

## Unit One:

### Chapter One: How did the Quran come to us?

#### كَيْفَ وَصَلَ الْقُرْآنَ الْكَرِيمَ إِلَيْنَا

It was the month of Ramadan of the year that Allah SWT was going to tell Rasullullah that he is a prophet. Prophet Mohammed SAWS was forty years old at that time. Prophet Mohammed was heading out to the cave of Hira at the top of Jabal An-Noor. He often went to the cave to be alone and think deeply. His people were doing all kinds of sins and he was very unhappy about this. They would lie, break their promises, cheat and curse. They disbelieved in Allah SWT and would worship the idols. He never believed in idols and their claimed powers.

Prophet Mohammed SAWS was very troubled. He had a pure heart and all of this made him very upset. His deep faith in Allah SWT turned him away from all this idolatry. The truth was clear to him as the light of day, but his people lived in darkness. Deep inside him, he knew that there was only one true power controlling the universe of Allah SWT.

When Prophet Mohammed SAWS got very distressed, he would go to the cave in the mountain where he found tranquility and peace.

Khadija, Radiyya Allah Anha, would often prepare food for him to take to the cave. One night, the sky was cloaked with darkness and the Prophet was in the cave alone, thinking how to change his people? He wanted to guide them to Allah SWT. They needed help and guidance.

Suddenly, someone entered the cave. It wasn't a person! It was someone extraordinary! The visitor was an angel from the skies!

It was the angel of revelation, Angel Jibreel A.S. He has been sent by Allah SWT to Prophet Mohammed SAWS. Prophet Mohammed got very scared. The Angel came closer and spoke:

“Read”

The Prophet SAWS was shaking and replied:

“ I cannot read”!

The Angel came closer and embraced the Prophet very tightly and repeated the command:

“Read”!

The Prophet SAWS was terrified and repeated:

“I cannot read”!

The Angel came closer for the second time and embraced the Prophet very tightly and repeated the command:

“Read”!

Finally, the Prophet SAWS replied, “what should I read?”

After embracing the Prophet strongly for the third time and releasing him, Angel Jibreel A.S spoke with the noble words of Allah SWT:

اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ ﴿١﴾ خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ ﴿٢﴾ اقْرَأْ وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ  
﴿٣﴾ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ ﴿٤﴾ عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ ﴿٥﴾ {العلق: 1-5}

1. Recite in the name of your lord who created...
2. Created Man from a clinging Substance
3. Recite and your Lord is the most generous
4. Who taught by the pen
5. Taught Man that which he knew not

These are very important Ayaat from the Quran. These first five ayaat are the first revelation that Prophet Mohammed SAWS received from Angel Jibreel A.S.

At that moment, the light of revelation, shown its rays upon Prophet Mohammed SAWS. These were the first revealed verses of the Quran. Prophet Mohammed SAWS has been chosen by Allah SWT to be his final prophet. From the cave of Hira, He would go forward to all the nations with the message of tawhid; worshipping Allah SWT alone, with no other person or thing. He would rescue the people from the darkness of idolatry to the light of tawheed.

The Prophet repeated the verses of the Quran soon after, the Angel of Allah SWT departed and the prophet was left alone in the cave alone thinking about what happened. Not long after, the Angel Jibreel came back and addressed the Prophet: O Mohammed, you truly are the messenger of Allah SWT.

Several months pass after the first revelation. The Prophet is wrapped up in a blanket, feeling afraid of having been removed by God from his mission. This is when the revelation of Ayahs 1 through 7 of the 74th Surah Al-Moddaththir, (The One Wrapped), occurs. O you wrapped up (in your cloak), Arise and deliver the warning. And proclaim the glory of your Lord. And purify and cleanse your garments. And shun all idolatry and filth. And do no favors, expecting gain in return. And for the sake of your Lord, be patient and constant.

Further revelations come over the remaining 13 years of the Prophet's life in Makkah and 10 years in Madina. By the time of his death, the revelations consist of 114 Surahs

#### **Organization of the Quran:**

The Quran is organized in 114 chapters called surahs which contain about 6236 ayahs of various lengths. More than three-fourth of the surahs were revealed during the 13 years of the Prophet's mission in Makkah; the remaining were revealed during the entire 10 years of his life in Madinah. The Quran is divided into 30 equal parts, each called a Juz'.

Many ayahs of the Quran were revealed in response to certain situations. The Prophet SAW would be asked about something, then the ayahs of the Quran would be revealed to explain. There are also verses that were not revealed in response to a particular situation, like verses that speak about Allah's SWT greatness, his power, paradise, Hell fire etc...

