

### Juz 3 – What is True Faith?

#### Understanding Allah

- Ayatul Kursi

#### True Faith = Not forced

- فقال بعضهم: نزلت هذه الآية في قوم من الأنصار- أو في رجل منهم - كان لهم أولاد قد هودوهم أو نصرهم، فلما جاء الله بالإسلام أرادوا إكراههم عليه، فنهاهم الله عن ذلك، حتى يكونوا هم يختارون الدخول في الإسلام.

#### Understanding Resurrection after Death

- Ibrahim and Nimrod
- Uzair (AS)
- Ibrahim again

#### Spending for the sake of Allah

- Sign of true faith
- Can't be done as a favor or to create leverage
- Can't be a PR stunt
- Better to be secretive

#### Ethical Business Practices

#### Last Two Verses – Tenets of Faith, Fruits of Faith

بَيْنَمَا جِبْرِيلُ قَاعِدٌ عِنْدَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ، سَمِعَ نَقِيصًا مِنْ فَوْقِهِ، فَرَفَعَ رَأْسَهُ، فَقَالَ: هَذَا بَابٌ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ فُتِحَ الْيَوْمَ لَمْ يُفْتَحْ قَطُّ إِلَّا الْيَوْمَ، فَنَزَلَ مِنْهُ مَلَكٌ، فَقَالَ: هَذَا مَلَكٌ نَزَلَ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ لَمْ يَنْزَلْ قَطُّ إِلَّا الْيَوْمَ، فَسَلَّمَ، وَقَالَ: أَنْبِئْ بَنُورَيْنِ أَوْ تَيْتَهُمَا لَمْ يُؤْتَهُمَا نَبِيٌّ قَبْلَكَ: فَاتِحَةُ الْكِتَابِ، وَخَوَاتِيمُ سُورَةِ الْبَقَرَةِ، لَنْ تَقْرَأَ بِحَرْفٍ مِنْهُمَا إِلَّا أُعْطِيَتْهُ  
(مَنْ قَرَأَ بِالْآيَتَيْنِ مِنْ آخِرِ سُورَةِ الْبَقَرَةِ فِي لَيْلَةٍ كَفَنَاهُ)

#### Start of Ale Imran mentions Allah's revelations

#### True Faith = Preferring the Life of the Next World

- Description of the faithful

#### True Faith = Islam, submission without compromise

#### True Faith is following the Sunnah

#### A truly faithful Family – the Family of Imran

- Good and bad are from Allah
- Jesus the son of Mary
  - o Miraculous how detailed the Qur'an is about Jewish theology
- Interfaith dialogue: similar word = Ibrahim

Don't stereotype other members of other faiths

True faith is not turning your back

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Juz – Selflessness**

Selflessness is a key quality of a successful individual and community

The first house of worship for mankind

Hold on the rope of Allah!

Battle of Uhud a. 121

- Banu Salamah and Banu Harithah
- First Badr
- One of the root causes of a defeatist mindset: greed and selfishness
- Victory and defeat are part of life
- Back to Uhud a. 152
- The Prophet's response to this defeat

Last Ten verses

#### **Surah An-Nisaa – Justice and Mercy**

Madinan Surah

- Link to the ending of previous surah
- Justice and mercy to the historically oppressed, a. 1-28
  - o From same source, so there shouldn't be injustice, a. 1
  - o Orphans, a. 2-3

- Women, a. 4, 19-21
- Needy, 5-10
- Inheritance: divine justice and mercy with regards to money, a. 11-14
- Treat both genders' mistakes the same way, a. 16
- Those who you can never marry, a. 22-24
- Allah is merciful to us and wants to make our lives easy (esp in light of rulings above)
- Barriers to justice and mercy
  - Financial corruption, a. 29
  - Social corruption
  - Envy and jealousy
  - Switching the natural order of roles in the house (الرِّجَالُ قَوُّمُونَ عَلَى النِّسَاءِ)
  - Being self-delusional/boastful/miserly
  - Shirk and showing off
  - Hypocrisy and its dangers
- Establishing justice
  - Being true to our trusts and keeping promises
  - The sunnah of the Messenger
  - Fighting for the weaker elements of society
  - Justice during war and peace (treaties)
  - Accidental deaths
- Reminder to establish justice even if against yourself/family/relatives (part of faith)

## Juz 6

### Surah An-Nisaa – Justice and Mercy

- Injustice should be spoken about
- Unjust statements about Allah's Prophets and chosen
  - Musa
  - Maryam
  - Easa
- Consequences of injustice = loss of blessings
  - **But not all were bad people!**
- The Prophets of Allah were warners and bringers of good news
- Extremism is injustice
- Ends with ruling of inheritance

### Surah Maidah – Fulfilling Our Commitments

- Begins with "Oh you who have believed" and repeats 16 times (out of 89 in total)
- Fulfilling contracts is part of faith

- Some contracts that are binding on us as part of our faith
  - Sanctity of the kabah and rituals of Hajj
  - What we eat
  - Who we can marry and build families with
  - Wudu and purification (and everything above it)
  - Standing up for justice
- Remember what a great favor and blessing this contract is
- Bani Israel (“I will be with you if...”) and Christians not living up to their contract
- The Prophet [SAWS] is sent to Jews and Christians as well
- The delusion of the “Chosen nation”
- Some realities of faith and living with faith
  - Story of Musa, Bani Israel and the two men (bravery = faith, cowardice <> faith)
  - Story of two sons of Adam (sincerity in action)
  - Why killing a person without reason is like killing mankind
  - But allowed when dealing with people who corrupt the Earth
  - Dealing with thieves
- Consoling the Prophet (“don’t be sad...”)
- All divine laws were sent to be implemented (part of the promise)
- The Shariah is our divine set of laws, we have a distinct identity from others
  - Our allegiance and priorities
  - Not being around those who ridicule and mock the religion
  - Many of the people of the Scripture fall under this category
  - But not all are bad people

Easa and Maryam

### **Surah Maidah – Fulfilling Our Commitments**

- Some righteous followers of Easa from Abyssinia, a. 82
- Some important rulings (our commitments to Allah)
  - Not making halal things haram

- Alcohol, gambling, astrology and movement of stars
- Hunting while in ihram (i.e. opportunity is there, but Allah is watching)
- Sanctity of the Ka'bah (good culture) v. cultural baggage, a. 97, 103-105
- Testimony at the time of death
- Easa on the DoJ, a. 109-end
  - One more miracle!
- “The Day when the truthful will benefit from their truthfulness” (promises in full circle)

### **Surah An'aam – Recognize Allah, Worship Him Exclusively**

- Makkan surah, revealed in one shot
- Three major discussion points: 1) worship of Allah 2) revelation and messengers 3) resurrection and accountability
- All praises and thanks are for Allah, the Creator, so how is someone else equal to Him?, a.1
- Creation and resurrection (very closely related), a.2
- Attitude of Quraysh (constantly seeking a physical miracle, e.g. an angel), a. 7-9
- Messengers are mocked and ridiculed historically but they have the last laugh, a. 10
- “He has mandated on Himself mercy”, a. 12
- Allah is only truly worthy of worship (“He feeds and is not fed”), a. 14
- Scenes of the Day of Judgement (intense regret) and before dying, a. 27-34
- Prophet, We know it makes you sad!, a. 34
- Those looking for a sign to recognize Allah, look at ..., a. 37-38
- Tests and trials from Allah His way of reminding people of who He is (and the result), a. 42-45
- The Messenger is just a messenger (قل لا أقول لكم), a. 50-51
- The followers of the messenger (an excuse for disbelief), so don't disregard them, a. 52-54
- Some signs of Allah (عنده مفاتيح الغيب), a. 59-64
  - Keys of the unseen
  - Puts you to sleep
  - Protects you
- Ibrahim [AS], the role model and his story, a.74-72
- Some other Prophets, a. 83-87
- More physical signs of Allah so we can recognize Him (إن الله فائق الحب), a.95
  - Take inspiration from the universe!

