

In this Juz, Allah responds to the Jews of the time and the accusations they made when the direction of prayer was changed from the al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem to al-Ka'bah in Makkah. Importantly Allah concludes the issue by indicating that purification of one's soul is more important than facing any particular direction in prayer. The Juz also covers Allah's wisdom over a number of matters; Inheritance; Marriage; Hajj; and most pertinently, Fasting – the only place in the Qur'an to contain such detailed information about this great act of worship. Throughout this Juz and in between even its most detailed regulations, Allah stresses again and again the necessity of man maintaining, at all times, Taqwa (God Consciousness) – to remain conscious of Allah in all his affairs.



## What can we learn from this Juz?

- The obligation of fasting, its rules and regulations and other related matters. This is the only place containing a detailed discussion about fasting, so ponder it well!
- The rules and regulations concerning Hajj, Marriage, Divorce, Suckling etc. in between which Allah stresses the importance of Taqwa
- The story of Jalut (Goliath) and a powerful nation toppled not by sheer numbers or might but through faith, patience and constancy.

## Surahs & Ayaat

2. Al-Baqarah (142 - 252)