In the Quran, there are Meccan surahs that mean they were revealed before the hijrah of Prophet Mohammed SAW from Makkah to Madina. There are also Madani surahs which mean they were revealed after the hijrah of Prophet Mohammed SAW from Makkah to Madina.



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### Chapter Two: Compilation of the Quran

The Quran is the words of Allah SWT that was revealed to Prophet Mohammed SAWS. The Quran is protected from any addition or deletion. Allah SWT says:

{الحجر:9} [ إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ ﴿٩﴾ ]

Did the Quran fall all at once from the Heavens?

No, first the Quran was put by Allah SWT in the preserved tablet, the same tablet that has all the history of humanity. In Arabic, the preserved tablet is called النَّوْحُ الْمَحْفُوظُ

{البروج: 21} [ بَلْ هُوَ قُرْءَانٌ مَّجِيدٌ ﴿٢١﴾ فِي نُوحٍ مَّحْفُوظٍ ﴿٢٢﴾ ]

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Allah SWT then moved the Quran, as a whole to the “house of power”, in Arabic known as

بَيْتُ الْعِزَّةِ

It remained there until “Laylatul Qadr”.

{القدر:1} [ إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ ﴿١﴾ ]

Angel Jibreel was commanded by Allah SWT to take down the Quran to prophet Mohammed SAWS in parts over the period of 23 years. When the prophet used to receive the revelation, in Arabic known as “wahy”, he would repeat it many times with the Angel Jibreel until he memorized it by heart.

Allah SWT assured his prophet that he will memorize the Quran and it will be kept safe by Allah SWT.

Allah SWT says in the Quran:



إِنَّا عَلَيْنَا جَمْعَهُ وَقُرْآنَهُ ﴿١٧﴾ فَإِذَا قُرَأْنُهُ فَاتَّبِعْ قُرْآنَهُ ﴿١٨﴾ ثُمَّ إِنَّ عَلَيْنَا

بَيَانَهُ ﴿١٩﴾ {القيامة: 17-19}

The Prophet SAWS ordered his companions to write the Quran, the whole Quran was written when the Prophet SAWS was still alive. It was written on palm tree leaves, on stones, on bones, on wood etc

The Prophet SAWS ordered his companions, while in his company PBUH, to write the Quran as soon as it was revealed; they were named by the “writers of the wahy”. From them are: AbuBakr Al siddiq, Omar ibn Al Khataab, Othman Ibn Affaan, Ali ibn abu taleb, Mowaweya ibn Sufyan, Abdullah ibn Masood, Obay ibn Ka'b and Zaid ibn thabet and others.

### The compilation of the Quran:

#### The first compilation:

At the time of Abu Bakr Al Siddiq R.A, there were tribes that started to leave Islam, so battles took place such as the battle of Al- Yamammah. Many of the companions of the Prohpet PBUH, that were Hafith o f the Quran died in the battle, so Abu Bakr Al Siddiq asked **Zaid ibn Thabit** to compile all the wood, stones and leaves that had the verses of the Quran written on them to one resource. It stayed in the protection of AbuBakr R.A until his death then it was transferred to the care of Omar ibn Al Khataab R.A until his death, then it was transferred to the care of Hafsa R.A until her death.

#### The second compilation:

Othman ibn Afaan made a group of the companions under the leadership of Zayb ibn thabet to write the Quran. The first Quran was written and it is called **Al Moshaf Al Imam**. Many copies were made from it and sent with the companions to many countries. Below is a picture that shows **Al Moshaf Al Imam**.

Ali Ibn Abu Talib (the fourth caliphate), asked **Imam Abu Al Aswad Al Doaly** to put the harakas (fat-ha/dammah/kasra) on the Arabic letters of the Quran.

**Imam Al Khalil ibn Ahmad Al Faraheedy** determined all the exit points and characteristics of the letters to differentiate them from each other.

This is how the science of Tajweed evolved. The olamaa' (scholars) determined the exit points and characteristics of the letters and all the rules that emerged from the letters being next to each other and forming the Arabic words of the Quran.

**Analyzing my relationship with the Quran:**

**Spontaneously answer the following questions, write down what comes to your mind within 5-10 seconds of reading the question!**

Why am I here in this dunyya?

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What are my goals?

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Where do I want to reach? and why?

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What is the Qur'an? Describe your relationship with it.

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What is the place and impact of Qur'an in my life?

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If I were told I would not live after 12 hours, what would I want to do the most in the remaining hours of my life?

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