## **8<sup>th</sup> Juz**

Begins: Al-An'aam a. 111

Ends: Al-A'raaf a. 87

### **Surah Al-An'aam – Recognize Allah, Worship Him Exclusively**

- Don't insult the religion of others, a. 108
- Quraysh's claims and Allah's response, a. 109-111
- Why does Allah send opposition to the Messengers?, a. 112
- Eating from halal, a. 121
- Example of those who Allah guides, a. 125
- Scene from the Day of Judgement, a.128-130
- Excuses from Quraysh, a. 148
- What is faith? "Come let me tell you", a. 151-153
  - 10 commands
- Concluding remarks and implications of true faith

### **Connection between end of Al-An'aam and beginning of Al-A'raaf**

- "My Lord has guided me to a straight path"; "Follow what has been revealed"
- "He made you successors on the Earth"; "how many cities"/story of Adam

### **Surah Al-A'raaf – Truth v. Falsehood From Time**

- Makkah surah. Lots of historical evidence provided to support the big idea.
- Qur'an is a miracle from Allah, "so let there not be in your breast distress therefrom"
- "Follow what has been revealed"
- Many cities and nations have been destroyed by Allah, so don't think He can't punish
- Messengers are held accountable
- Beginning of the creation: Adam v. Iblees
  - "I am better than him"
  - "You misguided me"
  - "To reveal their nakedness" ← lose the divine clothing of paradise, tempt humanity with shamelessness and immorality
- Lessons from the story: "Oh Children of Adam"
  - Ayah 26
  - Ayah 27
  - Ayah 31

- Ayah 35
- Scenes from the Day of Judgement, a. 38, 42-43, 44, 50
- People of Araf – not good enough to enter paradise, not bad enough to enter hellfire, a. 46-49
- Seek Allah's protection through dua, a. 55
- Good earth v. bad earth, a. 58
- Story of Nuh, a. 59-64 (deviance in theology)
- Story of Hud, a. 65-72 (culture)
- Story of Salih, a. 73-79 (tyrannical power)
- Story of Lut, a. 80-84 (base desires)
- Story of Shuaib, a. 85-93 (financially corrupt)

## **9<sup>th</sup> Juz**

**Begins:** Al-A'raaf a. 88

**Ends:** Al-Anfaal a. 40

### **Surah Al-A'raaf – Truth v. Falsehood From Time**

- Story of Shuaib, a. 85-93 (financially corrupt)
  - Physical intimidation and barring of people
- Some lessons and commentary, a. 94-102
  - Tough times to break arrogance, a. 94
  - Isn't there significant lesson in the stories of these fallen cities? a. 100
- Musa and Firawn, a. 103-137
  - Firawn and his chiefs
  - Unexpected results from the magicians, a. 121
  - Patience and strength is required before victory, a. 128
  - Allah tests the Pharaoh and his people, a. 130-135
  - Allah saves Bani Israil, a. 137
- Musa and Bani Israil, a. 138-172
  - Bani Israil's pathetic behavior, a. 138
  - Musa goes to meet Allah, 141-143
  - Bani Israil's pathetic behavior, a. 148
  - Musa returns, a. 150
  - The Prophet (S) was mentioned to them, a. 157
  - The Sabbath, a. 163-166
  - Not all of them were bad though, a. 168
  - An important lesson, a. 169
- The Fitrah: Adam and his children, a. 172-174
- "The man who We gave our signs", a. 175-178
- Conclusion (people of the truth – who they are and how Allah supports them), a. 196-end

### **Connection between end of Al-A'raaf and beginning of Al-Anfaal**

- "When the Qur'an is read"; "The believers are those..."



## 10<sup>th</sup> Juz

Begins: Al-Anfaal a. 41

Ends: Al-Tawbah a. 92

### Surah Al-Anfaal – Truth v. Falsehood: The Prophet and Quraish

Anfal: Madinan Surah, revealed after battle of Badr

The name Anfal and its implications: the worldly gains are secondary, the cause of Islam is primary

روى عبادة بن الصامت قال : خرج رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم إلى بدر فلقوا العدو ; فلما هزمهم الله اتبعتهم طائفة من المسلمين يقتلونهم ، وأحدقت طائفة برسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم ، واستولت طائفة على العسكر والنهب ; فلما نفي الله العدو ورجع الذين طلبوهم قالوا : لنا النفل ، نحن الذين طلبنا العدو وبنا نفاهم الله وهزمهم . وقال الذين أحدقوا برسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم : ما أنتم أحق به منا ، بل هو لنا ، نحن أحدقنا برسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم لنلا ينال العدو منه غرة . وقال الذين استولوا على العسكر والنهب : ما أنتم بأحق منا ، هو لنا ، نحن حويناه واستولينا عليه ; فأنزل الله عز وجل : يسألونك عن الأنفال قل الأنفال لله والرسول

The question: “They ask you about the spoils of war” (ayah 1); the answer comes in ayah 41. Why the delay?

- Tangential method of the Qur’an
- The details of the battle are known
- Address the root cause problem of prioritizing worldly gains

“Who the true believers are”, a. 1-4

The battle of Badr

- Was destined to take place, a. 5-8
- Mental and physical prep, a. 11
- Allah’s help through angels, a. 9, 12
- Place of battle, a. 42
- Allah’s help through perception, a. 43, 44
- A great victory, a. 10, 17, 18

The Prophet and Quraish, a. 30-33

Lessons and Allah’s reminders

- Don’t flee the battlefield, a. 14
- Answer the call, don’t put material gains above the next life, a. 24, 25
- Don’t betray Allah, His messenger or your commitments, a. 27
- If you are truthful, He’ll open up your mind, heart and soul, a. 29

- Allah will always help, even against odds, a. 30
- Difficulties in life are meant to bring out the best of us, a. 37
- Be firm in battle, use help through Allah's remembrance, a. 45
- Don't fight amongst yourselves, a. 46

The aftermath

- Spoils of war, a. 41
- Prisoners of war, a. 67, 68

How to be victorious

- Be prepared, a. 60
- Be strong, a. 65, 66
- Be united, a. 63
- Be believers, a. 1-4, 74

### **Surah Tawbah – Truth v. Falsehood: The Prophet and the Hypocrites**

Surah Anfaal – revealed after first major battle (Badr)

Surah Tawbah – revealed during the build up to last major battle (Tabuk)

Only surah doesn't begin with Bismillah.

قال عبد الله بن عباس : سألت علي بن أبي طالب : لم لم يكتب في ( براءة ) " بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم " ؟ قال : لأن " بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم " أمان و ( براءة ) نزلت بالسيف ليس فيها أمان

- Bismillah is mercy and security, the surah begins with declaring there is no security for polytheists of the Arabian Peninsula anymore.
- Revealed mostly about hypocrites: no security for them.

Called Tawbah because the word comes 17 times in its root, implying the door of tawbah is open for all!

### **The Prophet v. Polytheists of Arabia**

Very stern opening, a. 1-5

- Tawbah, a. 6

Reasoning for removal of polytheists, a. 8

- Tawbah, a. 11

The polytheists of Quraish cannot operate the Sacred Mosque, a. 17, 28

People of Scripture and jizya, a. 29

- Take heed from their theological corruption, a. 31

- Take heed from their financial corruption, a. 34

#### The Prophet v. Hypocrites

“Why is it that you don’t go fight” (Tabook), a. 38-41

Analysis of hypocrites and their lies, a. 42, 47, 49, 57-59, 65, 75-79, 81

Oh Prophet!

- Don’t ask for forgiveness for them, a. 80
- Don’t pray janaza over them, a.84

Attitude of true believers:

- All that happens to us is good, a. 51-52
- Contrast to hypocrites, a. 67
- True believers, a. 71-72
- Crying at missed opportunities for good, a. 92

## **11<sup>th</sup> Juz**

Begins: Al-Tawbah a. 93

Ends: Hud 5

Contains the end of Al-Tawbah, all of Yunus and first few ayaat of Hud.

### **Surah Tawbah – Truth v. Falsehood: The Prophet and the Hypocrites**

Attitude of true believers v. attitude of hypocrites

Believers: Crying at missed opportunities for good, a. 91,92

Hypocrites: Lying about why they can't participate, a. 93-94

- Bedouins: a. 97-99, 101

Believers: As-saabiqoon, a. 100 but also those who made mistakes, a. 102, 106

Hypocrites: scheming with the Roman empire, a. 107

Believers: sincere intentions, a. 108

- Purity of intentions is so critical: a. 109, 110

Description of the believers, a. 111-112

The three who stayed behind, a. 117,118

- The truth set them free, a. 119

Concluding remarks

- Jihad: a. 122,123
- Attitude towards Islam: a. 124
- Be careful of living a double life: a. 127
- The merciful Messenger (S), a. 128-129

### **Connection between end of Al-Tawbah and beginning of Yunus**

The merciful, loving Messenger; "Are people amazed that a man is a messenger?"

