

Sūrah Al-Yā Sīn, the heart of the Holy Qur'an

أَلَمْ نَعْهَدْ إِلَيْكُمْ يَا بَنِي آدَمَ أَنْ لَا تَعْبُدُوا الشَّيْطَانَ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ ﴿١٧﴾

General Information

Yā Sīn is the 36th sūrah of the Holy Qur'an. This Makki sūrah is in the 22nd Juz and ends in the 23rd. The 83 verses are divided into 5 Rukus.

The sūrah is named "yā sīn" because it starts with Huroof-e-Muqatte'at. The meaning of these letters was debated between Islamic scholars and a consensus was reached. One of the interpretations is "O human being!" referring to Prophet Muhammad (S) since the verses that follow are translated as "By the Qur'an, full of Wisdom, you are indeed one of the messengers".

Yā Sīn is also one of the names of our Holy Prophet (S) as reported in a saying of Imam Ali (A). "I heard the Messenger of God say, 'Verily God has named me by seven names in the Holy Qur'an.', Yā Sīn being one them.

The sūrah focuses on establishing the Qur'an as a divine source, and it warns of the fate of those who mock God's revelations and are stubborn. The sūrah tells of the punishments that plagued past generations of nonbelievers as a warning to present and future generations. Additionally, the sūrah reiterates God's sovereignty as exemplified by His creations through signs from nature.

The sūrah ends with arguments in favor of the existence of Resurrection and God's sovereign power.

Lessons Learned

- The Crowd isn't always right
- 2. We may only find success in the Afterlife
- 3. Allah's Signs Are All Around Us

Miracles in the Sūrah

- The dead earth that's brought back to life via rain and we eat from it the fruit it has to offer.
- How Allah (SWT) has made pairs of everything so we may benefit from their production.
- The rotation and movement of the sun and moon.
- Transport ships that are guided by nothing but the Mercy of the Almighty, who could have drained them if He so wished.

Masoom's Words

Imam al-Sadiq (AS) is quoted as saying: all things have heart and the heart of Quran is Sūrah Al-Yā Sīn. (Allama Majlisi, Bihar al-Anwar, V. 89, p. 288)

Sūrah Al-Yā Sīn contains all pillars of Islam and has all the original themes of the entire Qur'an, and for this reason is called the "Heart of the Qur'an". These pillars include Tawhid (Monotheism), Adl (Justice), Nubuwwat (Prophethood), Imamate, and Ma'ad (Resurrection).

Therefore, the heart of the Holy Qur'an are the verses of knowledge about God; that the Creator and the Recaller is God and this Surah narrates them with explanation.

The following topics cover the essential themes of the Holy Qur'an in Sūrah Al-Yā Sīn.

