

HISTORY OF THE QUR'ÂN IS WITHIN THE QUR'ÂN

The Qur'ân provides its own history.

IT NAMES ITSELF THE TITLE QUR'ÂN (2/185; 50/1)¹.

2:185. **“Ramadhan is the (month) in which was sent down the Qur'ân**, as a guide to mankind, also Clear (Signs) for guidance and Judgment (between right and wrong). So every one of you who is present (at his home) during that month should spend it in fasting, but if any one is ill, or on a journey, the prescribed period (should be made up) by days later. Allâh intends every facility for you; Allâh does not want to put you to difficulties. (He wants you) to complete the prescribed period, and to glorify Him in that He has guided you; and perchance ye shall be grateful.”

50:1. **“Qaf: by the glorious Qur'ân thou (Muhammad) art Allâh's Messenger...”**

THE QUR'ÂN GIVES THE NAME OF ITS AUTHOR (25/6; 41/42; 45/2; 46/2);

25:6: **“Say: "The (Qur'ân) was sent down by Him (Allâh) who knows the Mysteries (that is) in the heavens and the earth: verily He (Allâh) is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful.”**

41:42: **“No falsehood can approach it (Qur'ân) from before or behind it: it is sent down by One full of Wisdom (Allâh), worthy of all praise.”**

45:2: **“The Revelation of the Book (Qur'ân) is from Allâh the Exalted in power, full of wisdom.”**

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THE LANGUAGE IT WAS REVEALED IN (41/3 & 44; 13/37; 26/195; 16/103; 42/7; 43/3; 46/12; 20/113; 39/28;)

41:3: **“A Book (Qur'ân), whereof the verses are explained in detail; - a Qur'ân in Arabic, for people who understand;”-**

41:44: **“Had We (Allâh) sent this as a Qur'ân (in the language) other than Arabic, they (the unbelievers) would have said: "why are not its verses explained in detail?” “What! (a Book) not in Arabic and (a Messenger) an Arab?”**
“Say: "It is a guide and a healing to those who believe; and for those who believe not, there is deafness in their ears, and it is blindness in their (eyes): they are (as it were) being called from a place far distant!”

13:37: **“Thus have We (Allâh) revealed it to be a Judgment of authority in Arabic.** Wert thou (Muhammad) to follow their (vain) desires after the knowledge which hath reached thee (Muhammad), then wouldst thou find neither Protector nor defender against Allâh.”

26:195: **“In the perspicuous Arabic tongue.”**

16:103: **“We (Allâh) know indeed that they (the unbelievers) say; ‘it is a man that teaches him’; the tongue of him**

¹ Please note: The verse/s numbers may vary by 1 or 2 or 3 depending on the different translators' method of numbering.

they wickedly point to is notably foreign, **while this Arabic, pure and clear.**”

42:7: “Thus have **We (Allâh) sent by inspiration to thee (Muḥammad) an Arabic Qur’ân**: that thou (Muḥammad) mayest warn the mother of cities (Makkah) and all around her (the entire world²), - and warn (mankind) of the Day of Assembly, of which there is no doubt: (when) some will be in the garden, and some in the Blazing Fire.”

43:3: “**We (Allâh) have made it a Qur’ân in Arabic**, that ye (mankind) may be able to understand³ (and learn wisdom).”

46:12: “And before this, was the Book of Musa (At- Taurât) as a guide and a mercy: and **this Book (Al-Qur’ân) confirms (it) in the Arabic tongue**; to admonish the unjust, and as glad tidings to those who do right.”

20:113: “**Thus have We (Allâh) sent this down - an Arabic Qur’ân** - and explained therein in detail some of the warnings, in order that they may be conscious of Allâh, or that it may cause their remembrance (of Him).”

39:28: “**(It is) a Qurân in Arabic**, without any crookedness (therein): in order that they may guard against evil.”

THE BOOK WILL BE PROTECTED (15/9; 41/42);

15:9: “We (Allâh) have, without doubt, sent down the Message (Qur’ân); and **We (Allâh) will assuredly guard it (Qur’ân)** (from corruption).”