### **Surah Yunus – Allah is the Truth**

Makkan surah; the word "الحق" repeats 23 times

Name comes from a. 98, the people of Yunus

Introduction – Qur'an, Messenger, Allah's Ayaat Outside

- The Qur'an is a miraculous book, a. 1

- Description of what it means to be a messenger, a. 2
- Pondering the creation of Allah, connecting the ayaat inside to ayaat outside, a. 3, 5, 6

#### Analysis of Kufr – Disbelief

- Reason why people disbelieve, a. 7 contrast to believers a. 9
- A telltale sign of those who don't really recognize Allah, a. 12
- Change the religion? a. 15
- Humans were originally worshiping Allah alone, a. 19

#### Attitude of Ingratitude (Kufr)

- Ease after difficulty, a. 21
- Difficult times, a. 22-23
- Reality of life a. 24

#### Allah, the Truth

- Allah wants good for us, a. 25-26
- Scene on Day of Judgement, a. 28
- Some logical arguments about Allah being the truth, ayah 31, 34-38, 67-68
- The Prophet was just a Prophet, a. 41, 46, 48
- The Qur'an, a. 57
- The friends of Allah, a. 62-64

#### Stories of three Prophets – trust in Allah

- Story of Nuh, a. 71-73
- Story of Musa and Firawn's accepting Islam, a. 75-93
- Story of Yunus [AS], a. 98
- Conclusion, a. 107-end

## **12<sup>th</sup> Juz**

**Begins:** Hud 6

**Ends:** Yusuf 52

- “Follow what has been revealed from your Lord and be patient until Allah passes judgement”;  
“A book whose ayaat are to pass judgement”

### **Surah Hud – Don’t Give Up**

Makkan surah, “Hud and it’s sisters have made me old”

#### **Recognizing Allah**

- Allah’s Majesty, a. 1-7
- Being fickle: a sign of those who don’t really recognize Allah, a. 8-11
- Don’t give up despite what people do or say, a. 12
- The challenge (again), a. 14
- The one who wants this life only, a. 15

#### **The two groups, a.24**

- Story of Nuh, a. 25-49
- Hud, a. 50-60
- Salih, a. 61-68
- Ibrahim, a. 69-76
- Lut, a. 77-83
- Shuaib, a. 84-96
- Musa, a. 97-98

#### **Concluding remarks**

- It’s not Allah’s fault, a. 101
- Scene from day of Judgement
- So don’t give up, a. 112
- And keep establishing salah, a. 114
- If Allah wanted, all would be believers, a. 118

## **13<sup>th</sup> Juz**

Begins: Yusuf 53

Ends: Ibrahim end

### **Surah Yusuf – Allah Has a Plan for You**

- Yusuf's dream, a. 4
- The brother's plot against Yusuf, a. 8
  - Allah rescues Yusuf, a. 21
- Minister's wife attempt to seduce Yusuf, a. 23
- A similar attempt by Egyptian ladies, a. 31
- Yusuf's imprisonment, a. 35
- The king's dream, a. 43
- The king's dream interpreted, a. 47
- Yusuf's release from prison, a. 50
- Confession of the ladies, a. 51
- Confession of wife of minister, a. 52
- Brother's learn their lesson, a. 90
- Yusuf's dream interpreted, a. 100

### **After Difficulty, there is Ease** 😊

- Yusuf separated from family
  - Rescued by caravan
- Sold to slavery
  - Adopted as a noble slave
- Seduced by minister's wife, accused of seducing
  - Name cleared by wife's relative
- Thrown in prison for no crime
  - Gave dawah in prison
  - Freed, cleared and honored as minister
- Brothers slander
  - Re-united with younger brother
- Father loses eyesight due to recurrence of grief
  - Re-united with the family

### **Imagery of the shirt**

- False blood, a. 18 → told Yaqub that Yusuf is alive; minor relief
- Torn shirt, a. 25 → saved Yusuf; relief

- Shirt restoring vision, a. 93 → restored vision, told Yaqub Yusuf is alive and well; major relief

### **Concluding two ayaat of Surah Yusuf**

### **Surah Ra'd – Recognize Allah**

#### Recognizing Allah

- “What has been revealed to you from your Lord is the Truth” but most don't believe
- The sky, the sun, the moon, the system! a. 2
- The Earth, a. 3
- The plants that grow on the Earth, a. 4
- Most forgiving, a. 6
- Bring a physical sign! a. 7
- Duality of thunder, a. 12-13
- Can't harm nor do good, a. 16
- An example, a. 17

#### Recognizing Allah through His people

- People of the truth contrasted with people of falsehood (18-29)

#### Recognize Allah through His words

- The power of the Qur'an (31)

#### The Prophet of Allah

- Your job is to convey, a. 40
- Conclusion, a. 41-end

### **Surah Ibrahim – The attitude of gratitude**

- Darkness (disbelief), light (faith)
- Central reason for disbelief (3)
- Musa preaching the blessing of faith and thankfulness (5-9)
- A generalized dialogue between Prophets and their opposition (9-13)
- Allah will always be there for the believers (13-14)
- Epic scene in hellfire (21-22) and then paradise (23)
- Gratitude v. Ingratitude: The example of a tree (24-27)
- Some great favors of Allah, yet people are so ungrateful (28-34)
- Ibrahim the role model of gratitude (35-41)
- Allah will get the ungrateful and oppressors at the end (42-end)



## **14<sup>th</sup> Juz**

Begins: Hijr 1

Ends: Nahl end

### **Surah Nahl – Allah is the Protector and Provider**

#### Introduction

- Allah responding to Quraish's mocking of the Prophet, a. 1-8
- Allah will protect this book and this faith, a. 9

#### Allah the Provider

- Creatures of the Earth, a. 20, 21
- The pollinating winds, a. 22
- Creation and resurrection, a. 23, 25

#### How Allah Protects and Provides

- Story of Adam and Iblis
  - Where (A'raf 16), How (Hijr 39)
- Inform my servants, a. 49-50
- Story of Ibrahim and the guests
- Story of Lut
- Story of people of Aikah – Shuaib
- Story of people of Hijr – Thamud
  - Name: Hud, Salih
  - Tribe: Aad, Thamud
  - Place: Ahqaf, Hijr

#### Conclusion

- Be patient, Allah will take care of you, a. 85
- Focus on the good that you've been given, a. 87-88
- It hurts, but keep going, a. 97-99

#### Link between end of Hijr and Nahl

### **Surah Nahl – Thanking Allah for His blessings**

- Day of Judgement is coming
- Some amazing blessings that Allah blessed us with a. 3-16
- Are we really thankful? a. 17-18
- Contrast in attitude of disbelievers v. believers, a. 24, 30

- Allah's blessing: sending a messenger to every nation, a. 36
- Allah's blessing: He chooses who believes, a. 37
- All creation bows to Allah so you do as well, a. 48-51
- The evil of the one who commits shirk, a. 56-60
- Examples in Allah's creation
  - Resurrection a. 65
  - Cattle a. 66
  - Vegetation a. 67
  - Honey bee a. 68
  - Family a. 72
  - Be thankful a. 73-74
- Logical examples: a. 75, 76
- More examples in Allah's creation, a. 78, 79, 80, 81
- Scene from DoJ, a. 84
- Justice, a blessing, a. 90-91,
- A. 97,98,103, 116
- Conclusion: example of Ibrahim

## **15<sup>th</sup> Juz**

Begins: Al-Israa 1

Ends: Al-Kahf 74

### Link between end of Nahl and Beginning of Israa

- Ibrahim is a nation by himself but the Prophet (S) is the Imam of all prophets
- The Sabbath → Bani Israil
- Ayah 125 → topic of the Surah (Qur'an)

### **Surah Al-Israa – The Glorious Qur'an**

The word Qur'an is mentioned 11 times in the Surah.

