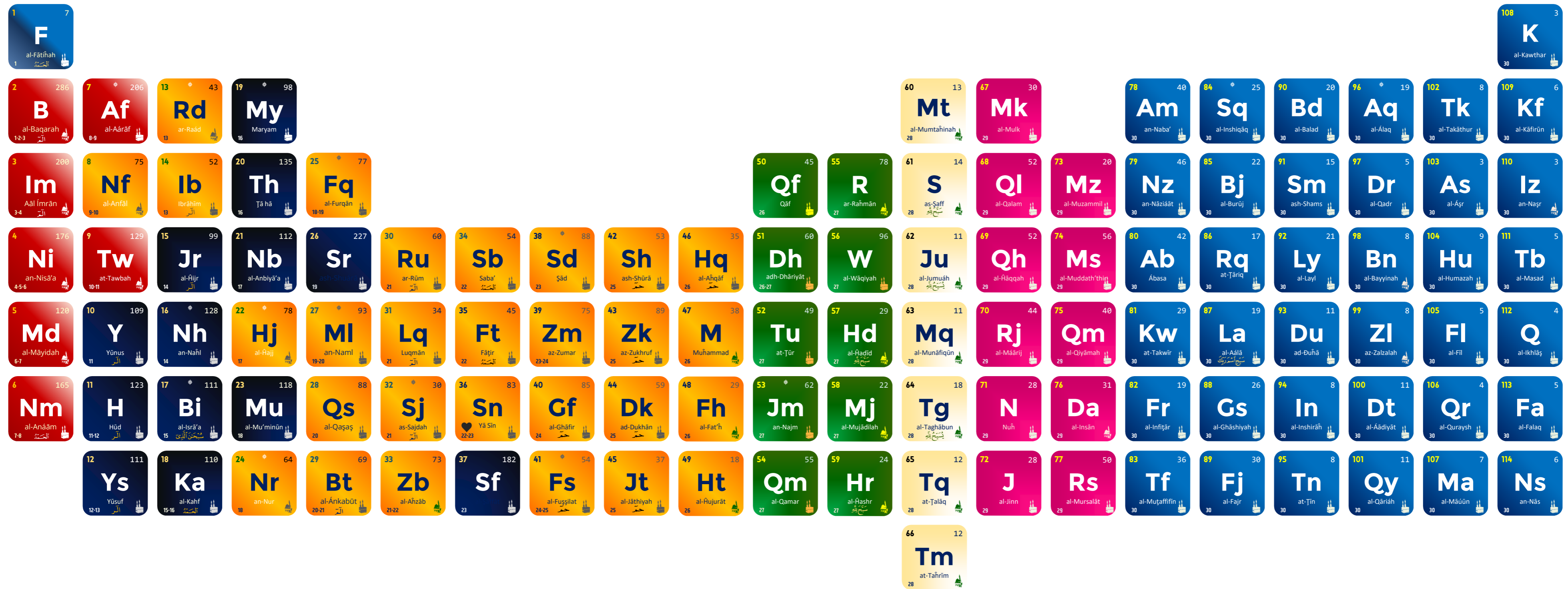


# the periodic table of QUR'AN CHAPTERS

It is reported that RasūlAllāh ﷺ said: I was given the **Seven Long Chapters** [*Sabā al-Tuwal*] 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-Tuwal: *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 (Juz')*

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

- The Seven Lengthy Chapters** [*Sabā al-Tuwal*]: *al-Baqarah, Aāl Imrān, al-Nisā'a, al-Mā'idah, al-Anāām, al-Aārāf 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: Operationals**, 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-Mīm*. **آل** §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 **الْحَمْدُ** [*al-Ĥamidāt*]. §1 §6 §18 §34 §35
- Ārā'is – The Brides**: Chapters that start with Glorifying Allāh **سَبِّحَ لِلَّهِ** [*al-Musabbihāt*]. §17 §57 §59 §61 §62 §64 §87
- Dayābij – The Silk Brocades**: Chapters that start with *Ĥā-Mīm*. **حم** §40 §41 §42 §43 §44 §45 §46
- Riyād – The Lush Gardens**: Short chapters – from §50 to §114 [Juz' 27-30]

