

SURAH AL-FAJR

Study Guide



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Introduction

Name of Surah	Surah Al-Fajr
Meaning of the name of this Surah	Dawn OR Break of the Day
Juz of Holy Qur'an	30th
Chapter Number in the Holy Qur'an	89
Number of Surah according to revelation	10
Number of Verses	30
Revealed in	Makkah
The Message	<p>This Surah, like many other Meccan Surahs, contains short, meaningful, awakening verses with abundant warnings.</p> <p>There are several oaths mentioned in the first part of the Surah that have no precedent and are primarily for warning the transgressors about the divine punishment.</p> <p>Another part of this Surah points to some of the ancient rebellious nations, such as the 'Ad and Thamood people; and also to Pharaoh. The transgressor, and the divine punishment that destroyed them, which is a lesson for all arrogant powers so that they may take careful account of their situation.</p> <p>In the next part of the Surah, which relates to the previous parts, Man's trial is mentioned and his neglect, in doing good deeds, is very sharply criticized.</p> <p>In the last part of the Surah the discussion is about the Hereafter and the fate of the sinners and unbelievers, and presents a contrast in regard to the great rewards that the believers will receive; those whose souls are at rest.</p>
Virtues of the Chapter	<p>This chapter is also known as the Surah of Imam Husain (as). According to Imam Sadiq (as), one who recites this chapter on a regular basis will enter Jannah alongside Aba Abdullah (as).</p>

Translation

1. By the dawn;
2. By the ten nights (i.e. the first ten days of the month of Dhul-Hijjah),
3. And by the even and the odd (of all the creations of Allah).
4. And by the night when it departs.
5. There is indeed in them (the above oaths) sufficient proofs for men of understanding (and that, they should avoid all kinds of sins and disbeliefs, etc.)!
6. Did you (O Muhammad (ﷺ)) not see (thought) how your Lord dealt with 'Ad (people)?
7. Who were very tall like lofty pillars,
8. The like of which were not created in the land?
9. And (with) Thamud (people), who cut (hewed) out rocks in the valley (to make dwellings)?
10. And (with) Fir'aun (Pharaoh), who had pegs (who used to torture men by binding them to pegs)?
11. Who did transgress beyond bounds in the lands (in the disobedience of Allah).
12. And made therein much mischief.
13. So your Lord poured on them different kinds of severe torment.
14. Verily, your Lord is Ever Watchful (over them).
15. As for man, when his Lord tries him by giving him honor and gifts, then he says (puffed up): "My Lord has honored me."
16. But when He tries him, by straitening his means of life, he says: "My Lord has humiliated me!"
17. Nay! But you treat not the orphans with kindness and generosity (i.e. you neither treat them well, nor give them their exact right of inheritance)!
18. And urge not on the feeding of *AlMiskin* (the poor)!
19. And you devour inheritance all with greed,
20. And you love wealth with much love!
21. Nay! When the earth is ground to powder,
22. And your Lord comes with the angels in rows,
23. And Hell will be brought near that Day. On that Day will man remember, but how will that remembrance (then) avail him?
24. He will say: "Alas! Would that I had sent forth (good deeds) for (this) my life!"
25. So on that Day, none will punish as He will punish.
26. And none will bind as He will bind.
27. (It will be said to the pious): "O (you) the one in (complete) rest and satisfaction!
28. "Come back to your Lord, Well-pleased (yourself) and well-pleasing unto Him!
29. "Enter you, then, among My honored slaves,
30. "And enter you My Paradise!"

25 Important Arabic Words in this Chapter

By (oath)	وَ
Dawn	فَجْرٌ
Plural of Layl (Nights)	لَيَالٍ
Ten	عَشْرٌ
Even	شَفْعٌ
Odd	وَتْرٌ
When	إِذَا
It passes	يَسْرٌ
Is?	هَلْ
Did not?	أَلَمْ
Cities / Lands	بَلَدٍ
Corruption	فَسَادٌ
Scourge / Evil	سَوْطٌ
Ever watchful	مِرْصَادٍ
Nay	كَلَّا
Feed	طَعَامٌ
The Poor / The Needy	مِسْكِينٍ
Wealth	مَالٌ
Earth	أَرْضٌ
Pounded / Crushed	دَكًّا
Rank	صَفًّا
Anyone	أَحَدٌ
Soul	نَفْسٌ
Satisfied	مُطْمَئِنَّةٌ
Return	أَرْجِعِي
Enter	فَادْخُلِي