

AL-MAAIDA - THE TABLE OF FOOD



FINISHING TOUCHES TO RELIGION
SOCIAL VALUES
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PROPHET ISA

The miracles of Prophet Isa including the table of food (al Maaida) and its descent from heaven.



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Ayaat 110-120

DIRECTIVES TO BELIEVERS

Enjoy the good things that Allah has given, but guard against excesses
Do not indulge in swearing, gambling, intoxicants, superstitions and violation of the sanctity of the Ka'ba

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Ayaat 87-109

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT WITH PEOPLE OF THE BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUCCESSION TO THE PROPHET

Giving charity in rukoo Aya 55.
Order to announce succession at Ghadeer Aya 67



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Ayaat 41-86

DIVINE JUDGEMENT TO ESTABLISH JUSTICE

Intercession 5:35



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Ayaat 33-40

THE TWO SONS OF ADAM

Qaabil kills Haabil out of jealousy and a crow shows him how to bury his brother's body.

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Ayaat 27-32

COVENANTS WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

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Ayaat 12-26

FULFILLING COVENANTS DIRECTIVES TO BELIEVERS SUCCESSION TO THE PROPHET AS COMPLETION OF RELIGION

Dietary Laws
Completion of Religion 5:3
Wudhoo/Tayammum 5:6



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Ayaat 1-11

005. Al-Maaida ~ The Table of Food

120 Ayaat (Madani)

FOCUS

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DID YOU KNOW?

THIS CHAPTER CONTAINS THE LAST VERSE (3) REVEALED AT GHADEER AL KHUM KNOWN AS AYATUL IKMAAL (THE VERSE OF COMPLETION)

"This day I have perfected for you your religion, and completed My blessing upon you and have approved for you your religion - Islam (submission)."

THE SURA TAKES ITS NAME FROM THE MIRACULOUS TABLE OF FOOD THAT ALLAH SENT DOWN TO PROPHET ISA AND HIS DISCIPLES AT THEIR REQUEST.

SELECTED AYAAT

- 5:3 Last aya revealed - This day I have perfected your religion...
- 5:6 Wudhoo and Tayammum
- 5:27-31 Story of Haabil and Qaabil
- 5:32 Saving a life is like saving all humanity
- 5:35 Wasila
- 5:38 Theft
- 5:55 Giving of a ring in ruku
- 5:67 Ayatut Tableegh
- 5:90-91 Gambling
- 5:114 Table

NARRATIVE

The chapter was revealed in Madina soon after the Treaty of Hudaibiyya towards the end of 6AH and begins with a constitutional phrase of fulfilling all agreements and laws concerning hajj and halal food. The completion of religion revealed at Ghadeer is at the end of verse 3. Instructions for wudhoo and tayammum (ritual purity) follow.

The chapter transitions into the covenants made by Allah with the people of the book who broke them by exaggerating claims of Divinity to Prophet Isa and the refusal of the Bani Israel to obey Prophet Musa. At the same time there is normalisation of relationships with the people of the Book with boundaries.

The story of the two sons of Prophet Adam is told where Qaabil kills Haabil out of jealousy and a crow shows him how to bury his brother's body.

Divine judgement to establish justice follows instructing those who believe to be impartial and just even when dealing with those who show enmity. Justice to go hand in hand with love, brotherhood, care and concern for humanity. A directive to seek a means of nearness (intercession) to Divinity and to strive in His way follows.

The chapter continues with a discussion to enjoy the good things given by Allah but to guard against excesses and not to indulge in swearing, gambling, intoxicants, superstitions, and violation of the Ka'ba.

It ends with the miracles of Prophet Isa including a mention of the table of food (Al Maaida) from the heavens and a final statement of Allah's complete Control and Power over all things.