The book = previous scripture, book of deeds of an individual and Qur'an

#### Introduction – Passing of the “the Book”

- Passing from Bani Israil to the Muslims, a. 1
  - This is not strange, happened from Nuh to Musa, a. 2
- Slacking of Bani Israil with regards to the Book, a. 4
- The Qur'an is the guide, a. 9

#### The book of deeds

- The book of deeds, a. 13-14
- Important note about accountability, a. 15
- Important observation about attitudes that determine what the book of deeds will hold, a. 18-20

#### The Commandments from the Qur'an a. 23-38

#### The value of the Qur'an

- Realize the importance of this book, a. 39-41
- Those who are prevented from benefiting from the Qur'an, a. 45-48
- Story of Adam and Iblis, a.61
- The Prophet was supported by Allah through the Qur'an, a. 73-77
- The sweetness of the Qur'an is felt in prayer, especially Fajr, a. 78-82
- The greatness of the Qur'an (88-89)
- It's the truth (105-106)
- Attitude of those who were given knowledge upon hearing the recitation (107-109)

#### Links between

- Subhan Allah v. Alhamdulillah
- Abd (slave)
- Last two ayaat (“say”)
- Last ayah of Isra and first ayah of Kahf (greatest favor that He’s done for us)

### **Surah Al-Kahf - Trials and Tribulations of life**

من قرأ سورة الكهف في يوم الجمعة ، سطع له نور من تحت قدمه إلى عنان السماء ، يضيء له يوم القيامة ، وغفر له ما بين الجمعتين

من قرأ العشر الأواخر من سورة الكهف عصم من فتنة الدجال

- Begins with Qur’an and ends with Qur’an (i.e. to make it out of the trials and tribulations of life the Qur’an is essential)
- Trials:
  - Following the true religion
  - Having money and luxury
  - Day of Judgement
  - Knowledge and status (Iblees and Musa, contrasting examples)
  - Authority and power (Dhul Qarnayn)
- Conclusion

## 16<sup>th</sup> Juz

Begins: Al-Kahf 75

Ends: Taha end

This juz includes the last part of Surah Al-Kahf (18), Surah Maryam (19) and Surah Taha (20)

### Surah Al-Kahf - Trials and Tribulations of life

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#### Trials and tribulations of life:

Following the true religion – Youth of the Cave, a. 9-27

Having money and luxury – Man of the Gardens, a.32-46

Day of Judgement, a. 47-49

Knowledge and status – Iblees, a. 50-51

Knowledge and status – Musa (contrasting examples), a. 60-82

- والخضر نبي عند الجمهور . وقيل : هو عبد صالح غير نبي ، والآية تشهد بنبوته لأن بواطن أفعاله لا تكون إلا بوحى

Authority and power – Dhul Qarnayn, a. 83-98

- كان أهل الكتاب أو المشركون، سألوا رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم عن قصة ذي القرنين، فأمره الله أن يقول: { سَأَلُو عَنِّيكُمْ مِثْلَ ذِكْرًا } فيه نبأ مفيد، وخطاب عجيب.
- والأكثرون على أنه كان ملكا عادلا صالحا
- "ذي القرنين" قال الزهري : لأنه بلغ قرني الشمس مشرقها ومغربها
- { ثُمَّ اتَّبَعَ سَبَبًا حَتَّى إِذَا بَلَغَ بَيْنَ السَّدَّيْنِ } قال المفسرون: ذهب متوجها من المشرق، قاصدا للشمال، فوصل إلى ما بين السدين، وهما سدان، كانا سلاسل جبال معروفين في ذلك الزمان،
- إن يأجوج ومأجوج هم قوم من بني البشر، موجودين على الأرض، وسيخرجون ويراهم الناس في آخر الزمان، إذ يعدّ خروجهم أحد علامات قرب قيام الساعة، فقال الله تعالى: (حَتَّى إِذَا فُتِحَتْ يَأْجُوجُ وَمَأْجُوجُ وَهُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ حَدَبٍ يَنْسِلُونَ\*وَاقْتَرَبَ الْوَعْدُ الْحَقُّ)، [٢] وإن خرج قومي يأجوج ومأجوج على الناس عاثوا في الأرض فساداً وخراباً عظيماً، حتى يتحصن منهم نبي الله عيسى -عليه السلام- والمؤمنون معه

#### Conclusion

- Circle back to beginning, a. 102, 107-110

## **Surah Maryam – Faith and Family go hand-in-hand**

Righteous Families

- Zakaria and Yahya, a. 1-15
- Maryam and Easa, a. 16-40

Faith and Family Gone Wrong: Ibrahim and his father, a. 41-50

Brothers in Faith: Musa and Haroon, a. 51, 53

Ibrahim's kids: Ismail and his family, a. 54, 55

Losing the religion, a. 58-59, 66-71

Conclusion: Allah having no need of a child

## **Surah Taha – Faith is Happiness, Not Grief**

Intro, a. 1-2

Musa, a. 9-99

## **17<sup>th</sup> Juz**

Begins: Al-Anbiya 1

Ends: Al-Hajj end

This juz includes Surah Al-Anbiya (21) and Surah Al-Hajj (22).

### **Surah Anbiya – The Prophets, their patience and dua**

#### The Prophets

- Day of Judgement is coming while people are oblivious (job of Prophets to warn about it), a. 1
- Men of revelation, a. 5-7
- Humans who lived and died, a. 8
- Allah gave them victory, a. 9

#### Allah's Oneness – the Central Message of Prophets

- Creation is not in jest, a. 16-17
- Why there isn't any other true god, a. 22
- Same message, a. 25-29
- Signs in the creation; tests and trials, a. 30-35

#### Allah Tests the Prophets

- Musa and Haroon
- Ibrahim, a. 51-72
- Leadership, a. 73
- Lut, Nuh, Daood, Sulaiyman

#### Dua of Prophets

- Ayyub
- Yunus
- Zakariyya

One Nation, a. 92

The Prophet (S), a. 107-end

### **Surah Hajj – Hajj and Ibrahim's Legacy**

- Hajj reminds us of the Day of Judgement, a. 1
  - Example of resurrection, a. 5
  - Human fickleness, a. 11
- Hajj – the Legacy of Ibrahim [AS], a.26-37

- If they reject you... a. 42
- An incredible example, a. 73-74
- Oh believers! The way of your father Ibrahim... a. 77-78



## **18<sup>th</sup> Juz**

Begins: Al-Mo'minoon 1

Ends: Al-Furqan 20

This juz includes Surah Al-Mo'minoon (23), Al-Nur (24) and Surah Al-Furqan (25).

### **Surah Al-Mo'minoon – Believers Are Successful**

Description of Believers, a. 1-9

Reward of Believers, a. 10-11

Signs for Believers in the creation, a. 12-22

More signs for believers

- Nuh
- Anonymous Prophet
- Musa and Haroon
- Maryam and Easa
- One Nation, divided a.53

More description of Believers, a. 57-62

The Prophet is a real Prophet, a. 70, 72

Disbelievers' attitude, a. 80-90

Disbelievers' end, a. 99-114

### **Surah Al-Nur – Allah's Law is A Light**

Intro, a. 1

Ruling of adultery, a. 2-10

- The backdrop: the accusation against Aisha, a.11-26

Rulings about social interaction:

- Entering homes, a. 27
- Lowering gaze, a. 30
- Hijab, a. 31
- Marriage, a. 32-33
- Entering room, a. 58
- Hijab for older women, a. 60
- Eating/hanging out, a. 61

Allah is the Light, a. 35-36

- Believers exude His light, a. 37-38
- Rejectors of His light are in darkness, a. 39-40
- The hypocrites are in darkness, a. 47-54

Following the messenger is a Light, a. 63-64

## **19<sup>th</sup> Juz**

Begins: Al-Furqan 21

Ends: Al-Naml 55

This juz includes Surah Al-Furqan (25), Al-Shua'araa (26) and Al-Naml (27).

### **Surah Al-Furqan – Rejection of the Truth**

Intro, a. 1-2

They said... a. 4, 5

- Say, a. 6

They said... a. 7,8

- Reply: a. 9-11

Glimpses of punishment, a. 12-14, 18-19, 25-29

Reasons for rejection, a. 32-33, 43

Signs of Allah for those who want to look, a. 45-54

Another great sign of Allah – His true servants, a. 60-end

### **Surah Al-Shua'ara – Your Lord is the Mighty, The Merciful**

طسم Intro

Musa

- Dialogue, a. 18-29
- He's your teacher! a. 49
- My Lord is with me! A. 62

Ibrahim

- My Lord is.. a.77-88

Their brother...

- Nuh
- Hud
- Salih
- Lut
- But Shuaib?

Conclusion: 224-end

## **20<sup>th</sup> Juz**

Begins: Al-Naml 56

Ends: Al-Ankaboot 45

This juz includes Surah Al-Naml (27), Al-Qasas (28) and Al-Ankaboot (29).

### **Surah Al-Naml – Is there a god besides Allah?**

The phrase “Is there a god besides Allah?” repeats 6 times in 6 consecutive ayaat in this Surah. The Surah highlights Allah’s miraculous signs – historically and presently.

