting in space. Muslims should ponder in the Quran and implement its teachings in their daily lives. Contemplating on its verses leads to wisdom, spiritual insight, and fostering a stronger bond with the Creator. The Prophet(SAW) said, "The best among you are those who learn the Quran and teach it (Bukhari 5027)." Furthermore, the Quran states: "Do they not then consider the Quran carefully? Had it been from other than Allah, they would surely have found in it many contradictions" (4:82).

The Quran informs us that there is life after death for humans and jinn because both are given free will and authority. On Judgment Day they will be resurrected for judgment, to be rewarded or punished according to their deeds. Its consequence includes a) Paradise for believers who did good deeds, b) A place called Araaf for those in between, and c) Hell for disbelievers, hypocrites, and oppressors among believers, d) A Well at the bottom of Hellfire, from which even Hell seeks Allah's refuge. It is for miscreant scholars who misguided His slaves just for worldly gains.

The Prophet(SAW) said, “Every Prophet was given miracles because of which people believed, but what I have been given is the Quran which Allah revealed to me. So, I hope that my followers will outnumber all the followers of all Prophets on the Day of Resurrection” (Muslim). The Prophet(SAW) said: "The Quran has been allowed to intercede, whoever keeps it in front of him (i.e. ponders in it and acts upon it) then it will guide him to Paradise, and whoever will keep it behind him (i.e. ignore it), it will lead him to Hell” (Ibn Hibban).

O Allah, forgive us, guide us, and make us leaders among the guided ones. Ameen! O Allah, there are many rights of Yours that we have not fulfilled, and many rights of Your creation that we have not fulfilled. **O Allah, forgive Your rights that we owe to You, and O Allah, compensate the rights of Your creatures that we owe from Your treasures on our behalf.** O Merciful Lord, save us from the fire of Hell with Your mercy. O Allah, if You act with justice, we will surely be among the losers. O Allah, Your mercy is far greater than our sins, we look forward to Your mercy, not to our deeds. Ameen!