

# the periodic table of QUR'AN CHAPTERS

It is reported that RasūlAllāh ﷺ said: I was given the **Seven Long Chapters** [*Sabā al-Ṭuwal*] in place of the *Torah*; and I was given **Centums** [*Mi'ūn*] in place of the Gospel [*Injīl*]; and I was given the **Iteratives** [*Mathāniy*] in place of Psalms [*Zabūr*] and I was additionally bestowed the **Sectioned** ones [*Mufaṣṣal*].



Al-Sabā al-Ṭuwal: The Seven Lengthy Chapters | Al-Mi'ūn: The Centums - Surahs with more than 100 verses | Al-Mathāniy: The Iteratives - Less than 100 verses; until Sūrah Hujurat | Al-Mufaṣṣal: The Sectioned - from Sūrah Qaf onwards until Nas. These are in the last 4 parts [uz2]

Qur'an chapters are grouped as follows, based on ḥadīth

- The Seven Lengthy Chapters** [*Sabā al-Ṭuwal*]: *al-Baqarah*, *Aāl Imrān*, *al-Nisā'a*, *al-Mā'idah*, *al-An'ām*, *al-Aḍrāf* and *Yūnus* or *Barā'ah* [*Sūrah al-Tawbah*].
- The Centums** [*Mi'ūn*]: Chapters containing over a hundred verses or nearly as many.
- The Iteratives** [*Mathāniy*]: Chapters that contain fewer than one hundred verses and are named as such because they feature recurring stories.
- The Sectioned** [*Mufaṣṣal*]: They were named *mufaṣṣal* – sectioned – due to their frequent sectioning or terminations; i.e. they are short chapters. Also known as **Muḥkam**: **Operational**, because there are no abrogated verses in these chapters.

Grouping as mentioned by some Elders [*salaf*]

- Mayādīn** – *The Sprawling Fields*: Chapters that start with *Alif-Lām-Mim*. آلآ 2 §3 §29 §30 §31 §32
- Basāṭīn** – *The Lavish Orchards*: Chapters that start with *Alif-Lām-Rā*. آلر 10 §11 §12 §14 §15
- Maqāṣīr** – *The Dwellings*: Chapters that start with the Praise of Allāh *Alḥamd* [*al-Ḥāmidāt*]. 1 §6 §18 §34 §35
- Ārā'is** – *The Brides*: Chapters that start with Glorifying Allāh *Sabīḥillāh* [*al-Musabbihāt*]. 17 §57 §59 §61 §62 §64 §87
- Dayābij** – *The Silk Brocades*: Chapters that start with *Ḥā-Mim*. حم 40 §41 §42 §43 §44 §45 §46
- Riyād** – *The Lush Gardens*: Short chapters – from §50 to §114 [Juz' 27-30]

