

# SURAH AL HAJJ (سورة الأنبياء)

## NAME OF THE SURAH (أسماء السورة)

- Al Hajj (الحج): Hajj is one of the greatest pillars of Islam (ركن من اركان الاسلام). It is from the apparent symbols of Islam (شعائر الاسلام الظاهرة).

## MAIN THEME OF THE SURAH (المحور الرئيسي للسورة)

- The main theme of Surah Al Hajj is the role of Hajj in building the society (دور الحج في بناء المجتمع). Hajj is not an isolated worship. There are so many people involved in the worship so it is essential in building the society.

## TOPICS OF THE SURAH



- Ayah 1-37: Reminder of the day of judgment (التذكير بيوم القيامة). Many people gather together for hajj, so this is a reminder for the day of judgement when all the people will be gathered together. Ayah 1-7 is about the day of judgement and resurrection. In ayah 8-16 Allah mentions about different groups of people who are arguing. Hajj is a huge gathering of people and usually if there are many people together, there will be arguments. In ayah 17, Allah tells us that He is the One Who will judge between these different groups of people. In ayah 18 Allah tells us that every creation is submitting to Allah. Then all the people are divided into the final two groups- one

group are the disbelievers and the other group are those who believed and did righteous good deeds. Then in ayah 25-29, Allah mentions about those who are stopping the people from the way to Allah. Then ayah 30-37 are about magnifying the symbols of Allah.

- **Ayah 38-60: The struggle (الجهاد).** Hajj is about doing jihad (struggling) against our nafs, the shaithan and the evil that exists between the people. First Allah tells us that He is the One Who is giving the victory and defending the believers. It is always better to be defended and protected from Allah. The next ayat are about how Allah destroyed the previous nation because of their lying. Ayat 49-51 tells us about the importance of the Prophet (ﷺ) and the recompense of the believer and the disbeliever. Ayat 52-57 are about the struggle with the shaithan, how the shaithan tries to distract the people from the way of the messengers and how he comes in between the people and the messengers. We need to struggle against the shaithan. Ayah 58-60 talks about another type of jihad which is hijrah- migrating for the sake of Allah.
- **Ayah 61-78: Worship purely for Allah (العبودية الخالصة لله).** This sections mentions about many names, actions and attributes of Allah that show us His complete power, ability and His favors upon His slaves. Then in ayah 67-72, Allah gives some instructions on how to debate with the mushrikeen. Surah Al Hajj mentions different levels of struggles. Then Allah presents a parable about the weakness of the idols that are worshipped besides Allah. At the end, Allah gives some divine instructions to the believers.

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### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SURAH

- The surah mentions about taqwa because we need the provision of taqwa to deal with people, to struggle and to do hijrah. We need taqwa in all aspects of our lives.
- This surah mentions different groups of people. There are followers who argue, leaders who argue and hypocrites who worship Allah at the edge and attached to the duniya. The fourth group are those who believe and do righteous deeds.
- The surah mentions about different hearts; sick hearts, hardened hearts and also about those heart that are humble to Allah.
- All of creation are submitting themselves to Allah. Some of the creation that are specifically mentioned are the sun, the moon and the stars because these creations are

worshipped besides Allah. Allah tells us that they prostrate to Him to show they are also from His creation.

- This surah is the only surah which is called by one of the pillars of Islam. Hajj is reminding us of the day of judgement, resurrection, struggling for the sake of Allah and about how we need to be obedient to Him in every matter. Just as in each station of Hajj we need to say and do whatever Allah commanded us; i.e., to make tawaf seven times, to make sa'ee, to throw the stones, we need to also be obedient to Him in every aspect of our lives.
  - This surah has both Meccan and Medani ayat. Ayah 9-23 were revealed in Madina.
  - Some ayat were revealed in the night and some ayat were revealed in the morning.
  - Some ayat were revealed while the Prophet (ﷺ) was a resident and some ayat were revealed when the Prophet (ﷺ) was travelling. This shows us that we need to submit to Allah wherever we are.
  - This surah has two sujood which is not there in any other surah.
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