

Surah Al-Kahf mind map

Surah Al-Kahf is easier to hold in memory when you stop treating it as 110 separate verses and start seeing the six blocks it is actually built from: an opening, four narratives, and a closing. This map shows where each block begins and ends, so you always know which story you are inside.

110 ayahs, in 6 blocks.

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The opening

Ayahs 1-12

Praise of Allah, the sending down of the Qur'an, and the People of the Cave introduced in brief.

The People of the Cave

Ayahs 13-26

Their refuge in the cave, Allah's protection over them, and their awakening.

Counsel, and the owner of the two gardens

Ayahs 27-44

Holding fast to the Qur'an, the story of the man with two gardens, and the parable of worldly life.

Musa and Al-Khidr

Ayahs 60-82

The journey of seeking, and the three incidents: the boat, the boy, and the wall.

Dhul-Qarnayn

Ayahs 83-98

His establishment in the land, and the building of the barrier against Ya'juj and Ma'juj.

The closing

Ayahs 99-110

The terrors of the Resurrection, the presentation of deeds, and the final verses of the surah.

The map

The opening Ayahs 1-12

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ ... بَعَثْنَاهُمْ لِنَعْلَمَ أَيُّ الْجَزَيْنِ أَحْصَىٰ لِمَا لَيْسُوا أُمَّدًا

Praise of Allah, the sending down of the Qur'an, and the People of the Cave introduced in brief.

The People of the Cave Ayahs 13-26

نَحْنُ نَقُصُّ عَلَيْكَ نَبَأَهُم بِالْحَقِّ إِنَّهُمْ فِتْيَةٌ آمَنُوا ... دُونَهُ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا يُشْرِكُ فِي حُكْمِهِ أَحَدًا

Their refuge in the cave, Allah's protection over them, and their awakening.

Counsel, and the owner of the two gardens Ayahs 27-44

وَأَتْلُ مَا أُوْحِيَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ كِتَابِ رَبِّكَ لَا ... أَلْوَلِيَّةُ لِلَّهِ الْحَقِّ هُوَ خَيْرٌ ثَوَابًا وَخَيْرٌ عُقْبًا

Holding fast to the Qur'an, the story of the man with two gardens, and the parable of worldly life.

Musa and Al-Khidr Ayahs 60-82

وَإِذْ قَالَ مُوسَىٰ لِفَتْنِهِ لَا أُبْرَحُ حَتَّىٰ أَتْلُغَ . . . أَمْرِي ذَٰلِكَ تَأْوِيلُ مَا لَمْ تَسْطِعْ عَلَيْهِ صَبْرًا

The journey of seeking, and the three incidents: the boat, the boy, and the wall.

Dhul-Qarnayn Ayahs 83-98

وَيَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ ذِي الْقَرْنَيْنِ قُلْ سَأَتْلُوا عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْهُ . . . وَعَدُ رَبِّي جَعَلَهُ دَكَّاءَ ۖ وَكَانَ وَعْدُ رَبِّي حَقًّا

His establishment in the land, and the building of the barrier against Ya'juj and Ma'juj.

The closing Ayahs 99-110

وَتَرَكْنَا بَعْضَهُمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ يَمُوجُ فِي بَعْضٍ ۖ وَنُفِخَ فِي . . . فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ ۚ أَحَدًا

The terrors of the Resurrection, the presentation of deeds, and the final verses of the surah.

The lesson

The four narratives are four trials — of faith, of wealth, of knowledge, and of power — and each one is answered the same way: by returning what you have to the One who gave it.

Your memorisation plan

At 3 ayahs a day, the whole surah takes 37 study days.

Block	From ayah	To ayah	Study day from	Study day to
The opening	1	12	1	4
The People of the Cave	13	26	5	9
Counsel, and the owner of the two gardens	27	44	9	15
Musa and Al-Khidr	60	82	20	28
Dhul-Qarnayn	83	98	28	33
The closing	99	110	33	37

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