طس Intro, a. 1-6

#### Allah’s miraculous signs – Musa (AS)

- Musa was terrified by the amazingness of the miracle, a. 10
- Nine miracles, a. 12

#### Allah’s miraculous signs – Sulaiman (AS)

- Speech of birds, a. 16
- Sulaiman’s army, a. 17
- The ant, a. 18-19
- The hudhud – hoopoe, a. 20-26
- The Queen of Sheba, a. 28-44
  - o Miracle of the throne, a. 40
  - o Miracle of the floor of the castle, a. 44

#### Allah’s miraculous signs – Salih (AS)

- The slaughter of the she camel led by 9 people, a. 48-52

#### Allah’s miraculous signs – all around us! a. 59-64

- Is there a god besides Allah? a. 59-64
- The Qur’an, a. 76-77

The reason for seeking other gods: denial of the next life, a. 66-72

Allah’s miraculous signs to come – the day of Judgement, a. 82, 83, 87, 88

Conclusion: a. 89-end

### **Surah Al-Qasas – Being Certain of Allah’s Promise**

طسم Intro a. 1-6

#### Certainty in Allah’s Promise – Musa Before Prophethood

- Musa's mother: promise made, a. 7
- Musa's mother: promise kept, a. 13
- Musa in trouble, a. 14
  - o Musa helped, flees, makes dua a. 20, 21
  - o Dua answered, a. 22
- Musa makes dua, a. 23, 24
- Musa's dua answered, a. 27

#### Certainty in Allah's Promise – Musa During Prophethood

- Musa speaks to Allah, a. 30
- Allah's promise to Musa, a. 33-35
- Allah's promise fulfilled, a. 40, 43

#### The Prophet (S) v. Quraish

- This revelation, a. 44-46
- You can't guide the one who you love, a. 56
- Lies of Quraish, a. 48, 57
  - o Allah's response, a. 58-59
- Tangent: Qaroon a. 76-82

#### Be Certain Allah will Fulfill His Promise to You

- Allah will fulfill His promise, a. 85-end

## **21<sup>st</sup> Juz**

Begins: Al-Ankaboot 46

Ends: Al-Ahzab 30

This juz includes Surah Al-Ankaboot (29), Al-Room (30), Luqman (31), Al-Sajdah (32) and Al-Ahzab (33).

All four of 29, 30, 31, 32 begin with الم.

### **Surah Al-Ankaboot – Fitnah**

Fitnah means a test that is severe (like a burning oven purifies metal).

#### Intro

- Believers will be tested, a. 2
- Believers were tested, a. 3
- The evil ones aren't getting away, a. 4
- Your devotion is for your own good, a. 5-7

#### Types of Fitnah

- Parents, a. 8
- Difficulties of life related to practicing the religion (Islamophobia), a. 10

#### Examples of Prophets who endured Fitnah

- Nuh: prolonged fitnah of 950 years, a. 14
- Ibrahim: intense fitnah of being thrown in the fire, a. 24
- Lut: intensely stressful, a. 32-33
- Other Prophets
- The end of the adversaries of the Prophets, a. 40

The house of the spider, a. 41-44

The Qur'an is way out of fitnah, a. 45, 51

- Also the way to interfaith dialogue, a. 46-49

Tests of life are part of Allah's plan, a. 62, 64

- Don't let it make you fickle, a. 65-66

An ayah for Quraish, a. 67

Conclusion: Keep striving, a. 69

## **Surah Al-Room – The Signs of Allah are Clear**

“When the Sasanians reached Chalcedon in 615, it was at this point that Heraclius had agreed to stand down and was about ready to allow the Byzantine Empire to become a Persian client state, even permitting Khosrow II to choose the emperor.

By 622, Heraclius was ready to mount a counter-offensive. Heraclius certainly won a crushing victory over Shahrbaraz in the fall of 622.

On March 624, Heraclius left Constantinople to attack the Persian heartland.”

Signs of Allah – Prediction of the Byzantine Empire’s Comeback a. 1-6

- March 624: Battle of Badr

Signs of Allah around us, a. 17-27

Logical examples, a. 25-29, 40

Example of resurrection, a. 48-50

- But people are fickle, a. 51-53

Example of aging, a. 54

Conclusion, a. 58-60

## **22<sup>nd</sup> Juz**

Begins: Al-Ahzab 31

Ends: Yaseen 27

This juz includes Surah Al-Ahzab (33), Saba (34), Faatir (35) and Yaseen (36).

### **Surah Al-Ahzab – The Prophet (S)**

Intro, a. 1-3

Adopted son of the Prophet, a. 4-5

The Prophet's relation with the believers, a. 6

The Prophet is one of the top 5, a. 7

The battle of Ahzab, a. 9-27

- The severity, a. 10-11
- The hypocrites, a. 13, 19
- The Prophet (S) is the role model at all times, a.21
- The sahaba, a. 22, 23
- **OR** forgive them! a. 24

The wives of the Prophet, a. 28-34

“Why aren't women mentioned in the Qur'an?”, a. 35

Following the Prophet, a. 36

A tough trial for the Prophet (S), a. 37

The Prophet described, a. 45-48

Specific rulings for the Prophet (S):

- Could marry more than 4 women, a. 50
- Could choose who to spend time with, a. 51
- No more marriage though, a. 52
- Having food with the Prophet, a. 53

Allah sends His blessings and angels, a. 56

- On the believers too! a. 42-43

Hijab, a. 59

Circle back to the hypocrites, a. 58, 60

Conclusion (Israelites v. hypocrites v. believers), a. 69-71



## **Surah Saba and Fatir – Submission to Allah is Success**

Both Surahs begin with praising Allah, a. 1

### **Surah Saba**

Submitted while dominant

Daood (AS), a. 10-11

Sulaiman (AS), a.12-14

Didn't submit while dominant

Saba, a. 15-20

The dominant and the oppressed talk in the Fire, a. 31-33

Think for yourself!

In ones or pairs, a. 46

Not asking for money, a. 47

It's due to Allah, a. 50

### **Surah Fatir**

Allah's dominant over people, a. 2, 3, 5-6, 13, 15

- With Allah is all the might and honor, a. 10
- Allah's power v. those who you worship, a. 11, 12, 13

Everyone is accountable for themselves, no groupthink a. 18

You can't change people, Allah guides a. 22, 23, 24

Amazing signs, a. 27, 28, 29

- Allah's servants, a. 29-30
- The most hopeful ayah! a. 33
- The dua of people of paradise, a. 34

Conclusion: 44-end

## **23<sup>rd</sup> Juz**

Begins: Yaseen 28

Ends: Zumar 31

This juz includes Surah Yaseen (36), Al-Saffaat (37), Saad (38) and Al-Zumar (39).

### **Surah Yaseen – Be Optimistic**

Intro, a. 1-5

You invite but most don't believe, a. 6-10

- But there's always reason to be optimistic as someone will take heed, a. 11

Example of the 3 anonymous prophets, a. 13-28

- Most disbelieved, a. 15, 18
- But one believed! a. 20
- His reward? a. 26-28

Reality of life and death is a reason to take heed, a. 31-32

- Resurrection after death, a. 33
- Night after day, a. 37
- Sun heading towards its end, a. 38
- Phases of the moon, a. 39

Scenes from the resurrection, a. 51-54, 55-58

The Prophet (S)

- Is not a poet, a. 69-70
- Was saddened by people's stubbornness, a. 76
- Challenged: "Will this crumbled bone be brought back to life?" The response, a. 77-79, 80

Conclusion, a. 81-end

### **Surah Al-Saffaat – Allah's Threats Will be Fulfilled**

Intro, a. 1-5

Mockery of the resurrection, a. 12-17

The response, "Yes!", a. 18-35

Mockery of the Prophet, a. 36

The response, a. 37-39

The believers are safe from this, a. 40-49

- Friends talking in paradise, a. 50-57

### This is how we reward the righteous!

Nuh, a. 75-82

Ibrahim, a. 83-113

- The sacrifice of Ismail, a. 101
- Righteous x2

Musa, Haroon, Ilyas, Lut

Yunus, a. 140-148

Allah's threat will be fulfilled, conclusion, a. 165-end

### **Surah Saad – Everyone Makes Mistakes**

Intro, a. 1-6

- But all prophets faced this so don't worry, a. 12-14

Daood's mistake, a. 17-26

- Mentions that he was a knowledgeable, righteous person
- Mentions the good before the mistake
- Lesson: don't judge hastily or be biased
- Conclude by mentioning the good!

Tangent: what's the purpose of Qur'an's revelation? a. 29

Sulayman's mistake, a. 31-40

Ayyub's mistake, a. 41-44

But not all mistakes are the same, Iblees a.75-end

### **Surah Al-Zumar – Sincere Devotion to Allah**

## **24<sup>th</sup> Juz**

Begins: Al-Zumar 32

Ends: Fussilat 46

This juz includes Surah Al-Zumar (39), Ghafir (40) and Fussilat (41).

