

How to Use These Books

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The Mini Tafseer Book Series is designed to teach children the Tafseer (exegesis) of all the suwaar (chapters) in the 30th Part of the Qur'aan. Each book in this 38 book series covers a different surah. The books feature:

- Special facts about the surah
- Arabic text of the surah
- English transliteration (to assist non-Arabic speakers)
- English translation
- Simplified Tafseer
- Illustrations/Coloring pages (no animals/humans)
- Highlighted Arabic vocabulary
- Sahih Ahadith
- One sentence summary of what the surah is about
- Review section
- Notes on the text (additional facts and information)

Teaching Tips:

If your younger child has trouble going through the whole book in one sitting, or does not retain all of the information taught, then just focus on the Tafseer pages first (i.e. those that explain the verses of the surah) and save the additional information contained in the Quick Facts, What's Special, Asbaab An-Noozool, and Vocabulary sections* for later when your child has mastered the Tafseer.

For older or advanced students who need more of a challenge, you can take time to go through all sections and discuss the lesson notes for that section (located at the end of the text). This will make lessons more challenging and provide a deeper understanding of the Tafseer, and Allah knows best.

**Some books may not contain all of these sections.*

Preview

Mini Tafseer Book Series

Suratul-Fajr

Quick Facts about Suratul-Fajr

Suratul-Fajr was revealed in **Makkah**. Thus, Suratul-Fajr (like all other suwaar revealed in Makkah) is called a "**Makki**" surah.

Suratul-Fajr gets its name from the word "**Al-Fajr**", meaning "The Dawn" which is used in the first ayah.

What is Suratul-Fajr all about?

Suratul-Fajr is all about **tests**. Sometimes Allah will give us things we like as a test, and sometimes He will take away things we like as a test. Either way, when Allah tests us, it is how we **respond to the test** that counts.

If we are **arrogant and ungrateful**, like the nations of 'Aad, Thamood, and Phirown that passed before us, then we will be punished in this life and the next.

But if we are **patient and mindful of our duties to Allah**, we will be invited to **enter Jannah** on Yowmul-Qiyaamah.

**May Allah make us among
those people!**

SPECIAL!
SPECIAL!
SPECIAL!

Now let's learn what makes
Suratul-Fajr so...

SPECIAL!
SPECIAL!
SPECIAL!
SPECIAL!

Suratul-Fajr is so special
because...

Rasulullah ﷺ once recommended
reciting it for prayer in Jamaa'
(congregation) because it is not too
long, or too short; **it is just right!**

