

053. Al-Najm ~ The Star

62 Ayaat (Makki)

FOCUS

MI'RAJ - ASCENSION OF THE PROPHET AND HIS ENCOUNTER WITH THE ANGEL JIBRAAIL
WARNING TO THOSE WHO CREATE BELIEFS FROM THEIR OWN ASSUMPTIONS
BASIC TRUTHS DO NOT CHANGE OVER TIME

DID YOU KNOW?

THE SURA BEGINS WITH THE STAR FALLING AND ENDS WITH THE HUMAN BEING 'FALLING' INTO PROSTRATION (FIRST WAJIB SAJDA TILAAWAT IS IN THIS SURA)

IT IS DIVINITY WHO MAKES THE HUMAN BEING LAUGH AND CRY (TEARS OF TRUTH AND JOY) AYA 43

THE SURA WAS THE FIRST RECITED TO THE MAKKANS IN PUBLIC AND THEY WERE SO MESMERISED THEY FELL INTO PROSTRATION AT THE END AS COMMANDED BUT THEN SAID IT WAS BECUSE THEY HEARD THE NAMES OF THEIR GODS IN THE SURA

SELECTED AYAAT

- 53:1 Najm (Star)
- 53:9 Measure of two bows or closer still
- 53:32 Allah a Liberal Forgiver
- 53:39 Human being to get what he/she strives for
- 53:42 "And that to your Lord is your goal..."
- 53:62 Wajib Sajda

NARRATIVE

THE SURA BEGINS WITH AN OATH OF THE FALLING STAR LEADING TO THE JOURNEY TO THE HEAVENS OF THE PROPHET (MI'RAJ) WHERE DIVINITY DECLARES HIS CLOSENESS BY SHOWING HIM HIS AWESOME SIGNS.

IT CONTINUES TO LOOK AT THE GODS OF THE QURAYSH CREATED OUT OF CONJECTURE MAKING UP RULES AS THEY WENT ALONG WITH NO AUTHORITY CONCLUDING WITH A CONDEMNATION OF THOSE WHO SEEK INTERCESSION FROM ANGELS.

THE SURA THEN AFFIRMS THAT BASIC TRUTHS DO NOT CHANGE OVER TIME. THE QUR'AN STATES WHAT IS FOUND IN THE SCRIPTURES OF PROPHET IBRAHEEM AND MUSA.



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REFLECTION UPON CREATION
THE TRUTHS IN THE QUR'AN ARE THE SAME AS THOSE GIVEN TO MUSA AND IBRAHEEM
ORDER TO PROSTRATE AND SUBMIT (WAJIB SAJDA)

None will bear the burden of another
The human being will see and get what he strives for
The final destination is to Allah
It is He who makes the human being laugh and cry (43)
He causes death and gives life
He created pairs
Resurrection is mandatory (a major aspect of justice)
He enriches and withholds
None removes punishment other than Him



Ayaat 35-62

CONTRAST OF PUNISHMENT FOR THOSE WHO DO EVIL WITH REWARD OF THOSE WHO ARE RIGHTEOUS

Those who do evil will pay for their evil whilst those who do good compensated with the very best
Do not become self-righteous




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Ayaat 31-34

WARNING TO THOSE WHO CREATE BELIEFS FROM THEIR OWN ASSUMPTIONS

They make up gods as they wish and rules as they please

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Ayaat 19-30

MI'RAJ - ASCENSION OF THE PROPHET TO THE HEAVENS
Encounter with Jibraail

Divinity shows His signs to His most awesome slave - Muhammad (pbuh)

Sidratul Muntahaa - Tree at the boundary of where even Jibraail could not go



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Ayaat 1-18