### **Surah Al-Zumar – Sincere Devotion to Allah**

Sincere devotion to Allah, a. 2, 3, 11-14

- Allah doesn't need your devotion, you need it, a. 7-8
- Knowledge and action, a. 9, 23

Who's more worthy of being devoted to? a. 29

A sign of those not devoted, a. 49

- Tests don't mean you stop, a. 52

Sincere, devoted tawbah, a. 53-55

Shirk is the opposite of devotion, a. 64-66

Allah's greatness should lead us to devotion, a. 67

The end result of those devoted and not devoted, a. 71-end

### **Surah Ghafir – Dawah to Allah**

Ha Meems – 7 surahs

- 1) All Makkan Surahs
- 2) All begin with Ha Meem
- 3) All speak about the greatness of the Qur'an
- 4) Musa (AS) is mentioned in them all
- 5) Torch is being passed from Musa (AS) to the Prophet (S) and his ummah
- 6) Being united as a community
- 7) Being gentle and ignoring people's insults

Intro, a. 1-3

Dawah is hard, a. 4-5

Angels make dua for believers, a. 7-9

Musa's dawah, a. 24-25

The believer from the Pharaoh's family – an unexpected source of help! a. 28-35

- Pharaoh undeterred, a. 36-37

- Believer, a. 38-45
- End of the Pharaoh

Dawah through the signs of Allah, a. 64-67

Be patient in giving Dawah, a. 77

Conclusion: rejectors of the prophets' dawah on the Day of Judgement, a. 82-end

### **Surah Fussilat – Dawah to Allah**

Intro, a. 1-2

Clarified book – main way to call to Allah, a. 3-4

Creation of the cosmos, a. 9-12

Dawah to Allah historically – Aad and Thamud, a. 14-18

Scene from the Day of Judgement, a. 19-24

Believers when dying, a. 30

All Prophets faced hurtful words, a. 43, 44

## **25<sup>th</sup> Juz**

**Begins:** Fussilat 47

**Ends:** Al-Jathiyah end

This juz includes Surah Fussilat (41), Al-Shura (42), Al-Zukhruf (43), Al-Dukhaan (44) and Al-Jathiya (45).

This juz has five out of the seven Ha Meems.

The Muslims were a minority when these surahs were revealed.

The message of the Ha Meem Surahs are: how to do Dawah to Allah (inviting to Islam) and why, especially as a minority.

### **Surah Fussilat**

**Ha Meem** and **the clarified verses of the Qur'an**, a. 1-3

**Dawah to Allah for the people of Makkah – Utbah ibn Rabe'ah**

- We're not interested! a. 5
- Response, a. 6
- Creation of the cosmos, a. 9-12
- Dawah to Allah historically – Aad and Thamud, a. 14-18 (Arab ancestors)

**Consequences of the dawah**

Rejection: scenes of regret from the Day of Judgement, a. 19-24

Acceptance: Believers when dying, a. 30

Quraish wanted to drown out the dawah, a. 26

- Allah will deal with them. a. 27
- **Be gentle and ignoring insults, a. 33-36**
- All Prophets faced hurtful words, a. 43
- Why is the Qur'an in Arabic, a. 44
- **Musa (AS) faced the same challenges with the Pharaoh and triumphed, a. 45**

Conclusion, a. 49-end

### **Surah Al-Shuraa**

**Ha Meem** and **the Qur'an**, a. 1-3, 7-8

**This religion is one: a completion of the previous revelations, a. 13**

- But people are people, a. 14

- Thus keep on inviting! a. 15

Nothing is like Allah, a. 11, 25, 26

Don't let difficulties get you down as relief is close by, a. 28, 29, 32

Consultation and teamwork of the believers in dawah, a. 36-43

Your job is to convey the message, a. 48

Concluding passage: Allah gives as He pleases (kids), likewise He chooses His Prophet, a. 49-end

### **Surah Zukhruf**

Ha Meem and the Qur'an, a. 1-4

Allah has blessed us immensely, a. 10-14

#### **Pathetic behavior of Quraish**

- Daughters, a. 17
- If God willed!, a. 19
- Our culture, a. 22
- Why was the Prophet (S) chosen? a. 31

Zukhruf – material gains don't amount to anything, a. 35

Shirk was never sanctioned, a. 45

Musa, a. 46-56

Return of Easa, a. 57-61

Believers on the day of Judgement, a. 66-70

Those who rejected, a. 74-79

Being gentle and ignoring people's insults, a. 89

### **Surah Al-Dukhaan**

Ha Meem and the Qur'an, a. 1-4

- Laylatul Qadr

Musa, a. 17-32

A glimpse of the terrible punishment of hell, a. 43-50

### **Surah Al-Jathiya**

## **26<sup>th</sup> Juz**

Begins: Al-Ahqaf 1

Ends: Al-Dhariyat 30

This juz includes Surah Al-Ahqaf (46), Muhammad (47), Al-Fath (48), Al-Hujurat (49), Qaaf (50) and Al-Dhariyat (51).

### **Al-Ahqaf – Dawah to Allah**

This is the last of the seven Ha Meems.

The Muslims were a minority when these surahs were revealed.

The message of the Ha Meem Surahs are: how to do Dawah to Allah (inviting to Islam) and why, especially as a minority.

**Ha Meem** and **the Qur'an**, a. 1-2

Quraish are heedless, a. 3

- He made it up, a. 8
  - o Response, a. 9-10
- If it was good, we would be the first to accept it, a. 11
  - o Response: **Musa encountered similar claims**, a. 12
  - o Response: Actual believers, a. 13-14

Dawah in the family

- The best-case scenario, a. 15-16
- The worst-case scenario, a. 17-18
- Just try your best, a. 19

Dawah to Quraish through 'Aad – Arab ancestors of Quraish

Note: Qur'an provides extra details about those Arab Prophets who were not known to the Jews and Christians

<b>Prophet</b>	<b>Tribe</b>	<b>Place</b>
Hud	Aad	Ahqaf
Salih	Thamud	Hijr

- Bring us the punishment (Quraish makes the same demand), a. 22
- Allah knows about it only, a. 23
- The cloud, a. 24-25
- Be warned Quraish, a. 26-27

The Jinns who accepted Islam, a. 29-32

- If you don't accept, others will unexpectedly



Be patient and don't make dua against them, a. 35

### **Surah Muhammad and Al-Fath – War and Peace**

Surah Muhammad details defense and foreign policy: what happens during times of war.

Surah Al-Fath details diplomacy and what happens during times of peace.

Both are Madinan surahs.

#### **Muhammad**

Very unique style, every verse ends with a pronoun (unlike any other Surah of the Qur'an)

Also known as Al-Qitaal

Intro, a. 1-3

Rules of war, a. 4, 7, 35

- Be warned, people of Quraish, a. 13
- Education, a. 19

Paradise for the believers (martyrs in this context), a. 15

Cowardice is unacceptable, a. 16, 20, 21, 25

Conclusion: sacrifice is required, but if you don't make it someone else will, a. 38

#### **Al-Fath**

The clear victory = peace treaty, a. 1

Islam is for salvation, a. 2-5

The Prophet (S)'s job is to spread the message, a. 8-9

Treaty of Hudaibiyah, a. 10, 18-20, 24-28

- Enemies from within still persist though, a. 11, 15

Conclusion, a. 29

### **Surah Al-Hujuraat – Islamic Etiquettes**

Madinan Surah

5 times "Oh you who believe"

- 1) Don't put yourself above the Messenger
- 2) Don't raise your voice above the Messenger's voice
- 3) Verify information and don't be prejudiced

- a. Resolve conflicts and be brothers
- 4) Don't mock
- 5) Leave negative assumptions, spying and backbiting

Oh people! a. 13

Conclusion, a. 17-end

### **Surah Qaaf – Consequences of Your Choices**

## **27<sup>th</sup> Juz**

Begins: Al-Dharyyat 31

Ends: Al-Hadid end

This juz includes Surah Al-Dharyyat (51), Al-Tur (52), Al-Najm (53), Al-Qamar (54), Al-Rahman (55), Al-Waqiah (56) and Al-Hadid (57).

