

Chronological Order of Quranic Surahs

This page presents a series of tables presenting the traditional Islamic chronological order of the surahs.

The source I used presented the information in three slightly contradictory tables, as those had been taken from various sources as well. I reconstructed the information below from the information apparently taken from the unnamed work of Abu al-Qasim `Umar ibn Muhammad ibn `Abd al-Kafi. Interestingly, Noldeke (in his *Geschichte des Qorans*) utilized the same as the basis for his own chronological order of the surahs.

The only differences in order between the traditional order and the order given by Noldeke are the following:

- a.) surah 110 is last in the traditional order, but Noldeke places it between 59 and 24;
- b.) the order of 64, 61, 62 in the traditional order becomes in Noldeke 62, 64, 61

Source: History of the Quran by Allamah Abu Abd Allah al-Zanjani (from *Al-Tawheed* vol. 4, no. 3; vol. 5, nos. 1, 2, and 3).
A series of 4 pdf files obtained from www.playandlearn.org.

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Chronological Order of the Meccan Surahs:

The following table presents the Meccan Surahs in chronological order. Please note that somewhat unorthodox transliteration is due to font limitations for web pages. I think it will still make sense. The columns for the first two tables are: Surah number in the Quran, transliteration of Quranic title, translation of title, and a column of notes describing any exception to that chronological placement, etc.

96	al-`Alaq	The Clot	
68	al-Qalam	The Pen	except 17-33, 48-50, from Medinah
73	al-Muzammil	The Mantled One	except for 73.10-11, 20, from Medinah
74	al-Muddaththir	The Clothed One	
1	al-Fātiĥah	The Opening	
111	al-Lahab	The Flame	
81	at-Takwīr	The Cessation	
87	al-A`lā	The Most High	
92	al-Layl	The Night	
89	al-Fajr	The Dawn	
93	ad-Ďuĥā	The Early Hours	
94	al-Inshirāĥ	The Expansion	
103	al-`Aṣr	Time	
100	al-`Ādiyāt	The Assaulters	
108	al-Kauthar	Abundance	

102	at-Takāthur	Worldly Gain	
107	al-Mā`ūn	The Daily Necessaries	only 1-3; rest from Medinah
109	al-Kāfirūn	The Unbelievers	
105	al-Fīl	The Elephant	
113	al-Falaq	The Daybreak	
114	an-Nās	The Men	
112	al-Ikhlāṣ	The Unity	
53	an-Najm	The Star	except 32, from Medinah
80	`Abasa	He Frowned	
97	al-qadr	The Majesty	
91	ash-Shams	The Sun	
85	al-Burūj	The Constellations	
95	at-Tin	The Fig	
106	al-Quraysh	The Quraish	
101	al-Qāri`ah	The Terrible Calamity	
75	al-Qiyāmah	The Resurrection	
104	al-Humazah	The Slanderer	
77	al-Mursalāt	The Emissaries	except 48, from Medinah
50	Qāf	Qaf	except 38, from Medinah
90	al-Balad	The City	
86	aṭ-Ṭāriq	The Night-Come	
54	al-Qamar	The Moon	except 44, 45, 46, from Medinah
38	Ṣād	Sad	
7	al-A`rāf	The Elevated Places	except 163-170, from Medinah
72	al-Jinn	The Jinn	
36	Yā Sīn	Ya Sin	except 45, from Medinah
25	al-Furqān	The Criterion	except 68, 69, 70, from Medinah
35	al-Fāṭir	The Creator	
19	Maryam	Mary	except 58, 71, from Medinah
20	Ṭā Hā	Ta Ha	except 130, 131, from Medinah
56	al-Wāqi`ah	That Which is Coming	except 81, 82, from Medinah
26	ash-Shu`arā'	The Poets	except 197 and 224-end, from Medinah
27	an-Naml	The Ant	
28	al-Qaṣaṣ	The Narrative	except 52-55 from Medinah and 85 from Juhfah at the time of the Hijrah
17	Banī Isrā'īl (or al-Isrā')	The Israelites (or The Night Journey)	except 26, 32, 33, 57, 73-80, from Medinah
10	Yūnus	Jonah	except 40, 94, 95, 96, from Medinah
11	Hūd	Hud	except 12, 17, 114, from Medinah
12	Yūsuf	Joseph	except 1, 2, 3, 7, from Medinah
15	al-Ḥijr	The Rock	except 87, from Medinah
6	al-An`ām	The Cattle	except 20, 23, 91, 93, 114, 151, 152, 153, from Medinah
37	aṣ-Ṣāffāt	The Rangers	
31	Luqmān	Lukman	except 27-29, from Medinah