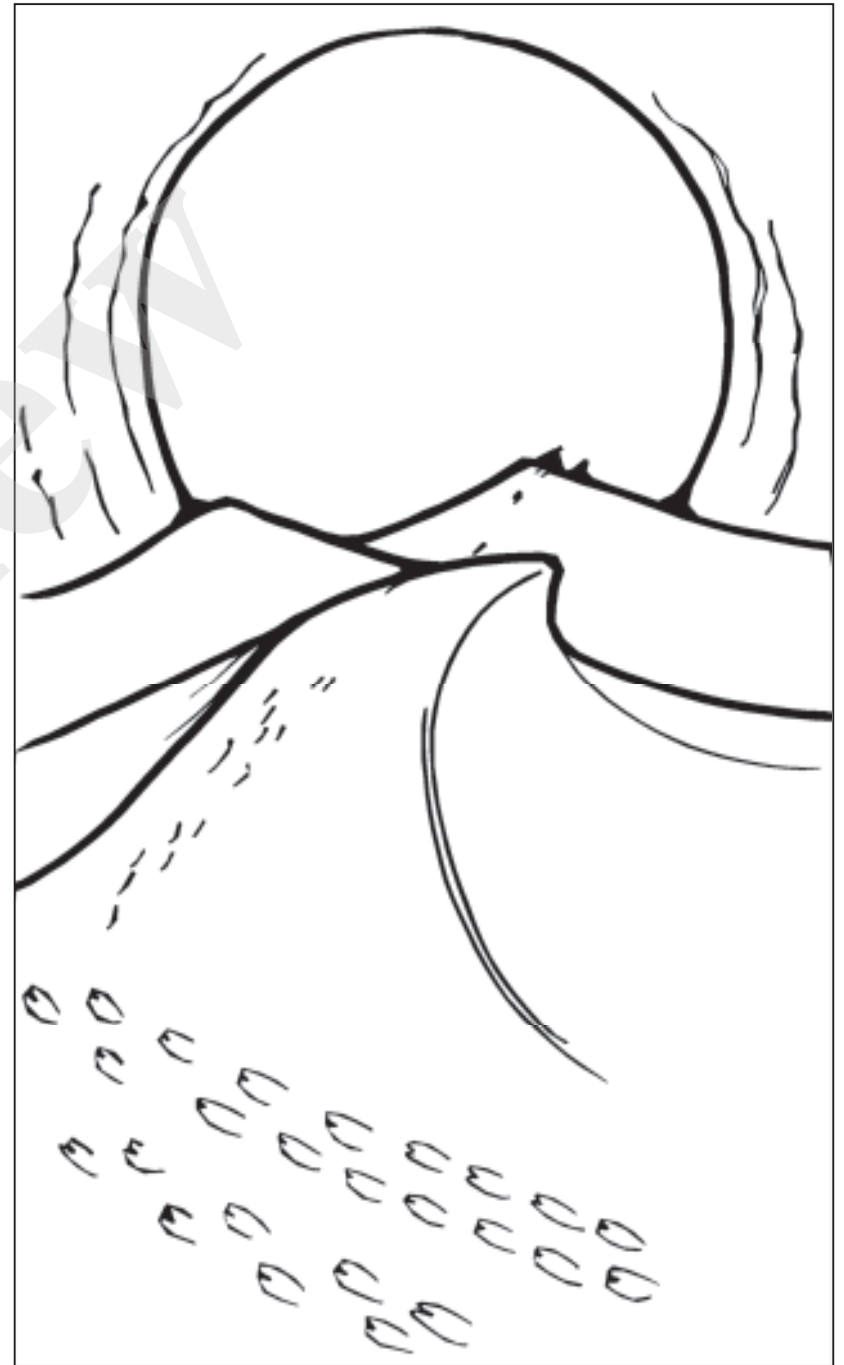
The story goes like this...

Jaabir رضي الله عنه narrated that Mu'aadh (i.e. Mu'aadh ibn Jabal رضي الله عنه, a famous Sahaabah and one of the best recitors of his time) prayed a prayer and a man came (from taking care of his camels in the desert) and joined him in the prayer. Mu'aadh made the prayer long, so the man went and prayed (alone) at the side of the Masjid, and then left.

When Mu'aadh was informed of this he said, "(He is) a hypocrite." He (Mu'aadh) then informed the Messenger of Allah ﷺ of what happened. The Prophet ﷺ then asked the young man (about it) and he replied, "O Messenger of Allah ﷺ! I came to pray with him, but he made the prayer too long for me. So I left him and prayed at the side of the Masjid. Then I went to feed my she-camel."

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ then said, "Are you causing trouble Mu'aadh? Why don't you recite 'Glorify the Name of your Lord the Most High' (Suratul-A'laa), 'By the sun and its brightness' (Suratush-Shams), '**By the dawn' (Suratul-Fajr)**, and 'By the night as it envelops' (Suratul-Layl)."

(Reported by An-Nisaa'i, a similar version is related in Sahih Al-Bukhari & Sahih Muslim)



Now that we have learned what is so special about Suratul-Fajr, let's get ready to learn what Suratul-Fajr is all about!

We will start by learning **6 new words** from the Qur'aan.

The more words you know from the Qur'aan, the better you will understand each surah that you learn insha-Allah.

Understanding the Qur'aan is what Allah wants us to do!