41:42: “**No falsehood can approach it (Qur’ân) from before or behind it**: it is sent down by one full of Wisdom, worthy of all praise.”

WHEN IT WAS REVEALED (2/185);

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TO WHOM THE QUR’ÂN WAS REVEALED (29/48; 47/2; 48/29);

29:48: “**And thou (Muḥammad) wast not (able) to recite a Book before this (Qurân came), nor art thou (Muḥammad) (able) to transcribe it with thy right hand**: in that case, indeed, would the talkers of vanities have doubted.”

² 7:158. Say "O mankind! I (Muhammad) am sent unto you all, as the Messenger of Allâh, to whom belongeth the dominion of the heavens and the earth: there is no god but He: it is He that giveth both life and death. So believe in Allâh and His Messenger (Muhammad), the unlettered Prophet, who believeth in Allâh and His words (Qur’ân): and follow him that (so) ye may be guided."

³ “Aramaic was a poverty-stricken tongue compared with Arabic, and not even classical Hebrew at its best could rival Arabic in its astonishing elasticity. From its own inner resources it could evolve by autogenous processes the *mot juste* (i.e. ‘*exactly the right word or words to express something*’) which new arts and new sciences demanded for their intellectual expression.” ‘The Legacy of Islam Edited by the late SIR THOMAS ARNOLD C.I.E., F.B.A., Litt.D. and ALFRED GUILLAUME M.A. Oxon., Principal of Culham College Formerly Professor of Oriental Languages in the University of Durham’

47:2: “But those who believe and work deeds of righteousness, and believe in the (revelation) **sent down to Muḥammad** - for it is the truth from their Rabb, - He (Allāh) will remove from them their ills and improve their condition.”

48:29: “**Muḥammad is the apostle of Allāh**. And those who are with him are strong against unbelievers, (but) compassionate amongst each other. Thou wilt see them bow and prostrate themselves (in prayer), seeking Grace from Allāh and (His) good Pleasure. On their faces are their marks, (being) the traces of their prostration. This is their similitude in the At-Taurât; and their similitude in the Injil is: like a seed which sends forth its blade, then makes it strong; it then becomes thick, and it stands on its own stem, (filling) the sowers with wonder and delight. As a result, it fills the unbelievers with rage at them. Allāh has promised those among them who believe and do righteous deeds forgiveness, and a great reward.”

GUARANTEE THAT THE PROPHET WILL NEVER FORGET THE REVELATION (87/6);

87:6: “By degrees shall We (Allāh) **teach thee (Muḥammad) to declare (the Message of the Qur’ân), so thou (Muḥammad) shalt not forget,**”

IT EXISTED IN WRITTEN FORM AT THE TIME OF ITS REVELATION (85/21, 22; 52/2-3; 68/1). There was no lag or interval for mistakes to creep in.

85:21-22: “**Nay, this is a glorious Qur’ân , (inscribed) in a Tablet Preserved!**”

52:2-3: “**By a Decree inscribed; in a scroll unfolded;**”

68:1: “**Nun. By the Pen and the (record) which (mankind) write,**”-

EVERY WORD REVEALED TO THE PROPHET WAS IMMEDIATELY PUT TO WRITING (75/17).

75:17: “**It is for Us (Allāh) to collect⁴ it and to promulgate⁵ it:**”

THE PROPHET IS GUARANTEED PROTECTION (5/67).

5:67: “**O Messenger. Proclaim the (message) which hath been sent to thee (Muḥammad) from thy Rabb. If thou (Muḥammad) didst not, thou wouldst not have fulfilled and proclaimed His mission. And Allāh will defend thee (Muḥammad) from mankind (who mean mischief). For Allāh guideth not those who reject faith.**”

THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE ENTIRE QUR’ÂN WAS PART OF THE DIVINE SCHEME (75/17).

75:17: “**It is for Us to collect⁶ it (Qur’ân) and to promulgate⁷ it (Qur’ân):**”

THE PROPHET UNDER DIVINE GUIDANCE DICTATED TO HIS SCRIBES THE EXACT SEQUENCE OF ITS WORDS, VERSES AND CHAPTERS (75/18, 19).

