

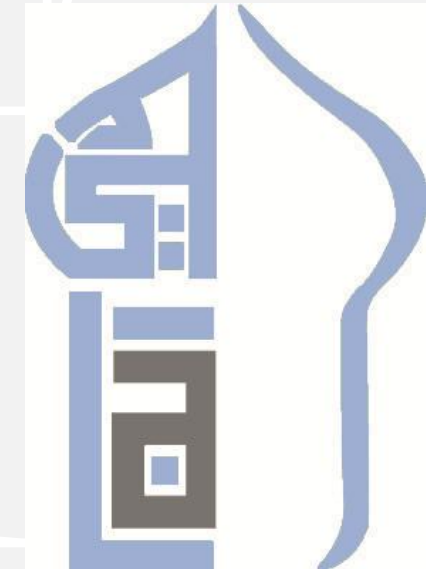
ALI 707: Quranic Arabic & Knowledge, Level 2



Session 4: Wednesday Oct 15, 2025, 7:45 – 8:45 pm NY/Toronto time.

Description: Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (a) has said: *Learn Arabic, for it is the word of Allah with which He speaks to His creation* [in the Holy Quran]. In this online course, specially tailored for past and present Madrasah teachers, we will discuss simple Quranic vocabulary and grammar. To make it interesting, occasionally we will cover short stories and historical events in the Quran and their application in our daily lives. In this level, we will identify nouns and their different forms, a few verbs, and particles from Surahs Numbers 108 to 114 of the Quran.

Today's agenda: 1. a brief *tafsir* of Sūrat al-‘Asr (# 103). 2. Discussing homework answers from students. 3. Quick revision of Lessons 5 & 6 on Pronouns from the Textbook. 5. Detailed discussion on preposition from Lessons 7 & 8.



A brief tafsīr of Sūrat al-‘Asr

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ. وَالْعَصْرِ ﴿١﴾ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ ﴿٢﴾ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ ﴿٣﴾

Bismillāh. By Time! (1) Human being is indeed in loss, (2) except those who have faith and do righteous deeds, and enjoin one another to [follow] the truth, and enjoin one another to patience. (3)

mam al-Sādiq (a): He who recites al-‘Asr, in his optional prayers, Allah will raise him with a shining, bright face, cheerful features, and delighted eyes (looking upon the blessings of Allah), until when he enters Paradise on the Day of Judgement.

‘Allamah S M H Tabātabā’ī: It summarizes all Qur'anic teachings and pieces together all Qur'anic objectives in the most concise way.

By the time – some commentators believe that it refers to a specific time such as when the Prophet (s) came and began his mission, or when Imam Al-Mahdi (af) will establish justice, peace and truth.

Verses from Surat Yasin with 5 and more pronouns

Bismillāh. Verses that have 5 and more attached and detached pronouns.

إِنَّا جَعَلْنَا فِي أَعْنَاقِهِمْ أَغْلَالًا فَهِيَ إِلَى الْأَذْقَانِ فَهُمْ مُقْمَحُونَ ﴿٨﴾
وَجَعَلْنَا مِنْ بَيْنِ أَيْدِيهِمْ سَدًّا وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ سَدًّا فَأَغْشَيْنَاهُمْ فَهُمْ لَا يُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٩﴾
إِذْ أَرْسَلْنَا إِلَيْهِمُ اثْنَيْنِ فَكَذَّبُوهُمَا فَعَزَّزْنَا بِثَالِثٍ فَقَالُوا إِنَّا إِلَيْكُمْ مُرْسَلُونَ ﴿١٤﴾
قَالُوا إِنَّا تَطَيَّرْنَا بِكُمْ لَئِن لَّمْ تَنْتَهُوا لَنَرْجُمَنَّكُمْ وَلَيَمَسَّنَّكُمْ مِنَّا عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ ﴿١٨﴾
وَأَيُّهُمُ الْأَرْضُ الْمَيْتَةُ أَحْيَيْنَاهَا وَأَخْرَجْنَا مِنْهَا حَبًّا فَمِنْهُ يَأْكُلُونَ ﴿٣٣﴾
وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ أَنْفِقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقَكُمُ اللَّهُ قَالَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْطَعِمُ مَنْ لَوْ يَشَاءُ
اللَّهُ أَطْعَمَهُ إِنْ أَنْتُمْ إِلَّا فِي ضَلَالٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿٤٧﴾
أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا أَنَّا خَلَقْنَا لَهُمْ مِمَّا عَمِلَتْ أَيْدِينَا أَنْعَامًا فَهُمْ لَهَا مَالِكُونَ ﴿٧١﴾

Rasulullah's descendants are numerically huge

Bismillāh. Possible reasons are:

- 1, Promise of Allah in verse 108:1 & 3 where He assures the Prophet that he has been given a lot of good including the progeny and it is his enemy will be the one who will be cut-off from the progeny
- 2, Prophet's progeny continued through his daughter and later through the eleven imams (al-Hasan to al-Mahdi) and their descendants
- 3, because of persecution in Arabia, the descendants of the Holy Prophet went to other countries outside Arabia and settled there.

Attached pronouns with verb رَزَقَ

Plural	Dual	Singular	person
رَزَقَهُمْ	رَزَقَهُمَا	رَزَقَهُ	3 rd , masculine
رَزَقَهُنَّ	رَزَقَهُمَا	رَزَقَهَا	3 rd , feminine
رَزَقَكُمْ	رَزَقَكُمَا	رَزَقَكَ	2 nd , masculine
رَزَقَكُنَّ	رَزَقَكُمَا	رَزَقكِ	2 nd , feminine
رَزَقْنَا		رَزَقْنِي	1 st . M & F

attaching nouns and pronouns to prepositions

فِي	بِ	عَلَى	إِلَى
In	In/with	On/upon	To/towards

1. Prepositions are followed by nouns or pronouns
2. They have their own meanings and influence the attached nouns and pronouns joined to them.
3. When a noun is preceded by a preposition, it changes the vowel sign on the last letter to *kasra* instead the default *damma* vowel.
4. When a pronoun is preceded by a preposition, it changes the *damma* on the letter *haa* (ه) to *kasra*.
5. *Alif maqsoora* (ي) in prepositions *ilaa* (إِلَى) and '*alaa* (عَلَى) get changed to *yaa* (ي) when attached to a pronoun.

Homework for this week

Bismillāh. Please share the homework with your classmate for his/her comments.

1, identify prepositions attached to nouns and pronouns in the first twenty verses of Surat al-Baqarah

2, how do these prepositions affect the nouns and pronouns that follow them

3, memorize all ten prepositions with meanings found in Lessons 7 and 8 in our textbook.