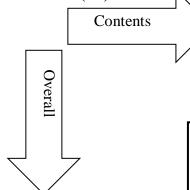
The structure of the two chapters of al-Baqara and Ali-Imran

AL-BAQARA (Bq) ALI-IMRAN (Al)



Group:

One (Chapters 1-5)

Subject:

Bani Israel, Bani Ishmael and the God's Covenant

Theme:

Itmam al-Hujjah with Bani Israel (Jews in al-Baqara and mostly Christians in Ali Imran) and institution of a new nation as the witnesses of God

Main Addressees:

Jews of Madina and then Bani Ishmael in al-Baqara, Mostly Christians among the people of the book in Medina and then Bani Ishmael in Ali Imran

Objective:

Leaving no excuse for Bani Israel. Announcing Bani Ishmael as the new nation of God. Preparing Bani Ishmael for their responsibility as the new nation of God Al-Baqara: 1-39; Ali Imran: 1-32

Subject: Introduction

Subtheme: Analysing the attitude of the rejecters against God's guidance

Main Addressees: Bani Israel of the time in Madina

Objective: Preparing a platform for a direct discourse with Bani Israel **Note:** While in Bq the miraculous nature of the Qur'an as an evidence to its divine nature is referred to, in Al the attitude of ill hearted people in

misinterpreting the Our'an is mentioned

Al-Bagara 40-121 ; Ali Imran 33-63

Subject: Bani Israel and their fault beliefs and deeds

Subtheme: Reminding Bani Israel in Bq of their numerous violations of God's covenant with them. Narrating the true story of Mary and Jesus in Al for the addressees **Main Addressees:** The Jews in Bq and mostly Christians and partially Jews in Al **Objective:** Leaving no room for Bani Israel to demand any privileges or exclusivity in

terms of the religion of God

Al-Baqara (122-162); Ali Imran (64-99)

Subject: Bani Israel and The Origin of Islam (64-99)

Subtheme: Reminding Bani Israel about the true meaning of religion of God and its

affiliation with Ibrahim rather than any religious sects

Main Addressees: The Jews in Bq and mostly Christians and partially Jews in Al **Objective:** Clarifying the true meaning of the God's religion and declaration of transferring

the responsibility of being God's witnesses, from Bani Israel to Bani Ishmael

Note: The story of Abraham and Ismael is given in Bq and in Al this is reminded

Al-Baqara (163-283); Ali Imran (100-189)

Subject: Reminder and Instructions to Bani Ishmael

Subtheme: Religious education for Bani Ishmael **Main Addressees:** Bani Ishmael of the time

Objective: Preparing Bani Ishmael for their responsibility as the witnesses to nations **Note:** In Bq a number of legal issues are given, in Al the battle of Uhud and its lessons

are the main agenda

Al-Bagara (284-286) ; Ali Imran (190 – 200)

Subtheme: Reiterating the position of Bani Ishmael by blessing them

with a prayer related to their divine responsibility **Main Addressees:** Bani Ishmael of the time

Objective: To emphasis on the divine responsibility of Bani Ishmael and to bless them for their fresh start as the chosen nation taking over from

Bani Israel