34	Saba'	Sheba	
39	az-Zumar	The Companies	
40	al-Mu'min	The Forgiving One	except 56, 57, from Medinah
41	Ĥā Mim Sajdah	Revelations Well Expounded	
42	ash-Shūrā	The Counsel	except 23, 24, 25, 27, from Medinah
43	az-Zukhruf	The Embellishment	except 54, from Medinah
44	ad-Dukhān	The Evident Smoke	
45	al-Jāthiyah	The Kneeling	except 14, from Medinah
46	al-AĤqāf	The Sandhills	except 10, 15, 35, from Medinah
51	adh-Dhāriyāt	The Scatterers	
88	al-Ghāshiyah	The Overwhelming Calamity	
18	al-Kahf	The Cave	except 28, 83-101, from Medinah
16	an-NaĤl	The Bee	except last three verses 126-128, from Medinah
71	NūĤ	Noah	
14	IbrāĤīm	Abraham	except 28, 29, from Medinah
21	al-Anbiyā'	The Prophets	
23	al-Mu'minūn	The Believers	
32	as-Sajdah	The Adoration	except 16-20, from Medinah
52	aĤ-Ĥūr	The Mountain	
67	al-Mulk	The Kingdom	
69	al-Ĥāqqah	The Inevitable	
70	al-Ma`ārij	The Ladders	
78	an-Naba'	The Tidings	
79	an-Nāzi`āt	Those Who Pull Out	
82	al-InfiĤār	The Cleaving Asunder	
84	al-Inshiqāq	The Rending	
30	ar-Rūm	The Romans	except 17, from Medinah
29	al-`Ankabūt	The Spider	except 1-11, from Medinah
83	at-TaĤĤif	The Defrauders	last from Mecca

Chronological Order of the Surahs from Medinah:

2	al-Baqarah	The Cow	except 281 from Mina at the time of the Last Hajj
8	al-Anfāl	The Spoils Of War	except 30-36 from Mecca
3	āl-Imrān	The Family Of Imran	
33	al-AĤzāb	The Allies	
60	al-MumtaĤanah	She Who is Tested	
4	an-Nisā'	Women	
99	al-Zilzāl	The Shaking	
57	al-Ĥadid	The Iron	
47	MuĤammad	Muhammad	except 13, from during the Hijrah
13	ar-Ra`d	The Thunder	

55	ar-Raḥmān	The Merciful	
76	ad-Dahr	The Man	
65	aṭ-Ṭalāq	The Divorce	
98	al-Bayyinah	The Proof	
59	al-Ĥashr	The Exile	
24	an-Nūr	The Light	
22	al-Ĥajj	The Pilgrimage	except 52-55, from between Mecca and Medinah
63	al-Munāfiqūn	The Hypocrites	
58	al-Mujādilah	She Who Pleaded	
49	al-Ĥujurāt	The Chambers	
66	aṭ-Taḥrīm	The Prohibition	
64	aṭ-Taghābun	The Cheating	
61	aṣ-Ṣaff	The Ranks	
62	al-Jumu`ah	The Day of Congregation	
48	al-Faṭḥ	The Victory	while returning from Hudaibiyyah
5	al-Mā'idah	The Food	except 3, from Arafat on Last Hajj
9	aṭ-Taubah	Repentance	except last two verses from Mecca
110	an-Naṣr	The Help	last one, from Mina on Last Hajj

Quranic Order of the Surahs

(Note the additional first column which includes both the city and number of order for each surah, following the order in which they are given in the above tables. The other columns are the same.)

