

Read! In the Name of your Lord...

In this Juz, we again cover two entire chapters: al-Anbiya (Prophets) and al-Hajj (Pilgrimage). Revealed in Makkah, al-Anbiya deals with issues of faith concentrating on three areas which are Tawhid (Divine Unity), Allah's message and the resurrection.

Using the story of Ibrahim (Abraham) once again as a guiding example, this chapter teaches us that evil will try to take us away from the path of higher virtue but for those who struggle on that path, it is no other than Allah who will aid them on it. The reader's attention is drawn to the unity of laws that govern Allah's creation, which in turn is evidence of Allah's Oneness; the unity of the message and faith is further reflected in the lives of all the Prophets. The chapter closes by reminding us of the Last Day. In the following chapter, we learn more about Tawhid, the resurrection, repudiating pagan beliefs and the Signs of Allah in His creation. The believers are instructed to fight in the Way of Allah if it is truth we are defending. The chapter flows with themes that invigorate faith, piety and surrender to Allah.



What can we learn from this Juz?

- Al-Anbiya' begins by warning man about the resurrection, affirming that it will actually happen, and that it has drawn close. Have you prepared for it?
- Tawhid is established and evidenced using rational and empirical arguments;
- The story of Ibrahim breaking the idols, this is great lesson in Tawakkul (having trust in Allah);
- The chapter ends by making a call to Tawhid;
- Al-Hajj begins by planting the fear of the Last Day into the hearts of men, and warning them against following Satan;
- Allah refutes those who reject the resurrection by drawing their attention to the very creation of man, and the revival of the earth after its death;
- The story of how the Hajj was made obligatory on Ibrahim, and some of its obligations and recommendations;
- The Muhajirin (Companions who migrated from Makkah) are given permission to fight oppression having been driven away from their homes;
- The parable of the fly;
- The chapter ends by making a call to Jihad, and reminding us to hold fast to Allah.

Surahs & Ayaat

21. Al-Anbiya
22. Al-Hajj