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75:18: **“But when We (Allâh) have promulgated it, follow thou (Muḥammad) its recital (as promulgated):”**

75:19: **“Nay more, it is for Us (Allâh) to explain it (and make it clear):”**

THE BOOK (WRITTEN FORM) AGAIN TESTIFIES TO THIS FACT (80 / 11-16).

80:11-16: **“By no means (should it be so)! For it is indeed a Message (Qur’ân) of instruction: Therefore let whoso will, keep it (Qur’ân) in remembrance. (The Qur’ân is) in Books held (greatly) in Honour, Exalted (in dignity), kept pure and holy, (written) by the hands of scribes- honourable and pious and just.”**

ALLÂH ALONE EXPLAINS THE QUR’ÂN (6/19; 6/114; 14/25; 6/55; 7/32; 7/52; 7/174; 9/11; 10/24; 2/99; 13/2; 16/89; 17/12; 18/54; 30/28; 41/3; 10/37; 25/33; 65/11; 22/52; 12/111).

6:19: **“Say: ‘What thing is most weighty in evidence?’ Say: ‘Allâh is witness⁸ between me and you; this Qur’ân (the most weighty in evidence) had been revealed to me (*i.e.* Muḥammad) by inspiration, that I (*i.e.* Muḥammad) may warn you and all whom it (*i.e.* Qur’ân) reaches. Can you possibly bear witness that besides Allâh there is another Deity? Say: ‘Nay! I (*i.e.* Muḥammad) cannot bear witness!’ Say: ‘But in truth He is the one Allâh, and I (*i.e.* Muḥammad) am truly am innocent of (your blasphemy of) joining others with Allâh’.”**

6:114: **“Say: “Shall I seek for judge other than Allâh? - when He (*i.e.* Allâh) it is Who (*i.e.* Allâh) hath sent unto you the Book (*i.e.* Qur’ân), explained in detail. They know full well, to whom We (*i.e.* Allâh) have given the Book, that it (*i.e.* Qur’ân) hath been sent down from thy Rabb in Truth. Never be then of those who doubt.”**

14:25: **“It brings forth its fruit at all times, by the leave of its Rabb. So Allâh sets forth parables for men (to explain), in order that they may receive admonition.”**

6:55: **“Thus do We (Allâh) explain the Signs in detail: that the way of the sinners may be shown up.”**

7:32: **“Say: who hath forbidden the beautiful (gifts) of Allâh, which He hath produced for His servants, and the things, clean and pure, (which He hath provided) for sustenance? Say: they are, in the life of this world, for those who believe, (and) purely for them on the Day of Judgment. Thus do We (Allâh) explain the Signs in detail for those who understand⁹.**

7:52: **“For We (Allâh) had certainly sent unto them a Book (Qur’ân), based on knowledge, which We (Allâh) explained in detail,- a guide and a Mercy to all who believe.”**

7:174: **“Thus do We (Allâh) explain the Signs in detail; and perchance they may turn (unto Allâh).”**

9:11: **“But (even so), if they repent, establish regular prayers, and practise regular charity,- they are your brethren in**

⁸: 4/166. “... Allâh bears witness that what He (*i.e.* Allâh) hath sent unto thee (*i.e.* Muḥammad) He (*i.e.* Allâh) hath sent from His (*i.e.* Allâh’s own) knowledge, and the malâ’ikah bear witness: but enough is Allâh for a witness.” (Please note: The verse/s numbers may vary by 1 or 2 or 3 depending on the different translators’ method of numbering. Some verses are repeated for emphasis).

⁹ 2:121: “Those to whom We (Allâh) have sent the Book study it as it should be studied.” (Apply Law of Interpretation: 3:7)

faith: (thus) do **We (Allâh) explain the Signs in detail**, for those who understand.”