Mecca_05	1	al-Fātiḥah	The Opening	
Medinah_01	2	al-Baqarah	The Cow	except 281 from Mina at the time of the Last Hajj
Medinah_03	3	āl-Imrān	The Family Of Imran	
Medinah_06	4	an-Nisā'	Women	
Medinah_26	5	al-Mā'idah	The Food	except 3, from Arafat on Last Hajj
Mecca_55	6	al-An`ām	The Cattle	except 20, 23, 91, 93, 114, 151, 152, 153, from Medinah
Mecca_39	7	al-A`rāf	The Elevated Places	except 163-170, from Medinah
Medinah_02	8	al-Anfāl	The Spoils Of War	except 30-36 from Mecca
Medinah_27	9	aṭ-Taubah	Repentance	except last two verses from Mecca
Mecca_51	10	Yūnus	Jonah	except 40, 94, 95, 96, from Medinah
Mecca_52	11	Hūd	Hud	except 12, 17, 114, from Medinah
Mecca_53	12	Yūsuf	Joseph	except 1, 2, 3, 7, from Medinah
Medinah_10	13	ar-Ra`d	The Thunder	
Mecca_72	14	Ibrāhīm	Abraham	except 28, 29, from Medinah
Mecca_54	15	al-Ĥijr	The Rock	except 87, from Medinah
Mecca_70	16	an-Naḥl	The Bee	except last three verses 127-129, from Medinah
Mecca_50	17	Banī Isrā'īl (or al-Isrā')	The Israelites (or The Night Journey)	except 26, 32, 33, 57, 73-80, from Medinah
Mecca_69	18	al-Kahf	The Cave	except 28, 83-101, from Medinah

