

Suratul Qadr:

Introduction:

Surah speaks about Lailatul Qadr: why it is important?

The Qur'an was revealed in the most blessed of months - Ramadan + Allah chose the most blessed nights to reveal the Qur'an - The night of Power.

The beginning of the Qur'an was the beginning of guidance from Jannah/Hell. Imagine the night the exam answers were revealed that would be one special night.

The revelation of the Qur'an was an even better event - it was this night Jibrael came to the prophet (saw).

The Qur'an came down on this night to the heaven closest to the earth. And then it came down in pieces to the prophet. This has many blessings:

1. Makes it easier to learn/memorise - imagine if the Quran was all one big text - no short/long surahs.
2. Revelation in certain situations- e.g. someone asking a question and then Allah would reveal the answer. If all the Qur'an was revealed all at once then e.g. we would know from before that the prophet was going to do this (surah Abasa). There would be no point.
3. Hikmah of abrogated verses - e.g. khamr - makes it easy for people to leave sin.

Ayah (1):

The fact that the word "Quran" wasn't mentioned in the Ayah shows us that the Arabs already knew what this ayah was talking about.

The "Night of Al-Qadr": is sometimes translated as the night of power/decrees. But it can also mean the Noble Night - with a high status.

Ayah (2):

"wa ma adraka": whenever this phrase is used: shows the person is talking about a serious issue so we need to pay attention to it and contemplate. This phrase actually means that nothing will make you understand it but here is a glimpse of an explanation.

Ayah (3):

"better than a 1000 months" > the people of the other prophet's lived for more than 1000 yrs and so you can imagine that they worshipped Allah for a longer time than we do right now. So Allah gave us this night when whatever act of worship we do is equivalent to doing it for 1000 months.

3 virtues - special things about Lailatul Qadr:

1. Better than a 1000 months
2. Angels come down on this night
3. Peace until Fajr - because of the Angels - praying for the believers because they are worshipping Allah.

Important rule: when there is obedience to Allah in a place - there will be Angels around. The fact that they are shows that there will be mercy of Allah on those people. Remembrance of Allah.

Ayah (4):

A blessing of that night is that angels will come down.

Ayah (5):

Peace can either be because of the angels or because on that day no calamity will happen.

The Lailatul Qadr is found on the last 10 days of Ramadan. The prophet was told the exact date but when he was about to tell the people he heard two men arguing and so he forgot the date.