

AL-BAQARA - THE COW

TIMELESS RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE IN SURATUL FATIHA  
UNDERSTANDING FAITH THROUGH HISTORY  
GUIDANCE THROUGH PRACTICAL LAWS AND DIRECTIVES FROM DIVINITY COVERING ALL MATTERS  
AYATUL KURSI - AWESOMENESS OF ALLAH

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CORE BELIEFS RE ITERATED AND PRAYER TO MAINTAIN THEM  
Belief in Allah, angels, books & prophets with a declaration of "We believe and we obey"  
The prayer asks for forgiveness, protection and help

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Ayaat 284-286

AYAATUL KURSI 255 (VERSE OF THE THRONE)  
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS  
LESSONS FROM PAST PROPHETS  
Dawud, Ibraheem & Uzayr



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Ayaat 243-283

DEFINITION OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PRACTICAL LAWS FOR BELIEVERS  
AYAAT 153 – 242

Ayatul Birr - aya 177  
Food  
Hajj  
Evidence  
Charity  
Self defence, retribution

Wills  
Fasting Ramadhan  
Marriage, nursing, divorce, alimony  
Orphans, widows  
Drinking gambling bribery  
Menstruation  
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Ayaat 153-242

CHANGE OF QIBLA AND INAUGURATION OF A NEW MIDDLE NATION (UMMA)



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Ayaat 142-152

PROPHET IBRAHEEM

The prayers of Prophet Ibraheem with a focus on Peace, Prosperity, Progeny and Prophet (Guidance)

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Ayaat 124-141

THE HISTORY OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAAIL

40-47 Reminder of the blessings bestowed on the children of Israail  
48-74 Milestone events from the history of the children of Israail  
75-123 History of the children of Israail to current state

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Ayaat 40-123

CREATION OF PROPHET ADAM

Refusal of Shaitan to obey Divinity and his deceit towards Prophet Adam & Sayyida Hawwa

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INTRODUCTION TO THE CREATOR AND AUTHENTICITY OF THE QURAN  
Invitation to be His slave



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Ayaat 21-29

A SUMMARY OF THE QUALITIES OF BELIEVERS, THOSE WHO COVER UP THE TRUTH AND HYPOCRITES

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FOCUS

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DID YOU KNOW?

IT IS THE LONGEST SURA OF THE QUR'AN COMPRISING ONE TWELFTH OF THE ENTIRE TEXT  
"EVERYTHING HAS A ZENITH AND THE ZENITH OF THE QUR'AN IS SURATUL BAQARA AND IN IT IS THE BEST OF VERSES – AYATUL KURSI (THE VERSE OF THE THRONE).  
HOLDING TO IT IS A BLESSING AND LEAVING IT IS AN AFFLICTION"  
Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)

SELECTED AYAAT

- 2:129 Dua of Prophet Ibraheem (pbuh) answered in 62:2
- 2:148 Direction (Goal)
- 2:156 Indeed we are from Allah and to Him we shall surely return
- 2:158 Safa and Marwa
- 2:173 Forbidden meat
- 2:177 Ayatul Birr What it means to be a good person
- 2:144 Qibla
- 2:183 Fasting (Sawm)
- 2:186 Dua
- 2:201 Dua for good in the world and the hereafter
- 2:207 Ali (pbuh) in hijra
- 2:219 Intoxicants and gambling
- 2:222 Menstruation
- 2:255 Ayatul Kursi Aya of the throne (Sayyidul Ayaat - Leader of all the ayaat)
- 2:264 Charity
- 2:285 Aamanar Rasul

NARRATIVE

It is the longest chapter of the Qur'an and opens with the answer to the question in Sura Al Fatiha of "Guide us on the right way" stating that this is the guidance for the God conscious.  
It begins with the categorisation of belief into those who believe in the seen and unseen, all the prophets and the imperative to give followed by those who cover up the truth and then hypocrisy.

Then starts a historical journey of belief from the creation of Prophet Adam and the refusal of Shaitan to obey the order of Divinity to prostrate to him.  
This is followed by the history of the children of Israail; the numerous blessings given to them and milestone events in their history.  
Prophet Ibraheem is discussed next in his establishment of the Ka'ba and his prayer for peace, prosperity, a Prophet from his progeny. The change of qibla from Jerusalem to the Ka'ba follows and then important practical laws are legislated in this chapter.

Long term financial investments of condition free loans to humanity, charity without reproach and the chief of the verses of the Qur'an - Ayatul Kursi follow. Here the awesomeness of Allah is described.  
The chapter ends with a re-iteration of core beliefs and a prayer of forgiveness, protection and help to maintain them.