### **Surah Qaaf – Consequences of Your Choices**

Intro, a. 1-3

Signs of Allah, a. 8

Your choices have consequences, a. 18, 19

Scary sight of hellfire, a. 30 and paradise, a. 31-34

Be patient, a. 39

### **Surah Al-Dharyyat – Allah Gives and Takes**

Dharyyat (preventing wind) v. Hamilat (giving wind) , a. 1-2

Jariyaat = Allah enabling us through ships, a. 3

Muqassimat = Allah enabling us through angels, a. 4

Be certain of the DoJ, a. 5-6

A description of the wicked (a. 10-14) and the righteous, a. 15-21

Mention of Prophets:

- Ibrahim: his generosity; Allah gave him
- Allah taking away: Lut, Firawn, Aad, Thamood and Nuh

Allah's signs, a. 47-49

Run to Allah, a. 50

Our purpose in life, a. 56-57

- Allah gives us, He doesn't need us to give Him

### **Surah Al-Tur – Allah's Punishment is Real**

The choice between Jannah and Jahannam

Intro oaths, a. 1-6

Allah's punishment is real, a.7-8

Description of those who reject, a. 11-16

- Khawd, a. 12

Description of the righteous, a. 17-28

- Families, a. 22
- Dua, a. 28

Remind them! The word  $\text{أَمْ}$  ('or' for questioning) will repeat 12 times → logical reasoning, a. 28-43

- Made it up?
- Made without anything? Made themselves? Made the universe?

Conclusion: keep on being patient and worshiping, a. 48-end

### **Surah Al-Najm – Divine Revelation**

This is Allah's word, not the Prophet's word, a. 1-5

- Journey of Mi'raj, a. 6-18

What is not divine

- idol worship, a. 23
- vain desires, a. 24
- misrepresenting angels, a. 27

Beautiful description of those who live by the revelation, a. 31-32

The divine message from the past, a. 36-56

### **Surah Al-Qamar – A Glimpse of Allah's Punishment**

Recognizing Allah through history

A few repeated phrases:

- We've made the Qur'an easy for remembrance: 4 times
- "How was my punishment": 3 times, "Taste my punishment": 1 time

Intro – miracle of splitting the moon, a. 1

Stories of Nuh, Aad, Thamood, Lut and Firawn

Conclusion: Our punishment is a blink of an eye, a. 50 but not for the righteous, a. 54-55

### **Surah Al-Rahman – Which of Allah’s Blessings Will You Reject?**

- Recognizing Allah through His blessings and favors
- First Surah recited publicly
- The bride of the Qur’an
- 31 times the phrase “Which of Allah’s blessings will you reject repeats”

### **Surah Al-Waqiah – Three groups, your choice**

### **Surah Al-Hadid – Balancing materialistic pleasure and spirituality**

There are 5 Surahs that begin with glorifying Allah, they are called the Musabbihat. This is the first of those 5.

## **28<sup>th</sup> Juz**

Begins: Al-Mujadilah 1

Ends: Al-Tahrim end

This juz includes Surah Al-Mujadilah (58), Al-Hashr (59), Al-Mumtahinah (60), Al-Saff (61), Al-Jumu'ah (62), Al-Munafiqoon (63), Al-Taghabun (64), Al-Talaq (65), Al-Tahrim (66)

### **Theme of the 28<sup>th</sup> Juz – Faith, Family and Community**

All Madinan surahs. Largest collection of consecutive Madinan Surahs in the Qur'an.

- Lots of "Oh you who believe!"
- Character flaws discussed for improvement.
- There are 5 Surahs that begin with glorifying Allah, they are called the Musabbihat. Four of the five are in this Juz.

### **Faith, Family and Community**

Al-Mujadilah (58) – Sticking Together as a Community

- Faith: All-knowing (7), Allegiance (20-22)
- Family: Divorce (1-3)
- Community: Secrets (9), Accommodation (11), Betrayal (14)

Al-Hashr (59) – Challenges of Living Together

- Faith: 1, Your salvation (18-20), Allah's glorious names (21-end)
- Community: Betrayal (2, 11), Loyalty (8-10)

Al-Mumtahinah (60) – Mistakes Happen

- Faith: Ibrahim (4-5)
- Family: Believing women (10)
- Community: Betrayal by Hatib (1-3), Kindness to Non-Muslims (8-9)
  - o Note how nicely the mistake is addressed!

Al-Saff (61) – Be Allah's Helpers (2, 6, 10, 14)

Al-Jumu'ah (62) – Knowledge without Action is Useless

- Faith: Jewish community, a. 5
- Community: Mistake by Sahaba, a. 9-11

Al-Munafiqoon (63) – Dangers of Pretentiousness (all talk, no action)

- Faith: Warning to not be all talk, no action, a. 9-11

Al-Taghabun (64) – Don't Let Family Become a Distraction

- Faith: 8, 11, 12

- Family: 14, 15, 16

Al-Talaq (65) – Divorce Requires Taqwa

- Faith: Taqwa (2, 4, 5, 10)
- Family: Divorce (1) Waiting period (4), Expenditure (6, 7)

Al-Tahrim (66) – The Two Women

- Two wives of the Prophet (S) and their mistake (Aisha and Hafsa)
- Two evil wives of great Prophets (Nuh and Lut)
- Two incredible women (Maryam and Asiya)

## **29<sup>th</sup> Juz**

Begins: Al-Mulk 1

Ends: Al-Mursalat end

This juz includes Surah Al-Mulk (67), Al-Qalam (68), Al-Haaqqah (69), Al-Ma'arij (70), Nuh (71), Al-Jinn (72), Al-Muzzammil (73), Al-Muddathir (74), Al-Qiyamah (75), Al-Insaan (76) and Al-Mursalat (77).

All Makkan surahs except Al-Insaan.

### **Two major themes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Juz**

- 1) The Hereafter is imminent.
- 2) Invite others.

#### **Al-Mulk – Allah is All-Powerful**

- To be read before going to bed, saves from the punishment of the grave, intercessor on day of Judgement
- Hereafter: Only those who rejected are going to Hell (6-11)
- Invite: Allah's signs (19), logical (20-22), emotional (23-24)

#### **Al-Qalam – Be Patient and Don't Give Up**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Surah revealed after Al-Alaq
- Al-Qalam: the first thing that Allah created which wrote all that will happen
- The Prophet (S) is destined to be a prophet (a. 2-4)
- Be patient (8-10, 48-end)
- Story of the fickle, a. 17-32
- Day of Judgement, a. 42-43
  - عن ابن عباس : ( يوم يكشف عن ساق ) قال : هو يوم كرب وشدة
  - يكشف ربنا عن ساقه ، فيسجد له كل مؤمن ومؤمنة

#### **Al-Haaqqah – The Hour**

- History lesson: a. 1-12
- Hereafter: a. 13-18, the book in the right hand (14-24), the book in the left hand (25-37)
- Invite: a. 40-end

#### **Al-Ma'arij – Believers**

- Hereafter: a. 9-18
- Best of humanity, a. 19-35

#### **Nuh – Patience in Invitation**



- Unique, it's from Nuh's POV

**Al-Jinn – Unexpected wins so don't lose hope**

**Al-Muzzammil – Spirituality before preaching**

**Al-Muddathir – Methodology for preaching**

- Hereafter: a. 32-48

**Al-Qiyamah - Keep calm and read the Qur'an**

- Hereafter: a. 1-15, 20-end
- But a tangent in the middle! a. 16-19

**Al-Insaan – A Glimpse of Paradise**

- Humans and believers
- Jannah: a. 11-22
- Qur'an, your way to Jannah: a. 23-26

**Al-Mursalat – The deniers won't embrace you**

## **30<sup>th</sup> Juz**

Begins: Al-Naba 1

Ends: Al-Naas end

This juz includes Surah Al-Naba (78), Al-Naziat (79), Abasa (80), Al-Takwir (81), Al-Infitaar (82), Al-Mutaffifeen (83), Al-Inshiqaaq (84), Al-Burooj (85), Al-Tariq (86), Al-Ala (87), Al-Ghashiyah (88), Al-Fajr (89), Al-Balad (90), Al-Shams (91), Al-Layl (92), Al-Duha (93), Al-Sharh (94), Al-Teen (95), Al-Alaq (96), Al-Qadr (97), Al-Bayyinah (98), Al-Zilzaal (99), Al-Aadiyaat (100), Al-Qariah (101), Al-Takathur (102), Al-Asr (103), Al-Humazah (104), Al-Feel (105), Quraish (106), Al-Ma'oon (107), Al-Kawthar (108), Al-Kafiroon (109), Al-Nasr (110), Al-Masad (111), Al-Ikhlaas (112), Al-Falaq (113) and Al-Naas (114).

All Makkan surahs except Al-Bayyinah (98), Al-Zilzaal (99) and Al-Nasr (110).

This last juz has 37 surahs of the Qur'an (almost a third of the surahs). These are short, rhythmic, impactful and easily retainable surahs.