**So let's get started
right now!**

6 NEW WORDS!*

Vocabulary List

the dawn
الْفَجْرِ
(al-fajr)

nights
لَيَالٍ
(la-yaa-lin)

ten
عَشْرٍ
(ashr)

the even numbered
الشَّعِ
(ash-shaf-i')

the odd numbered
الْوَتْرِ
(al-watr)

the lofty pillars
الْعِمَادِ
(al-imaad)

Now that we are ready,
we need to start the right way...

There are **two things** we should say before
we start reading a surah from the Qur'aan,
can you remember what they are?



#1 We say the Isti'aathah¹...

I seek refuge with Allah from the cursed Shaytaan.

(A-'oo-thoo-bil-laa-he-me-nash-shay-taa-nir-ra-jeem)

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ
الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

We start reading Qur'aan by asking
Allah to protect us from Shaytaan
and...

#2 We say the Basmallah²...

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful.

(Bis-mil-laa-hir-rah-maa-nir-ra-heem)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ
الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

We remember Allah and say how
great He is for giving us so many
wonderful blessings!

Okay!

We are ready to go now! You know your **new words** and you've said the **Isti'aathah** and **Basmallah**...

Now it is time to learn what **Suratul-Fajr** says...

“By the dawn”

(Wal-fajr)



"And (by) the ten nights;"

(Wa-lay-yaa-lin 'ashr)



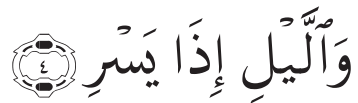
“And (by) the even (number) and the odd;”

(Wash-shaf-'ee wal-watr)



“And (by) the night when it passes;”

(Wal-lay-yaa-lee ee-thaa yasr)



**First, Allah swears by
5 things...**

1. The dawn
2. The 10 nights
3. The even
4. The odd
5. The night when it passes

**The scholars of the Qur'aan explain
what these five things are...**

1. Fajr (the dawn), when we make our first prayer of the day.³
2. The 10 days of Dhul-Hijjah (Days when Hajj is performed), which are the best days in which to do good deeds and worship during the year.⁴
3. Eid Ul-Adha, the 10th day of Hajj.
4. Yowmul-Arafat, the 9th day of Hajj.
5. The night as it goes through stages of darkness and twilight until dawn.*

**The night is included in the oath because it is a time of additional worship, like the night prayers, Qiyaam Ul-Layl and Tahajjud, and Allah knows best.*

EID UL-ADHA!
Yowmul-Arafat



NIGHT PRAYERS

Fajr Salaah

“Is there (not) in (all) that an oath (sufficient) for
one of perception?”

(Hal fee thaa-lee-ka qa-sa-mool-la-thee hijr)

هَلْ فِي ذَٰلِكَ قَسَمٌ لِّذِي حِجْرٍ ﴿٥﴾

All of these things are times during the day and night, and throughout the year, that we perform **acts of worship** dedicated to Allah (i.e. Salaah, Hajj, Arafat, & Eid).

Only the righteous believers that are **"Hijr"** (i.e. keeping themselves away from failure) are mindful of completing these duties at their appointed times.⁵

Allah says in this ayah, that this oath is enough for them (i.e. to strengthen their faith).

But not everyone's faith is strengthened when they see/hear Allah's signs. Some people **turn away from faith completely.**

In the coming ayaat, we will learn about **three nations** that did just that... and what happened to them.

“Have you not considered how your Lord dealt with the 'Aad,”

(A-lam ta-ra kay-fa fa-'a-la rab-boo-ka bee-'aad)

أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ فَعَلَ رَبُّكَ بِعَادٍ ﴿٦﴾

“(With) Iram, who had lofty pillars,”

(Ee-ra-ma thaa-til-'ee-maad)

