

Such a great importance has been assigned to this chapter by the Prophet (Sallallaahu-Alaih-e-Wasallam) that the chapter has been given various names. Some of them are:

1. THE OPENING that is opening of the treasure of mercy and wisdom.
2. Fatihatul Kitab (Key of the Book) that is the Key of the secrets of Quran.
3. Ummul Quran (the mother or center of Quran) that is the main source of the truths of Quran.
4. Assabe Masani (Seven verses chapter to be repeated time and again).

Besides these there are several other names too mentioned in the commentaries of Holy Book.

In this chapter there are seven verses, twenty-seven words and one hundred forty letters. This chapter was revealed in Mecca or Madina or in both. For the purpose of teaching the verses were revealed in the language of bondsmen.

This chapter is necessarily to be recited in every prayer. Its recital is Wajib (Compulsory) for both Imam and individual in the prayer. The recital by any individual offering prayer should be in his own words. If any individual is offering prayer, he should himself recite it, but when he is following an Imam in the prayer, then recital of Imam is taken as recital by the followers too.

In a funeral prayer the recitation of this chapter is permissible as benediction.

Benefits and Excellences of the Chapter: Such a grand chapter was not revealed in New Testament or Old Testament (Injeel and Taurah). This Chapter is the cure of every disease after reciting this chapter hundred times any benediction made to Allah is accepted.



## Surah Number 1: Al-Fâtiḥah (The Opening)

Revealed at: Makkah

Total Verses: 7

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

ALLAH IN THE NAME OF THE MOST AFFECTIONATE, THE MERCIFUL.

أَحْمَدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

All praise unto Allah, Lord of all the worlds.

الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

The Most Affectionate, the Merciful.

مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

Master of the Day of Requital.

إِيَّاكَ تَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

We worship You alone, and beg You alone for help.

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Guide us in the straight path.

صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ

The path of those whom You have favored.

غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ

Not of those who have earned Your anger and nor of those who have gone astray.

## CHAPTER - 2

### (THE COW)

#### **BRIEF INTRODUCTION:**

This is the first chapter which was revealed in Madina. There are two hundred eighty six verses, forty sections, six thousand one hundred twenty words and twenty five thousand five hundred letters. Ibne Arabi says that there are one thousand commands, one thousand prohibitions and one thousand news in this chapter. Its adoption is blessing and its abandonment is distressing.