

# سورة مريم

Sūrah Maryam is the 19th Sūrah in the Holy Qur'an and was the 44th to be revealed to the Holy Prophet (S). This Makki Sūrah is in the 16th Juz and contains 98 ayaah, 972 words and 3,935 letters divided into 6 rukus. The sūrah is called "Maryam" because it narrates the story of Lady Maryam (A), the mother of Prophet Isa (A). The main message of the sūrah consists of good tidings and warnings to people in terms of stories of various Prophets (A). It is also called "kaf-ha-ya-'ayn-sad" because it opens with these disjointed letters.

One well-known ayah of the sūrah is ayah 96, known as the Ayah of Affection. To persist on reciting Sūrah Maryam makes one needless of life, property, and children.

Sūrah Maryam is characterized by two features: first, when narrating the stories of great prophets (A) and Lady Maryam (A), it uses the word, "udhkur" (remember), and second, the word, "Rehman" (the Most Compassionate) as a Divine attribute occurs 16 times in the sūrah, so as to imply the expanded Mercy or Compassion of Allah (SwT) for all entities and creatures, particularly prophets and believers.

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