This juz has the first revelation Al-Alaq (96) and the last complete Surah Al-Nasr (110).

This juz has Surahs of extreme virtues:

- Al-Zilzaal is like ¼ of the Qur'an
- Al-Nasr is like a ¼ of the Qur'an
- Al-Kafiroon is like a ¼ of the Qur'an
- Al-Ikhlaas is like 1/3 of the Qur'an
- Al-Falaq and Al-Naas are for seeking protection from evil and for *ruqya*
- Al-Ikhlaas, Al-Falaq and Al-Naas are to be recited after every prayer, three times after Fajr and Asr and before sleeping

## **The major themes of the 30<sup>th</sup> Juz**

- 1) Belief in the oneness of Allah
- 2) The Prophet's job is to deliver the message
- 3) Belief in the unseen
- 4) Believing = good deeds of all types
- 5) Humans are fickle and ungrateful

### **Belief in the oneness of Allah**

Belief in the oneness of Allah and worshiping Allah alone is the central topic of the entire Qur'an: every surah, every story, every example leads to this.

Al-Ikhlaas (112) – He is Uniquely one

1 'Say, 'He is God the One, 2 God the eternal. 3 He begot no one nor was He begotten. 4 No one is comparable to Him.' (Surah 112)

#### Al-Kafiroon (109) – Purging False Beliefs

1 'Say [Prophet], 'Disbelievers: 2 I do not worship what you worship, 3 you do not worship what I worship, 4 I will never worship what you worship, 5 you will never worship what I worship: 6 you have your religion and I have mine.' (Surah 109)

#### Al-Feel (105) and Quraish (106) – The Ka'bah

1 Do you [Prophet] not see how your Lord dealt with the army of the elephant? 2 Did He not utterly confound their plans? ! He sent ranks of birds against them, 4 pelting them with pellets of hard-baked clay: 5 He made them [like] cropped stubble. (Surah 105)

1 [He did this] to make the Quraysh feel secure; 2 secure in their winter and summer journeys. 3 So let them worship the Lord of this House: 4 who provides them with food to ward off hunger, safety to ward off fear. (Surah 106)

#### Proofs for Allah are all Around

- Al-Naba (78)
- Al-Shams (91)

#### Abu Lahab's Rejection (111), a Miracle

1 May the hands of Abu Lahab be ruined! May he be ruined too! 2 Neither his wealth nor his gains will help him: 3 he will burn in the Flaming Fire — " 4 and so will his wife, the firewood-carrier 5 with a palm-fibre rope around her neck. (Surah 111)

#### **The Prophet's job is to deliver the message**

#### Abasa (80) – Don't get caught up in trying to win over Quraish

- The blind sahabi
- The Qur'an is a reminder

#### Convey the message

9 So remind, if reminding will help. 10 Those who stand in awe of God will heed the reminder, 11 but it will be ignored by the most wicked (87:9-11)

21 So [Prophet] warn them: your only task is to give warning; 22 you are not there to control them. (88:21-22)

## **Belief in the unseen**

If Allah can create you the first time from nothing, He can bring you back to life

5 Man should reflect on what he was created from. 6 He is created from spurting fluid, 7 then he emerges from between the backbone and breastbone: 8 God is certainly able to bring him back to life. (86:5-8)

## **Scenes from the Day of Judgement**

1 The Crashing Blow! 2 What is the Crashing Blow? 3 What will explain to you what the Crashing Blow is? 4 On a Day when people will be like scattered moths and the mountains like tufts of wool, 6 the one whose good deeds are heavy on the scales 7 will have a pleasant life, 8 but the one whose good deeds are light 9 will have the Bottomless Pit for his home" — 10 what will explain to you what that is? — 11 a blazing fire. (Surah 101)

1 When the sky is torn apart, 2 when the stars are scattered, 3 when the seas burst forth, 4 when graves turn inside out: 5 each soul will know what it has done and what it has left undone. (82:1-5)

6 you humans, toiling laboriously towards your Lord, will meet Him: 7 whoever is given his record in his right hand 8 will have an easy reckoning 9 and return to his people well pleased, 10 but whoever is given his record from behind his back 11 will cry out for destruction — 12 he will burn in the blazing Fire. 13 He used to live among his people well pleased. 14 He thought he would never return [to his Lord] — 15 indeed he will! His Lord was watching him. (84:6-15)

8 when the baby girl buried alive is asked 9 for what sin she was killed, 10 when the records of deeds are spread open, 11 when the sky is stripped away, 12 when Hell is made to blaze 13 and Paradise brought near: 14 then every soul will know what it has brought about. (81:8-14)

## **Description of hellfire**

1 Woe to every fault-finding backbiter 2 who amasses riches, counting them over, thinking they will make him live forever. 4 No indeed! He will be thrust into the Crusher! 5 What will explain to you what the Crusher is? 6 It is God's Fire, made to blaze, 7 which rises over people's hearts. 8 It closes in on them 9 in towering columns. (Surah 104)

## **Description of paradise**

31 For those who were aware of God there is supreme fulfilment: 32 private gardens, vineyards, 33  
nubile, well-matched companions, 34 and an overflowing cup. 35 There they will hear no vain or lying  
talk: 36 a reward from your Lord, a fitting gift (78:31-36)

### **Believing = good deeds of all types**

#### All types of good

1 By the declining day, 2 man is [deep] in loss, 3 except for those who believe, do good deeds, urge one  
another to the truth, and urge one another to steadfastness. (Surah 103)

#### Patience through gratitude

'We have truly given abundance to you [Prophet] — 2 so pray to your Lord and make your sacrifice to  
Him alone — 3 it is the one who hates you who has been cut off. (Surah 108)

#### Purifying yourself

7 by the soul and how He formed it 8 and inspired it [to know] its own rebellion and piety! 9 The one  
who purifies his soul succeeds 10 and the one who corrupts it fails. (91:7-10)

#### You have the potential to be the best if...

4 We create man in the finest state 5 then reduce him to the lowest of the low, 6 except those who  
believe and do good deeds — 7 they will have an unfailing reward. (95:4-7)

#### Remembrance of Allah:

1 Say [Prophet], 'I seek refuge with the Lord of daybreak 2 against the harm in what He has created, 3  
the harm in the night when darkness gathers, 4 the harm in witches when they blow on knots, 5 the  
harm in the envier when he envies.' (Surah 113)

1 Say, 'I seek refuge with the Lord of people, 2 the Controller of people, 3 the God of people, 4 against  
the harm of the slinking whisperer — 5 who whispers into the hearts of people — 6 whether they be  
jinn or people.' (Surah 114)

#### Care and compassion for others

11 Yet he has not attempted the steep path. 12 What will explain to you what the steep path is? 13 It is to free a slave, 14 to feed at a time of hunger 15 an orphaned relative 16 or a poor person in distress, 17 and to be one of those who believe and urge one another to steadfastness and compassion. (90:11-17)

#### Business Ethics

1 Woe to those who give short measure, 2 who demand of other people full measure for themselves, 3 but give less than they should when it is they who weigh or measure for others! 4 Do these people not realize that they will be raised up 5 on a mighty Day, 6 a Day when everyone will stand before the Lord of the Worlds? (83: 1-6)

#### Ease comes with difficulty

5 So truly where there is hardship there is also ease; 6 truly where there is hardship there is also ease. 7 The moment you are freed [of one task] work on, 8 and turn to your Lord for everything. (94:5-8)

#### You may not win in life – Surah Burooj (85)

#### Humans are fickle and ungrateful

#### All's lost!

15 [The nature of] man is that, when his Lord tries him through honour and blessings, he says, 'My Lord has honoured me,' 16 but when He tries him through the restriction of his provision, he says, 'My Lord has humiliated me.' (89:15-16)

#### Contrast with horses

1 By the charging steeds that pant 2 and strike sparks with their hooves, 3 who make dawn raids, 4 raising a cloud of dust, 5 and plunging into the midst of the enemy, 6 man is ungrateful to his Lord (100:1-6)

#### The generous v. the stingy

4 The ways you take differ greatly. 5 There is the one who gives, who is mindful of God, 6 who testifies to goodness — 7 We shall smooth his way towards ease. 8 There is the one who is miserly, who is self-satisfied, 9 who denies goodness — 10 We shall smooth his way towards hardship 11 and his wealth will not help him as he falls (92:4-11)

### Materialistic competition

1 Striving for more distracts you 2 until you go into your graves. (102:1-2)

### Worst-case scenario

1 [Prophet], have you considered the person who denies the Judgement? 2 It is he who pushes aside the orphan 3 and does not urge others to feed the needy. (107:1-3)