Mecca_44	19	Maryam	Mary	except 58, 71, from Medinah
Mecca_45	20	Ṭā Hā	Ta Ha	except 130, 131, from Medinah
Mecca_73	21	al-Anbiyā'	The Prophets	
Medinah_17	22	al-Ḥajj	The Pilgrimage	except 52-55, from between Mecca and Medinah
Mecca_74	23	al-Mu'minūn	The Believers	
Medinah_16	24	an-Nūr	The Light	
Mecca_42	25	al-Furqān	The Criterion	except 68, 69, 70, from Medinah
Mecca_47	26	ash-Shu'arā'	The Poets	except 197 and 224-end, from Medinah
Mecca_48	27	an-Naml	The Ant	
Mecca_49	28	al-Qaṣaṣ	The Narrative	except 52-55 from Medinah and 85 from Juhfah at the time of the Hijrah
Mecca_85	29	al-`Ankabūt	The Spider	except 1-11, from Medinah
Mecca_84	30	ar-Rūm	The Romans	except 17, from Medinah
Mecca_57	31	Luqmān	Lukman	except 27-29, from Medinah
Mecca_75	32	as-Sajdah	The Adoration	except 16-20, from Medinah
Medinah_04	33	al-Aḥzāb	The Allies	
Mecca_58	34	Saba'	Sheba	
Mecca_43	35	al-Fāṭir	The Creator	
Mecca_41	36	Yā Sīn	Ya Sin	except 45, from Medinah
Mecca_56	37	aṣ-Ṣaffāt	The Rangers	
Mecca_38	38	Ṣād	Sad	
Mecca_59	39	az-Zumar	The Companies	
Mecca_60	40	al-Mu'min	The Forgiving One	except 56, 57, from Medinah
Mecca_61	41	Ḥā Mim Sajdah	Revelations Well Expounded	
Mecca_62	42	ash-Shūrā	The Counsel	except 23, 24, 25, 27, from Medinah
Mecca_63	43	az-Zukhruf	The Embellishment	except 54, from Medinah
Mecca_64	44	ad-Dukhān	The Evident Smoke	
Mecca_65	45	al-Jāthiyah	The Kneeling	except 14, from Medinah
Mecca_66	46	al-Aḥqāf	The Sandhills	except 10, 15, 35, from Medinah
Medinah_09	47	Muḥammad	Muhammad	except 13, from during the Hijrah
Medinah_25	48	al-Fatḥ	The Victory	while returning from Hudaibiyyah
Medinah_20	49	al-Ḥujurāt	The Chambers	
Mecca_34	50	Qāf	Qaf	except 38, from Medinah
Mecca_67	51	adh-Dhāriyāt	The Scatterers	
Mecca_76	52	aṭ-Ṭūr	The Mountain	
Mecca_23	53	an-Najm	The Star	except 32, from Medinah
Mecca_37	54	al-Qamar	The Moon	except 44, 45, 46, from Medinah
Medinah_11	55	ar-Raḥmān	The Merciful	
Mecca_46	56	al-Wāqī'ah	That Which is Coming	except 81, 82, from Medinah
Medinah_08	57	al-Ḥadid	The Iron	
Medinah_19	58	al-Mujādilah	She Who Pleaded	
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Medinah_22	64	at-Taghābun	The Cheating	
Medinah_13	65	aṭ-Ṭalāq	The Divorce	
Medinah_21	66	at-Taḥrīm	The Prohibition	
Mecca_77	67	al-Mulk	The Kingdom	
Mecca_02	68	al-Qalam	The Pen	except 17-33, 48-50, from Medinah
Mecca_78	69	al-Ḥāqqah	The Inevitable	
Mecca_79	70	al-Ma`ārij	The Ladders	
Mecca_71	71	Nūḥ	Noah	
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Mecca_03	73	al-Muzammil	The Mantled One	except for 73.10-11, 20, from Medinah
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Mecca_31	75	al-Qiyāmah	The Resurrection	
Medinah_12	76	ad-Dahr	The Man	
Mecca_33	77	al-Mursalāt	The Emissaries	except 48, from Medinah
Mecca_80	78	an-Naba'	The Tidings	
Mecca_81	79	an-Nāzi`āt	Those Who Pull Out	
Mecca_24	80	`Abasa	He Frowned	
Mecca_07	81	at-Takwīr	The Cessation	
Mecca_82	82	al-Infīṭār	The Cleaving Asunder	
Mecca_86	83	at-Taṭfīf	The Defrauders	last from Mecca
Mecca_83	84	al-Inshiqāq	The Rending	
Mecca_27	85	al-Burūj	The Constellations	
Mecca_36	86	aṭ-Ṭāriq	The Night-Comer	
Mecca_08	87	al-A`lā	The Most High	
Mecca_68	88	al-Ghāshiyah	The Overwhelming Calamity	
Mecca_10	89	al-Fajr	The Dawn	
Mecca_35	90	al-Balad	The City	
Mecca_26	91	ash-Shams	The Sun	
Mecca_09	92	al-Layl	The Night	
Mecca_11	93	ad-Ḍuḥā	The Early Hours	
Mecca_12	94	al-Inshirāḥ	The Expansion	
Mecca_28	95	at-Tin	The Fig	
Mecca_01	96	al-`Alaq	The Clot	
Mecca_25	97	al-qadr	The Majesty	
Medinah_14	98	al-Bayyinah	The Proof	
Medinah_07	99	al-Zilzāl	The Shaking	
Mecca_14	100	al-`Ādiyāt	The Assaulters	
Mecca_30	101	al-Qāri`ah	The Terrible Calamity	
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