10:24: “The likeness of the life of the present is as the rain which We (Allâh) send down from the skies: by its mingling arises the produce of the earth- which provides food for men and animals: (it grows) till the earth is clad with its golden ornaments and is decked out (in beauty): the people to whom it belongs think they have all powers of disposal over it: there reaches it Our (Allâh)command by night or by Day, and We (Allâh) make it like a harvest clean-mown, as if it had not flourished only the Day before! Thus do **We (Allâh) explain the Signs in detail for those who reflect (use their intelligence).**”

2:99: “**We (Allâh) have sent down to thee (Muḥammad) Manifest Signs (ayât¹⁰)**; and none reject them but those who are perverse.”

13:2: “Allâh is He who raised the heavens without any pillars that ye can see; is firmly established on the Throne¹¹ (of authority); He (Allâh) has subjected the sun and the moon (to His Law)! Each one runs (its course) for a term appointed. **He (Allâh) doth regulate all affairs, explaining the Signs in detail** that ye may believe with certainty in the meeting with your Rabb¹².”

16:89: “One Day We (Allâh) shall raise from all peoples a witness against from amongst themselves: and We (Allâh) shall bring thee (Muḥammad) as a witness¹³ against these (thy people and **We (Allâh) have sent down to thee (Muḥammad) the Book (Qurân) explaining all things**, a Guide, a Mercy, glad tidings to Muslims.”

17:12: “We (Allâh) have made the night and the Day as two (of Our) Signs: the Sign of the night have We (Allâh) obscured, while the Sign of the Day We (Allâh) have made to enlighten you; that ye may seek bounty from your Rabb, and that ye may know the number and count of the years: **all things have We (Allâh) explained in detail.**”

18:54: “**We (Allâh) have explained in detail in this Qur’ân , for the benefit of mankind, every kind of similitude:** but man is, in most things contentious,”

30:28: “He (Allâh) does propound to you (mankind) a similitude from your own (experience): do ye have partners among those whom your right hands possess, to share as equals in the wealth We (Allâh) have bestowed on you? Do ye fear them as ye fear each other? **Thus do We (Allâh) explain the Signs in detail to a people that understand.**”

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10:37: “**This Qur’ân is not such as can be produced by other than Allâh. On the contrary it is a confirmation of**

¹⁰ **Ayât: Message: sign: command: verse of Qur’ân**

¹¹ Ar’sh: Power: Knowledge: etc

¹² According to Ar-Râghib al-Isfahâni, *Rabb* means ‘to nurture a thing in such a manner as to make it attain one condition after another until its goal of completion’ Mufradât alfâz al-Qur’ân by ar-Râghib al-Isfahâni. Refer also to 87:2-3. Please note that the word has different meanings when it does not refer to the Creator).

¹³ [4/41: “How then when We (i.e. Allâh) brought from each people a witness, and We (i.e. Allâh) brought thee (i.e. Muḥammad) as a witness against these people!”] [25/30: “Then the Messenger (i.e. Muḥammad) will say: “O my Rabb! Truly my people took this Qur’ân for just foolish nonsense.”]

(revelations) that went before it, and a fuller explanation of the Book - wherein there is no doubt - from the Rabb of the worlds.”

25:33: “And no question do they bring to thee (Muḥammad) but **We (Allāh) reveal to thee (Muḥammad) the truth and the best explanation (thereof).**”

65:11: “A Messenger, who rehearses to you **the Signs of Allāh containing Clear explanations**, that He may lead forth those who believe and do righteous deeds from the depths of darkness into light. And those who believe in Allāh and work righteousness, He (Allāh) will admit to Gardens beneath which rivers flow, to dwell therein for ever: Allāh has indeed granted for them a most excellent provision.”

22:52: “Never did We (Allāh) send an apostle or a prophet before thee (Muḥammad), but, when he framed a desire, shaitān threw some (vanity) into his desire: but Allāh will cancel anything (vain) that shaitān throws in, and **Allāh will confirm (and establish) His Signs: for Allāh is full of knowledge and Wisdom:**”

12:111: “There is, in their stories, instruction for men endued with understanding. It is not a tale invented, but a confirmation of what went before it, - **a detailed exposition of all things**, and a guide and a Mercy to any such as believe.”

THUS THE QUR'ÂN HAS A CLEAR BACKGROUND HISTORY WHICH IS NOT THE CASE WITH ANY OF THE OTHER SACRED BOOKS!

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