﴿٧﴾ إِرَامَ ذَاتِ الْعِمَادِ

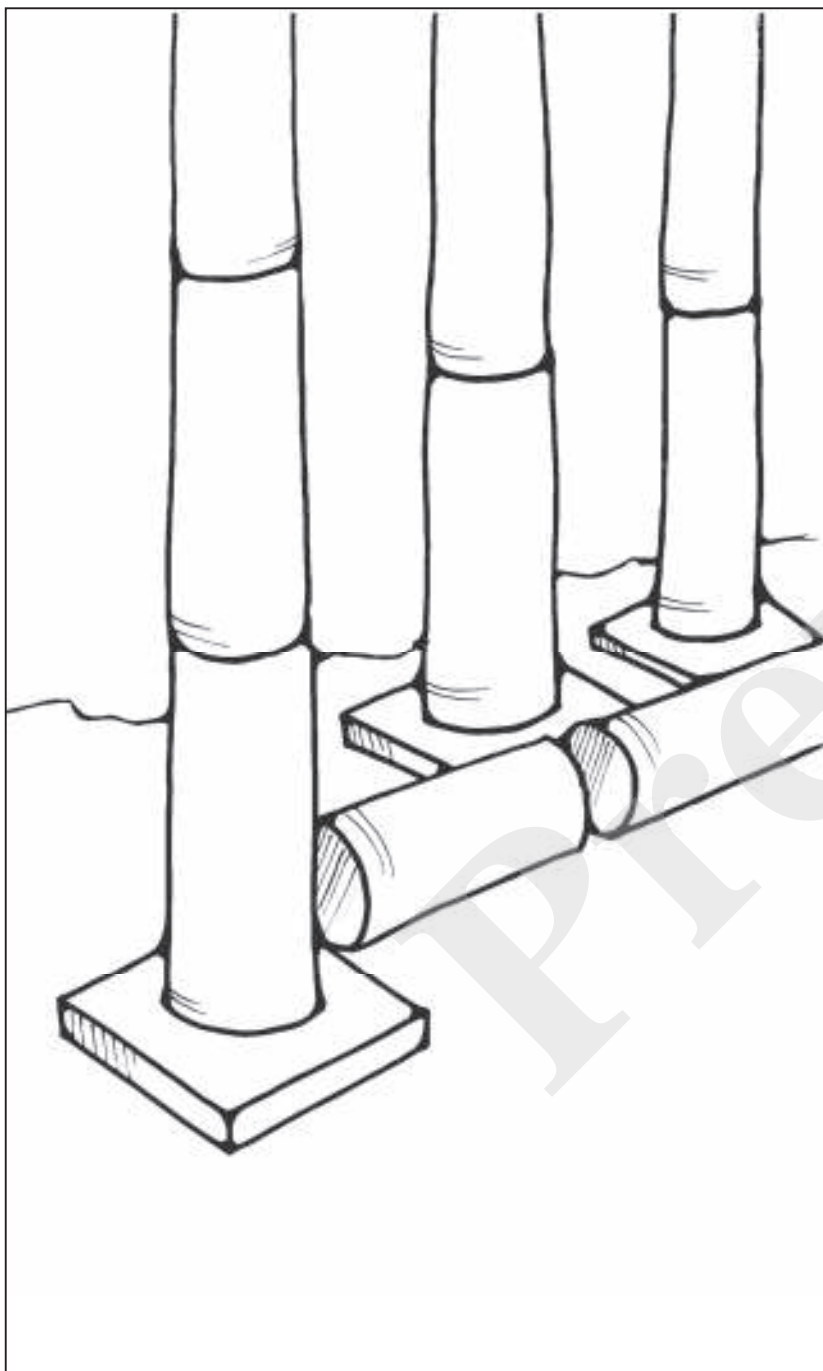
“The likes of whom had never been created in the land?”

(Al-la-tee lam yookh-laq mith-loo-haa fil-bee-laad)

الَّتِي لَمْ تَخْلَقْ مِثْلَهَا فِي الْبَلَدِ ﴿٨﴾

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'Aad of Iram
Builder of Lofty Pillars



The 'Aad tribe was **descended from Prophet Nooh** ﷺ. The founder of their tribe was a man named...

'Aad bin Iram bin 'Aws bin Sam bin Nooh

The 'Aad were known to be very **strong**, exceedingly **tall**, and as Allah tells us in Suratul-Fajr, they were skilled in building **high pillars**. There was no tribe as mighty or skilled as they were at that time.

