

In the Name of Allâh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

- 1. By the fig, and the olive.
- 2. By Mount Sinai.
- 3. By this city of security (Makkah). [1]
- 4. Verily, We created man in the best stature (mould).
- 5. Then We reduced him to the lowest of the low.
- 6. Except those who believe (in Islâmic Monotheism) and do righteous deeds. Then they shall have a reward without end (Paradise).
- 7. Then what (or who) causes you (O disbelievers) to deny the Recompense (i.e. the Day of Resurrection)?
 - 8.Is not Allâh the Best of judges?

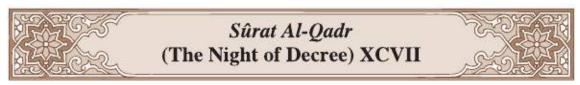


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- 1. Read! In the Name of your Lord Who has created (all that exists).
- 2. He has created man from a clot (a piece of thick coagulated blood).
 - 3. Read! And your Lord is the Most Generous.
 - 4. Who has taught (the writing) by the pen.
 - 5. He has taught man that which he knew not.
- 6. Nay! Verily, man does transgress (in disbelief and evil deed).
 - 7. Because he considers himself self-sufficient.
 - 8. Surely, to your Lord is the return.
- 9. Have you (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) seen him (i.e. Abû Jahl) who prevents
 - 10. A slave (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) when he prays?

^{[1] (}V.95:3) See footnote of (V.2:191).

- 11. Have you seen if he (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) is on the guidance (of Allâh)
 - 12. Or enjoins piety?
- 13. Have you seen if he (Abû Jahl) denies (the truth, i.e. this Our'ân) and turns away?
 - 14. Knows he not that Allâh sees (what he does)?
- 15. Nay! If he (Abû Jahl) ceases not, We will catch him by the forelock
 - 16. A lying, sinful forelock!
 - 17. Then let him call upon his council (of helpers).
 - 18. We will call out the guards of Hell (to deal with him)!
- 19. Nay! (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم! Do not obey him (Abû Jahl). Fall prostrate and draw near (to Allâh)! [*]



In the Name of Allâh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

- 1. Verily, We have sent it (this Qur'an) down in the night of Al-Qadr (Decree). [1]
- 2. And what will make you know what the night of *Al-Qadr* (Decree) is?
- 3. The night of *Al-Qadr* (Decree) is better than a thousand months (i.e. worshipping Allâh in that night is better than worshipping Him a thousand months, i.e. 83 years and 4 months).
- 4. Therein descend the angels and the Rûh [Jibrîl (Gabrîl)] by Allâh's Permission with all Decrees,
- 5. (All that night), there is Peace (and Goodness from Allâh to His believing slaves) until the appearance of dawn. [2]

[1] (V.97:1) "Therein (that night) is decreed every matter of ordainments." (Verse 44:4)**

^{[*] (}V.96:19) Prostration (see Appendix 1).

^{**} i.e., the matters of deaths, births, provisions, calamities for the whole (coming) year as decreed by Allâh.

^{[2] (}V.97:5) Narrated 'Âishah رضى الله عنها Allâh's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم said, "Search for the Night of Al-Qadr in the odd nights of the last ten nights of Ramadan." (Sahîh Al-Bukhârî, Vol 3, Hadîth No.234).