

## INTRODUCTION

Sūrah al-Qamar (the Moon) is the 54th Sūrah of the Holy Qur'an. This Makki Sūrah is located in the 27th Juz. It is called "al-Qamar" because it mentions the miracle of Shaqq al-Qamar (moon-splitting) by the Holy Prophet (S). Most ayahs of this Sūrah consist warnings and in order to give lessons, they speak about previous nations and their bad conditions on the Day of Judgement upon coming out of graves and their attendance for reckoning of their deeds. People whose names are mentioned in this Sūrah are 'Ad, Thamud, Lut and people of Pharaoh. Sūrah al-Qamar was the 37th Sūrah revealed to the Prophet (S). In the current order of the Qur'an, it is placed in 54th position. The Sūrah has 55 ayahs, 342 words and 1470 letters. Regarding volume, this Sūrah is among Mufassalat Sūrahs (having several short verses) and is about half of one hizb in the Qur'an.

One of the famous ayahs of this Sūrah is the verse which says that the Qur'an is presented in order to easily give lessons. This verse is repeated in this Sūrah four times ("Certainly We have made the Qur'an simple for the sake of admonishment. So is there anyone who will be admonished?") - **Qur'an 54:17, 22, 32, 40**

Another name of this Sūrah is "Iqtarabat al-Sa'a" adopted from its first verse. In some hadiths, another name, "Mubyadda" (derived from the root "bayad" meaning whiteness and brightness) is also mentioned.

## MERITS

It is transmitted from the Holy Prophet (S) that whoever recites Sūrah al-Qamar every other day, will enter the Day of Judgement while his face will be bright like the full moon.

## CONTENT

Ayahs of Sūrah al-Qamar, except the two last verses (which promise the pious the paradise and closeness to God) are all warnings. In this Sūrah, first the miracle of Shaqq al-Qamar [moon-splitting] is mentioned, which the Prophet (s) did due to the request of people, but they themselves called him a magician and rejected his prophethood; as, they followed their carnal desires, while they had heard shocking news about the Day of Judgement and the stories of previous nations.

وَلَقَدْ يَسَّرْنَا الْقُرْآنَ لِلذِّكْرِ فَهَلْ مِنْ مُدَكِّرٍ

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