

The Chronological Order of Surahs

The chronological order of suras (i.e., the order in which Qur'an surahs were revealed to the holy prophet) is specified in several reliable sources most of which are based on the narrations received from the great prophet's companion, Ibn Abbas (Radhi-allahu-anhu)

The traditional order of revelation is provided in the table below. The detailed information is extracted from "The History of the Quran" by Allamah Abu Abd Allah al-Zanjani ^{[1][2]}. Professor Noldeke in his famous work "Geschichte des Korans"^[3] has provided an ordering which is slightly different from the traditional order in the following two items:

- Sura 110 (An-Nasr) is the last in the traditional order, but Noldeke has placed it between 59 and 24.
- Sura 62 (Al-Jumu'a) is after 64 and 61 in the traditional order, but Noldeke has placed it before 64 and 61.

Note that the order of a sura is specified based on the revelation of the first ayas of the sura, not the revelation of the whole sura.

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Order	Sura Name	Number	Type	Note
1	Al-Alaq	96	Meccan	
2	Al-Qalam	68	Meccan	Except 17-33 and 48-50, from Medina
3	Al-Muzzammil	73	Meccan	Except 10, 11 and 20, from Medina
4	Al-Muddaththir	74	Meccan	
5	Al-Faatiha	1	Meccan	
6	Al-Masad	111	Meccan	
7	At-Takwir	81	Meccan	
8	Al-A'laa	87	Meccan	
9	Al-Lail	92	Meccan	
10	Al-Fajr	89	Meccan	
11	Ad-Dhuhaa	93	Meccan	
12	Ash-Sharh	94	Meccan	
13	Al-Asr	103	Meccan	

14	Al-Aadiyaat	100	Meccan	
15	Al-Kawthar	108	Meccan	
16	At-Takaathur	102	Meccan	
17	Al-Maa'un	107	Meccan	Only 1-3 from Mecca; rest from Medina
18	Al-Kaafiroon	109	Meccan	
19	Al-Fil	105	Meccan	
20	Al-Falaq	113	Meccan	
21	An-Naas	114	Meccan	
22	Al-Ikhlaas	112	Meccan	
23	An-Najm	53	Meccan	Except 32, from Medina
24	Abasa	80	Meccan	
25	Al-Qadr	97	Meccan	
26	Ash-Shams	91	Meccan	
27	Al-Burooj	85	Meccan	
28	At-Tin	95	Meccan	
29	Quraish	106	Meccan	
30	Al-Qaari'a	101	Meccan	
31	Al-Qiyaama	75	Meccan	
32	Al-Humaza	104	Meccan	
33	Al-Mursalaat	77	Meccan	Except 48, from Medina
34	Qaaf	50	Meccan	Except 38, from Medina
35	Al-Balad	90	Meccan	
36	At-Taariq	86	Meccan	
37	Al-Qamar	54	Meccan	Except 44-46, from Medina
38	Saad	38	Meccan	
39	Al-A'raaf	7	Meccan	Except 163-170, from Medina
40	Al-Jinn	72	Meccan	
41	Yaseen	36	Meccan	Except 45, from Medina
42	Al-Furqaan	25	Meccan	Except 68-70, from Medina
43	Faatir	35	Meccan	
44	Maryam	19	Meccan	Except 58 and 71, from Medina
45	Taa-Haa	20	Meccan	Except 130 and 131, from Medina
46	Al-Waaqia	56	Meccan	Except 81 and 82, from Medina
47	Ash-Shu'araa	26	Meccan	Except 197 and 224-227, from Medina

48	An-Naml	27	Meccan	
49	Al-Qasas	28	Meccan	Except 52-55 from Medina and 85 from Juhfa at the time of the Hijra
50	Al-Israa	17	Meccan	Except 26, 32, 33, 57, 73-80, from Medina
51	Yunus	10	Meccan	Except 40, 94, 95, 96, from Medina
52	Hud	11	Meccan	Except 12, 17, 114, from Medina
53	Yusuf	12	Meccan	Except 1, 2, 3, 7, from Medina
54	Al-Hijr	15	Meccan	Except 87, from Medina
55	Al-An'aam	6	Meccan	Except 20, 23, 91, 93, 114, 151, 152, 153, from Medina
56	As-Saaffaat	37	Meccan	
57	Luqman	31	Meccan	Except 27-29, from Medina
58	Saba	34	Meccan	
59	Az-Zumar	39	Meccan	
60	Al-Ghaafir	40	Meccan	Except 56, 57, from Medina
61	Fussilat	41	Meccan	
62	Ash-Shura	42	Meccan	Except 23, 24, 25, 27, from Medina
63	Az-Zukhruf	43	Meccan	Except 54, from Medina
64	Ad-Dukhaan	44	Meccan	
65	Al-Jaathiya	45	Meccan	Except 14, from Medina
66	Al-Ahqaf	46	Meccan	Except 10, 15, 35, from Medina
67	Adh-Dhaariyat	51	Meccan	
68	Al-Ghaashiya	88	Meccan	
69	Al-Kahf	18	Meccan	Except 28, 83-101, from Medina
70	An-Nahl	16	Meccan	Except last three verses 127-129, from Medina
71	Nooh	71	Meccan	
72	Ibrahim	14	Meccan	Except 28, 29, from Medina
73	Al-Anbiyaa	21	Meccan	
74	Al-Muminoon	23	Meccan	
75	As-Sajda	32	Meccan	Except 16-20, from Medina
76	At-Tur	52	Meccan	
77	Al-Mulk	67	Meccan	
78	Al-Haaqqa	69	Meccan	

79	Al-Ma'aarij	70	Meccan	
80	An-Naba	78	Meccan	
81	An-Naazi'aat	79	Meccan	
82	Al-Infitaar	82	Meccan	
83	Al-Inshiqaaq	84	Meccan	
84	Ar-Room	30	Meccan	Except 17, from Medina
85	Al-Ankaboot	29	Meccan	Except 1-11, from Medina
86	Al-Mutaffifin	83	Meccan	Last from Mecca
87	Al-Baqara	2	Medinan	Except 281 from Mina at the time of the Last Hajj
88	Al-Anfaal	8	Medinan	Except 30-36 from Mecca
89	Aal-i-Imraan	3	Medinan	
90	Al-Ahzaab	33	Medinan	
91	Al-Mumtahana	60	Medinan	
92	An-Nisaa	4	Medinan	
93	Az-Zalzala	99	Medinan	
94	Al-Hadid	57	Medinan	
95	Muhammad	47	Medinan	Except 13, from during the Hijrah
96	Ar-Ra'd	13	Medinan	
97	Ar-Rahmaan	55	Medinan	
98	Al-Insaan	76	Medinan	
99	At-Talaaq	65	Medinan	
100	Al-Bayyina	98	Medinan	
101	Al-Hashr	59	Medinan	
102	An-Noor	24	Medinan	
103	Al-Hajj	22	Medinan	Except 52-55, from between Mecca and Medina
104	Al-Munaafiqoon	63	Medinan	
105	Al-Mujaadila	58	Medinan	
106	Al-Hujuraat	49	Medinan	
107	At-Tahrim	66	Medinan	
108	At-Taghaabun	64	Medinan	
109	As-Saff	61	Medinan	
110	Al-Jumu'a	62	Medinan	
111	Al-Fath	48	Medinan	While returning from Hudaibiyya

112	Al-Maaida	5	Medinan	Except 3, from Arafat on Last Hajj
113	At-Tawba	9	Medinan	Except last two verses from Mecca
114	An-Nasr	110	Medinan	Last one, from Mina on Last Hajj

References

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