Allah also sent a prophet to the 'Aad named **Hood** ﷺ.

Allah had given the 'Aad these blessings, not because He loved them better than any other group of people, but rather **to test them**.

Prophet Hood ﷺ reminded his people to worship only Allah, to be humble, and to be grateful for Allah's blessings.

Prophet Hood ﷺ also **warned** the 'Aad that if they did not listen to Allah, they would be punished.

What do you think the 'Aad did?

They **failed the test** by ignoring their prophet.

They continued to be arrogant and cause trouble in the land. They even said, "**There is no one mightier than us!**"⁷

Do you know who was mightier than them?

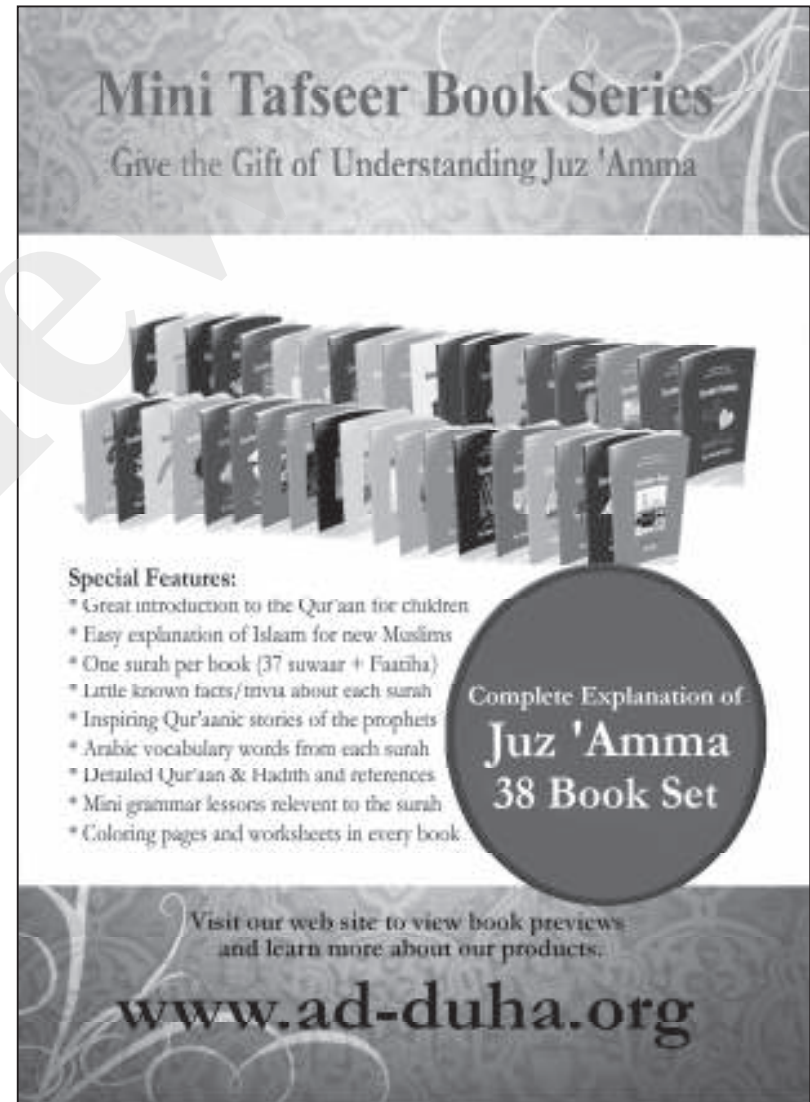
Allah had given the 'Aad time to change their ways, but they had not. So, at the appointed time, Allah sent upon them a **terrible wind**. The wind blew mighty and strong for **seven days and eight nights**.

When it was done, the people of 'Aad **lay dead on the ground like hollow palm trees** that had been knocked over.

Allah destroyed the 'Aad because they were not righteous, and they were not mindful of their duties to Him. Now you can find **no trace** of them, or their lofty pillars anywhere.⁸

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