

Surah Maryam, Chapter 19

Surah Maryam, (Mary)

(Revealed in Mecca)

No. 19

98 verses in 6 sections

Introduction to the Surah

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In The Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful

Surah Maryam, as arranged in the Book, is the nineteenth Surah of the holy Quran. It contains 98 verses which have been revealed in Mecca.

Similar to other Meccan Suras, the content of this Surah is mostly about matters concerning the Hereafter, the end of the evil-doers, the rewards of the good-doers, and part of the account of the lives of Zakariyya (Zachariah), Mary, Jesus, Yahya (John), Abraham, Ishmael and Idris (Enoch).

It is recorded in Tafsir-i-Al-Mizan that, in the last few verses of Surah Maryam, Allah says that the purpose of revealing this Surah is to give 'glad tidings and warnings', and this aim has been followed in the beautiful form of the story of the prophets' lives.

Allah has mentioned no woman in the Qur'an directly by her proper name except Mary, and the name 'Mary' occurs 34 times in the Qur'an. The only Surah, which has been entitled by the name of a woman in the Qur'an, is this very Surah, Surah Mary.

For the virtue of studying this Surah, it has been cited that whoever continues reciting this Surah

(whenever he can), he will not die save that Allah will suffice him in life, wealth and children. 1

There is no doubt, of course, that the one will make himself free from want from others by means of practicing the contents of this Surah.

1. Majma‘-ul-Bayan

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