



# AL RUM - THE ROMANS

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 SUPERPOWERS · ABUNDANCE OF REFLECTIONS ON THE SIGNS OF ALLAH  
 NO EXCUSES ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF QIYAMA · SABR (PERSEVERANCE & PATIENCE)  
 SELF-ESTEEM - DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE STRENGTH OF BELIEF

**6**  
**Aya 60**  
 PATIENCE, PERSEVERANCE & SELF ESTEEM  
 Don't underestimate the strength of belief

**5**  
**Ayaat 55-59**  
 NO EXCUSES ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT  
 • Inevitability of accountability  
 • All examples given in this Qur'an



**4**  
**Ayaat 46-54**  
 REFLECTIONS ON THE SIGNS OF NATURE

- Winds, rain, travel - ships, airships
- Rain, life to earth
- If after all these signs - still deaf and blind - then cannot be guided
- Circle of life - weakness to strength and then back to weakness



**3**  
**Ayaat 28-45**  
 REFLECTION ON RELATIONSHIP OF THE HUMAN BEING WITH HIS CREATOR

- Relationship with own servants
- Human being preprogrammed with goodness (human values)
- In times of trouble turn to Divinity - when mercy shown turn back
- Sustenance from Him - directive to share with family, needy, refugees and zakaa
- Ribaa (to charge more than is owed - increase without effort, exploitation)
- Be mindful of the Day of Judgement



**2**  
**Ayaat 8-27**  
 REFLECTION ON THE EVIDENCE OF DIVINITY IN HUMAN SOCIETY

- Those who came before
- Declare His perfection in busy times, and praise and gratitude in resting times (18)
- Life and death
- Created from dust
- Compassion and mercy in a relationship
- Diversity in languages and colours
- Sleep at night/ working during the day
- Lightning, rain, life to dead earth
- Heavens and earth
- Origin of creation



**1**  
**Ayaat 1-7**  
 PREDICTION OF VICTORY

Promise of victory to the Romans (Byzantines) over the Persians (Sassanids)  
 Victory Predicted 9 years before the event when the Persians were in control.  
 Alludes to the victory of the Battle of Badr - at the same time the  
 Romans won over the Persians



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### FOCUS

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**SELF-ESTEEM - DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE STRENGTH OF BELIEF**

### DID YOU KNOW?

*"Whoever recites both Sura Al 'Ankabut and Sura Al Rum on the 23rd night of Ramadhan will certainly be among the residents of Janna without any exception, adding, "... and I do not fear that Allah will record a sin against me for giving such a status for these two Chapters." Imam Sadiq (pbuh)*

### SELECTED AYAAAT

- 30:17 Glorification times (salaat)
- 30:21 Concept of marriage
- 30:22 Diversity of colour and language
- 30:30 Nature of human beings based on divine nature
- 30:41 Corruption on earth caused by human beings
- 30:44 Ownership of one's own actions
- 30:54 Life cycle of human being
- 30:58 Every example in the Qur'an

### NARRATIVE

The sura begins with the prediction of the victory of the Romans over the Persians 9 years before the event. It is also indicative to the victory at Badr.

This leads to the central theme of the sura, which is the abundance of the signs of divinity in society, within oneself and in nature alluding that the rise and fall of nations is nothing compared to the signs of divinity all around us.

The inability of many human beings not to be able to recognise Divinity even with these signs is a result of their following their own whims.

The human being is pre-programmed with 'fitra' - an operating system which is Allah's design for human values - gratitude, humility, humanity, mercy, love, justice. It is revelation which activates these human values into practical manifestation and an inclination that truth is good (30:30).

There is a challenge to those who cover up the truth to substantiate their claims and the inevitability of accountability where no excuses will be accepted.

The sura ends with a directive not to underestimate the strength of belief.